

LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

February 2021

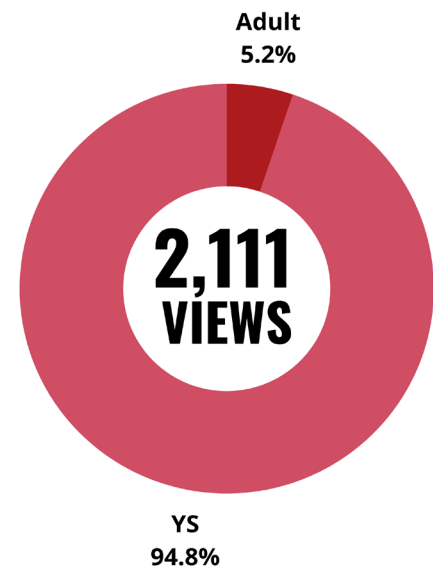
NEW BOOKMOBILE

Advocacy—Mobile Library staff were all smiles on the chilly morning of February 19 when the new bookmobile rolled into the parking lot. The old bus, affectionately known as Marge, is **26** years old and has seen many miles and smiles. With the arrival of the new bus, which has yet to be named, Marge should be looking at a well-deserved retirement. The new bookmobile is equipped with a lot of safety features and modern amenities that will allow Mobile Library staff to provide even better service to Lexington County — a passenger door, driver's emergency window, an enter/exit patron door, back-up camera, automated awning and more. The new bookmobile is also equipped with air conditioning units, a generator and special engine to better accommodate browsing patrons. Mobile Library staff will now be able to offer up to **2,000** additional items for browsing and borrowing as well as services that were not possible with the old vehicle — computer stations, color printing and improved Wi-Fi service. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, there is not yet an official date for when the new bookmobile will begin making stops and appearances around the county. As Marge rolls into retirement after years of service, Lexington County can take comfort in knowing the new bus is ready and well-equipped to continue the journey for literacy.



Virtual Programming – There were **10** prerecorded virtual programs in the month of February. **Nine** of those were YS (youth services) and **one** was adult. At the time of publication, these programs had been viewed a total of **2,111** times.

FEBRUARY VIRTUAL PROGRAM VIEWS



MOST VIEWED

01



**STORYTIME:
INTERRUPTING COW
WITH MISS MEGAN**
417 VIEWS

02



**STORYTIME: LOVE
WITH MISS AMY**
332 VIEWS

03



**STORYTIME:
PIZZA PARTY
WITH MISS LINDA**
300 VIEWS

04



**STORYTIME:
GROUNDHOG DAY
WITH MISS JOSIE**
203 VIEWS

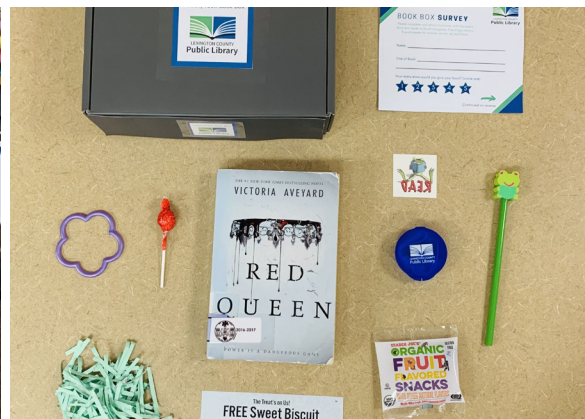
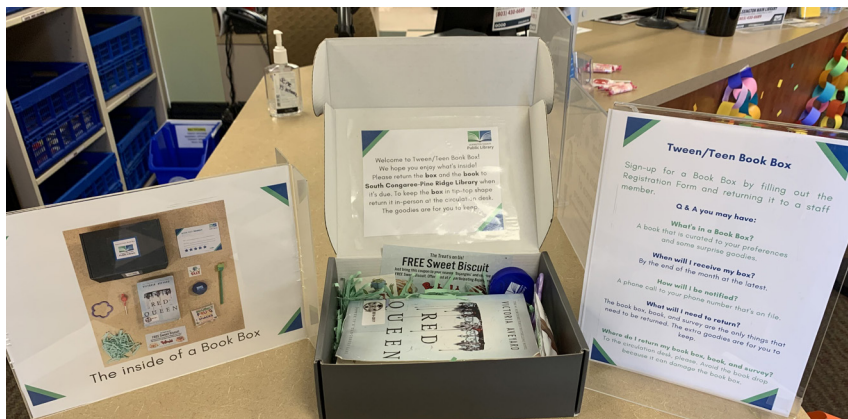
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**STORYTIME:
BEARS & DOUGHNUTS
WITH MISS FRAN**
189 VIEWS

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Training – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library youth services staff have been putting their recent trainings to use and created their first Tween/Teen Book Box — a monthly subscription box that includes small trinkets and a book curated to the borrower's interests. Patrons who sign up for this service will receive a book box each month and will return the book, survey and box but keep the trinkets once they're done.



Early Literacy – In celebration of Valentine's Day, Gaston Branch Library staff spread love through Take & Make crafts. Jill Klaseus (youth services library assistant III) created craft bags for young patrons to take home and celebrate Valentine's Day with their loved ones. They were able to give out five bags which included a book list, coloring page, supplies and instructions to make a valentine for a friend.



Literacy – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library staff encouraged love for literacy with *Blind Date with a Book*. Staff chose books for all age groups, wrapped and decorated them. Hearts affixed to the wrapped books gave information about the books but not their titles. Patrons were able to pick books without first judging them by their covers.

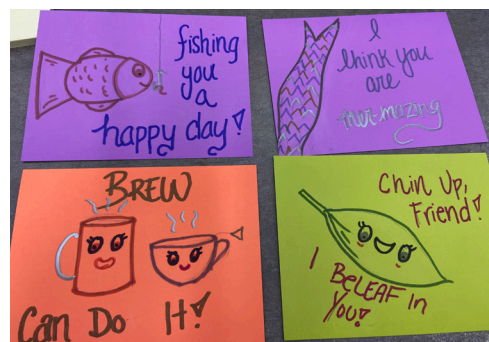


Patron Spotlight – Gunnar, a teen patron who frequents the Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library, created an educational display about 3D printing — supports, layer height, cooling time and more. The display features books and items he made. He even recreated the LCPL logo.



Employee Recognition – The Rising Star Award recognizes employees for going above and beyond their regular job responsibilities. Congratulations to February's Rising Star Award recipient, Kristen Hartley — youth services library assistant III at Pelion Branch Library. Kristen was rewarded for taking the initiative to assist her fellow staff members with virtual programming, leading outreach ventures and being eco-conscious when creating displays. Thank you, Kristen, for continuing to go above and beyond for our patrons.

Outreach – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library staff did a spin-off of Kindness Month and took a different approach with outreach. Staff penned and created 40 silly joke cards and delivered them to Generations Senior Care, a local assisted living facility, to spread smiles and laughter.



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	336	3,259	1,695	2,228	913	96	53	248	180	188	209	—	9,405
Paperback	53	352	71	8	47	0	10	4	2	0	2	—	549
NonFiction Adult	209	1,946	857	1,088	393	47	60	104	80	122	159	—	5,065
Fiction Young Adult	114	1,341	437	369	178	27	41	79	40	76	79	—	2,781
NonFiction Young Adult	7	87	38	59	19	1	11	11	9	25	14	—	281
Fiction Juvenile	219	3,504	693	1,012	479	20	11	102	159	324	162	—	6,685
EASY	336	6,642	1,326	2,051	822	73	69	205	408	3,363	309	—	15,604
NonFiction Juvenile	209	2,670	954	1,174	560	39	14	91	189	876	213	—	6,989
LARGE PRINT	254	1,588	641	681	237	37	42	47	88	256	55	—	3,926
Non-Circulating	0	6	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	19
Interlibrary Loan	0	16	18	11	7	4	0	0	0	0	4	—	60
Periodical	92	445	293	231	295	45	15	56	32	1	32	—	1,537
Total Print Books	1,829	21,856	7,023	8,925	3,950	389	326	947	1,187	5,231	1,238		52,901
Audio Book Adult	6	313	152	319	83	9	2	47	2	69	31	—	1,033
Audio Book Juvenile	3	169	64	126	55	2	0	1	3	79	10	—	512
Video Adult	407	1,882	967	895	366	113	87	180	308	67	119	—	5,391
Video Juvenile	149	818	262	317	150	34	34	47	74	268	90	—	2,243
Kit	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	—	6
Total A/V	565	3,182	1,445	1,657	654	158	123	275	387	483	250	—	9,185
Total Hard Copy	2,394	25,038	8,468	10,582	4,604	547	449	1,222	1,574	5,714	1,488	—	62,086
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,360	14,360
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9,975	9,975
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	825	825
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	176	176
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	780	780
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26,116	26,116
Total Circulation	2,394	25,038	8,468	10,582	4,604	547	449	1,222	1,574	5,714	1,488	26,116	88,202
Computer Internet	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2
Computer Standalone	65	349	351	241	39	17	28	34	29	0	29	—	1,182
Wifi	184	1210	663	410	119	125	192	154	85	0	52	—	3,194
Laptop	11	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	4	—	20
Total Computer	250	1,559	1,014	651	159	142	220	188	114	0	81	0	4,378