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It's official! The Anderson County Library System will have two of its branches in newly-constructed buildings by the end of 2005.

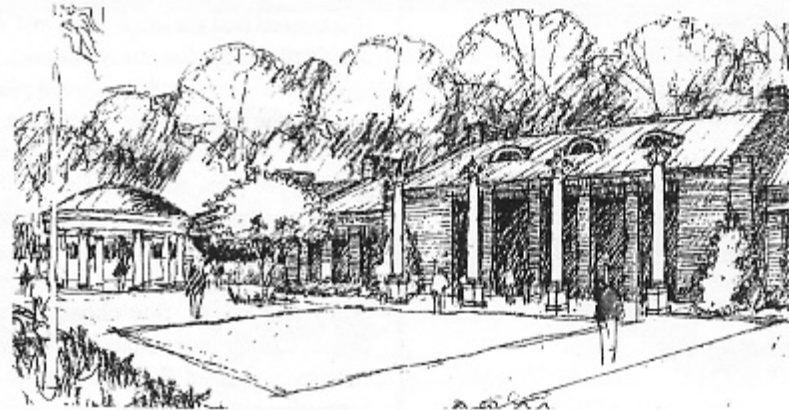
Anderson County Council has passed a budget which includes a \$6 million allocation for new branches in Pendleton and Powdersville. They'll replace buildings of 1,500 sq. ft. and 2,000 sq. ft., respectively.

The new facilities have been designed by Craig, Gaulden & Davis architectural firm, of Greenville. It's the same team that designed the "new" Main Library.

The Pendleton branch will be built on the site of the historic Tanglewood mansion on South Mechanic Street. Built in the early 1900s, the mansion's remaining pillars have provided the "skeleton" around which the design was completed.

The 12,000 sq. ft. building will be able to house 75,000 books and other materials and include a lawn and plaza area for wildlife viewing. There will be expanded space for 20 to 30 computers, tutoring areas, and a 75-seat meeting room.

The Powdersville branch will be the same size and reflect the same increase in materials and service areas. The building also will have room for a number of offices to be used by the county's magistrate court, treasurer, health department, and sheriff's department and house a recycling center. The library will be the anchor of a complex near the intersection of S.C. Routes 153 and 81, behind the Ingles supermarket.



PENDLETON BRANCH



POWDERSVILLE BRANCH

MAGICIAN TIM SONEFELT PART OF SUMMER READING CLUB EVENTS

This year's theme for the library's Summer Reading Club is "Step to the Beat - READ!" and the staff of the Children's Services Department has put together a fascinating schedule of programs featuring music, dance, and art. Programs take place at the Main Library and each branch library, so call Main at 260-4500 or your local branch for a schedule and reading requirements.

Until the grand finale program on July 20, participants will experience the basics of ballet, learn the Charleston and Jitterbug, enjoy jazz and reggae, construct paper twist sculptures, create abstracts, and paint "Fancy Fireworks."

Magician Tim Sonefelt and his pet dog Levi will be at the libraries in July. His magic jukebox will bring books such as *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Rap a Tap Tap* to musical life, and Levi will perform his unique rendition of "You Ain't Nothin' But a Hound Dog."

Showtimes are 10:30 a.m. on July 19 at the Lander Memorial Regional Library in Williamston and 2:30 p.m. at the Powdersville branch. Tim will be at the Belton branch at 10:30 a.m. on July 20 and at 2 p.m. at the Main Library. He will also perform at the grand finale on the 20th, at 6 p.m. at the Main Library.

All shows except the one at 6 p.m. on the 20th will be open to the public, but Reading Club participants will be seated first. For more information, contact the Children's Dept. at the Main Library.