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June 2024

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Kickoff Parties - Our annual Summer Reading Program (SRP) began on June 1 with the theme, *Adventure Begins at Your Library*. Nine of our branches (Lexington Main Library was, sadly, stormed out) celebrated with fun and action-packed kickoff parties, attracting a total of **2,493** attendees.



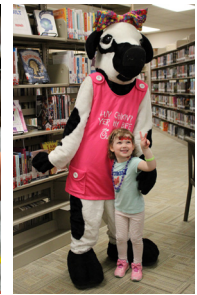
Pelion Branch Library kicked things off on June 1 with a therapy horse named Muffin from Cayce Fire Department, Willow the therapy dog from Uplift Lexington County and a DJing officer from Pelion Police Department. They also had a bounce house and inflatable slide for the **183** attendees to enjoy.



On June 2, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library celebrated Summer Reading with Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo, who brought a mini horse, cow, goats and bunnies. The **245** attendees enjoyed face painting, bubbles and plenty of other fun-filled activities.



Chapin Branch Library held their kickoff on June 3 with Lexington County's Fire Service, Sheriff's Department and Dive Team, along with Chapin Police Department, Mission Lexington, Chick-fil-A and Texas Roadhouse. The **560** attendees enjoyed face painting, balloon twisting and a scavenger hunt on the nature trail.



On June 4, Irmo Branch Library invited therapy K-9 officer Fred from Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Irmo Fire District, Firefly Toys & Games and Mission Lexington to their kickoff party. A total of **250** attendees enjoyed face painting, crafts, games and popsicles.



Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library's kickoff on June 4 featured Muffin the therapy horse, balloon artist Looney Ballooney, snow cones provided by CoBros Sno Co, Firefly Toys & Games and Mission Lexington. The **400** attendees had a grand time.



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Gilbert-Summit Branch Library's kickoff on June 6 was full of bubbles and laughter. A total of **150** attendees enjoyed a caterpillar obstacle course, face painting, crafts and games.



On June 7, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library threw a beach-themed kickoff party for their **400** attendees. They invited K-9 officer Fred, Lexington County Fire Service, Sparky the Fire Dog, Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo, Canal Coffee Company, Congaree Cares, American Legion Auxiliary Congaree Unit 90 and Mission Lexington. The party-goers enjoyed a DJ, throwing water balloons at Library Board of Trustees member Bill Jones and a tug-of-war contest between the fire department and library staff.



Gaston Branch Library held their kickoff on June 10. They kept things cool with an inflatable sprinkler and special guests from Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo. The **130** attendees enjoyed exploring a firetruck from Lexington County Fire Service, picking fresh produce from the garden and fun crafts.



Swansea Branch Library closed things out with their kickoff party on June 11. The **175** attendees enjoyed hot dogs, cotton candy, face painting, cake walks and outdoor games.



Criss Cross Mangosauce – The SRP outside presenter programs for grades K-5 began with Criss Cross Mangosauce. They performed bilingual storytimes in English and Spanish at all 10 branches during the week of June 17-21. A combined total of **313** attendees learned classic Latin American rhymes and grooved to the music.



Library Antiques Roadshow – In June, Holli McGee from McGee Auction & Appraisal Services spoke at four branches about being an auctioneer in South Carolina. Following her presentations, she provided appraisals on items brought in by attendees.



Library Board – On June 24, Lexington County Public Library held a retirement party for Library Board of Trustees member George Duke, who served on the board for over four years. He was presented with an award and Resolution of Appreciation celebrating his years of service and accomplishments. His seat is being filled by Barbara Remick.



FUN FACT The total number of Summer Reading registrants in the month of June was **5,921**.

Monthly Circulation Report

Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Lexington	Cayce- West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert- Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	528	6,548	2,608	3,479	1,620	204	245	357	345	373	335	—	16,642
Paperback	43	163	27	57	62	0	15	17	11	0	14	—	409
NonFiction Adult	377	3,608	1,414	1,768	626	90	128	173	143	107	179	—	8,613
LARGE PRINT	356	2,694	1,081	869	439	103	63	99	111	903	157	—	6,875
Non-Circulating	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	—	8
Interlibrary Loan	1	14	17	15	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	—	52
Periodical	132	441	250	224	339	17	18	68	31	13	48	—	1,581
Fiction Juvenile	692	10,538	1,946	2,769	1,597	158	299	207	464	861	199	—	19,730
NonFiction Juvenile	473	4,427	1,658	1,316	931	129	108	235	267	792	169	—	10,505
EASY	1,076	17,260	3,708	4,063	2,124	315	341	752	969	3,931	499	—	35,038
Fiction Young Adult	246	2,772	600	934	375	122	95	150	148	49	101	—	5,592
NonFiction Young Adult	14	180	43	74	52	3	3	6	19	5	7	—	406
Subtotal YS Print	2,501	35,177	7,955	9,156	5,079	727	846	1,350	1,867	5,638	975	—	71,271
Total Print Books	3,938	48,648	13,352	15,571	8,167	1,141	1,315	2,064	2,509	7,035	1,711	—	105,451
Audio Book Adult	13	377	109	284	87	12	19	61	7	128	8	—	1,105
Audio Book Juvenile	42	342	128	302	177	0	13	10	35	67	1	—	1,117
Video Adult	497	1,553	892	1,019	336	172	214	282	98	173	100	—	5,336
Video Juvenile	194	1,278	411	535	328	80	137	101	121	267	60	—	3,512
Total A/V	746	3,550	1,540	2,140	928	264	383	454	261	635	169	—	11,070
Realia	13	26	66	19	144	6	10	14	15	1	14	—	328
Total Hard Copy	4,697	52,224	14,958	17,730	9,239	1,411	1,708	2,532	2,785	7,671	1,894	—	116,849
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,146	15,146
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17,348	17,348
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	522	522
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83	83
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,964	2,964
Downloadable BingePass	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32	32
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	36,095	36,095
Total Circulation	4,697	52,224	14,958	17,730	9,239	1,411	1,708	2,532	2,785	7,671	1,894	36,095	152,944
Computer Internet	211	850	866	690	73	83	94	86	35	0	63	—	3,051
AWE Computer Sessions	234	1,338	228	291	174	46	25	71	78	0	59	—	2,544
Wifi	201	2158	780	682	178	135	116	160	89	14	129	—	4,642
Laptop	0	8	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	22
SmartBoard	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	5
Total Computer	646	4,356	1,885	1,668	426	264	235	317	202	14	251	0	10,264
Circ Changes from JUN 2023	282	-3,520	-829	-380	-103	-67	-108	-223	-651	-2,385	-319	4,888	27,792
YTD Total	47,104	532,300	149,138	177,081	91,035	13,798	17,599	25,925	29,150	111,066	22,506	413,122	1,629,791
Circ Change from YTD '23	-586	10,250	-5,235	-4,828	-2,104	317	-50	-2,198	-2,562	-20,445	-5,534	56,410	23,402
Percent Change YTD	-1.2%	2.0%	-3.4%	-2.7%	-2.3%	2.4%	-0.3%	-7.8%	-8.1%	-15.5%	-19.7%	15.8%	1.5%

June 2024 - Monthly Programs and Services Report



Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pellon	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Virtual			SYSTEM TOTALS	
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	6	22	21	9	8	3	3	5	4	0	4	—	—	—	85	
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	51	120	121	45	71	12	11	11	21	0	15	—	—	—	478	
Mixed Ages Programs	3	0	6	4	3	4	3	2	1	0	1	—	—	—	27	
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	267	0	445	281	657	204	133	185	150	0	400	—	—	—	2,722	
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	23	66	27	21	26	0	13	15	19	0	12	—	—	—	222	
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	390	2,459	590	533	596	0	110	181	222	0	131	—	—	—	5,212	
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	1	39	5	3	5	3	0	7	10	0	3	—	—	—	76	
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	25	1309	130	53	83	61	0	256	321	41	36	—	—	—	2,315	
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	6	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	19	
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	—	—	—	60	
Book Drop Offs	0	0	56	10	80	30	12	0	40	54	18	—	—	—	300	
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	33	127	59	37	42	10	19	29	34	0	20	—	—	—	410	
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	733	3,888	1,286	912	1,407	277	254	633	714	41	582	—	—	—	10,727	
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS	
Adult Books	1,318	13,056	5,213	6,210	2,893	403	461	660	626	1,385	702	—	—	—	32,927	
Children's/Teen Books	2,501	35,177	7,955	9,156	5,079	727	846	1,350	1,867	5,638	975	—	—	—	71,271	
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,142	—	18,142	
Magazines, Newspapers	132	441	250	224	339	17	18	68	31	13	48	—	—	—	1,581	
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,953	—	17,953	
Adult Audio Books	13	377	109	284	87	12	19	61	7	128	8	—	—	—	1,105	
Children's Audio Books	42	342	128	302	177	0	13	10	35	67	1	—	—	—	1,117	
DVDs	497	1,553	892	1,019	336	172	214	282	98	173	100	—	—	—	5,336	
Children's DVDs	194	1,278	411	535	328	80	137	101	121	267	60	—	—	—	3,512	
Database Searches *	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,531	
TOTAL CIRCULATION	4,697	52,224	14,958	17,730	9,239	1,411	1,708	2,532	2,785	7,671	1,894	—	36,095	—	152,944	
Individualized Assistance													Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	742	597	2,872	580	536	114	136	219	157	2,414	164	2	1	9	8,543	
Technology-Related	42	139	243	246	33	17	96	24	65	0	47	0	0	0	952	
Job-Related	11	15	14	43	5	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	1	0	101	
Ebook-Related	6	35	29	31	22	0	0	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	134	
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	801	786	3,158	900	596	131	232	249	224	2,414	226	2	2	9	9,730	
Other Library Uses															TOTALS	
Door Counter	2,959	22,851	9,603	12,173	5,486	1,264	926	894	1,640	957	1,509	—	—	—	60,262	
Meeting/Study Room Use	2	228	166	33	19	3	9	2	7	0	3	—	—	—	472	
Meeting/Study Attendance	29	706	367	185	26	3	41	25	42	0	12	—	—	—	1,436	
Computer Use	445	2,198	1,105	986	248	129	119	157	113	0	122	—	—	—	5,622	
WiFi	201	2,158	780	682	178	135	116	160	89	14	129	—	—	—	4,642	
New Cards Issued	65	888	213	220	140	40	56	70	58	23	40	—	—	—	1,813	

* Database Searches does not include Newsbank - Will update when June data received