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Packed House for Georgetown County Job Fair

The Georgetown County Library and SC Works Waccamaw welcomed 240 job seekers through the library doors on Saturday morning, many coming over an hour early, dressed in their business best. The crowd was eager to meet hiring local businesses during the Georgetown County Job Fair.

“We were astounded by the turnout,” said Library Director Dwight McInvaill. “We were grateful that Job Fair staff and volunteers were prepared and had eaten their Wheaties.”

Another high note: there were plenty of jobs to be had. Participating businesses included Georgetown Memorial Hospital, Envirosep Heat and Fluid Recovery Systems, WasteZero, Home Depot, Georgetown County Family YMCA, Winyah Fitness, the Georgetown County School System, the City of Georgetown, Georgetown County Public Services, Georgetown County Fire and EMS, Americorps Vista, New York Life, Brittain Resort Services, Goodwill Industries, Hardees and Avon.

The job fair also offered a “resume doctor,” help with online job searches and applications, and one-on-one interview practice. Representatives from SC Works Waccamaw, Project Hope and Horry Georgetown Technical College were on hand to help with job hunting, and give out information about continuing education and scholarship help. There was even a business clothing dress for success exhibit, with styles provided by Tidelands Hospice Resale shop.

The event also featured a first look at an exciting new financial fitness program the library is offering, thanks to a just-announced Smart investing@your library® grant provided through a partnership of the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association. Over the next two years, workshops and events around the county will help residents manage their money, budget for the future, and avoid scams. The fair itself was funded in part by the new grant.

“The turnout at the job fair underscores something we’ve all witnessed: that the recent recession has hit workers hard in our community,” McInvaill said. “We hope this can be one of many steps to get our area back to work and our economy back on track.”