



The Beaufort County Library St. Helena Branch recently announced the formation of the Earl Dietz Environmental Library collection. A donation from the Dataw Island Conservancy is being used to launch the collection and also included a scholarship for one of the librarians to attend the Master Naturalist certification training.

The collection is named in honor of Earl Dietz, a long-time community volunteer and leader. Residing on Dataw Island until just last month before moving to be closer to family, Dietz has spent much of his last 20 years volunteering in our local schools, the library, and with myriad environmentally-focused groups.

Ray McBride, Beaufort County Public Library Director, unveiled a plaque in Dietz's honor yesterday that will be on display at the St. Helena Library in honor of his service.

Fellow community volunteer John Colgan explained that the Earl Dietz Environmental Library and training of a Master Naturalist are important investments in the future of our children, grandchildren, and community.

"It is important for kids to learn about the environment and how to best protect it for the

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