

LIBRARY LINES

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February 2022

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Be My Valentine – Many of the branches celebrated Valentine's Day with fun displays. Gilbert-Summit Branch Library set up *Blind Date with a Book* by wrapping up titles for patrons to check out based only on a short synopsis. The Friends of the Pelion Branch Library had a similar set up with their books for sale, and the patrons loved taking home their mystery books to unwrap. Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library came up with a way for patrons to recommend books they loved with an interactive sticky note display.



Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library celebrated the big day with *Social Scene: Valentine's Tasting* on February 14. Patrons had the opportunity to sample popular romance novels from the menu, where staff had paired romantic tropes with different delicious teas. There were **14** in attendance who expanded their literary palates.



Lexington Main Library's Lori Thrall (library assistant III) hosted a delightful *Valentine's Tea Party* on February 13. Patrons spent the Sunday afternoon relaxing with coloring sheets and sweet treats. There were **16** esteemed guests in attendance.



Chapin Branch Library held Valentine-themed programs for all age ranges throughout the month of February. Toddlertime had a total of **22** in attendance who came to enjoy the stories and songs. *Familypalooza: Dissolving Hearts* included a candy hearts science experiment with **18** attendees. Library Assistant III Katy Brown provided heart-shaped cookies and frosting for decorating at *Tween Extreme* and *Kidzone: Sweet Hearts*.



On February 8, Swansea Branch Library played Bingo before showing a Valentine movie for their adult patrons. And for the little ones, *Kidzone: Minute to Win It* with a Valentine twist was on February 14. Cindy Nowak (library assistant III) set up a chocolate trivia game and the kids built edible towers out of Oreo cookies.



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Community – On February 26, the Suzuki Academy of Columbia — a music education school — performed for the public at Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library. They held **three** separate events for violins and violas, cellos and guitars. The young musicians showed off their skills to a packed house.



Teen Programming – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library focused on the importance of recycling with *TeenScene: No Sew T-Shirt Pillow* on February 15. Using old Summer Reading t-shirts, patrons were able to make their very own unique pillows.



On February 10, Pelion Branch Library's Kristen Hartley (library assistant III) hosted *TeenScene: Bob Ross Painting*. The branch provided canvases, brushes and paints to those in attendance. The group had a lot of fun following along with Bob Ross as he painted *Winter Frost* while still adding their distinctive touches.



Black History Month – In honor of Black History Month, Irmo Branch Library held *Historically Speaking: Columbia Civil Rights Movement* on February 7.



The program was presented in partnership with Columbia SC 63 — an organization that strives to showcase and preserve the stories and contributions of Black South Carolinians who campaigned for equality during Columbia's Civil Rights Movement.



Youth Programming – On February 17, Gaston Branch Library hosted *Kidzone: Snail Mail*. A program about the joy of sending and receiving physical mail before it all went digital.

Adult Programming – On February 28, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library's Karyn Myers (library assistant III) hosted *Handmade: Retro Craft Night*. She began the program with a presentation on the history and traditions of Mehndi, also known as henna. Participants used henna to create tattoos on their hands, arms and candles.



Outreach – Lexington County Public Library Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry promoted library services at the annual Lexington County Chili Cookoff on February 20. The event took place at the Icehouse Amphitheater, where over **25** teams competed to win the Top Chili Trophy.



FUN FACT

The most searched for title in February was *One Step Too Far* by Lisa Gardner.

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
Fiction Adult	533	4,342	2,093	2,883	1,149	179	157	245	221	233	307	—	12,342
Paperback	32	280	69	7	53	39	7	18	14	0	12	—	531
NonFiction Adult	266	2,941	1,289	1,439	577	81	89	118	175	201	176	—	7,352
LARGE PRINT	400	2,088	945	780	343	81	73	82	81	552	124	—	5,549
Non-Circulating	0	19	6	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	—	33
Interlibrary Loan	1	10	17	10	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	—	44
Periodical	117	504	221	221	315	36	20	60	43	55	32	—	1,624
Fiction Juvenile	301	4,803	1,028	1,195	740	27	59	138	194	465	281	—	9,231
NonFiction Juvenile	192	4,199	1,122	1,130	842	64	72	96	285	1,660	328	—	9,990
EASY	573	11,393	2,212	2,475	1,437	235	286	280	823	6,342	620	—	26,676
Fiction Young Adult	97	1,733	541	578	214	25	51	80	88	136	85	—	3,628
NonFiction Young Adult	20	127	61	59	19	8	1	13	12	16	13	—	349
Subtotal YS Print	1,183	22,255	4,964	5,437	3,252	359	469	607	1,402	8,619	1,327	—	49,874
Total Print Books	2,532	32,439	9,604	10,781	5,690	776	816	1,135	1,936	9,660	1,980	—	77,349
Audio Book Adult	18	502	188	339	128	2	4	39	2	135	14	—	1,371
Audio Book Juvenile	22	170	82	132	55	1	0	7	14	112	6	—	601
Video Adult	556	1,745	1,061	1,061	330	234	199	234	214	113	94	—	5,841
Video Juvenile	268	937	364	253	179	44	64	92	125	157	72	—	2,555
Total A/V	864	3,354	1,695	1,785	692	281	267	372	355	517	186	—	10,368
Realia	2	7	4	11	7	0	2	0	2	0	2	—	37
Total Hard Copy	3,398	35,800	11,303	12,577	6,389	1,057	1,085	1,507	2,293	10,177	2,168	—	87,754
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,069	13,069
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11,108	11,108
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	701	701
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	148	148
Downloadable BingePass*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31	31
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,015	1,015
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26,072	26,072
Total Circulation	3,398	35,800	11,303	12,577	6,389	1,057	1,085	1,507	2,293	10,177	2,168	26,072	113,826
Computer Internet	193	502	614	613	86	80	128	54	30	0	80	—	2,380
Computer Standalone	8	41	2	23	8	4	1	7	6	0	0	—	100
Wifi	300	2106	998	875	245	166	251	210	120	0	106	—	5,377
Laptop	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	—	4
Total Computer	501	2,649	1,614	1,511	339	250	382	273	156	0	186	—	7,861

*BingePass new in Dec, covers range of ematerials, temporarily separate