

LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

March 2021

SUNSHINE & COMMUNITY

Outreach – Lexington Main Library (LML) partnered with Lexington County School District One Parenting Center to host *Spring Fling* at Rosenwald Community Learning Center on March 20. There were **41** attendees present for the multicultural family event. Participants were able to enjoy *Take & Make Kits*, a drive-thru story version of *Sing* by Joe Raposo, book and library card goodie bags, a *Very Hungry Caterpillar* themed scavenger hunt and more.

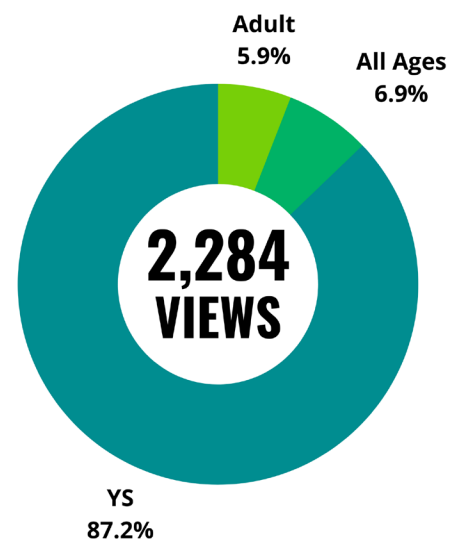


Employee Recognition – The Teamwork Award recognizes staff members excelling as a group. In March, this award was presented to Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library clerks — Racheal Pilot, Holly Stewart and Jaishree Webster. “Even as their new duties have multiplied, they have worked hard to keep our materials shelved and our stacks tidy with what limited shelving time they have had. We have asked a lot of them over the last year, and even more over the last couple months, and they stepped up with enthusiasm, positive attitudes and a lot of hard work,” said Matthew Smith, branch librarian. Thank you and congratulations to these stellar staff members.








Virtual Programming – There were **11** prerecorded virtual programs in the month of March. **Nine** of those were YS (Youth Services), **one** was adult and **one** was for all ages. At the time of publication, these programs had been viewed a total of **2,284** times — a **14%** increase from February's **2,002** views.

MARCH VIRTUAL PROGRAM VIEWS



MOST VIEWED

- 01**  **BOOK TALK FOR TEENS: FRACTURED FAIRYTALES WITH MISS ALISHA**
396 VIEWS
- 02**  **STORYTIME: PATIENCE WITH MISS MEGAN**
314 VIEWS
- 03**  **STORYTIME: MUD WITH MISS ANGEE**
246 VIEWS
- 04**  **STORYTIME: RAIN WITH MISS HEATHER**
201 VIEWS
- 05**  **BILINGUAL STORYTIME: SPANISH ALPHABET WITH MISS KRISTEN**
183 VIEWS

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Advocacy – March was full of observances and celebrations — Irish American Heritage Month, Women's History Month, Craft Month and Saint Patrick's Day. Cayce-West Columbia, Irmo, Pelion and Swansea Branch Libraries took the opportunity to recognize these annual observances with creative and colorful materials displays for patrons to explore, interact with and checkout items from to learn more about these notable areas of interest.



Virtual Programming – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library (CWC) hosted a number of live virtual programs for their patrons. On March 11, students tuned into *Civics Lab: Mayor Mode*. This was the inaugural program for a new series the branch created to introduce students to their elected officials and explain how local government works. The series-starter was presented by City of Cayce Mayor Elise Partin who explained her role and how it influences the daily lives of the citizens she serves. In celebration of Saint Patrick's Day, 13 patrons picked up *Take & Make Kits* from CWC and logged into *So Creative* on March 18 and made their own pots of gold using terra cotta pots, glitter, Rolo caramel candy and other provided materials.



Horticultural Literacy – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library began researching and prepping their seed library for the upcoming gardening season. Angie Brooks (adult services library assistant III) is spear-heading the project and has been making community connections by reaching out for starter-seed donations. With the seed library, patrons will be able to "borrow" seeds. At the end of the growing season, they'll return a portion of the seeds they save from the plants grown from the "borrowed" seeds.

Passive Programming – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library jumped into the Saint Patrick's Day spirit with a scavenger hunt. During the month of March, children visiting the library were invited to search for shamrocks hidden around the library. Chocolate coins were awarded to the successful hunters. On occasion, parents were seen getting in on the excitement while helping their little ones with their shamrock search.



Community – Pelion Branch Library teamed up with Friends President Georgia Cox, to help Crossroads Animal Hospital. The branch donated a crate of old newspapers for the veterinary clinic to shred for animal bedding. With more people moving to digital newspaper subscriptions, the decrease in physical newspaper subscriptions has created a shortage in donations for the animal hospital. Pelion Branch Library staff were happy to send over a supply by Ms. Cox. This is a great way to recycle newspapers and help a local business.

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FACT**

There are more public libraries than Starbucks locations in the United States.

Monthly Circulation Report

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Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Lexington	Cayce- West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert- Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
New Cards Issued	12	161	49	43	24	5	6	8	7	1	5	—	321
Fiction Adult	465	4,187	2,179	2,912	1,157	188	119	336	286	247	289	—	12,365
Paperback	58	271	92	26	38	22	0	9	2	0	12	—	530
NonFiction Adult	275	2,806	1,201	1,539	574	81	83	249	134	174	263	—	7,379
Fiction Young Adult	147	2,133	519	581	296	53	66	125	50	151	117	—	4,238
NonFiction Young Adult	15	158	40	77	16	7	7	24	10	42	9	—	405
Fiction Juvenile	244	4,879	1,128	1,513	794	51	36	127	218	593	309	—	9,892
EASY	579	9,198	2,239	2,849	1,378	130	208	284	724	7,195	569	—	25,353
NonFiction Juvenile	225	3,887	1,167	1,502	877	35	28	102	243	1,761	323	—	10,150
LARGE PRINT	376	2,007	808	772	362	96	54	98	169	377	95	—	5,214
Non-Circulating	0	18	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	25
Interlibrary Loan	0	11	37	8	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	—	62
Periodical	98	513	268	275	343	45	24	64	45	0	41	—	1,716
Total Print Books	2,482	30,068	9,680	12,059	5,839	709	625	1,419	1,881	10,540	2,027	—	77,329
Audio Book Adult	19	417	237	423	108	14	8	44	10	155	34	—	1,469
Audio Book Juvenile	20	226	116	240	103	2	1	12	4	135	11	—	870
Video Adult	390	2,166	1,395	1,020	424	139	128	221	260	130	183	—	6,456
Video Juvenile	230	1,039	394	422	164	33	39	39	112	496	134	—	3,102
Kit	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—	7
Total A/V	659	3,848	2,142	2,105	799	188	176	316	386	916	362	—	11,904
Total Hard Copy	3,141	33,916	11,822	14,164	6,638	897	801	1,735	2,267	11,456	2,389	—	89,233
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,081	15,081
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16,372	16,372
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	742	742
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	210	210
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,004	1,004
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33,409	33,409
Total Circulation	3,141	33,916	11,822	14,164	6,638	897	801	1,735	2,267	11,456	2,389	33,409	122,642
Computer Internet	104	427	242	338	65	26	45	37	59	0	32	—	1,375
Computer Standalone	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	2	0	1	—	35
Wifi	254	1646	785	547	154	171	264	209	113	0	77	—	4,220
Laptop	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	—	15
Total Computer	367	2,073	1,027	885	251	197	310	246	174	0	115	—	5,645