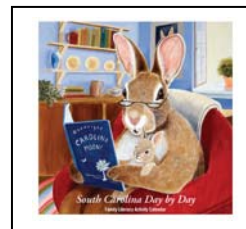


SOUTH CAROLINA DAY BY DAY **FAMILY LITERACY ACTIVITY CALENDAR FAQ'S**



What is a perpetual calendar?

A perpetual calendar is an undated calendar with no time-sensitive content. The *South Carolina Day by Day* family literacy activity calendar is designed to be a perpetual calendar for two reasons. Families and caregivers can take time together each month and write in the numbers of the days. This is a skill-building activity: it helps with counting skills, number recognition, and learning about days and time. Second, the calendar is not dated for any particular year, so it can be used year after year. You can pencil in the dates each year and erase them when the new year starts, or you can obtain a blank calendar and write in the new dates. This design will allow the flexibility to provide a very useful tool for many years.

Why does the Calendar start in September?

Schools, daycare centers, and agencies typically begin their programs in September. We think it is easier and more effective to start the calendar activities in conjunction with the new learning year.

Who will receive the Day by Day Calendar? Is there an associated cost?

The first printing of the Calendar will be given free of charge to families who meet the guidelines for the targeted audience: Families with one or more children under the age of 7, who come from low income or low literacy backgrounds, or who have very limited resources in their community. While we would like to be able to give a calendar to every family in South Carolina, this is not possible with current funding. The Calendar is intended to stimulate family reading activities and increase skills for emerging readers, for those who are currently disadvantaged in this regard. Libraries and partners need to work with the SC State Library to discuss programs which may qualify.

Who is responsible for the Day by Day Calendar?

The Calendar is a project of the South Carolina State Library, working in partnership with many agencies, and primarily funded by a Library Services and Technology grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Project Manager is Denise Lyons, reachable at dlyons@statelibrary.sc.gov or 803-734-6061.

Will you ever create a new, differently-designed calendar?

We will continue to produce the current design of the calendar without dates so that we can print more copies throughout the year and distribute them to more South Carolina families. In future, we may create different art and content for new editions of the calendar.

Are you planning to print the Day by Day Calendar in other formats?

Yes! We are currently working on an interactive online version, a Spanish version and a Braille version. We hope to make these versions available in by the end of 2009.

I would love to order a personal copy of the Day by Day Calendar – can they be purchased?

They are available for purchase for \$10 each plus shipping. Order forms are available at http://scln.statelibrary.sc.gov/images/c/c9/SC_Day_by_Day_brochure.pdf. They will also soon be available through the SC State Library Foundation (<http://www.scsfoundation.org>). You can check on the wiki for up-to-date information: <http://www.tinyurl.com/literacy365>.

Who are the partners in the Day by Day Calendar Project?

The South Carolina State Library is grateful to the many agencies and individuals who came on board to support the project. Agency logos are reproduced on the final page of the calendar. IMLS was the primary funder for the first design and printing. Other benefactors include the S.C. State Library Foundation, FOSCL (Friends of S.C. Libraries), Humanities Council of S.C., and Walsma & Lyons, Inc. The State Library wishes to thank our partners including the USC School of Library and Information Science, SC First Steps, Reach out and Read, S.C. Center for Children's Books and Literacy, Produce for Better Health Foundation, the S.C. Education Oversight Committee, the S.C. DHEC, the S.C. Department of Education, the S.C. Commission on Minority Affairs, the Certified S.C. Grown Program/SCDA, S.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, S.C. ETV, City of Cayce, National Heritage Coordinator, Richland County Public Library's "Growing Readers" Program and S.C. Recreation & Parks Association. If you would like to become a partner, please contact Denise Lyons at dlyons@statelibrary.sc.gov.