

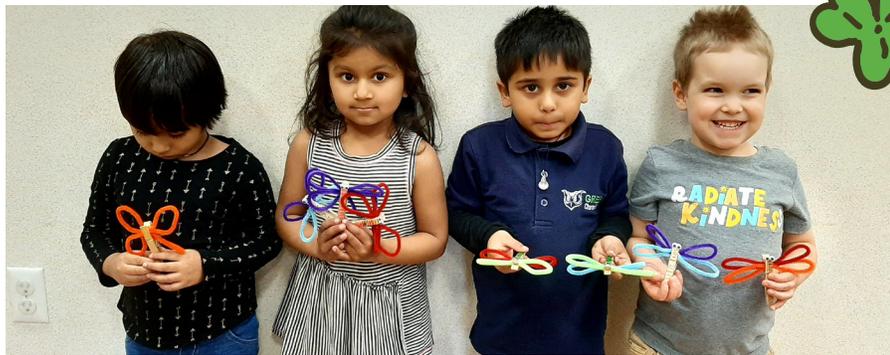
LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

 MARCH 2020

DAZZLING DRAGONFLIES

STEAM – Young patrons at Irmo Branch Library bugged out over *Books & Beyond: Dazzling Dragonflies* on March 11. There were **13** little entomologists present for the dragonfly-themed story and craft time. Their smiles dazzled just as bright as their replicas of these mystical insects.



Community Partnership – Pelion Branch Library teamed up with Brenda Snelgrove of Lexington County Sheriff's Department on March 12 for *TeenScene: Crime Scene Investigation*, bringing in **six** teens. They were able to view the county's crime scene vehicle and learn what tools are used by professionals to solve crimes.

Community Partnership – Chapin Branch Library warmly welcomed patrons on March 4 to *Oldies but Goodies: Native Plants*. This combined program brought the joy of low maintenance gardening to **39** senior patrons with a presentation by Lexington County Master Gardeners GLAM (Garden Like A Master) volunteers.

Educational – The tea was flavorful and abundant at Lexington Main Library on March 8 for *Irish Tea*. There were **34** in attendance celebrating the elegant simplicity of the timeless beverage. They enjoyed learning about tea in Ireland and indulging in light snacks and treats paired with their cultural brews.



Family Literacy – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library welcomed families of Lexington County School District 3 students for another successful *Family Reading Night* on March 9, with **32** attending. They enjoyed *What Floats in a Moat?* by Lynne Berry. The students then built their own boats and tested them for sea-worthiness.





Early Literacy – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library ventured over to Learn 2 Grow Daycare on March 10 for *Outreach Preschool Storytime*. There were **24** little faces present for stories, songs and more literary-themed fun.

Nutritional Literacy – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library brought nutritional literacy to their patrons on March 10. **Seven** patrons attended *Healthy Eating: Think Outside the Box*. They learned creative ways to promote healthy habits and sneak in those necessary food groups.

Early Literacy – Swansea Branch Library celebrated late children’s literary giant, Dr. Seuss. *Books & Beyond: Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party* was held on March 13. Young patrons enjoyed themed books, crafts, treats and activities.

Literacy – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library created java house vibes on March 5 with *Coffee, Books & More*, with **11** attending. Patrons gathered for cups of joe and a literary discussion about *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer.

Nutritional Literacy – Gaston Branch Library teamed up with the South Carolina State Library and got things cooking on March 9. *TeenScene: Taste of Spring* brought **six** teens into the library. They enjoyed hands-on learning about food and nutrition.

With our doors being closed to the public since March 18, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a lot of changes for the Lexington County Public Library. These adjustments have caused the shifting of some of our services and the evolution of others. We have offered virtual storytimes and book clubs, temporary library cards with online access and more free books – all while constantly monitoring and evaluating the needs of the public.

We’ve seen our daily tasks and the way we tackle them transform: kitchens and living rooms have become offices, canine and feline companions now double as supervisors and staff meetings are now done with a computer and sometimes weird camera angles. All this has shown how flexible, determined, ingenuitive and strong we are.

Although this situation is trying and leaves us with a lot of uncertainty, we can take comfort in knowing that we are still working together as the community hub for learning, information and entertainment. Here’s to being and remaining #LCPLstrong for our community, families and ourselves.

