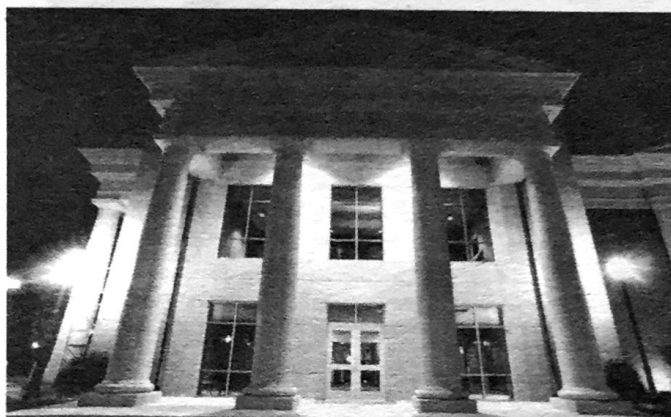


*"I am what the librarians
have made me with a little
assistance from a professor
of Greek and a few poets."*

—J.R. Kidd

Anderson celebrates new library

After a decade of dreaming and planning and building, the new Anderson County Library is officially open to the public, armed with an opening day collection provided through Brodart's Compleat Book Serv. The domed 96,000 square foot building is a big change from the former one story 25,700 square foot library. The first floor houses the Friends store and cafe, meeting rooms, a copier room for the public, computers, and much more space for the collection. The new building is also the site of the Scripps Howard Foundation Children's library, named because of the generous \$50,000 donation from the Scripps Howard Foundation, part of which will be used to commission a sculpture for the library's permanent public art collection. The children's library also has its own meeting room, playroom, and an outdoor garden and natural amphitheater. "The library draws people from all over," director Carl Stone noted. "It has become a very popular meeting spot for the citizens of this town and outlying areas."



most experienced bidder. Because of their years of library service we knew that when we had problems, Brodart would know how to help us. They have been very accommodating. We also found Brodart's services to be very flexible: when Brodart did not have certain materials in stock, we were able to supply them to Brodart ourselves and Brodart cataloged and processed the materials for us. Not every company submitting a bid to us was willing to do this. Brodart adapted to our needs wonderfully."

Anderson County Library has been in its new building almost five months and continues to expand, constantly developing the potential of this impressive structure with services such as plans for distance learning facilities opening this Spring. And Brodart Books continues to support Anderson in its growth. "Brodart did an excellent job. I have a pretty demanding staff, and Brodart seems to have passed their test," said Director Stone. "We chose Brodart for several reasons. Brodart was the

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...I was athirst
To search the book, and in the warming air
Parted its dripping leaves with eager care.
Strange matters did it treat of, and drew on
My soul page after page, till well-nigh won
Into forgetfulness; when, stupefied,
I read these words, and read again, and tried
My eyes against the heavens, and read again.
— John Keats,
"Endymion: A Poetic Romance" (1816).

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