

LIBRARYLINES

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Employee Recognition – Pelion Branch Librarian Shirley Sprene was awarded the Public Library Employee Excellence Award from Friends of South Carolina Libraries. Shirley and her family moved to Pelion in the 1970s, where she began volunteering at the local library. By 1987, she was a part-time employee. In 1991, Shirley took over as branch librarian and has served in the role ever since. Shirley is a pillar of the Pelion community and was nominated by the Friends of the Pelion Branch Library in recognition of her **35** years of unwavering service.



Displays – March marks the start of the spring season, and branches celebrated with beautiful spring decor — blooming books, a kaleidoscope of butterflies, paper dandelions, and a reading rainbow were among the creative displays.



St. Patrick's Day – On March 17, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library hosted *Full STEAM Ahead: St. Patrick's Day Science*. Library Assistant III Megan Ricard began the program with a storytime, reading *This Book is Gray* by Lindsay Ward. Then everyone had fun experimenting with dyes and learning the science behind mixing colors.



Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library (CWC) held *Social Scene: Taste of Ireland Tea Party* on March 12. In honor of both St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month, CWC served Irish food and discussed Irish culture and authors with the **20** attendees.



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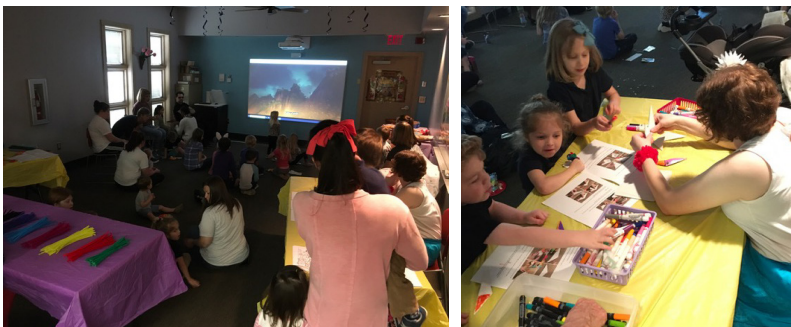
Kidzone – Lexington Main Branch hosted *Kidzone: Food Facts* on March 24. A total of **27** hungry participants learned the fascinating food facts behind their favorite snacks. They read books like *How the Cookie Crumbled* by Gilbert Ford and *The Hole Story of the Doughnut* by Pat Miller before eating the delicious treats.



Picking Up STEAM – On March 10, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library hosted *Picking Up STEAM: Food Science*. In this hands-on program, participants tattooed bananas, created dancing raisins and discovered how to pick up ice with a string.



Sing-Along – Chapin Branch Library presented the sing-along version of *Encanto* on March 31. The program was a huge hit — **47** attendees sang along to the popular Disney film, ate some yummy snacks and crafted cute toucan finger puppets, butterfly rings and tissue paper flowers.



Outreach – Pelion Branch Library's Faith O'Neal-Roberts (library assistant III) organized an outreach at Pelion Elementary's after-school program. She read bird-themed picture books and the **63** students in attendance put together a fun bird feeder craft using pipe cleaners and cheerios.



Arts & Crafts – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library put together two crafty youth programs this month. On March 11, they held *Craft Squad: Suncatchers*, and on March 29, they organized *Epic Crafts: Yarn Art* with a combined total of **15** attendees who created beautiful art.



Fun & Games – On March 15, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library got quiet with *Level Up: Silent Library*. **Ten** teens competed in wacky and hilarious challenges as silently as possible to win the game.



Storybuilders – Swansea Branch Library held *Kidzone: Lego Challenge* on March 14. **Nine** innovative builders showed up to create their own little Lego towns, homes and cars.



Social Scene – On March 19, Irmo Branch Library celebrated a popular historical TV drama's return to the big screen with *Social Scene: Downton Abbey High Tea*. Dressed in their best Edwardian hats, **12** patrons enjoyed tea and sweet treats while watching episodes of the beloved British series.



FUN FACT The most searched for title in March was *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley.

Monthly Circulation Report

Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Lexington	Cayce- West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelton	Gilbert- Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	513	4,571	2,432	3,136	1,243	199	186	371	253	201	348	—	13,453
Paperback	49	329	93	22	50	16	0	17	0	0	10	—	586
NonFiction Adult	219	3,142	1,503	1,566	570	69	140	164	160	201	156	—	7,890
LARGE PRINT	359	2,166	991	807	265	80	63	69	82	739	109	—	5,730
Non-Circulating	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	8
Interlibrary Loan	0	22	13	13	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	—	53
Periodical	131	525	293	254	320	46	28	66	47	58	38	—	1,806
Fiction Juvenile	395	5,886	1,165	1,458	775	27	132	189	238	514	329	—	11,108
NonFiction Juvenile	230	4,984	1,395	1,456	889	85	119	146	232	1,558	309	—	11,403
EASY	592	13,393	2,574	2,812	1,764	268	361	363	790	6,281	698	—	29,896
Fiction Young Adult	121	1,719	569	590	257	57	68	105	86	122	170	—	3,864
NonFiction Young Adult	14	160	74	49	20	6	5	7	11	16	7	—	369
Subtotal YS Print	1,352	26,142	5,777	6,365	3,705	443	685	810	1,357	8,491	1,513	—	56,640
Total Print Books	2,623	36,905	11,102	12,163	6,153	854	1,102	1,498	1,901	9,691	2,174	—	86,166
Audio Book Adult	16	484	241	413	142	12	12	47	0	218	6	—	1,591
Audio Book Juvenile	20	208	123	123	93	5	1	9	22	74	10	—	688
Video Adult	620	1,845	1,163	1,062	357	250	182	344	225	118	84	—	6,250
Video Juvenile	315	1,206	394	336	210	46	80	157	81	177	96	—	3,098
Total A/V	971	3,743	1,921	1,934	802	313	275	557	328	587	196	—	11,627
Realia	2	13	11	12	2	0	2	1	2	0	1	—	46
Total Hard Copy	3,596	40,661	13,034	14,109	6,957	1,167	1,379	2,056	2,231	10,278	2,371	—	97,839
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,869	13,869
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,161	12,161
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	515	515
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	131	131
Downloadable BingePass*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20	20
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,066	1,066
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27,762	27,762
Total Circulation	3,596	40,661	13,034	14,109	6,957	1,167	1,379	2,056	2,231	10,278	2,371	27,762	125,601
Computer Internet	253	605	731	803	87	87	136	87	52	0	62	—	2,903
Computer Standalone	8	76	7	28	1	1	0	7	6	0	3	—	137
Wifi	349	2714	1238	947	338	215	298	278	127	0	149	—	6,653
Laptop	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	—	12
Total Computer	610	3,395	1,976	1,778	426	303	434	373	185	1	224	—	9,705

Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg- Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pellon	Gilbert- Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Virtual			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, No Adult Training)	3	25	16	7	4	3	2	3	3	0	4	—	—	—	70
Adult Program Attendance	18	171	91	44	61	23	6	23	39	0	26	—	—	—	502
Mixed Ages	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	2
Mixed Ages Attendance	0	0	0	0	47	4	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	51
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House + In-House Training)	10	55	10	2	16	4	3	5	9	0	16	—	—	—	130
Children/Teen Program Attendance	59	1,227	222	16	341	27	12	9	114	0	213	—	—	—	2,240
Outreach Programs (Adults + YS + YS Outreach Training)	1	45	1	0	5	2	0	1	6	0	3	—	—	—	64
Outreach Attendance	20	1614	36	0	135	44	0	63	95	0	22	—	—	—	2,029
Adult Public Training Workshops (Including 1 on 1s)	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	—	—	—	12
Adult Public Training Attendees	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	—	—	—	12
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	—	—	—	12
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	14	132	27	9	27	10	5	12	19	0	23	—	—	—	278
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	97	3,019	349	60	585	98	18	98	249	0	261	—	—	—	4,834
Resources Used												Virtual	Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,142	10,251	5,043	5,556	2,130	365	391	623	499	1,142	624	—	—	—	27,766
Children's/Teen Books	1,352	26,142	5,777	6,365	3,705	443	685	810	1,357	8,491	1,513	—	—	—	56,640
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26,696	—	26,696
Magazines, Newspapers	131	525	293	254	320	46	28	66	47	58	38	—	—	—	1,806
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,066	—	1,066
Adult Audio Books	16	484	241	413	142	12	12	47	0	218	6	—	—	—	1,591
Children's Audio Books	20	208	123	123	93	5	1	9	22	74	10	—	—	—	688
DVDs	620	1,845	1,163	1,062	357	250	182	344	225	118	84	—	—	—	6,250
Children's DVDs	315	1,206	394	336	210	46	80	157	81	177	96	—	—	—	3,098
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72,344	—	—	72,344
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,596	40,661	13,034	14,109	6,957	1,167	1,379	2,056	2,231	10,278	2,371	72,344	27,762	—	197,945
Individualized Assistance												Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	344	815	1,384	558	225	138	42	253	173	4,380	136	12	37	66	8,563
Technology-Related	165	68	40	55	8	4	36	42	11	1	78	3	0	0	511
Employment	0	35	12	7	2	0	0	9	3	0	17	0	0	0	85
Ebook-Related	2	102	19	14	8	2	0	11	3	1	28	4	3	7	204
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	511	1,020	1,455	634	243	144	78	315	190	4,382	259	19	40	73	9,363
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	2,095	18,098	7,434	17,787	3,169	777	690	522	1,230	N/A	1,207	—	—	—	53,008
Meeting/Study Room Use	2	109	77	12	5	0	1	1	1	N/A	2	—	—	—	210
Meeting/Study Attendance	6	518	162	70	16	0	2	3	3	N/A	7	—	—	—	787
Computer Use	261	681	738	831	88	88	136	95	58	1	75	—	—	—	3,052
WiFi	349	2714	1238	947	338	215	298	278	127	0	149	—	—	—	6,653
New Cards Issued	33	396	114	85	39	11	22	26	20	6	19	—	—	—	771