


LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

 FEBRUARY 2020



SENIOR VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Irmo Branch Library spread love and happiness on February 14 with their *Senior Valentine's Day Party*. There were **56** attendees present for the festive celebration which included trivia, music, refreshments and more.



Gaston Branch Library hosted a decadently delicious program on February 10. *TeenScene: Sweet Reads* brought **four** teens into the library. They enjoyed their favorite chocolates and an array of book-themed games.

Chapin Branch Library explored the laws of gravity and physics on February 28. *Tween Extreme: Keva Planks* brought in **nine** young patrons who paired books and science to build their own architectural structures.

Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library celebrated Fat Tuesday with *Mardi Gras Bingo* on February 25, with **23** attending. Event-goers enjoyed a few rounds of Bingo, New Orleans jazz, king cake and a special Mardi Gras punch. Prizes included a Kindle Fire, puzzles and book bundles.



Gilbert-Summit Branch Library held *Legal Clinic: Family Law Issues* on February 20, with **10** attending. This program was presented in partnership with the South Carolina Bar Association and informed the public about the legal side of marriage, name changes, child custody and other familial legal matters.

Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library welcomed families of Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School for *Family Reading Night* on February 10, with **38** attending. They enjoyed "All Are Welcome" by Alexandra Penfold and worked together to make a colorful welcome banner.



Lexington Main Library held a *Family Paint & Sip* event on February 22 with **48** attendees. Young program-goers indulged in their juice of choice and let their creativity flow through their paintbrushes.



Books & Beyond: Lego Storybuilders at Pelion Branch Library on February 18 brought in **12** attendees. They chose books and created objects from the stories.



South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library hosted *TeenScene: Harry Potter Potions* on February 4. **Five** teens dove into some magical chemistry and created their own concoctions with the ingredients provided.



Swansea Branch Library got creative with resident crafter, Judy Bishop, on February 11. *Handmade Valentines* brought in **seven** attendees and Mrs. Bishop assisted them on their individual heartfelt projects.



This month Kelly Poole (Library Director), Michelle Williams (Deputy Director Personnel) and Melissa Pityk (Youth Services Coordinator) attended PLA (Public Library Association) Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. It was an opportunity for them to learn and discover new ways to make our library even greater. Here's some of what Pityk had to say about her PLA experience. "Many of the sessions I attended focused on the value of community partnerships and the important role these partnerships play in strengthening literacy and learning for all. I appreciated hearing about successful procedures implemented by public libraries and schools to improve student access to materials. Another timely topic addressed in several of the sessions I attended was how to identify barriers the library can remove to better serve our community and how to identify under-utilized and potential resources that we can all benefit from together."



PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Community outreach and partnerships

- On Tuesday, February 11, Batesburg - Leesville Branch Library hosted Lexington County Master Gardeners and presented *Master Gardeners: Butterfly Gardening* with **10** attendees. Attendees learned how to attract butterflies.
- On Friday, February 14, Chapin Branch Library attended an external event at *Chapin Elementary: 2nd grade Mystery Readers*. Staff distributed library materials to **25** people.
- On Tuesday, February 25, Swansea Branch Library hosted Lexington County Master Gardeners and presented *Master Gardeners: Azaleas* with **5** attendees. Attendees learned what you can do to grow azaleas, these springtime gems of the shade.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Presenting and demonstrating to patrons in libraries

- Library staff conducted **42** public training workshops with **44** participants including **40** one-on-one technology sessions.

Assisting public with computer and Internet related issues

- Library staff completed **239** eBook related reference transactions.
- Library staff completed **1,316** technology related reference transactions.
- Library staff completed **8,422** general reference transactions.

EMPLOYMENT RELATED SERVICES

Assisting with job searching, resumes, and completing job applications

- Library staff completed **231** job-related reference transactions.

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Conducting literacy programs within the library

- Library staff led **16** adult book discussions with **113** attendees and **1** writing club session with **8** attendees.
- On Monday, February 10, Gaston Branch Library staff presented *Sweat Reads* with **4** teens. Teens tried a variety sweets and discovered new books.
- On Saturday, February 29, Cayce – West Columbia Branch Library staff presented *Tech Talk: Mango Languages* with **4** attendees. Attendees learned all about Mango Languages and how you can learn at your own pace.

Conducting educational workshops to support health, financial and legal needs and to enhance life

- On Thursday, February 6, Pelion Branch Library hosted *Heart Healthy Cooking Demonstration* in partnership with DHEC with **7** attendees. A nutritionist from DHEC presented this program on healthy food options for better heart health.
- On Thursday, February 20, Gilbert - Summit Branch Library hosted *Legal Clinic: Family Law Issues* in partnership with the South Carolina Bar Association with **10** attendees. Attendees were able to get free advice about marriage, child custody, name changes, and other family law issues.
- On Saturday, February 27, Irmo Branch Library hosted *Adulting 101: Let's Get Cooking* in partnership with DHEC with **9** teens. Teens learned how to cook healthy meals.

Presenting and demonstrating to students in schools

- Library staff conducted **140** school and daycare visits to present storytimes and promote library resources to **3,188** children instill early literacy skills.

February 2020 - 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		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, No Adult Training)	8	14	24	12	4	4	2	6	1	0	3	—	78
Attendance	61	150	249	145	44	15	5	43	10	0	30	—	752
Mixed Ages	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	—	5
Attendance	0	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	—	158
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House + In-House Training)	10	56	15	22	15	6	4	5	8	0	11	—	152
Attendance	123	1,967	303	400	323	42	18	52	80	0	276	—	3,584
Outreach Programs (Adults + YS + YS Outreach Training)	8	51	25	25	9	3	0	3	4	3	10	—	141
Attendance	147	1078	531	545	270	26	0	216	77	34	103	—	3,027
Adult Public Training Workshops (Including 1 on 1s)	7	12	9	9	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	—	42
Adult Public Training Attendees	7	12	9	9	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	—	44
1:1 Training	7	11	9	9	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	—	40
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	33	133	75	68	31	16	6	14	15	3	24	—	418
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	338	3,207	1,242	1,099	641	86	23	311	175	34	409	—	7,565
Resources Used												Electronic Resources	SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,857	13,855	6,736	7,819	2,648	500	512	968	548	1,752	845	—	38,040
Children's/Teen Books	1,809	28,068	7,737	8,839	3,731	701	802	1,243	937	9,814	1,806	—	65,487
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,792	21,792
Magazines, Newspapers	114	608	364	465	476	27	20	82	39	115	44	—	2,354
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,076	1,076
Adult Audio Books	62	892	477	874	214	23	17	91	24	96	66	—	2,836
Children's Audio Books	41	532	154	357	119	5	2	34	15	138	16	—	1,413
DVDs	1,464	4,050	3,912	2,814	841	1,131	451	746	552	439	462	—	16,862
Children's DVDs	625	2,580	1,155	1,148	371	300	258	270	135	781	272	—	7,895
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32,284	32,284
TOTAL CIRCULATION	5,972	50,585	20,535	22,316	8,400	2,687	2,062	3,434	2,250	13,135	3,511	55,152	190,039
Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pellon	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Email	SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	319	1,278	1,468	1,066	493	327	87	438	377	2,320	312	2	8,487
Job-Related	38	57	79	7	3	12	3	10	7	0	15	0	231
Technology-Related	168	286	346	240	5	52	127	121	21	0	118	0	1,484
Ebook-Related	13	150	43	15	5	0	7	18	12	2	19	0	284
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	538	1,771	1,936	1,328	506	391	224	587	417	2,322	464	2	10,486
Other Library Uses													TOTALS
Door Counter	2,854	20,552	7,990	13,888	5,749	1,233	1,089	497	1,256	0	1,608	—	56,716
Meeting/Study Room Use	8	178	152	0	7	1	3	8	0	0	1	—	358
Meeting/Study Attendance	34	1,185	331	0	18	2	6	16	0	0	1	—	1,593
Computer Use	573	1,464	2,246	1,566	226	200	291	196	125	0	180	—	7,067
WiFi	410	3178	1673	1344	261	293	226	336	154	0	140	—	8,015
New Cards Issued	20	332	109	108	40	11	23	12	9	2	17	—	683

Monthly Circulation Report

February 2020
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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	761	6,566	3,223	4,019	1,569	253	221	534	292	553	399	—	18,390
Paperback	83	575	158	150	79	26	28	82	33	0	15	—	1,229
NonFiction Adult	476	4,270	2,044	2,508	662	149	180	275	115	249	266	—	11,194
Fiction Young Adult	167	2,298	582	531	359	99	88	191	82	147	110	—	4,654
NonFiction Young Adult	21	249	89	92	45	0	13	15	12	22	21	—	579
Fiction Juvenile	308	5,637	1,600	1,960	729	139	119	213	198	437	457	—	11,797
EASY	940	14,065	3,592	4,110	1,673	352	455	579	502	7,113	750	—	34,131
NonFiction Juvenile	373	5,819	1,874	2,146	925	111	127	245	143	2,095	468	—	14,326
LARGE PRINT	529	2,419	1,216	1,095	334	72	81	75	108	946	164	—	7,039
Non-Circulating	2	3	19	10	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	—	38
Interlibrary Loan	5	19	75	33	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	—	140
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,082	12,082
Total Books	3,665	41,920	14,472	16,654	6,379	1,201	1,314	2,211	1,485	11,566	2,650	12,082	115,599
Periodical	114	608	364	465	476	27	20	82	39	115	44	—	2,354
Audio Book Adult	62	892	477	874	214	23	17	91	24	96	66	—	2,836
Audio Book Juvenile	41	532	154	357	119	5	2	34	15	138	16	—	1,413
Cassette Audio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
Video Adult	1,464	4,050	3,912	2,814	841	1,131	451	746	552	439	462	—	16,862
Video Juvenile	625	2,580	1,155	1,148	371	300	258	270	135	781	272	—	7,895
Computer Internet	528	1,336	2,180	1,507	208	188	279	186	107	0	156	—	6,675
Computer Standalone	45	128	60	59	18	12	12	10	18	0	24	—	386
Miscellaneous	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	10
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9,263	9,263
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	316	316
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	131	131
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1076	1,076
Total Non-book Items	2,880	10,129	8,303	7,228	2,247	1,686	1,039	1,419	890	1,569	1,041	10,786	49,217
Total Circulation	6,545	52,049	22,775	23,882	8,626	2,887	2,353	3,630	2,375	13,135	3,691	22,868	164,816
Change from February 2019	-203	3,805	1,954	-852	-559	544	-807	-129	-415	1,630	-464	3,323	7,827
YTD Total	56,233	447,528	187,172	210,914	76,022	23,047	23,220	34,224	23,487	104,519	32,076	187,784	1,406,226
Change from YTD '19	-3,900	4,092	-3,640	-5,835	-1,944	1,193	-1,162	-1,222	-2,366	5,546	-3,541	28,649	15,870
Percent Change YTD	-6.5%	0.9%	-1.9%	-2.7%	-2.5%	5.5%	-4.8%	-3.4%	-9.2%	5.6%	-9.9%	18.0%	1.1%
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February 24, 2020

Director's Report

- **Administration**

- State
 - South Carolina Association of Library Administrators (SCAPLA)
 - Next meeting 3/20
 - Macmillan Boycott
- County
 - County Council meetings:
 - Attended 1/28 and 2/11
 - Reassessment workshop 3/17
- Library Board
- Library
 - Midlands Business Leadership Group (MBLG) Coordinating Council
 - Boards and Commissions Task Force meeting 2/12
 - Welcome Table SC – workshop on inclusivity 2/6
 - Lexington County Library Legislative Day 2/19
 - Policy Review Schedule
 - Code of Conduct – staff recommending changes related to services animals; food and drink; unattended children
 - Programming Statement – staff committee formed
- Branches
 - Bus shelter
 - Recycling

- **Services/Programs**

- Libby no longer offering auto check-out of holds
- AARP income tax prep

- **Financial Update**

- Library's Monthly Bank Reconciliation Report – January 2020 - information only
- Budget FY 19
 - Capital Items for FY 19 that are in progress:
 - SCPR outdoor marquee sign – pending electrical
- Budget FY 20
 - Local
 - Lottery Funds FY 20 – none expected
 - SC State Aid to Public Libraries
 - Aquos boards
 - Mobile printing
 - Furniture
 - LSTA Grants
 - Summer Reading approved – pending council approval
 - Tuition Assistance reimbursement grant - submitted
- Budget FY 21
 - Local – Request submitted to County Finance Department and County Administrator 2/13
 - State – House Ways and Means Committee approved additional 1 M 2/19
 - Federal – IMLS funds cut

- **Facilities/Mobile Library**

- Current Landscaping Projects
 - Gaston –irrigation repair in progress
- Current Building Projects

- Gaston – Flooring – in progress
 - Gilbert-Summit - HVAC
 - Swansea – Marquee Sign
 - Lexington Main – Service Desk – reviewed with Building Services Director on 10/16
 - Lexington Main
 - Roof restoration – gutters pending
 - Mobile Library
 - New vehicle – awaiting chassis, then engineer drawings
- **Staffing**
 - Currently there are 5 vacancies
- **Advocacy/PR**
 - Facebook events
- **Friends of the libraries**
 - Annual meeting – pending
 - Friends of Lexington Main Father Daughter Dance