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Job Seekers Rejoice!

Library and SC Works Waccamaw partner to offer classes, job fairs

Like cookies and milk or crayons and coloring books, it's a match made in heaven: a federal job assistance program with knowledge of open positions throughout the state, and a public library that sees scores of job seekers every week.

"We have so many patrons who come in to conduct online job searches, update their resumes, and check out 'How to Get a Job' books," said Georgetown County Library Director Dwight McInvaill. "Our computer area and Business and Technology Center are full of job seekers."

Combating a sluggish economy and record high job losses, the Georgetown County Library System and SC Works Waccamaw have partnered to offer classes, technology and one-on-one assistance, to get Georgetown County residents back to work.

"This partnership is a win-win-win situation, for the library, SC Works Waccamaw, and the community," said Aaron Johnson, SC Works Waccamaw Business Services Coordinator.

"Combining our efforts allows us to reach more people, offer more services and become more effective at matching people with the right career."

The two groups offer job-seeking classes that help applicants build their resume and ace job interviews. There are also workshops in computer skills such as Microsoft Office programs, website design, Web 2.0 for marketing, and more. SC Works Waccamaw also has on-the-job, occupational skills and educational training programs for qualified job seekers. To see the latest classes, visit the library website at <http://georgetowncountylibrary.sc.gov> and the SC Works Waccamaw website at www.wrwia.org or www.scworks.org.

The biggest news to come from the partnership is an upcoming series of job fairs, designed to serve every facet of the population. On February 9th, dozens of hiring businesses will meet with job applicants, while resume doctors and professional interviewers will help hone job seeking skills. On March 9th, a Veteran's Job Fair will focus on our local heroes. Then, on April 20th, teens will have a chance to see all the great summer jobs offered locally. All three Job Fairs are at the Georgetown Library on Cleland Street, and start at 10 a.m.

“The role of libraries is constantly changing,” said McInvaill. “Partnering with an experienced group like SC Works Waccamaw, we can evolve into a hub for books, information, technology, entertainment and, now, job assistance.”