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BOOK SHARE PROGRAM EXPANDS

Office of Sustainability Adds Second Book Share Location

CHARLESTON, S.C. (July 8th, 2013) The College of Charleston's Office of Sustainability expanded their community Book Share this week by introducing a second location to their program. Brown's Court Bakery, located on St. Phillip Street between Cannon and Spring, is the newest host of the community book exchange.

"We're very excited to be able to expand this project," said Jen Jones, Facilities Coordinator at the Office of Sustainability, about the project. "We've been working hard to explore the social components of sustainability through the Office and this project is a great example of how to do that."

Started by CofC alumni Deborah Ong and Miriam Maier in the fall of 2012, the Book Share program creates a point of exchange for books, comics, and magazines that is self-sustaining. The goal of this project is to strengthen Charleston's sense of community by fostering simple gestures of trust and sharing. The exchanges are situated outside of businesses to maximize accessibility and visibility. Most of the boxes for the book share were purchased from local carpenter Landrum Tables, who uses reclaimed wood from the Charleston area in his creations.

The project originally started with books and magazines, but patrons of the Book Share at Black Tap Coffee began to expand the collection by adding DVDs this spring.

Members of the community are encouraged take or leave books, magazines, or DVDs they would like to share. "It took about two months for the exchange at Black Tap to catch on," said Deborah Ong, one of the founders of the project. "I'm hoping that the same happens at Brown's Court when the semester starts."

About the Office of Sustainability at the College of Charleston

The Office represents the hub for teaching, research, and practice of sustainability on campus and in the greater Charleston community. The Office of Sustainability is located within Business Affairs, to give it a high profile on campus and in the community, where it is accessed and influenced by all members of our campus community. This represents an exciting step forward for the College of Charleston, and signals a new chapter in our esteemed history. Stay up-to-date with us by visiting sustainability.cofc.edu and on our Facebook page at <http://Facebook.com/CofC.sustainability>.