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## 2019



John Witherspoon and Steve Quick in costume during Historic Holidays.



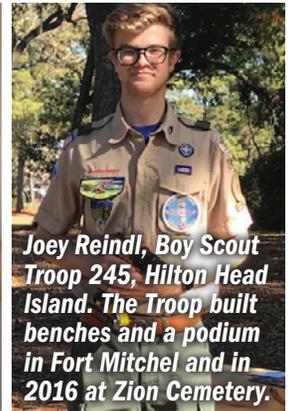
Ghosts and Myths were spooky fun for all.



The artisan market at Historic Holidays.



Susan Dobbs, Audrey Callahan and Julie Orr with lanterns for the Lantern Parade.



Joey Reindl, Boy Scout Troop 245, Hilton Head Island. The Troop built benches and a podium in Fort Mitchel and in 2016 at Zion Cemetery.



Volunteers and patrons busy with ancestry research at the Library.



Trolley riders had a grand time while touring Zion Cemetery, Ft. Howell, Mitchelville and Gullah Museum during Historic Holidays.



The Bike tours were lots of fun.

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# From the Executive Director



**By Barbara Catenaci**  
*Executive Director*

This past December, the Library, with a whole lot of help from our friends, presented Historic Holidays on Hilton Head Island, a weekend of sea island traditions. The event took place over four days and there really was something for everyone. Friday night opened the event with a wonderful dining experience at Hudson's. We had oysters roasted over an open fire on the docks to start and then moved inside for a Lowcountry boil and more. Andrew Carmines and his team could not have done a better job. Saturday was a full day at Coastal Discovery Museum with an Artisan Market, author signings, a great lunch from Melly Mel's and trolley tours to historic sites. On Sunday, Central Oak Grove Baptist Church and Queen Chapel AME Church welcomed all worshippers to special services, choirs, stories, and gumbo. In addition, the Port Royal Homeowner's Association received bikers for a tour of historic sites – Will Dopp, John Witherspoon and Steve Quick – we could not have done it without you. On Monday,

families visited The Heritage Library and partnered with our great volunteers for ancestry research. Monday night, we all came together for the lighting of the great oak at Mitchelville Freedom Park. It was a weekend to remember and we hope you will join us next year.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the following for all they did that weekend and leading up to it – it is good to have wonderful friends and a generous community: Coastal Discovery Museum, Gullah Museum, Hilton Head Island Land Trust, Hudson's Seafood House on the Docks, Mitchelville Freedom Park, Port Royal Plantation Homeowner's Association, Old Savannah Tours, Queen Chapel AME Church, WAHHI, Hilton Head Island Art League, Town of Hilton Head Island Office of Cultural Affairs, Melly Mel's, Central Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hilton Head Monthly, Culture HHI, WHHI, WSAV, WTOC, WJCL, Georgia Public Radio, Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa, Meeting Dynamics, Marlena Smalls and the Hallelujah Singers, First African Baptist Church Choir, Dave Delaney, Angie Gadson, Foresight Communications, and the best volunteers anywhere.

## Wreaths Across America



Boy Scout Troop 245, Nathaniel Jones, Barry Riordan, Ezra Callahan and Ivan Bennett and family.

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 The South Carolina Sons of the Revolution and Boy Scout Troop 245, Hilton Head Island, recognized the four soldiers buried at Zion Cemetery by including them as part of Wreaths Across America. The Library received a plaque recognizing Charles Davant, Pvt. SC Militia 1750-1781; James Davant, Pvt., SC Militia, 1744-1803;

Isaac Baldwin, Lt. SC Militia, 1752-1821; and John Stoney, Capt. SC Militia, 1749-1821. Wreaths were placed at each grave by Scouts from Troop 245.

Board members in attendance at this recognition included Ezra Callahan, Nathaniel Jones and Barry Riordan. Ivan Bennet with SC Sons of the Revolution presented the plaque.

# 2019 List of Accomplishments

By Barbara Catenaci,  
Executive Director

2019 was a wonderful year for The Heritage Library as you can tell by this sampling of accomplishments. Everything we do is possible because of the support provided by volunteers, members, donors, partners and our community. What we do is not possible without you. We thank you for your generosity and look forward to working with you and for you in 2020.

- More than 1,100 patrons visited the Library to begin or continue their family searches.
- Our partnership with Osher Lifelong Learning doubled the number of classes offered and tripled class participation.
- Thanks to Women in Philanthropy we were able to begin upgrading the technology at the Library including a new server, switch and two new computers.
- The Library published a new book – *Beginning Genealogy – Tips & Techniques to Start Your Family Journey*, by Anita Bagley.
- The Library is pleased to offer a hard copy of a recreated 1890 census for our area thanks to Sunni Bond who compiled, edited and produced it.
- The Cypress Group is a new partner and that means we bring tours and classes directly to their residents.
- Tours at Ft. Mitchel and Zion Cemetery and historic site bike tours continued to teach visitors and residents about our local history.
- Community outreach into local schools resulted in more than 350 students experiencing enhanced history lessons.
- Our community celebrated Zion Chapel of Ease Cemetery being named to the National Register of Historic Places.
- A dedicated team of volunteers is completing an extensive research project on Reconstruction. If you check the website you will have access to this wonderful body of work.
- We continue to make improvements at Zion Cemetery and Ft. Mitchel including new benches and a podium built by Boy Scout Troop 245 at Ft. Mitchel. A special thanks to Espy Lumber for their generous donation to this project.
- Our genealogy volunteers hosted a special day of family research during the 2019 Gullah Celebration and will do the same this year.
- Our genealogy volunteers are providing one-on-one assistance in Family Tree Maker as well as assistance in better understanding results from DNA testing.
- Ghosts & Myths was a sold-out, a fun-filled Halloween week of tricks & treats.
- The Library was recognized with two community awards: 1. The 2019 Community Service Award from the MLK Celebration Planning Committee and; 2. Excellence in Community Service from the NSDAR.
- We partnered with Coastal Discovery Museum, Gullah Museum, Hilton Head Island Land Trust, Mitchelville Freedom Park and the Town's Office of Cultural Affairs to introduce Historic Holidays on Hilton Head Island. A weekend of sea island traditions as a new annual event.
- We continue to work with families and supporting organizations in the area of heirs property.
- The Library is privileged to have more than 75 dedicated, talented and generous volunteers supporting us daily.
- The Heritage Library is 485 members strong.

## Our Vertical Files Need Help

Vertical Files have been in use since 1900. They are a collection of material that includes news clippings, booklets, pictures and other grey literature, created and maintained by libraries. They are ready reference materials, supplementing other collections.

When the Library moved to our present location, the smaller space required a re-design of the Vertical Files. Re-organizing the files has taken a great deal of time and this work was finally completed last year. Now there is a Vertical File Index on top of the file cabinets. The Index will help you to find the information you are seeking.

We need volunteer assistance to ensure that our files continue to be an excellent source of historical information. If you are interested in helping to maintain these important and interesting files, here is what you should do:

1. Become familiar with the File Index so you know the type of material that is suitable for placement in our files.
2. When you read a pertinent article, cut it out and place it in the file box on top of the file cabinets. Be sure that the source and date are noted on the article.
3. Please do NOT file new material. All new material should be placed in the file box. Material placed in this box will be processed by Elizabeth or another authorized volunteer.

With the assistance of all of our volunteers, we will continue to have our Vertical Files a valuable source of information for our patrons.

Thanks heaps for your help in the future.

If you have a question, just send an email to: [erhanson@hargray.com](mailto:erhanson@hargray.com).

## Librarian's Corner

# Happy New Year and New Decade

We are blessed to have a very dedicated group of volunteers who share their time and expertise in many areas and are the glue that holds us together. A special thanks to each of you for contributing to the success of the Library in the past year.



**By Susan Dobbs**  
Head Librarian

The Library is very busy with activities for the new year and hope you will be a part of it. We are offering a 5-part series, *Taking Your Ancestral Search to the Next Level*, through OLLI, USCB, HHI. These classes are geared towards advanced beginners or intermediate researchers and beyond. They will be held on Tuesday afternoons starting on January 28th. See the

OLLI website for more details.

Our regular Wednesday morning genealogy classes will start on January 29th. Class information is listed on Page 9. Register on our website, [www.heritagelib.org](http://www.heritagelib.org).

In February, we plan to host an African-American Research class with individual research to follow. See our website for details,

On March 4th, I will be speaking on Kenyatta Berry's book, *The Family Tree Toolkit: A comprehensive Guide to Uncovering Your Ancestry and Researching Genealogy* at the Hilton Head Island branch of the Beaufort County Public Library. The class will begin at 12:00 noon.

On March 17th, we are planning to host a visit from MacKiev's Family Tree Maker staff. They will introduce their newest components of the 2019 program as well as answering your questions about the program. Specifics will be forthcoming later.

Members and visitors please remember that winter is our busiest time. In order to be sure you receive any individual attention you may desire, please call the Front Desk at 843-686-6560 to make an appointment with one of our genealogy experts.

We look forward to a fun new year discovering more about our family roots.

## Gifts

*In Memory of Lou Benfante*  
from Kerry Edington

*In Honor of Sunni Bond*  
from Dr. Jane Testerman

*In Honor of Richard Chalk*  
from Dr. Jane Testerman

## Annual Meeting

Please watch our website for the announcement of the Heritage Library Annual Membership Meeting. We are working through some details and will have information posted and sent out soon in the New Year.

# Heritage Volunteers

## Anita Kirchner Bagley

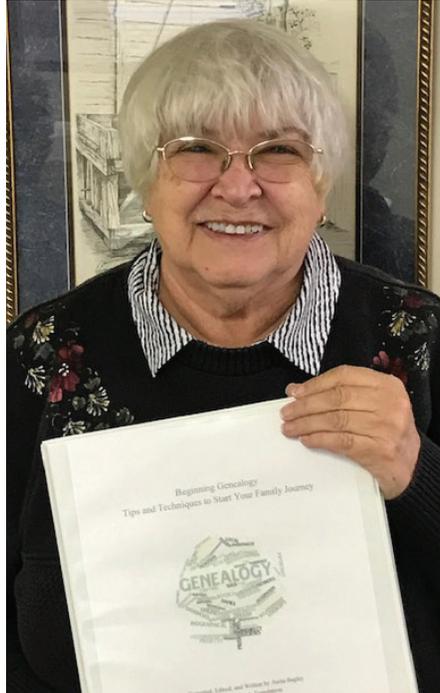
Anita Bagley has recently written a book, *Beginning Genealogy: Tips and Techniques to Start Your Family Journey*, a guide to researching your family history for beginners. You can buy her book at the Library; spiral bound-\$15 and 3-ring binder-\$20.

Anita is a New Jersey native, growing up in Westfield. She received a BA from American University in Washington D.C., with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Art Education. Her first teaching position was in Rockville, Maryland as a third-grade classroom teacher.

Anita has a strong background in ancient and medieval history starting when she was 14 and made a “grand tour” of Europe with her mother. She toured Europe several times as a teenager and while in college toured middle eastern countries and their treasures.

Anita married Robert Ronald Bagley, also a teacher. They have two sons and now, four granddaughters and one grandson.

Anita and Bob were teaching when her brother died and they went to work in the family business to help her father. She worked in the office using a typewriter, adding machine and bookkeeping ledgers and says, “Word, Excel and a good database



would have made my work much easier.” After the death of her parents and the closure of the business, Bob returned to teaching 6th grade science and Anita became a stay-at-home mom. When her sons were older she returned to the classroom; first as a volunteer in the art room and then as a paid teacher working one-on-one with children with learning disabilities.

Being educators, Anita and Bob had time during the summer to explore the country, travelling in their RV with their boys. Visits included

museums, zoos and even the largest pysanki egg in Canada. National Parks and their Ranger Programs were a favorite.

When retiring from teaching, Anita and Bob wanted to downsize and live in an active adult community; they live in Sun City. Today Anita is recording secretary of the Sun City Bird Club and a member of the Sun City Genealogy Special Interest Group where she assists members with their research. Anita is researching her husband’s family history which includes members who came over on the Mayflower. Among her several hobbies are painting and beadwork.

When Anita became a Heritage Library volunteer about five years ago, her first job was indexing our magazines. Her next job was compiling a guide for beginning genealogists which led to her book. Today, Anita is the Friday Librarian and her current project is working with native islanders to create their family trees.

Anita says, “Genealogy can become addictive – trying to find a document to connect one generation to the next or give a more complete picture of the life of an ancestor is exciting. I relish the search and enjoy helping others, especially those newly bitten by the genealogy bug, discover their family stories.”

## In Memory of

Last month, our Island lost a wonderful leader – Mr. Perry White passed away on December 18, 2019. Mr. White will be remembered

for his infectious smile, great wit, a strong sense of community and family, deep knowledge of local history and a willingness to always

share an opinion, lesson or story. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. We are who we are because Perry White was with us.

# ZION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

*The Heritage Library has created this capital campaign to preserve the Baynard Mausoleum and create the Zion Chapel of Ease History Park. The following donors are helping to achieve these goals. If you wish to make a contribution, send your check marked "Zion Fund" to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Post Office Box 23019, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925.*

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*Historic*  
Zion Chapel of Ease  
History Park

*Home of the Patriots and Planters*



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# Hilton Head Churches

## St. James Baptist Church

*Established 1886*

St. James Baptist, a church of historical significance because it is the only institution remaining from the town of Mitchelville, the freedmen's village established by the United States Army in 1862.

When the First Baptist Church relocated from Mitchelville to another area, some members of that congregation, desirous of a place of worship in Mitchelville, organized St. James Baptist Church. St. James has been a continuous presence and a center of spiritual and civic involvement since 1886.

St. James has served as the caretaker of the Old Cherry Hill School located across the road from the sanctuary as well as being the caretaker of several native islander cemeteries.

It is unfortunate that the early church records were



By Richard Chalk  
Volunteer

destroyed in 1968 when fire destroyed the house of the church officer where they were kept. What is known is that the first church building and its contents was destroyed by fire in 1945. It was replaced by another wooden structure that served the congregation until the present brick sanctuary was built in 1972.

Changes are again on the horizon for St. James because growth of the Hilton Head Island Airport is forcing the church to be relocated.

The Town of Hilton Head has agreed to purchase the property and build a new sanctuary for the congregation in an area close by but outside of the airport's "object-free zone." In addition, the Old Cherry Hill School, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, will be relocated adjacent to the church.

## History Department

One word describes the Heritage Library History Department: ENGAGED. The entire 2019 year found History Department volunteers engaged in promoting the Library: our two properties that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Zion planters' and patriots' stories and Island history through school programs, tours, and presentations.

At Fort Mitchel and Zion Cemetery, our docents and living history characters shared their expertise and love of history through tours on Mondays at Fort Mitchel and Thursdays at Zion. In addition, there were special tours for groups and clubs from Hilton Head Island and Bluffton. The bike tours continue to share history while traveling by bike to many of our historical



By Dee Phillips  
History Dept. Co-Chair

locations. Our docents and living history characters met with some second and fifth grade classes, both in the classroom and at locations, to share what life was like during Colonial times. We hope to continue these outreach programs with the schools.

In the fall of 2019, we added a tour with one docent and one character at Zion on Tuesday nights for Marriott Guests. Another new addition is a partnership with Cypress to do presentations for their residents.

Many of the presentations at the Library moved to the USCB-HHI and have been successful. We schedule both Library and OLLI presentations there, increasing the number of classes offered and class sizes.

Ghosts and Myths, a special Halloween event, was sold out. The living history volunteers enjoyed sharing

the Island ghost stories and history in a fun evening.

We offered yet another presentation on local history when we partnered with Coastal Discovery Museum, Gullah Museum, Hilton Head Island Land Trust, Mitchelville Freedom Park and the Town's Office of Cultural Affairs to create Historic Holidays on Hilton Head Island. A weekend of sea island traditions. This will be an annual event.

Yes, the History Department has been very active and has many new programs for 2020. Our volunteers are excited to offer History and High Tea, History and Happy Hour, new OLLI programs, new library presentations, a Revolutionary Forum – more tours and more partnerships. Please join us for **SOME or ALL** of the activities that are planned.

Your support keeps history alive.

# Heritage Happenings

Reservations required. Register online at [HeritageLib.org](http://HeritageLib.org), or call 843-686-6560.

## ANCESTRY CLASSES

Wednesday 10:30am-12:30pm • USCB-Hilton Head Room 214



January 29, 2020

Mackiev Family Tree Maker 2019



February 5, 2020

Have You Tested Your DNA on Ancestry, My Heritage, or 23andme?



February 12, 2020

Mackiev Family Tree Maker 2019- Moving Beyond the Basics



February 19, 2020

Starting Your Family Research



February 26, 2020

Tracing Your European Roots



March 4, 2020

Understanding the Census



March 11, 2020

Genealogy Research – Where to Start for Free

## HISTORY & HIGH TEA

A talk followed by Lowcountry-style tea service • 1:30-3:30pm • South Carolina Yacht Club



January 29, 2020

Historical Wonder Women



February 19, 2020

Author's Chat

## HISTORY & HAPPY HOUR

A talk followed by Lowcountry beer and wine tastings • 5:00-7:00pm • FISH Casual Seafood, Coligny Plaza



February 24, 2020

Battles & Brews



March 23, 2020

War & Wine

## TOURS

Monday tours at Fort Mitchel and Thursday tours at Zion Cemetery will resume in March. The Library will happily schedule a special tour for groups of eight or more.

# The Reconstruction Research Is Wrapping Up

The Heritage Library's Reconstruction Project will be coming to an end soon. This project, begun in 2016, focuses on life on the Island during the years 1861-1890. The goals of the project were to compile the facts of life on the Island during this period, and to assist both sides of the Library. It adds to the history archives at the Library and also aides in the genealogy research happening during that period of time. This project had several aspects to it and involved many volunteers helping to push the project towards completion. The project focused on land sales, education, people, and occupations.

Land sales were a large focus of the project since they were the heart of the reconstruction era on Hilton Head. Microfilm deed records were ordered from the SC Department of Archives and History, and our volunteers began indexing Hilton Head Island deeds to create an index of various land transactions that occurred from 1863-1900. This allowed our volunteers to get a better sense of who was living on the Island at the time and an insight into the life of African-Americans after the civil war. Volunteers Lois Briggs, Steven Strandmark, Murray Christopher, Claudia Kennedy, Bob Blot, and Cam Benson spent untold hours over three years to find and transcribe these deeds, which are now on our website, [Heritagelib.org](http://Heritagelib.org)



*by Cam Benson, a volunteer*

Barbara Friis tackled the education aspect of this project head-on. "Through her extensive research she found over 80 missionaries who taught on Hilton Head Island from the beginning of the army's occupation until the end of the reconstruction era," said Linda Piekut. More information about these teachers will be available on the Heritage Library website soon. The more poignant stories of the conditions of the Island come from the teachers' letters home which will be available at the Library.

Marie Danforth and Karen Gobrecht compiled information on the people who were living on the Island during this period. They were able to compile a summary of the census records that show that a large majority of the population that lived on the Island, post-civil war, were born in South Carolina with a few others

being from countries like Ireland, Germany, and Switzerland. They also discovered that, from 1870-1900, freed black men and women made up almost the entire population of Hilton Head Island encompassing ninety-five to ninety-seven percent of the population. Marie Danforth and Priscilla Russo also transcribed four years' worth of Quartermaster reports to gain a sense of the work that was performed by civilians, black and white, while the Army occupied the Island. As for occupations after the war ended, the major occupation was farming, followed by housekeeper (wives). Many others on the Island did not have an occupation during the 1870's; in fact, 699 islanders of the 2,786 that lived here had no occupation according to the census data our volunteers found. Lesser occupations within the census data included blacksmith, carpenter, mariner, physician, and seamstress. As time progressed, occupations begin to vary among the islanders; fishermen and servants becoming more popular.

"We hope to have the majority of this project completed and on our website early in 2020. When the information becomes available, we encourage everyone to go to the website and watch for new History Classes and learn about this interesting period," said Linda Piekut.

The Heritage Library recently received \$115,000 from the Town of Hilton Head; a grant from the A-TAX fund. This fund is often called the "Tourist Tax" because the money comes from hotel room charges mostly paid by visitors.

# Family Tree Maker Tip

## Family Tree Maker Sync and Backup are NOT the Same

The scenario: Uncle Bob has been working hard on his genealogy using Family Tree Maker (FTM) software and syncing it through the program to Ancestry. He believes that he doesn't need additional backup copies because there is a backup copy on his computer and he also has synced his trees. In the FTM program, he has created and saved charts, scrapbooks, and has almost finished a book. Suddenly, his computer crashed, and he lost everything, including the backup on his computer. He thought, "No problem, I have been syncing my tree so I can just download it onto my new computer." Unfortunately, Uncle Bob is in for a big surprise. Backing up and syncing trees are not the same at all. If you must download a synced tree, you will lose some data. Think of syncing as a way to keep your basic data and media up to date on two computers; for instance, your desktop and laptop. However, not everything is synced. None of the following are synced between FTM and Ancestry, so you will not be able to download them later if you lose your tree. These items will be lost:

- Research notes
- Fact notes
- Relationship notes
- Media notes (and categories)
- Relationship media
- Source media
- Saved reports, charts, and books cannot be transferred from Family Tree Maker to Ancestry.



By Carol Clemens

Without a true backup, the above will be missing if you download your tree from your synced copy on Ancestry. You will have to go back and add anything that falls into the above categories.

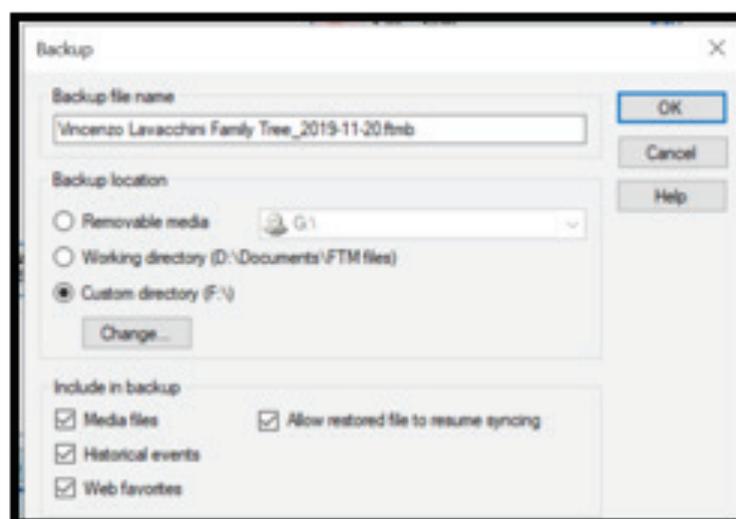
The answer to this dilemma of losing your tree due to a crash or other disaster is to have multiple backups kept a variety of ways. You need at least two or three backups not including your computer and synced copies. Some good backup methods that will allow you to restore everything in your tree include: a backup service like Carbonite or a similar system; back up to a flash drive or two – if one goes bad you will have a second; and back up to an external hard drive. To properly back up, open your tree and click **FILE – BACKUP** (NOT export), Select a removable media/custom directory site that is not on your hard drive. Be sure to click all the boxes at the bottom to back up. Click **OK**. (see illustration) It may take a while depending on the size of your tree and the amount of media.

Remember, if you are not using any software program and are just entering your data on an Ancestry online tree, you are asking for trouble. You have no backup. There is a way to download such trees such as a GEDCOM file, but GEDCOM files can only save text, not images and other media files.

The bottom line is to use a software program like Family Tree Maker and be sure that you make backup copies properly in at least two or three other places, especially after adding a lot of data and every time you work on a book. Do not count on your synced FTM tree to have all your data. Don't store all your copies at your home. In case of a fire or natural disaster, you could lose them all. Be prepared for the unexpected. Remember – **LOCKSS – Lots Of Copies Keep Stuff Safe**.

Two Family Tree Maker classes will be offered in the winter term; a beginners' class and a more advanced class.

Have an FTM question? Email Carol at [cclemens318@gmail.com](mailto:cclemens318@gmail.com).



# Heritage Library Membership



By **Laurette  
Doscher-Benfante**  
Membership Chair

Welcome to 33 New and 37 Renewal Members who have joined our Heritage Library Family.

## NEW MEMBERS

### South Carolina

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## RENEWAL MEMBERS

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