

LIBRARY LINES

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February 2024

LOVE IS A VISIT TO THE LIBRARY

Valentine's Day – Chapin Branch Library brought out the decorating supplies for *Kid Zone: Valentine Cookies* on February 13. The **33** elementary schoolers and their grownups embellished their delicious heart-shaped cookies with icing, sprinkles and candy.



On February 13, Swansea Branch Library held *Social Scene: Valentine's Tea Party*. Those in attendance enjoyed making special cards for loved ones while snacking on iced cupcakes.



Mardi Gras – Lexington Main Library put together *Kid Zone: Mardi Gras* on February 8. The **39** little ones partied New Orleans-style with masks, music, games and bracelet crafts.



Sound of Music – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library (CWC) was visited by Willie Wells & the Blue Ridge Mountain Grass for *Lifelong Learning: Bluegrass* on February 4. The program was presented in partnership with Bill's Music Shop & Pickin' Parlor and was attended by **39** music lovers.



On February 10, CWC served as the venue for Suzuki Academy's live musical performance of violinists, cellists and guitarists. The students put on a show that was enjoyed by a total of **180** attendees.



Outreach – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library's Cam Bianco, library assistant III, held a fun cornhole tournament at Gilbert Senior Center on February 20.



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Kid Zone – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library's Megan Ricard, library assistant III, extended an invitation to *Kid Zone: T-Rex Tea Party* on February 13. There was one prehistoric and **47** non-prehistoric guests in attendance. Along with trying different delicious teas, attendees experienced dinosaur-themed games, engaging crafts and a photoshoot with T-Rexy herself.



Social Scene – On February 10, Gaston Branch Library held *Social Scene: K-Pop Pop-up Party*. The enthusiastic fans were treated to an array of themed activities, including candy sushi-making, posing at the photo station, crafting idol buttons and belting out hits during karaoke.



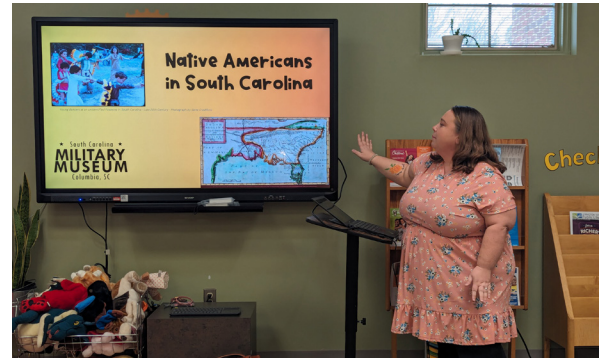
Handmade – Chapin Branch Library's Katy Brown, library assistant III, planned *Handmade: Clay Creations* on February 8. The **17** adults got to flex their creative muscles by making a variety of cups, bowls and dishes out of pottery clay.



Winter Reading – The youth Winter Reading winner for 2023 was nine-month-old Becky from South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library. She stopped by on February 22 to unwrap (and nibble on) her custom prize basket.



Historically Speaking – Pelion Branch Library partnered with Jennifer Gossett from the South Carolina Military Museum to present *Historically Speaking: Native American Tribes* on February 27. She gave an engaging presentation on the history of native tribes in South Carolina.



ESL Outreaches – On February 21, Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry, Librarian I Carson McCallum and Librarian II Amy Pittsenbarger attended Library Information Day at The Family Center. They presented to parents who were enrolled in English as a second language (ESL) classes.



Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry and Librarian II Elizabeth Doyle visited the District 5 Adult Education Center on February 28. They shared information about the library's services and signed up multiple ESL students for library cards.

F U N FACT The most searched title in February was *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Monthly Circulation Report

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Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Lexington	Cayce- West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelton	Gilbert- Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	573	5,222	2,102	2,836	1,331	174	162	309	289	460	375	—	13,833
Paperback	18	137	58	38	59	0	0	13	8	0	7	—	338
NonFiction Adult	299	3,053	1,167	1,366	686	106	67	210	176	89	176	—	7,395
LARGE PRINT	342	2,253	1,104	781	374	108	79	85	113	829	136	—	6,204
Non-Circulating	0	8	1	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	—	29
Interlibrary Loan	9	9	14	8	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	—	45
Periodical	137	355	190	279	312	28	16	71	20	17	27	—	1,452
Fiction Juvenile	531	6,871	1,009	1,579	812	67	127	149	237	444	238	—	12,064
NonFiction Juvenile	334	4,072	1,152	1,364	734	100	147	116	240	1,008	175	—	9,442
EASY	622	13,548	2,991	3,187	1,823	220	273	497	695	5,477	358	—	29,691
Fiction Young Adult	174	1,905	442	522	231	62	55	88	98	38	100	—	3,715
NonFiction Young Adult	14	152	34	45	25	4	1	8	15	8	9	—	315
Subtotal YS Print	1,675	26,548	5,628	6,697	3,625	453	603	858	1,285	6,975	880	—	55,227
Total Print Books	3,053	37,585	10,264	12,022	6,388	869	931	1,546	1,892	8,370	1,603	—	84,523
Audio Book Adult	9	338	134	209	68	9	6	35	0	112	4	—	924
Audio Book Juvenile	13	161	116	153	102	1	5	7	29	71	0	—	658
Video Adult	332	1,920	771	703	343	169	156	316	143	192	67	—	5,112
Video Juvenile	124	1,105	223	372	180	57	73	57	42	249	24	—	2,506
Total AV	478	3,524	1,244	1,437	693	236	240	415	214	624	95	—	9,200
Realia	2	26	34	13	75	1	5	3	5	0	9	—	173
Total Hard Copy	3,533	41,135	11,542	13,472	7,156	1,106	1,176	1,964	2,111	8,994	1,707	—	93,896
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,250	14,250
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,880	15,880
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	363	363
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	66	66
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,765	3,765
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	34,324	34,324
Total Circulation	3,533	41,135	11,542	13,472	7,156	1,106	1,176	1,964	2,111	8,994	1,707	34,324	128,220
Computer Internet	185	673	948	603	90	62	103	93	21	0	66	—	2,844
AWE Computer Sessions*	29	595	281	123	71	21	25	33	29	0	23	—	1,230
Wifi	129	1651	657	517	104	77	81	77	53	0	52	—	3,398
Laptop	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	9
SmartBoard	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	—	7
Total Computer	343	2,924	1,891	1,245	267	160	209	203	104	0	142	—	7,488
Circ Changes from FEB 2023	28	3,048	-578	-276	666	65	105	-60	-331	-2,835	-523	6,371	5,680
YTD Total	31,238	353,100	97,988	115,985	59,739	9,020	11,577	16,961	19,854	78,393	15,537	270,505	1,079,897
Circ Change from YTD '23	43	11,275	-2,552	-4,685	-1,981	-32	-59	-2,645	-1,584	-6,617	-3,977	35,423	22,609
Percent Change YTD	0.1%	3.3%	-2.5%	-3.9%	-3.2%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-13.5%	-7.4%	-7.8%	-20.4%	15.1%	2.1%

*Change in report sytem for counting AWE sessions

February 2024 - Monthly Programs and Services Report



Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelton	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Virtual				SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	6	23	24	10	9	6	1	4	3	0	6	—	—	—	—	92
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	40	164	260	43	79	13	2	22	15	0	53	—	—	—	—	691
Mixed Ages Programs	1	0	0	4	3	3	2	1	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	15
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	8	0	0	41	11	22	8	7	0	0	11	—	—	—	—	108
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	15	72	24	22	15	10	9	11	14	0	18	—	—	—	—	210
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	156	1,891	560	262	331	50	30	91	82	0	258	—	—	—	—	3,711
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	4	60	5	12	13	4	3	1	14	0	7	—	—	—	—	123
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	71	1,229	274	242	324	70	127	200	395	0	114	—	—	—	—	3,046
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	15
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	30	—	—	—	—	39
Book Drop Offs	40	0	57	12	73	35	0	0	20	42	0	—	—	—	—	279
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	26	155	53	48	40	23	15	17	31	0	32	—	—	—	—	440
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	275	3,284	1,094	588	745	155	167	320	492	0	436	—	—	—	—	7,556
Resources Used													Electronic Resources			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,243	10,708	4,480	5,059	2,526	389	317	620	592	1,378	705	—	—	—	—	28,017
Children's/Teen Books	1,675	26,548	5,628	6,697	3,625	453	603	858	1,285	6,975	880	—	—	—	—	55,227
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,015	—	—	18,015
Magazines, Newspapers	137	355	190	279	312	28	16	71	20	17	27	—	—	—	—	1,452
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,309	—	—	16,309
Adult Audio Books	9	338	134	209	68	9	6	35	0	112	4	—	—	—	—	924
Children's Audio Books	13	161	116	153	102	1	5	7	29	71	0	—	—	—	—	658
DVDs	332	1,920	771	703	343	169	156	316	143	192	67	—	—	—	—	5,112
Children's DVDs	124	1,105	223	372	180	57	73	57	42	249	24	—	—	—	—	2,506
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44,760	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,533	41,135	11,542	13,472	7,156	1,106	1,176	1,964	2,111	8,994	1,707	—	34,324	—	—	128,220
Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelton	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Email	Chat	Admin		SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	486	818	1,589	683	539	195	262	100	267	2,218	288	5	7	39	—	7,496
Technology-Related	28	130	231	161	35	15	127	20	6	0	63	0	0	0	—	816
Job-Related	14	24	37	29	48	14	120	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	—	297
Ebook-Related	15	63	28	52	93	5	0	5	8	0	13	0	0	2	—	284
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	543	1,035	1,885	925	715	229	509	125	282	2,218	374	5	7	41	—	8,893
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	2,099	21,241	7,940	13,559	4,157	767	798	574	1,106	907	1,057	—	—	—	—	54,205
Meeting/Study Room Use	2	241	171	21	18	3	16	2	5	0	2	—	—	—	—	481
Meeting/Study Attendance	10	893	343	219	62	6	48	9	51	0	9	—	—	—	—	1,650
Computer Use*	214	1,273	1,234	728	163	83	128	126	51	0	90	—	—	—	—	4,090
WiFi	129	1,651	657	517	104	77	81	77	53	0	52	—	—	—	—	3,398
New Cards Issued	39	467	219	134	56	18	22	28	22	19	32	—	—	—	—	1,056

*Change in report system for AWE count in Computer Use total