

# LIBRARY LINES

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December 2023

## SANTA CLAUS AT THE LIBRARY

**Santa Claus** – December is always a busy month for Santa Claus, but he (along with special pop-up guests Mrs. Claus and the Grinch) took the time to visit Chapin, South Congaree-Pine Ridge, Batesburg-Leesville, Gaston, Pelion and Swansea Branch Libraries. He saw a grand total of **543** excited faces (and only a few crying ones).



**Porkchop Productions** – From December 2 to 21, Porkchop Productions visited all ten branches with their newest show, *Holly and the Christmas Gift*. The adventure these charismatic characters embarked on was enjoyed by a total of **480** viewers.



**Employee Recognition** – Library Assistant III Christy Lee from Swansea Branch Library received the Rising Star Award on December 28. She was recognized for the innovative programs she introduced to her adult patrons, the positive attitude she brings to outreaches and the dependability her coworkers can always rely on.





**Parades** – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library attended the town's Annual Christmas Parade on December 3. They received second place for their float, titled "Every House is Home at the Library." Inspired by the world of Harry Potter, the float featured the Hogwarts Express and all four house banners. They showed off their art skills to the **500** attendees.



On December 3, Swansea Branch Library was part of the Town of Swansea Christmas Parade. The staff donned their festive headbands and handed out candy to the **500** attendees. South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library staff and their junior volunteers walked in the Town of South Congaree Christmas Parade on December 9. They handed out tasty treats to **200** attendees.



On December 9, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library participated in the annual Holiday Parade of Lights hosted by Greater Cayce West Columbia Chamber of Commerce. The staff lit up the night for the **20,000** attendees present.



**Senior Programming** – On December 13, Chapin Branch Library put together *Social Scene: Oldies but Goodies*. The **13** seniors had a fabulous time playing bingo and crafting mini Christmas trees out of yarn.



**Just Play** – Gaston Branch Library held *Just Play: Snowman Bingo* on December 21. The cozy game was attended by **11** players who all went home winners.



**Storytimes** – Pelion Branch Library's storytime on December 6 featured socks and clothespins. The **15** little ones got to practice their fine motor skills by hanging laundry on a clothesline.



Throughout the month of December, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library conducted storytimes at Centerville and Gilbert Elementary schools, engaging a total of **210** children.

**F U N FACT** The most checked out adult book in 2023 was *Verity* by Colleen Hoover.



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	514	4,520	1,960	2,914	1,108	105	145	311	259	488	316	—	12,640
Paperback	43	163	9	61	36	0	5	9	5	0	7	—	338
NonFiction Adult	262	2,629	987	1,150	607	72	71	199	179	151	171	—	6,478
LARGE PRINT	305	1,970	928	706	341	65	64	94	90	664	137	—	5,364
Non-Circulating	0	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—	12
Interlibrary Loan	1	9	13	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	—	32
Periodical	97	380	198	156	266	27	16	69	18	13	30	—	1,270
Fiction Juvenile	475	5,486	991	1,583	716	67	83	107	175	309	155	—	10,147
NonFiction Juvenile	219	3,127	744	819	477	73	109	106	264	847	149	—	6,934
EASY	748	12,092	2,241	2,827	1,473	324	331	398	620	5,485	385	—	26,924
Fiction Young Adult	151	1,735	432	456	259	45	46	64	92	45	94	—	3,419
NonFiction Young Adult	11	133	49	39	23	14	3	5	12	5	8	—	302
Subtotal YS Print	1,604	22,573	4,457	5,724	2,948	523	572	680	1,163	6,691	791	—	47,726
Total Print Books	2,826	32,248	8,556	10,716	5,307	792	873	1,362	1,716	8,007	1,457	—	73,860
Audio Book Adult	11	387	142	297	98	6	4	29	8	184	9	—	1,175
Audio Book Juvenile	12	262	53	148	97	0	9	1	24	157	0	—	763
Video Adult	457	1,706	951	905	313	144	168	236	148	185	83	—	5,296
Video Juvenile	162	1,067	295	300	173	74	98	103	76	124	34	—	2,506
Total A/V	642	3,422	1,441	1,650	681	224	279	369	256	650	126	—	9,740
Realia	3	18	22	6	66	0	2	5	1	0	1	—	124
Total Hard Copy	3,471	35,688	10,019	12,372	6,054	1,016	1,154	1,736	1,973	8,657	1,584	—	83,724
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,972	13,972
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,988	14,988
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	319	319
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	94	94
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,063	4,063
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33,436	33,436
Total Circulation	3,471	35,688	10,019	12,372	6,054	1,016	1,154	1,736	1,973	8,657	1,584	33,436	117,160
Computer Internet	166	535	751	495	83	61	77	64	18	0	49	—	2,299
AWE Computer Sessions*	66	609	317	197	145	41	42	48	85	0	56	—	1,606
Wifi**	128	433	518	146	100	30	37	33	11	0	n/a	—	1,436
Laptop	0	4	7	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	14
SmartBoard	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	4
Total Computer	360	1,582	1,595	840	329	132	157	145	114	0	105	—	5,359

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## December 2023 - 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)	4	16	19	7	6	5	1	4	3	0	5	—	—	—	70
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	29	112	88	37	55	16	1	10	10	0	31	—	—	—	389
Mixed Ages Programs	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	0	0	2	—	—	—	13
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	119	0	0	2	56	77	51	240	0	0	37	—	—	—	582
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	11	25	11	10	11	6	6	7	14	0	8	—	—	—	109
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	96	717	187	141	210	20	15	57	109	0	231	—	—	—	1,783
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	5	45	2	10	7	3	0	5	12	0	7	—	—	—	96
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	93	899	67	179	237	58	0	318	251	0	74	—	—	—	2,176
1:1 Training Sessions	0	3	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	—	—	—	11
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	60	—	—	—	90
Book Drop Offs	95	0	0	20	46	30	0	0	0	42	30	—	—	—	263
<b>TOTAL # VIRTUAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL # VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4,930</b>
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,128	9,313	3,923	4,842	2,159	242	287	618	536	1,303	637	—	—	—	24,988
Children's/Teen Books	1,604	22,573	4,457	5,724	2,948	523	572	680	1,163	6,691	791	—	—	—	47,726
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,035	—	18,035
Magazines, Newspapers	97	380	198	156	266	27	16	69	18	13	30	—	—	—	1,270
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,401	—	15,401
Adult Audio Books	11	387	142	297	98	6	4	29	8	184	9	—	—	—	1,175
Children's Audio Books	12	262	53	148	97	0	9	1	24	157	0	—	—	—	763
DVDs	457	1,706	951	905	313	144	168	236	148	185	83	—	—	—	5,296
Children's DVDs	162	1,067	295	300	173	74	98	103	76	124	34	—	—	—	2,506
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54,988	—
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>3,471</b>	<b>35,688</b>	<b>10,019</b>	<b>12,372</b>	<b>6,054</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>8,657</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>33,436</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>117,160</b>
Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pellon	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	468	528	1,090	582	329	93	205	195	283	832	183	3	5	38	4,834
Technology-Related	39	66	81	148	24	13	7	75	8	0	48	0	1	0	510
Job-Related	0	6	19	15	15	12	13	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	85
Ebook-Related	3	65	17	38	20	6	2	0	12	0	15	1	2	0	181
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5,610</b>
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	1,841	15,920	6,131	10,192	3,714	724	663	547	983	0	963	—	—	—	41,678
Meeting/Study Room Use	3	159	122	17	14	2	8	0	0	0	1	—	—	—	326
Meeting/Study Attendance	23	570	304	134	38	6	36	0	0	0	7	—	—	—	1,118
Computer Use	232	1,149	1,077	694	229	102	120	112	103	0	105	—	—	—	3,923
WiFi	128	433	518	146	100	30	37	33	11	0	n/a	—	—	—	1,436
<b>New Cards Issued</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>730</b>

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