LIBRARYLINES

HELLO TO THE NEW YEAR

New Year's – Lexington Main Library put together *Kid Zone: New Year's Celebrations* on January 4. A total of **22** kids traveled around the globe with food and crafts from different cultures as they celebrated the start of 2024.

Homeschool Hangout – On January 29, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library held *Homeschool Hangout* with **54** attendees. The youth services team reserved a NASA kit from the South Carolina State Library and set up fun and educational activity stations. The kids got to make UV bracelets, engineer a moving Mars rover out of cardboard and take a look at the sun through a pair of sunoculars.

Outreach – Library Assistant IIIs Anna Reider and Meliannette Ruiz took Myles, the Mobile Library bus, to Saluda River Academy for the Arts' Vehicle Career Day on January 19. They spoke to over **200** elementary students about the services the Mobile Library provides to the community.

Employee Recognition – Library Assistant III Molly Ledford from Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library (CWC) was named Employee of the Quarter. She was nominated due to her implementation of bilingual opportunities for Spanish-speaking patrons. After an increase in CWC patrons requiring bilingual assistance, Molly began teaching herself Spanish. She took online classes and enrolled in a Spanish web series offered by the State Library. Molly is currently piloting a community program in which patrons can practice conversational Spanish and English in a safe space. Her hope is to build a bilingual community, give them greater confidence in their English-speaking skills and welcome new patrons to CWC.

Book Display – Irmo Branch Library's Antonella Nardella, library assistant I, put together a display for Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27. Over the course of three weeks, **35** items were checked out from the display.

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Lifelong Learning – Swansea Branch Library held their monthly *Lifelong Learning: English Conversation Club* on January 6. Club members were able to practice their English-speaking skills in a supportive environment. One of the attendees even brought a Rosca de Reyes and café de olla in celebration of Three Kings Day.

Pop Goes the Popcorn – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library kicked off *Well Played: Popcorn Olympics* on January 17. Library Assistant III Karyn Myers had multiple Minute to Win It-style games prepared for the middle schoolers. The competitors were happy to conclude the event with a freshly popped treat.

On January 18, Gaston Branch Library planned *Kid Zone: Popcorn Party*. The little ones had a fun time playing mini popcorn-themed games and snacking on buttery goodness.

Chapin Branch Library celebrated the classic treat with *Family Palooza: National Popcorn Day* on January 19. They read popcorn-themed books and completed a science experiment with baking soda and kernels.

Book Club – On January 4, the members of Pelion Branch Library's BYOBooks met. This month's theme was graphic novels — with everyone bringing in their recent favorites to discuss.

Community – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library's Youth Services Librarian Ashley Hutto, Reference Librarian Kelley Springer and Library Assistant III Jaishree Webster planned *Community: Bridgerton Tea* on January 27. The **25** guests dressed up in period piece clothing and learned proper tea-drinking etiquette while discussing the popular TV show *Bridgerton*.

Kid Zone – On January 12, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library put together *Kid Zone: Catapults*. The kids built their own catapults out of popsicle sticks and launched marshmallows and erasers into the air.

FUN FACT The most searched title in January was *House of Earth and Blood* by Sarah J. Maas.

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	751	5,538	2,405	3,192	1,391	117	209	352	273	514	365	—	15,107
Paperback	62	277	16	32	50	1	12	19	15	0	33	—	517
NonFiction Adult	371	3,376	1,218	1,700	682	65	91	243	203	124	261	—	8,334
LARGE PRINT	372	2,414	1,189	893	421	111	102	103	116	1,253	175	—	7,149
Non-Circulating	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	—	13
Interlibrary Loan	8	11	18	13	5	0	2	0	1	0	0	—	58
Periodical	115	485	225	208	392	30	18	102	25	8	34	—	1,642
Fiction Juvenile	589	6,925	957	1,644	950	111	188	181	231	327	250	—	12,353
NonFiction Juvenile	407	4,160	1,027	1,296	881	67	157	147	321	1,036	238	—	9,737
EASY	875	14,787	3,023	3,170	2,067	298	403	827	808	5,775	404	—	32,437
Fiction Young Adult	207	2,128	471	656	302	38	91	116	103	48	99	—	4,259
NonFiction Young Adult	24	188	39	74	23	2	1	7	27	8	17	—	410
Subtotal YS Print	2,102	28,188	5,517	6,840	4,223	516	840	1,278	1,490	7,194	1,008	—	59,196
Total Print Books	3,781	40,291	10,590	12,883	7,164	840	1,274	2,097	2,123	9,093	1,880	—	92,016
Audio Book Adult	36	372	116	274	84	9	7	35	5	150	6	—	1,094
Audio Book Juvenile	17	198	151	228	96	3	7	7	30	107	1	—	845
Video Adult	410	1,768	880	903	412	143	180	246	127	261	85	—	5,415
Video Juvenile	160	1,093	230	323	231	62	141	88	66	247	42	—	2,683
Total A/V	623	3,431	1,377	1,728	823	217	335	376	228	765	134	—	10,037
Realia	2	22	18	6	67	0	4	5	5	0	7	—	136
Total Hard Copy	4,406	43,744	11,985	14,617	8,054	1,057	1,613	2,478	2,356	9,858	2,021	—	102,189
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,906	15,906
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16,903	16,903
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	337	337
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	76	76
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,422	4,422
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	37,644	37,644
Total Circulation	4,406	43,744	11,985	14,617	8,054	1,057	1,613	2,478	2,356	9,858	2,021	37,644	139,833
Computer Internet	191	739	916	581	92	65	106	99	19	0	66	—	2,874
AWE Computer Sessions	88	579	315	206	80	20	43	69	116	0	46	—	1,562
Wifi	126	1813	623	569	97	84	80	89	64	0	56	—	3,601
Laptop	0	13	2	6	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	—	26
SmartBoard	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2
Total Computer	405	3,144	1,857	1,362	271	169	230	260	199	0	168	—	8,065

Circ Changes from JAN 2023	565	392	-476	-292	422	-83	244	182	-263	52	-355	6,087	6,475
YTD Total	27,705	311,965	86,446	102,513	52,583	7,914	10,401	14,997	17,743	69,399	13,830	236,181	951,677
Circ Change from YTD '23	15	8,227	-1,974	-4,409	-2,647	-97	-164	-2,585	-1,253	-3,782	-3,454	29,052	16,929
Percent Change YTD	0.1%	2.7%	-2.2%	-4.1%	-4.8%	-1.2%	-1.6%	-14.7%	-6.6%	-5.2%	-20.0%	14.0%	1.8%

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Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Virtual			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	4	23	23	11	6	5	3	4	2	0	6	—	—	—	87
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	31	123	183	83	46	20	7	17	18	0	31	—	—	—	559
Mixed Ages Programs	2	0	0	2	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	—	—	—	12
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	70	0	0	1	10	4	7	14	0	0	0	—	—	—	106
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	13	73	21	21	16	9	9	10	12	0	15	—	—	—	199
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	138	1,735	286	299	332	44	40	38	55	0	153	—	—	—	3,120
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	1	52	3	8	8	3	3	70	12	0	14	—	—	—	174
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	19	976	99	131	246	68	95	82	187	0	170	—	—	—	2,073
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	5	9	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	24
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	—	—	—	70
Book Drop Offs	30	0	760	14	202	25	52	0	0	42	0	—	—	—	1,125
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	**20**	**148**	**47**	**42**	**34**	**18**	**16**	**85**	**26**	**0**	**36**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**472**
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	**258**	**2,834**	**568**	**514**	**634**	**136**	**149**	**151**	**260**	**0**	**354**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**5,858**

Resources Used	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge		Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,566	11,640	4,866	5,841	2,616	294	420	722	613	1,891	845	—	—	—	31,314
Children's/Teen Books	2,102	28,188	5,517	6,840	4,223	516	840	1,278	1,490	7,194	1,008	—	—	—	59,196
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,328	—	20,328
Magazines, Newspapers	115	485	225	208	392	30	18	102	25	8	34	—	—	—	1,642
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,316	—	17,316
Adult Audio Books	36	372	116	274	84	9	7	35	5	150	6	—	—	—	1,094
Children's Audio Books	17	198	151	228	96	3	7	7	30	107	1	—	—	—	845
DVDs	410	1,768	880	903	412	143	180	246	127	261	85	—	—	—	5,415
Children's DVDs	160	1,093	230	323	231	62	141	88	66	247	42	—	—	—	2,683
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59,970	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	**4,406**	**43,744**	**11,985**	**14,617**	**8,054**	**1,057**	**1,613**	**2,478**	**2,356**	**9,858**	**2,021**	**—**	**37,644**	**—**	**139,833**

Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	596	1,049	1,393	741	546	137	232	206	296	3,225	311	7	13	81	8,833
Technology-Related	66	64	87	143	30	15	43	38	3	0	82	3	0	0	574
Job-Related	10	8	22	27	10	16	66	0	0	0	21	1	1	0	182
Ebook-Related	8	76	31	19	42	8	0	1	7	1	25	2	1	0	221
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	**680**	**1,197**	**1,533**	**930**	**628**	**176**	**341**	**245**	**306**	**3,226**	**439**	**13**	**15**	**81**	**9,810**

Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	2,210	19,655	6,710	13,281	4,156	753	780	547	1,177	0	930	—	—	—	50,199
Meeting/Study Room Use	3	231	172	18	19	3	13	2	4	0	1	—	—	—	466
Meeting/Study Attendance	23	1,046	353	235	45	7	46	9	59	0	6	—	—	—	1,829
Computer Use	279	1,331	1,234	793	174	85	150	171	135	0	112	—	—	—	4,464
WiFi*	126	1813	623	569	97	84	80	89	64	0	56	—	—	—	3,601
New Cards Issued	36	615	190	138	70	27	32	36	20	2	33	—	—	—	1,199

*Change in system for obtaining WiFi counts - more updates needed to capture accurate counts.