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May 2024

AN EVENING WITH KATHY REICHS

Author Talk – Lexington County Public Library kicked off Summer Reading with *Author Talk: An Evening with Kathy Reichs* on May 23 at Lexington Main Library. Dr. Reichs is the New York Times bestselling author of the *Temperance Brennan* series and the producer of the hit Fox TV show *Bones*. At the event, Dr. Reichs discussed her writing process, the work she did as a forensic anthropologist and even dropped some hints about her future books while answering questions from the audience. A total of **150** people attended the discussion and subsequent book signing.



Parades – On May 11, Branch Librarian Angie Brooks from Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library attended the 39th annual South Carolina Poultry Festival. She invited the Mobile Library crew, Library Assistant III P.J. Fox and Library Assistant II Paige Kennedy, who brought Myles the bus to be a part of the parade. They got to wave to over **600** attendees.



Branch Librarian Louise Taylor from Gilbert-Summit Branch Library attended Big Blue Marble's mini parade on May 17. The kids walked up Main Street and back to the daycare where they were rewarded with delicious popsicles and a fun bubble party.



School Outreaches – May was full of visits to local schools to promote the upcoming Summer Reading Program (SRP). The youth services staff hosted assemblies, attended lunches and spoke to classes. They reached a grand total of **8,501** elementary and **1,034** middle and high school students.

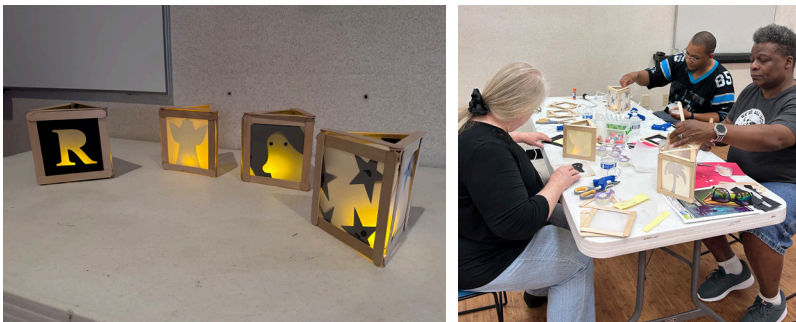


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Handmade – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library's *Handmade: Mini Terrariums* took place on May 4. They had **15** attendees enjoy the fun stress-relieving activity.



On May 6, Irmo Branch Library held *Handmade: Paper Lanterns*. The patrons learned how to use the Ellison die-cut machine to craft silhouette lanterns to light up their spaces.



Library Assistant III Linda Lundeen put together *Handmade: Porch Planters* on May 15 at Pelion Branch Library. The **10** attendees brought their planters and left with a collection of plants to repel mosquitoes. The beautiful geraniums were grown and donated by Pelion High School's Future Farmers of America club.



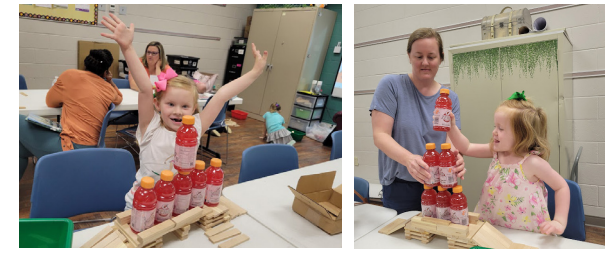
On May 20, Chapin Branch Library held *Handmade: Chapin Creates*. The **12** adults created beautiful flower artwork on canvas using a unique stippling technique with plastic bags.



Social Scene – Gaston Branch Library celebrated Stars Wars Day on May 4 with *Social Scene: Star Wars Escape Room*. The attendees had to use their smarts and observation skills to outwit the Empire.



Homeschool Hangout – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library put together *Homeschool Hangout* on May 6. The kids used Keva planks to make structurally sound bridges.



Craft Squad – On May 9, Library Assistant III Cindy Nowak from Swansea Branch Library planned *Craft Squad: Mother's Day Surprise*. The **12** little ones made cards and tissue bouquets for their moms.



Partnership – On May 20, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library partnered with Lexington Medical Center to host a Stop the Bleed training. The attendees gained the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and act quickly and effectively to control it.



FUN FACT The most searched title in May was *A Court of Mist and Fury* by Sarah J. Maas.

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	572	5,858	2,269	3,078	1,492	175	256	319	268	460	268	—	15,015
Paperback	26	137	40	42	49	0	4	12	5	0	3	—	318
NonFiction Adult	338	3,273	1,217	1,512	564	99	110	183	148	128	201	—	7,773
LARGE PRINT	376	2,457	1,023	907	381	87	88	101	47	854	133	—	6,454
Non-Circulating	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	3
Interlibrary Loan	8	14	36	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	—	65
Periodical	137	400	234	192	302	24	15	76	37	24	26	—	1,467
Fiction Juvenile	473	8,191	1,336	1,883	1,010	94	191	187	251	530	166	—	14,312
NonFiction Juvenile	306	3,447	1,087	1,198	768	96	108	220	314	590	111	—	8,245
EASY	688	13,101	2,567	2,932	1,746	292	285	703	697	3,497	323	—	26,831
Fiction Young Adult	193	2,250	467	773	262	58	89	159	123	28	97	—	4,499
NonFiction Young Adult	17	153	58	64	24	8	5	2	16	6	2	—	355
Subtotal YS Print	1,677	27,142	5,515	6,850	3,810	548	678	1,271	1,401	4,651	699	—	54,242
Total Print Books	3,134	39,283	10,334	12,585	6,598	933	1,151	1,963	1,908	6,117	1,331	—	85,337
Audio Book Adult	16	333	120	243	78	20	8	48	2	133	15	—	1,016
Audio Book Juvenile	27	243	126	240	70	1	4	8	15	46	4	—	784
Video Adult	425	1,492	869	884	463	131	191	269	100	262	58	—	5,144
Video Juvenile	132	1,132	380	384	178	62	127	96	77	130	36	—	2,734
Total AV	600	3,200	1,495	1,751	789	214	330	421	194	571	113	—	9,678
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Total Hard Copy	3,734	42,483	11,829	14,336	7,387	1,147	1,481	2,384	2,102	6,688	1,444	—	95,015
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,993	14,993
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17,015	17,015
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	491	491
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	90	90
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,465	3,465
Downloadable BingePass	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	47	47
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	36,101	36,101
Total Circulation	3,734	42,483	11,829	14,336	7,387	1,147	1,481	2,384	2,102	6,688	1,444	36,101	131,116
Computer Internet	178	710	939	652	86	83	105	76	27	0	55	—	2,911
AWE Computer Sessions	102	648	248	147	106	24	17	58	38	0	72	—	1,460
Wifi	207	2104	831	705	141	110	88	124	95	12	65	—	4,482
Laptop	1	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	10
SmartBoard	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	—	10
Total Computer	488	3,462	2,027	1,510	335	217	210	258	161	12	193	—	8,873
Circ Changes from MAY 2023	-133	1,148	-1,247	102	-332	133	-192	587	-399	-4,019	-383	4,949	214
YTD Total	42,407	480,076	134,180	159,351	81,796	12,387	15,891	23,393	26,365	103,395	20,612	377,027	1,476,847
Circ Change from YTD '23	-868	13,770	-4,406	-4,448	-2,001	384	58	-1,975	-1,911	-18,060	-5,215	51,522	26,817
Percent Change YTD	-2.0%	3.0%	-3.2%	-2.7%	-2.4%	3.2%	0.4%	-7.8%	-6.8%	-14.9%	-20.2%	15.8%	1.8%

May 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	Electronic Resources	SYSTEM TOTALS	
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	5	22	22	11	7	6	2	4	3	0	7	—	—	89	
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	40	255	167	48	50	26	15	26	14	0	39	—	—	680	
Mixed Ages Programs	2	0	0	1	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	—	—	12	
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	13	0	0	3	68	0	0	14	0	0	0	—	—	98	
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	10	13	6	8	17	11	9	14	10	0	8	—	—	106	
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	122	261	50	107	413	61	27	173	33	0	100	—	—	1,347	
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	18	69	5	41	9	4	0	2	12	4	13	—	—	177	
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	432	6385	2,657	627	222	960	0	34	351	73	162	—	—	11,903	
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	2	3	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	—	—	23	
Take and Make Kits	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	11	
Book Drop Offs	75	0	0	0	85	45	62	0	40	54	63	—	—	424	
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	35	104	33	61	39	21	12	22	25	4	28	—	—	384	
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	607	6,901	2,874	785	753	1,047	42	247	398	73	301	—	—	14,028	
Resources Used														SYSTEM TOTALS	
Adult Books	1,327	11,771	4,634	5,567	2,562	364	462	620	487	1,444	617	—	—	29,855	
Children's/Teen Books	1,677	27,142	5,515	6,850	3,810	548	678	1,271	1,401	4,651	699	—	—	54,242	
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,505	—	18,505	
Magazines, Newspapers	137	400	234	192	302	24	15	76	37	24	26	—	—	1,467	
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,596	—	17,596	
Adult Audio Books	16	333	120	243	78	20	8	48	2	133	15	—	—	1,016	
Children's Audio Books	27	243	126	240	70	1	4	8	15	46	4	—	—	784	
DVDs	425	1,492	869	884	463	131	191	269	100	262	58	—	—	5,144	
Children's DVDs	132	1,132	380	384	178	62	127	96	77	130	36	—	—	2,734	
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47,578	—	
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,741	42,513	11,878	14,360	7,463	1,150	1,485	2,388	2,119	6,690	1,455	—	36,101	131,343	
Individualized Assistance														SYSTEM TOTALS	
General Questions	812	500	1437	684	541	104	225	422	110	409	110	3	4	18	5,379
Technology-Related	85	68	240	350	33	20	127	27	41	0	63	0	0	0	1,054
Job-Related	32	5	6	28	4	6	40	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	130
Ebook-Related	12	21	25	15	32	4	5	16	3	0	4	0	2	0	139
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	941	594	1,708	1,077	610	134	397	470	155	409	180	3	6	18	6,702
Other Library Uses														TOTALS	
Door Counter	2,169	19,376	8,044	13,387	3,852	1,026	874	704	1,112	363	927	—	—	—	51,834
Meeting/Study Room Use	6	176	131	24	11	3	12	1	3	0	2	—	—	—	369
Meeting/Study Attendance	38	653	313	180	38	3	38	5	33	0	20	—	—	—	1,321
Computer Use	179	1,341	1,196	805	194	107	122	134	66	0	128	—	—	—	4,272
WiFi	207	2104	831	705	141	110	88	124	95	12	65	—	—	—	4,482
New Cards Issued	45	581	127	178	75	21	43	51	13	18	11	—	—	—	1,163