

with a parmesan cheese and garlic crust, are just some of the other specialties guests will find on the menu.

**Check it out for yourself:** 902 A Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29229, 803.254.5100

**On the Web:** [www.longhornsteakhouse.com](http://www.longhornsteakhouse.com)

**Years in business:** 30

**WOW!:** Longhorn serves steak, chicken and fish that are always fresh!

### Best Sushi

#### Tsunami

**Claim to Fame:** A new approach to hip, sophisticated Japanese cuisine that is sure to please your palate.

**Check it out for yourself:** (Vista) 700 Gervais St.,

Columbia, SC 29201, 803.312.9911 (Harbison) 1290 Bower Pkwy., Columbia, SC 803.407.3873

**On the Web:** [www.tsunami-company.com](http://www.tsunami-company.com)

**Years in business:** 4.5 years

**WOW!:** Fresh food, fun dining and awesome daily specials.

### Best Wings

#### Carolina Wings & Ribhouse

**Claim to Fame:** Winning The State Newspaper's Readers Choice for 9 years for best wings. Born locally in Columbia with 12 locations in South Carolina.

**Check it out for yourself:** (CORP) P.O. Box 926, Irmo SC 29063; all location addresses can be retrieved

**Years in business:** 15

**WOW!:** 9 Year Winner Reader's Choice "BEST" Wings!

### Best Appliance Store

#### Lowe's

**Claim to Fame:** World's second largest home improvement retailer. Lowe's has more than 1,600 home improvement stores in all 50 states. Ranked 48 on the Fortune 500.

**Check it out for yourself:** Five locations in the Midlands serving you

**On the Web:** [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com)

**WOW!:** We offer hundreds of thousands more products by special order.

### Best Art Supply/ Craft Store

#### Michaels

**Claim to Fame:** Largest specialty retailers of arts, crafts, framing, floral, wall décor and seasonal merchandise for the hobbyist and do-it-yourself home décor.

**Check it out for yourself:** 244 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, 803.407.7813

10204 Two Notch Road, Columbia, 803.462.0624.

**On the Web:** [www.michaels.com](http://www.michaels.com)

**WOW!:** Ideas, inspiration and education.

### Best Bicycle Shop

#### Cycle Center

**Claim to Fame:** The Cycle Center gives you more choices of bicycles and accessories than any other store in South Carolina.

**Check it out for yourself:** Two locations: 1001 Harden Street Columbia, SC 29205

9003 Two Notch Road Columbia, SC 29223  
**On the Web:** [www.cycle-center.com](http://www.cycle-center.com)

### Best Boat Sales

#### Adventure Carolina

**Claim to Fame:** Outdoor outfitters providing canoes, kayaks and tubes for paddling the Midlands' rivers. Our unique customer service creates a way to bring people and nature together.

**Check it out for yourself:** 1107 State Street, Cayce, SC 29033, 803.796.4505

**On the Web:** [www.AdventureCarolina.com](http://www.AdventureCarolina.com)

**Years in business:** 24

**WOW!:** Your outdoor adventure experts for over 24 years.

### Best Bookstore

#### Books-a-Million

**Claim to Fame:** There is a little something for everyone.

**Check it out for yourself:** 4840 Forest Drive (Columbia) 803.782.4475

275 Harbison Blvd. (Columbia) 803.749.9378

164 Forum Drive (Columbia) 803.788.4349

918A North Lake Drive (Lexington) 803.951.3674

**On the Web:** [www.book-samillion.com](http://www.book-samillion.com)

**Years in business:** Founded 1917

**WOW!:** Over 250 stores in 22 states.

### Best Children's Clothing Store (TIE)

#### The Children's Place

**Claim to Fame:** We sell the best high-quality, value-priced children's merchandise for ages newborn to 10 years old.

**Check it out for yourself:** Village at Sandhill, Columbia 803.736.1540

**On the Web:** [www.childrens-place.com](http://www.childrens-place.com)

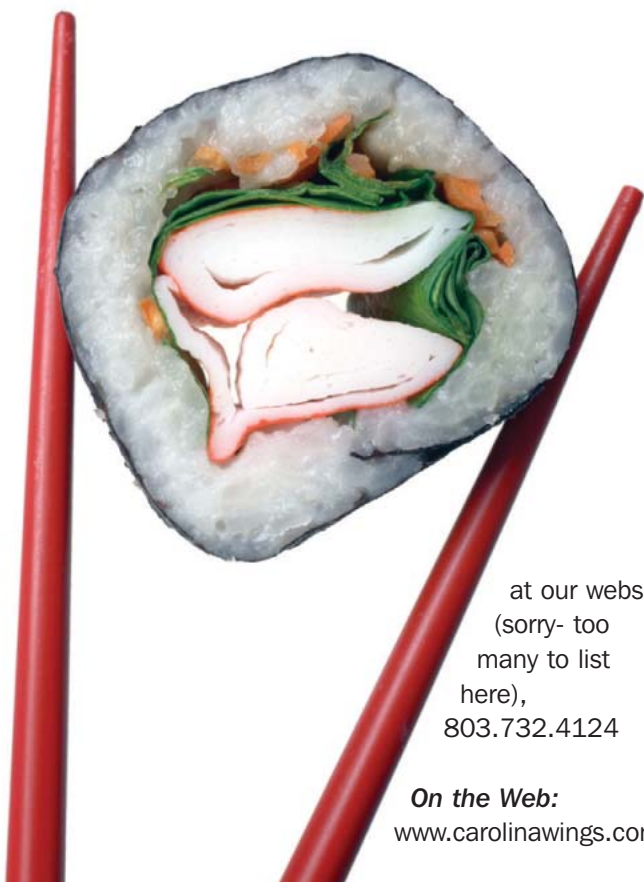
**WOW!:** What's most important to us is keeping customers happy.

### Best Children's Clothing Store (TIE)

#### Gymboree 696 Village at Sandhills

**Claim to Fame:** Legendary customer service, knowing our customers by name...Making a friend for life, not just a customer. ? Having the customer share their experience with others.

**Check it out for yourself:** 671-6 Town Centre Place



at our website (sorry- too many to list here), 803.732.4124

**On the Web:** [www.carolinawings.com](http://www.carolinawings.com)