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New Southern Exposure DVDs donated to all Jefferson County Library locations

PINSON, Ala.—Alabama Rivers Alliance and Black Warrior Riverkeeper have partnered to donate to the Jefferson County Library Cooperative (JCLC) 44 copies of the latest editions of Southern Exposure, an award-winning film series dedicated to educating the public about Alabama’s natural resources.

Each of JCLC’s 40 locations now have a DVD copy of the 2020 and 2019 editions of [Southern Exposure](#), a series of documentaries on various Alabama environmental topics created by independent filmmakers. DVDs of previous Southern Exposure editions are available at all JCLC locations thanks to Alabama Rivers Alliance and Black Warrior Riverkeeper’s prior donations.

“The Jefferson County Library Cooperative is proud to continue our partnership with Alabama Rivers Alliance and Black Warrior Riverkeeper,” said Allison Scanlan, president of the Jefferson County Library Cooperative Board of Directors and director of the Pinson Public Library. “We value and appreciate the work being done by these organizations. The member libraries of JCLC are excited to offer the newest installments of Southern Exposure to every community in Jefferson County.”

18 of the JCLC’s 40 locations are part of the Birmingham Public Library (BPL) system. In May, [Black Warrior Riverkeeper gave BPL 18 pairs of the 2019 and 2020 Southern Exposure DVDs](#). Today’s donation makes Southern Exposure’s newest editions available in all public library locations throughout Jefferson County.

“The pandemic caused us to take a year off from our annual collaboration with libraries, so this year we are distributing the 2019 and 2020 editions of Southern Exposure all at once,” said Charles Scribner, executive director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. “We are so pleased to help Alabama Rivers Alliance and the Jefferson County Library Cooperative make these excellent documentaries more accessible to everyone throughout Alabama’s most populous county.”

Sponsored by Alabama Rivers Alliance and made possible through the support and partnership with environmental and conservation groups across the state, Southern Exposure fellows have

the opportunity to create inspiring, captivating films that give viewers a sense of how much Alabama has to offer and the importance of protecting its resources. This innovative summer fellowship brings emerging filmmakers from across the country to tell authentic, engaging stories through short documentary films about Alabama's environment — and the people who cherish it — from the mountains to the coast.

As a result of these poignant stories depicting the triumphs and challenges facing the state, numerous films from past fellowship years have been selected for screening in juried film festivals around the country. Live screenings and online distribution of the films reach a variety of audiences in Alabama and across the nation, helping Southern Exposure fulfill the mission to spread awareness, appreciation and inspire action on behalf of Alabama's environment.

"The messages in these documentaries from 2019 and 2020 are critically important to the protection of our water, land and air in Alabama and we are proud to be able to amplify these voices and stories through compelling films," said Cindy Lowry, executive director of Alabama Rivers Alliance. "The 2021 Southern Exposure film fellows are now traveling throughout Alabama to make the next season of films!"

To view *Intro to Southern Exposure*, a film providing an overview of the series, [click here](#).

To view the 2019 Southern Exposure DVD cover, [click here](#).

To view the 2020 Southern Exposure DVD cover, [click here](#).

To view the Pinson Public Library's photograph of Allison Scanlan (president of the Jefferson County Library Cooperative Board of Directors and director of the Pinson Public Library) and Charles Scribner (executive director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper) with the DVDs, [click here](#).

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[Public Libraries in Jefferson County](#) present *40 Libraries, 1 County, 1 Card*. Discover this feature and the collaborative work of the public libraries through the Jefferson County Library Cooperative at jclc.org.

[Alabama Rivers Alliance](#) is a statewide network of groups working to protect and restore all of Alabama's water resources through building partnerships, empowering citizens, and advocating for sound water policy and its enforcement.

[Black Warrior Riverkeeper](#)'s mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. The grassroots nonprofit organization promotes clean water for improved public health, recreation, and wildlife habitat throughout the Black Warrior River watershed.