

LIBRARY LINES

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April 2024

SHOW YOUR LIBRARY SPIRIT

Spirit Week – Lexington County Public Library held its first Spirit Week from April 7–13 to coincide with National Library Week. Staff and patrons from all ten branches were invited to dress up for each themed day of the week, which included Decades, Crazy Sock, Book Character, Community Helper, Heroes & Villains, Sports and Out of this World Day.



County Resolution – On April 9, Lexington County Councilwoman Charli Wessinger presented Lexington County Public Library with a signed resolution recognizing April 7–13, 2024 as Library Week in Lexington County. Library Director Kelly Poole and Library Board of Trustees Chair Linda Griffith accepted the resolution on behalf of the system.



Author Talk – Swansea Branch Library hosted Dr. Patricia McNeely on April 18 in partnership with South Carolina Humanities. Dr. McNeely discussed her book, *Historic South Carolina Ghosts and Legends*, and shared supernatural stories and unexplained phenomena from cities around the state.



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Kid's Day – On April 27, Mobile Library Manager Melaney Torcoletti and Library Assistant III Meliannette Ruiz attended Kid's Day of Lexington with Myles. They registered **11** new library cards and totaled **83** checkouts. Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry and Youth Services Coordinator Jennifer Smith set up a table to hand out swag and promote library services outside. Meanwhile, Librarian II Amy Pittsenbarger and Librarian I Patty Taylor from Lexington Main held fun storytimes for the little ones.



SC Philharmonic – Irmo Branch Library served as the host for two South Carolina Philharmonic performances as part of their Music in my Neighborhood outreach program. On April 8, they presented a rendition of "Peter and the Wolf" alongside the classic fable that inspired it. On April 10, the audience enjoyed an interactive combination of information and performance from a variety of sounds and styles. A combined total of **219** community members attended the programs.



Lifelong Learning – On April 13, Gaston Branch Library held *Lifelong Learning: Pasta Palooza*. The attendees learned how to make homemade dough, roll out their pasta sheets and cut them into their preferred shape before enjoying all their delicious hard work.



Full STEAM Ahead – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library put together *Full STEAM Ahead: Bubble Play* on April 11. The kids learned the science behind their favorite soapy circles before competing to see who could blow the biggest bubble.



Employee Recognition – Library Assistant III Katrina Portwood from Irmo Branch Library was awarded Employee of the 2nd Quarter. She was nominated due to her partnership with the Friends of Irmo Branch Library, where she's been researching outdoor areas and how creating one can serve the Irmo community at large.



Garden Prep – On April 11, Chapin Branch Library held *Nature Nook: Pollinator Garden*. The kids got hands-on experience with planting flowers while learning about environmental stewardship.



South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library held *Family Palooza: Sow, Grow & Read* on April 26. The group celebrated the changing of the season with a refresh of the garden.

Storytimes – On April 9, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library held a scarf-filled *Baby Storytime*. Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library put together a *Toddler Time* with puppets on April 10. The kids at Pelion Branch Library's *Preschool Storytime* went fishing for dandelions on April 10.



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

April 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)	4	20	24	11	6	9	1	3	5	0	6	—	—	—	89
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	27	110	162	41	46	46	10	19	20	0	35	—	—	—	516
Mixed Ages Programs	4	1	0	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	—	—	—	15
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	71	22	0	219	26	0	0	0	0	0	18	—	—	—	356
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	15	71	26	18	15	10	6	12	14	0	20	—	—	—	207
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	163	1,490	295	219	257	26	29	85	58	0	202	—	—	—	2,824
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	6	65	7	11	9	2	6	3	47	5	13	—	—	—	174
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	98	5060	1,134	201	248	37	152	289	1,686	558	165	—	—	—	9,628
1:1 Training Sessions	0	2	7	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	16
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	45	—	—	—	50
Book Drop Offs	125	0	0	0	55	35	0	0	40	35	25	—	—	—	315
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	29	157	57	42	35	21	14	18	66	5	41	—	—	—	485
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	359	6,682	1,591	680	577	109	191	393	1,764	558	420	—	—	—	13,324
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,281	11,388	4,730	5,512	2,408	352	404	670	622	1,471	667	—	—	—	29,505
Children's/Teen Books	1,869	27,482	6,069	7,593	3,736	517	826	935	1,379	7,306	1,026	—	—	—	58,738
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,753	—	16,753
Magazines, Newspapers	145	384	192	198	329	41	23	92	23	25	40	—	—	—	1,492
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,318	—	17,318
Adult Audio Books	20	372	143	255	99	3	4	35	2	164	8	—	—	—	1,105
Children's Audio Books	20	192	106	251	85	2	1	1	12	130	4	—	—	—	804
DVDs	361	1,452	779	855	532	170	144	243	91	175	60	—	—	—	4,862
Children's DVDs	135	1,104	403	344	224	66	99	75	84	290	86	—	—	—	2,910
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72,349	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,831	42,374	12,422	15,008	7,413	1,151	1,501	2,051	2,213	9,561	1,891	—	34,071	—	133,487
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	778	1,196	1,282	784	685	157	130	315	283	1,751	310	7	41	16	7,735
Technology-Related	46	42	187	227	25	18	95	112	4	0	74	0	0	0	830
Job-Related	19	6	19	47	0	13	2	20	0	3	6	0	0	0	135
Ebook-Related	5	44	45	41	30	3	40	20	7	12	31	0	0	0	278
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	848	1,288	1,533	1,099	740	191	267	467	294	1,766	421	7	41	16	8,978
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	2,417	20,842	8,175	14,277	3,808	865	832	678	1,215	3,310	1,110	—	—	—	57,529
Meeting/Study Room Use	5	227	173	9	9	3	6	2	2	0	2	—	—	—	438
Meeting/Study Attendance	42	746	417	84	44	6	24	12	38	0	10	—	—	—	1,423
Computer Use	299	1,438	1,263	736	194	84	121	118	92	0	113	—	—	—	4,458
WiFi	176	2071	794	651	138	100	104	127	82	14	76	—	—	—	4,333
New Cards Issued	47	537	166	132	75	22	21	36	31	27	13	—	—	—	1,107