

What is Joomla!?

Joomla! is an award winning **content management system** used to build and manage many different types of web services, like library websites.



Joomla! is released under the GNU General Public License, meaning it is **open source** and **free** (as in cost and speech). "Open source" means that the source code of the software



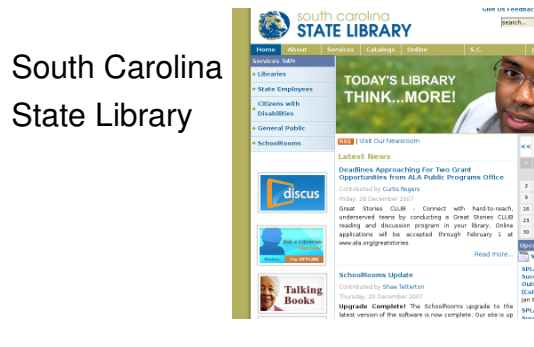
is available to anyone. That way, it is developed by a community of people around the world and it is very

customizable and configurable.

What does a Joomla!-based library website look like?



Atlantic City Free Public Library



South Carolina State Library



Joomla!TM for Libraries



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Why should your library use Joomla!?

Joomla! **looks good** and includes easy to change templates.

Joomla! can use **extensions** to broadly expand its capabilities. Because the source is open, anyone with some programming skills can create an extension.

Also because it is open source, because it is developed by many people across the globe, and because so many people use it, Joomla! has strong **community support**.



Joomla! can handle both **static and active content**. Static content is things that do not change, like directions to the library, contact information, or instructions for getting a library card. Active content is pages that do change, like recent news, or new books.

Joomla! can be configured to allow **multiple administrators** and **multiple authors**. That way every librarian can help contribute to the website.

With Joomla!, active content can be edited with a **What-You-See-Is-What-You-Get editor**. No HTML knowledge is required. In other words, if you can use a word processor, you can use Joomla!.

In Joomla!, **content and form are separated**, allowing authors to focus on their writing, not their layout. This will result in an attractive website with great writing.



With Joomla!, a library's website could easily include forums, RSS feeds, tags, blogs, photo galleries, a calendar, profiles, event registration, book reviews, **and more**.



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The Library carries Internal Revenue Service publications and commercial books about tax preparation. They may be searched in the catalog under the subject heading

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“Joomla!'s usability, learning curve, and component/theme community of developers far surpasses anything that I have seen. [. . .] Joomla! allows a library to bring Library 2.0 to its community, not spend time talking about what it might look like. [. . .] [Features that make Joomla! great for libraries are] multiple login, published/unpublished events, great components that bring a Library 2.0 feel to a website (i.e. file management systems, weather components, directory programs, and more), [and] easy usability within reason.”

-Randy Robertshaw, Tyngsborough Public Library