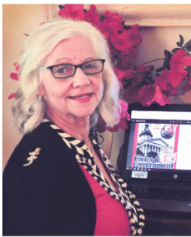




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MISSION:

Our mission is to provide research based, innovative, grass roots texts that offer a window into the importance of our collective stories to all South Carolina's children.

VISION:

The children of South Carolina will become strong social studies readers, writers, creative thinkers, and take their place in the world of work when they understand their role in the story of their school, community, South Carolina, and the nation. Carolina Reads lays the foundation for growth along the way.

CAROLINA READS GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The Profile of the South Carolina Graduate and the South Carolina Social Studies Standards provide the foundation for reaching our mission and vision.
- The story of South Carolina is the story of our nation in many significant ways, and this story is the heritage of all the students in our schools.
- A feeling of pride in our heritage and inclusion for all is important to the future of our state.
- Personal engagement through stories encourages children to share their story. This engagement transfers into wanting to know about others.
- Every child in South Carolina can learn to read when actively engaged in the process, and research suggests that social studies provides an especially effective avenue for teaching reading.
- Conversation is a pre-requisite for reading and writing and must be strategically built into the curriculum.
- Children want and need to express themselves through writing.
- Cutting edge technology is a tool to assist students in researching, problem solving, and preparing for the world of work.
- Project based learning offers a way to teach children how to think by offering a microcosm of the necessary skills to solve problems.
- Students are motivated to learn when they are engaged and rewarded for their success.



Sal and Amanda, representative of our South Carolina state amphibian, the spotted salamander, invite students on adventures to learn to read, write, and think. Uncle Newt, their wise teacher, and their little cousin, Sally, join them to highlight the history, geography, economics, and civics and government of our state. They do this through reading, writing, listening, speaking, and creating. Recognizing that children are highly engaged through activity-based learning, the materials provided by Carolina Reads give students a strong foundation for discovering their important role in the story of our state.

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Meet the Team



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Dr. Solesbee has always loved stories! She and her father created stories about animals that lived in their woods in the Upcountry of South Carolina where she grew up, and she always kept a journal as a little girl.

She taught children in South Carolina schools for many years. She always read aloud, told stories, and shared her love of South Carolina history with her students. Now, she teaches teachers to do the same with their students. She is Professor of Education at North Greenville University Graduate School.

She created Sal and Amanda, representative of the South Carolina state amphibian, the spotted salamander, to teach students about their state. She has written a series of books for middle grade students with these characters, and now she is writing for YOU!



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Tony Waters has been drawing all his life. He grew up on John's Island in the South Carolina Lowcountry. He creates maps and has been the illustrator for many children's books. He brought the ideas for Sal, Amanda, Uncle Newt, and now, Sally, to life with his clever creations of the characters.



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AUDIO PRODUCTION BY NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY

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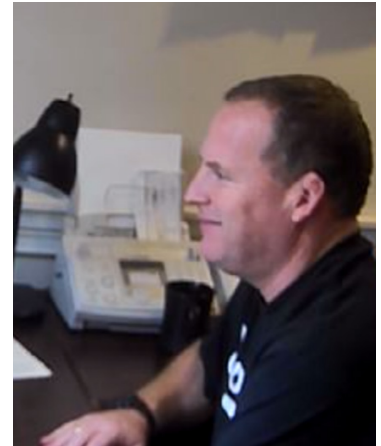
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