

# LIBRARY LINES

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 September 2020

## LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

**Literacy** – September was Library Card Sign-up Month. It's when Lexington County Public Library (LCPL) takes the time to remind parents, caregivers and students that a library card is an important tool on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. The inside of our branches being reopened was announced to the public on September 3. Although services are limited for everyone's safety, members of the Lexington County community were able to visit and get library cards. There were **591** new cards issued in the month of September. This was a **54%** increase from the **383** issued in August.

**Virtual Programs** – There were **20** virtual programs in the month of September — a **43%** increase from the **14** posted in August. **Fourteen** of those were YS (youth services) and **six** were adult. At the time of publication, these programs had been viewed a total of **5,157** times.

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM VIEWS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

**5,157 VIEWS**

ADULT  
34.1%

YS  
65.9%

## MOST VIEWED

- 01  **THE MAGIC OF MUSICAL THEATER AT HOME WITH KYLAND**  
438 VIEWS
- 02  **STORYTIME: ESCARGOT WITH MISS MEGAN**  
397 VIEWS
- 03  **STORYTIME: CATS WITH MISS MEGAN**  
385 VIEWS
- 04  **STORYTIME: TIME TO SLEEP WITH MISS HOLLY**  
362 VIEWS
- 05  **TECH TALK: REQUESTING MULTIPLE ITEMS IN ONE STEP WITH SURI**  
347 VIEWS



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**Community Partnership** – Since the libraries aren't yet reopened for programs or group gatherings, The Chapin Branch Library hosted The League of Women Voters outside in their parking lot. The group set up a booth to answer questions and register voters for the upcoming presidential election. They also left an informative FAQ (frequently asked questions) handout for branch staff to give to patrons.



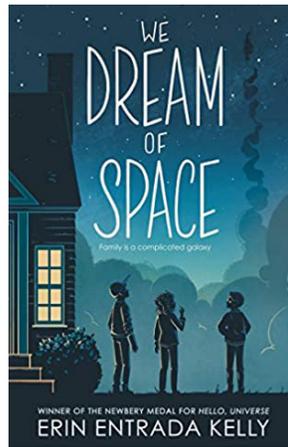
**Early Literacy** – The Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library was visited by two-year-old Wyatt, a regular storytime attendee. For health and safety reasons, there are still no in-person programs but he was eager to show the branch staff what he had learned and retained from past storytimes. Wyatt happily shared *Llamas and Alpacas* by Ellis M. Reed with branch staff.



**Customer Service** – With branches reopening, changes were made to ensure the safety of patrons and staff. In anticipation of patrons waiting in line outside branches, Lexington County Building Services visited each library location and painted markers on the sidewalks to help patrons stay socially distanced. South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch went the extra mile and turned their sidewalk into a life-size board game to help patrons pass the time while waiting to enter their branch.



**Employee Recognition** – Swansea Branch Library held a bittersweet retirement celebration for Elizabeth Rosier, Library Assistant III, with cake, ice cream and gifts. Rosier served the Swansea community for **seven** years and will be missed by staff and patrons alike. Best wishes and happy retirement, Elizabeth.



**Family Literacy** – September brought renewed patron energy back to the branches. Gaston Branch Library staff were able to see their first youth patrons since the inside of our branches closed. They had a family request **six** copies of *We Dream of Space* by Erin Entrada Kelly so mom, dad and children could all enjoy the book together.

**Technology Services** – With patrons being able to reenter the branches for computer reservations, copies and other limited services, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library saw **15** patrons for computer appointments and produced a total of **44** free copies in the month of September.



**Horticultural Literacy** – With the help of their patrons and community, Pelion Branch Library staff were able to prep their garden beds for fall and winter planting. Their zinnia flowers are all that remains of their summer pollinator garden.