

LIBRARY LINES

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March 2024

NOVA'S RIBBON CUTTING PROGRAM

On March 25, we hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting event for the newest addition to the Mobile Library fleet, Nova. Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry presided over the program. Mobile Library Manager Melaney Torcoletti spoke about the services both Myles and Nova provide to the community, with Nova focusing on adults, people with disabilities and seniors. Nova has a lift for browsing on board and lobby stops — where material carts are brought indoors to accommodate browsing in the comfort of their facilities. Library Director Kelly Poole and Board of Trustees Chair Linda Griffith both spoke before Lexington Chamber and Visitors Center President and CEO Angelle LaBorde came out to present a Certificate of Recognition to Nova. A total of 65 people joined us for this special occasion.



Maiden Voyage – On March 15, Nova received a fun send-off for her maiden voyage to Lakeview Retirement Community. All the Mobile Library staff were on hand to set up the lobby stop and assist patrons. Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry and Patron Training and Technology Coordinator Matt Steinmetz also attended for patron and technology support.



Employee Recognition – Library Assistant III Jennifer Wells from Gaston Branch Library was presented with the Rising Star Award on March 12. She was nominated due to her proactive approach to branch operations and patron services as well as her talent for creative problem-solving. She organized job fair outreaches and bridged the gap between local businesses and job seekers, exemplifying her commitment to serving the community's needs beyond the library walls.



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Easter Egg Hunt – Chapin Branch Library held their annual *Family Palooza: Easter Egg Hunt* on March 28. Over 3,000 eggs were hidden around the library for the **220** attendees to find. The Easter Bunny also hopped by to take photos with the little ones.



DIA – On March 9, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library (CWC) celebrated DIA (Diversity in Action), an annual multicultural event that celebrates the diversity of our community. The Friends of CWC sponsored Drummatic Expressions, an African drum performance led by Dick Moons. There was an Irish dance troupe from Connick-Reid Academy, the CWC youth services team presented a storytime, and PC LAN Specialist II Mauricio Blanco sang and played his charango. The **120** attendees were able to visit the henna artist, make crafts and enjoy delicious food, including Filipino lumpia and Chinese mooncakes.



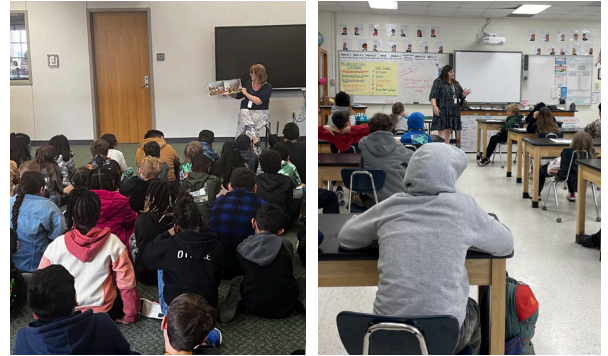
Art Fest – Lexington Main Library partnered with Lexington School District 1 to host their annual elementary school Art Fest. On March 27, **300** guests gathered to view the impressive art pieces put on display.



Epic Creators – On March 20, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library held *Epic Creators: Garden Bling*. The middle schoolers worked with pliers, wire and beads to fashion magical fairy wands and cool garden stakes.



Outreaches – On March 4, Library Assistant III Cindy Nowak from Swansea Branch Library visited Sandhills Elementary School for a storytime. She read to **231** third grade students.



Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry and Librarian II Elizabeth Doyle from Irmo Branch Library attended Career Day at CrossRoads Intermediate on March 21. They spoke to the **80** sixth grade students about life as a librarian and the ways libraries serve the community.



On March 20, Library Assistant III Linda Lundeen from Pelion Branch Library visited the Pelion Senior Center. She brought craft supplies for the seniors to create soft and cuddly sunflower plushies.

St. Patrick's Day – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library planned *Full STEAM Ahead: St. Patrick's Day* on March 8. The attendees had fun mixing ingredients to create sticky, gooey slime.



Gilbert-Summit Branch Library put together *Just Play: Leprechaun Games* on March 14. The kids got to test out their agility skills with hilarious relay races. A total of **27** attendees joined in on the challenge.

FUN FACT The most searched title in March was *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera.

Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Lexington	Cayce- West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pellon	Gilbert- Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	571	5,026	2,270	2,990	1,224	169	167	321	258	464	367	—	13,827
Paperback	21	183	17	35	38	3	0	11	5	0	5	—	318
NonFiction Adult	270	3,241	1,346	1,472	586	63	87	181	204	103	150	—	7,703
LARGE PRINT	338	2,395	1,121	816	369	98	78	68	112	955	177	—	6,527
Non-Circulating	1	3	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	11
Interlibrary Loan	4	13	17	6	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	—	43
Periodical	144	359	204	202	314	22	27	77	27	15	38	—	1,429
Fiction Juvenile	506	7,639	1,027	1,782	925	113	224	148	285	512	175	—	13,336
NonFiction Juvenile	344	3,885	1,198	1,296	663	74	142	139	251	869	163	—	9,024
EASY	765	13,819	2,744	3,150	1,866	240	321	619	705	5,143	456	—	29,828
Fiction Young Adult	138	2,081	549	566	255	62	84	77	78	40	93	—	4,023
NonFiction Young Adult	26	147	52	61	23	4	11	6	16	2	5	—	353
Subtotal YS Print	1,779	27,571	5,570	6,855	3,732	493	782	989	1,335	6,566	892	—	56,564
Total Print Books	3,128	38,791	10,548	12,380	6,264	848	1,142	1,647	1,942	8,103	1,629	—	86,422
Audio Book Adult	27	341	146	279	85	4	2	32	3	111	8	—	1,038
Audio Book Juvenile	21	196	92	173	138	4	6	3	21	81	0	—	735
Video Adult	290	1,630	852	848	345	159	110	244	145	203	63	—	4,889
Video Juvenile	135	1,130	255	328	220	53	63	67	68	253	30	—	2,602
Total A/V	473	3,297	1,345	1,628	788	220	181	346	237	648	101	—	9,264
Realia	3	31	23	14	131	1	5	4	8	0	7	—	227
Total Hard Copy	3,604	42,119	11,916	14,022	7,183	1,069	1,328	1,997	2,187	8,751	1,737	—	95,913
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,915	14,915
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16,951	16,951
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	375	375
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	93	93
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,975	3,975
Downloadable BingePass*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	41	41
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	36,350	36,350
Total Circulation	3,604	42,119	11,916	14,022	7,183	1,069	1,328	1,997	2,187	8,751	1,737	36,350	132,263
Computer Internet	189	722	934	613	91	61	81	80	31	0	60	—	2,862
AWE Computer Sessions	54	616	358	120	76	23	20	33	55	0	43	—	1,398
Wifi	158	1886	724	592	111	100	93	114	44	0	69	—	3,891
Laptop	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	8
SmartBoard	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	—	6
Total Computer	401	3,230	2,021	1,325	278	184	194	227	133	0	172	—	8,165
Circ Changes from MAR 2023	-738	-652	-788	-974	-385	-63	-57	-113	-180	-5,556	-843	6,022	-4,327
YTD Total	34,842	395,219	109,904	130,007	66,922	10,089	12,905	18,958	22,041	87,144	17,274	306,855	1,212,160
Circ Change from YTD '23	-695	10,623	-3,340	-5,659	-2,366	-95	-116	-2,758	-1,764	-12,173	-4,820	41,445	18,282
Percent Change YTD	-2.0%	2.8%	-2.9%	-4.2%	-3.4%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-12.7%	-7.4%	-12.3%	-21.8%	15.6%	1.5%

*Changing how downloadable statistics are recorded in LibInsight; No longer separating out different BingePass types

March 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)	5	21	24	12	6	11	3	4	4	0	4	—	—	—	94
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	37	143	192	105	60	54	6	26	27	0	34	—	—	—	684
Mixed Ages Programs	2	0	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	—	—	—	11
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	17	0	0	12	242	21	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	292
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	16	72	24	21	17	11	8	10	12	0	17	—	—	—	208
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	140	1,857	482	285	491	36	23	40	74	0	175	—	—	—	3,603
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	5	57	7	13	16	8	5	6	13	0	15	—	—	—	145
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	98	1390	589	350	523	1,346	356	171	490	0	185	—	—	—	5,498
1:1 Training Sessions	0	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	12
Take and Make Kits	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	—	—	—	78
Book Drop Offs	95	0	0	0	55	60	54	0	40	42	0	—	—	—	346
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	28	150	55	48	43	31	17	20	29	0	37	—	—	—	458
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	292	3,390	1,263	752	1,316	1,457	385	237	591	0	394	—	—	—	10,077
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,208	10,892	4,797	5,337	2,349	334	338	585	588	1,522	706	—	—	—	28,656
Children's/Teen Books	1,779	27,571	5,570	6,855	3,732	493	782	989	1,335	6,566	892	—	—	—	56,564
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,890	—	18,890
Magazines, Newspapers	144	359	204	202	314	22	27	77	27	15	38	—	—	—	1,429
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,460	—	17,460
Adult Audio Books	27	341	146	279	85	4	2	32	3	111	8	—	—	—	1,038
Children's Audio Books	21	196	92	173	138	4	6	3	21	81	0	—	—	—	735
DVDs	290	1,630	852	848	345	159	110	244	145	203	63	—	—	—	4,889
Children's DVDs	135	1,130	255	328	220	53	63	67	68	253	30	—	—	—	2,602
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54,060	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,604	42,119	11,916	14,022	7,183	1,069	1,328	1,997	2,187	8,751	1,737	—	36,350	—	132,263
Individualized Assistance															SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	752	801	1,690	873	538	98	232	305	304	2,923	275	7	35	36	8,869
Technology-Related	42	72	292	223	13	22	128	131	6	0	51	0	0	0	980
Job-Related	13	15	22	23	30	21	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	132
Ebook-Related	22	52	7	44	6	11	6	30	7	0	24	3	0	0	212
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	829	940	2,011	1,163	587	152	366	468	317	2,923	356	10	35	36	10,193
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	2,201	19,935	8,175	15,343	4,712	838	711	554	1,139	866	1,025	—	—	—	55,499
Meeting/Study Room Use	5	240	179	14	10	3	9	2	2	0	3	—	—	—	467
Meeting/Study Attendance	43	947	418	188	61	8	38	22	30	0	20	—	—	—	1,775
Computer Use	243	1,344	1,297	733	167	84	101	113	89	0	103	—	—	—	4,274
WiFi	158	1886	724	592	111	100	93	114	44	0	69	—	—	—	3,891
New Cards Issued	35	450	138	140	60	17	29	26	26	4	17	—	—	—	942