LIBRARYLINES

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO THE LIBRARY

Programming – Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy days leading up to Christmas to make three stops at local Lexington County libraries. On December 2, Santa parked his sleigh at Chapin Branch Library and met with **75** eager patrons. On December 10, he stopped by South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library and befriended over **60** kids who were delighted to meet both him and his wife. On December 17, he dropped into Swansea Branch Library to collect wish lists. Along with pictures with Santa, the branches also handed out take-home crafts and free books to all who attended.

Employee Recognition – The Rising Star Award was presented to Ashley Hutto (library assistant III) and Meliannette Ruiz (library assistant III) of the Mobile Library. Ashley was nominated because of her supportive attitude and ability to keep morale high. She created an easier filing system and implemented a Mobile Library book club, proving herself to be an asset to the team. Meliannette was nominated due to her fun, vivacious spirit and positive attitude. She implemented easier route tracking methods and is the point of contact for SCDEW Spanish speakers. All of which has made Meliannette one of the stars in the Mobile Library department.

Community – On December 5, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library staff members Karyn Myers (library assistant III) and Julia Podzon (library assisant II) walked in the Batesburg-Leesville Christmas Parade. They each dressed up and handed out bookmarks, stickers and candy canes to over **100** festive attendees.

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Tween Programming – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library invited Patricia Shandor of Lexington County Museum to present *Early American Holiday Crafts* on December 9. She explained the ways families decorated for Christmas in the 1800s, using fragrant materials like fruit, greenery, flowers, popcorn and spices. The tweens had the opportunity to make their own period decorations — popcorn strings, pomanders, gumdrop trees and arrangements of greenery.

On December 2, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library held a fun *Reindeer Games* program hosted by Karyn Myers. The kids got to unwrap candies while wearing oven mitts, balance Christmas ornaments on a beam and draw on top of their heads.

Community – The Lexington High School special education class visited the Lexington Main Library on December 13. The **17** students took a tour of the facility, attended a storytime and had a photoshoot with the statue of Edna Bedenbaugh.

Gilbert-Summit Branch Library hosted *Familypalooza: Cards & Cookies* on December 12. A total of **19** children and adults attended, decorating cookies and making Christmas cards for Meals on Wheels recipients.

FUN FACT The world's oldest known library, The Library of Ashurbanipal, was founded sometime during the 7th century B.C. in Nineveh.

Adult Programming – On December 2, Pelion Branch Library hosted *Handmade: Bad Art*. The holiday edition of this program had the patrons competing in a high-stakes ugly Christmas sweater contest using supplies provided by the branch. The title of Ugliest Sweater was bestowed upon Lisa O'Neal.

Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library got a little formal with a *Downton Abbey Tea Party* on December 4. Patrons enjoyed scones, tea sandwiches, clotted cream and jam. *Downton Abbey*-themed games were played and the grand prize was awarded to Ms. Godfrey. There were **14** tea-drinking patrons in attendance.

South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library's program was all about self-care. During *Handmade: DIY Foot Scrub*, hosted by Rebecca Shelton (library assistant III), patrons made their very own peppermint foot scrubs.

Outreach – Pelion Branch Library staff members Kristen Hartley (library assistant III) and Faith O'Neal-Roberts (library assistant III) attended an afterschool program at Pelion Elementary School on December 13. They provided a snow-themed storytime and bookmark craft to the **56** students.

Monthly Circulation Report

December 2021
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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
Fiction Adult	429	4,073	2,004	2,733	1,099	140	94	219	262	250	325	—	11,628
Paperback	33	278	103	36	46	15	8	25	0	0	3	—	547
NonFiction Adult	241	2,371	1,026	1,311	498	84	90	134	110	213	116	—	6,194
LARGE PRINT	340	1,897	792	737	278	57	66	49	102	766	80	—	5,164
Non-Circulating	0	10	0	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	26
Interlibrary Loan	0	7	16	16	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	—	46
Periodical	154	389	206	236	253	56	25	68	36	50	22	—	1,495
Fiction Juvenile	176	4,401	856	1,468	895	32	77	95	167	582	175	—	8,924
NonFiction Juvenile	179	3,050	829	903	668	26	49	65	175	1,060	142	—	7,146
EASY	465	9,769	2,024	2,383	1,461	114	167	312	693	5,581	434	—	23,403
Fiction Young Adult	96	1,997	459	594	217	26	73	69	50	163	70	—	3,814
NonFiction Young Adult	10	110	52	57	30	5	2	6	1	8	4	—	285
Subtotal YS Print	926	19,327	4,220	5,405	3,271	203	368	547	1,086	7,394	825	—	43,572
Total Print Books	2,123	28,352	8,367	10,476	5,460	558	651	1,043	1,597	8,673	1,372	—	68,672
Audio Book Adult	19	421	220	403	96	8	3	62	0	180	18	—	1,430
Audio Book Juvenile	13	200	84	126	50	1	8	8	9	81	3	—	583
Video Adult	507	1,620	1,318	1,028	384	209	259	348	228	132	67	—	6,100
Video Juvenile	272	1,140	426	410	184	46	73	104	106	164	74	—	2,999
Total A/V	811	3,381	2,048	1,967	714	264	343	522	343	557	162	—	11,112
Realia	2	12	6	4	8	1	0	0	2	1	1	—	37
Total Hard Copy	2,936	31,745	10,421	12,447	6,182	823	994	1,565	1,942	9,231	1,535	—	79,821
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,426	12,426
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10,729	10,729
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,326	1,326
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	380	380
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	946	946
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25,807	25,807
Total Circulation	2,936	31,745	10,421	12,447	6,182	823	994	1,565	1,942	9,231	1,535	25,807	105,628
Computer Internet	151	409	533	541	64	48	92	46	16	0	69	—	1,969
Computer Standalone	7	36	3	18	12	3	2	3	2	0	4	—	90
Wifi	286	2025	870	759	210	197	247	226	123	0	130	—	5,073
Laptop	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1
Total Computer	445	2,470	1,406	1,318	286	248	341	275	141	0	203	—	7,133