The South Carolina Notable State Government Documents of 2009 were awarded by the South Carolina State Library on Freedom of Information Day, March 16. This date honors the birthday of President James Madison, an early proponent of citizen access to government information. Winning documents were selected by a group of state documents depository librarians and by staff at the South Carolina State Library.

The 2009 winners are:

The Palmetto State’s Memory. A History of the South Carolina Department of Archives & History, 1905-1960
by Charles H. Lesser. SC Department of Archives and History.

A detailed history of the Department of Archives and History. Includes an epic battle between SC’s first archivist, Alexander Samuel Salley, Jr., and professional historians. Salley, who served for forty-four years until forced to retire at age 78, labored for many years to rescue one of the nation’s best sets of colonial and state government records.

State Art Collection 1987-2006
editor, Harriett Green. South Carolina Arts Commission.

163-page, fully illustrated, publication documenting work from the State Art Collection. Focuses primarily on works acquired since 1987.
Home Lawn Management in South Carolina

Basic lawn management information for home owners in South Carolina.

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary
SC Department of Education

School and district report cards provide information on the progress of schools and districts measured against the 2010 goal of having student achievement rank in the top half of the states nationally. [http://ed.sc.gov/topics/researchandstats/schoolreportcard/](http://ed.sc.gov/topics/researchandstats/schoolreportcard/).

G-man the Rise and Fall of Melvin Purvis
Amy Shumaker, executive producer, South Carolina Educational Television Network.

Melvin Horace Purvis was once a household name. Purvis skyrocketed to such fame in the 1930s as leader of the FBI team that took down some of the biggest gangsters of his day, including John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson and Pretty Boy Floyd.
South Carolina Day by Day
Family Literacy Activity Calendar. South Carolina State Library.

A calendar designed to help develop early literacy skills. A project of the South Carolina State Library, in partnership with state agencies and organizations. Purchase or download at [http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-day-by-day-calendar](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-day-by-day-calendar).

South Carolina State Museum Images
Tut Underwood, editor. South Carolina State Museum Commission.


History of the South Carolina Blue Crab Fishery
by Victor G. Burrell, Jr, J. David Whitaker, Elizabeth L. Wenner, and Lawrence B. DeLancey, SC Department of Natural Resources.

Traces the evolution of the state's blue crab fishery. Includes species, natural history, recipes, and other information.
Beautiful Places. The Timeless Beauty of South Carolina State Parks by Chad Prosser, SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

A stunning photography book showcasing all 47 state parks. Includes a brief history on the South Carolina State Park Service.

University of South Carolina Digital Libraries
Kate Boyd, program director. University of South Carolina.

A collaborative effort of South Carolina’s schools, libraries, archives, museums, to create, maintain, and promote digital collections that represent South Carolina’s historical and cultural resources. http://www.scmemory.org.

The 2009 award winners will be on display through the month of June in the Government Documents Department on the second floor of Dacus Library.

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