

# LIBRARYLINES

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May 2022

## IT'S GONNA BE MAY

**Star Wars Day** – On May 4, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library celebrated Star Wars Day. Veronica Hastings, branch librarian, and Karyn Myers, library assistant III, visited Batesburg-Leesville High School and gave away wookiee bookmarks and fun library swag. Megan Ricard, library assistant III, held a Star Wars-themed storytime in the morning. And Karyn put together *TeenScene: May the Fourth* that afternoon. The teens made lightsabers out of pool noodles, painted watercolor droids and flew paper planes through the Death Star.



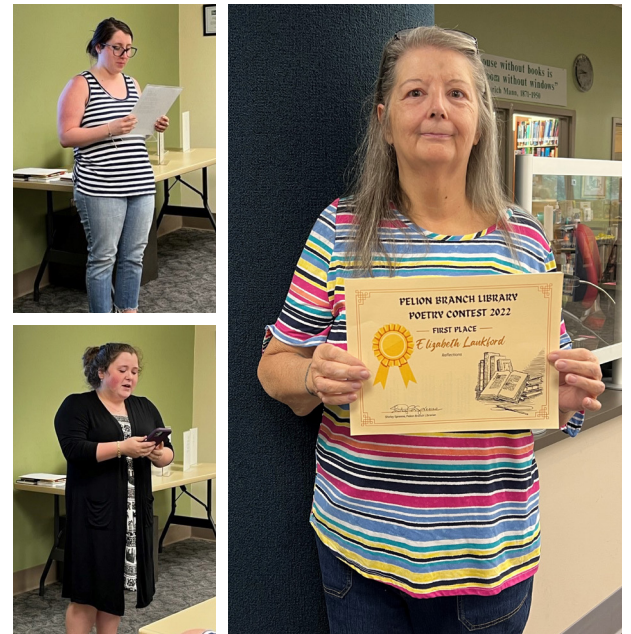
**Craft Squad** – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library's Kacee Merritt, library assistant III, organized *Craft Squad: Bird Feeders* on May 13. She explained the importance of looking after our feathery friends and walked the kids through how to make their own bird feeders out of peanut butter and bird seed.



**Summer Reading Kickoff** – To kick off Summer Reading for the adults, Lexington Main Library hosted South Carolina Chef Ambassador Chris Williams on May 26. He discussed his journey with cooking, how he opened his well-loved restaurant, Roy's Grille, and ended the evening by serving some of the recipes that made him so popular — pulled pork nachos, smokehouse egg rolls, seafood pasta salad and blueberry peach cobbler. A total of **65** patrons attended this savory program.



**Poetry Contest** – After Pelion Branch Library's month-long poetry competition, they held their Poetry Contest Party on May 12. The first place winners were Beth Lankford (adult) and Ally Keeney (teen). They were awarded gift cards, poetry books and journals sponsored by the Friends of Pelion Branch Library.



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**Family Palooza** – On May 26, Chapin Branch Library’s Christine Meade, library assistant III, presented *Family Palooza: Walking Water*. This STEAM program was attended by **13** patrons who participated in several activities exploring capillary action, such as making water walk up and down a paper bridge.



**Kid Zone** – Swansea Branch Library’s Cindy Nowak, library assistant III, put together *Kidzone: It’s a Mystery* on May 9. The children were charged with uncovering the cookie thief, starting by eliminating suspects using fingerprint cards. They then had to decode a message and interrogate the library staff before finally finding their thief. The evidence was confiscated and enjoyed by the **12** little detectives who attended the program.



**Horticultural Literacy** – On May 14, the Friends of Lexington Main Library sponsored an event featuring renowned gardener and homesteader Jessica Sowards from the popular YouTube channel *Roots & Refuge*. She discussed her book, *The First-Time Gardener: Growing Vegetables*, and shared her passion for community-building and sustainable production. Over **150** patrons attended the presentation.



**Fish are Friends** – Pelion Branch Library has some new aquatic staff members. A couple of fish named Shakesy and Zoot have come on board as top-notch listeners. They love it when patrons pull up a chair and read to them — that way the books stay safe and dry.



**Author Talk** – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library hosted local author and literary coach Angela Patrick Wynn on May 17. She presented a workshop on memoirs, where patrons were given strategic tips to begin writing their own stories. The participants shared their work with one another and each left with a signed book.



**Junior Volunteers** – The branches have started getting junior volunteers for the summer. The group at Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library came in for some training. And the team at South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library decorated t-shirts for Summer Reading.



**Goodbye Spring** – Gaston Branch Library held two flower-themed programs to bid farewell to the last month of spring. On May 17, Jill Hester, library assistant III, held a *Preschool Storytime* where the little ones got to paint with flower petals. On May 19, Jill put together *Kidzone: Flowers* — a fun program that allowed the kids to take apart some blossoms and make a brand new piece of art.



**Giving Back** – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library and Irmo Branch Library each held blood drives with the American Red Cross in May. They had a collective total of **45** donors.



**FUN FACT** The most searched for title in May was the mystery-thriller *Verity* by Colleen Hoover.

## 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	526	4,903	2,449	3,243	1,296	167	154	316	256	375	290	—	13,975
Paperback	82	252	129	30	70	28	20	18	9	0	13	—	651
NonFiction Adult	279	3,136	1,289	1,432	553	109	112	157	102	136	197	—	7,502
LARGE PRINT	317	2,494	1,001	846	437	91	69	38	126	636	115	—	6,170
Non-Circulating	0	12	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	—	21
Interlibrary Loan	0	13	14	10	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	—	44
Periodical	115	511	271	246	295	61	31	47	35	43	31	—	1,686
Fiction Juvenile	338	5,248	1,221	1,487	751	41	139	216	230	510	245	—	10,426
NonFiction Juvenile	354	4,146	1,237	1,160	597	92	60	143	168	1,034	258	—	9,249
EASY	640	12,256	2,269	2,689	1,391	239	277	400	650	4,434	931	—	26,176
Fiction Young Adult	115	2,330	655	590	232	27	104	127	94	139	127	—	4,540
NonFiction Young Adult	13	118	61	51	17	10	4	9	7	17	8	—	315
<b>Subtotal YS Print</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>24,098</b>	<b>5,443</b>	<b>5,977</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>6,134</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>50,706</b>
<b>Total Print Books</b>	<b>2,779</b>	<b>35,419</b>	<b>10,596</b>	<b>11,785</b>	<b>5,645</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>7,325</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>80,755</b>
Audio Book Adult	18	505	235	406	112	11	9	30	1	180	4	—	1,511
Audio Book Juvenile	21	214	133	118	85	1	1	15	22	47	6	—	663
Video Adult	662	1,943	1,216	1,113	292	189	214	355	287	81	101	—	6,453
Video Juvenile	309	1,099	311	399	183	39	88	126	107	129	90	—	2,880
<b>Total A/V</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>3,761</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11,507</b>
Realia	2	9	9	9	5	0	0	2	6	0	1	—	43
<b>Total Hard Copy</b>	<b>3,791</b>	<b>39,189</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>13,830</b>	<b>6,322</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>7,762</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>92,305</b>
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,516	14,516
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,326	12,326
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	931	931
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	173	173
Downloadable BingePass*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26	26
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,134	1,134
<b>Total Downloadables</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>29,106</b>	<b>29,106</b>
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>3,791</b>	<b>39,189</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>13,830</b>	<b>6,322</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>7,762</b>	<b>2,423</b>	<b>29,106</b>	<b>121,411</b>
Computer Internet	194	506	657	597	77	71	104	62	28	0	79	—	2,375
Computer Standalone	15	51	2	18	11	2	0	6	13	0	9	—	127
Wifi	338	2643	1150	900	320	188	273	206	144	0	131	—	6,293
Laptop	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	—	2
<b>Total Computer</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,797</b>

May 2022 - Monthly Programs and Services Report



Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg- Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pellon	Gilbert- Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree- Pine Ridge					SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, No Adult Training)	3	14	16	7	4	2	1	2	2	3	5	—	—	—	—	59
Adult Programs Attendance	20	223	83	38	46	26	3	17	7	0	31	—	—	—	—	494
Virtual Adult Programs	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	1
Virtual Adult Programs Attendance	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	21
Mixed Ages	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	7
Mixed Ages Attendance	0	645	0	0	13	0	0	8	0	0	3	—	—	—	—	669
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House + In-House Training)	8	15	3	2	13	4	3	6	5	0	9	—	—	—	—	68
Children's/Teen Programs Attendance	75	180	60	29	182	21	27	113	63	0	165	—	—	—	—	915
Virtual Children's/Teen Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
Virtual Children's/Teen Programs Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
Outreach Programs (Adults + YS + YS Outreach Training)	2	58	7	6	6	1	0	3	8	0	5	—	—	—	—	96
Outreach Programs Attendance	200	5373	3,300	692	670	21	0	91	1,984	0	223	—	—	—	—	12,554
Virtual Outreach Programs (Adults + YS + YS Outreach Training)	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	9
Virtual Outreach Programs Attendance	0	885	0	520	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	1,405
Adult Public Training Workshops (Including 1 on 1s)	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	4
Adult Public Training Attendees	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	4
1:1 Training Sessions	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	4
<b>TOTAL # VIRTUAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL # VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>1,426</b>
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>234</b>
<b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>6,421</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>2,054</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>422</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>14,636</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>																<b>SYSTEM TOTALS</b>
Adult Books	1,206	10,819	4,891	5,571	2,367	395	355	531	501	1,148	622	—	—	—	—	28,406
Children's/Teen Books	1,460	24,098	5,443	5,977	2,988	409	584	895	1,149	6,134	1,569	—	—	—	—	50,706
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,972	—	27,972
Magazines, Newspapers	115	511	271	246	295	61	31	47	35	43	31	—	—	—	—	1,686
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,134	—	—	1,134
Adult Audio Books	18	505	235	406	112	11	9	30	1	180	4	—	—	—	—	1,511
Children's Audio Books	21	214	133	118	85	1	1	15	22	47	6	—	—	—	—	663
DVDs	662	1,943	1,216	1,113	292	189	214	355	287	81	101	—	—	—	—	6,453
Children's DVDs	309	1,099	311	399	183	39	88	126	107	129	90	—	—	—	—	2,880
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36,683
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>3,791</b>	<b>39,189</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>13,830</b>	<b>6,322</b>	<b>1,105</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,102</b>	<b>7,762</b>	<b>2,423</b>	—	—	<b>29,106</b>	—	<b>121,411</b>
<b>Individualized Assistance</b>																<b>SYSTEM TOTALS</b>
General Questions	252	905	1206	451	297	138	63	193	167	1002	90	10	44	37	—	<b>4,855</b>
Technology-Related	57	99	74	32	12	7	31	64	8	0	126	1	2	0	—	<b>513</b>
Job-Related	0	10	9	13	5	2	13	12	3	0	15	0	1	0	—	<b>83</b>
Ebook-Related	2	125	18	16	12	2	5	8	6	0	32	8	9	50	—	<b>293</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>87</b>	—	<b>5,744</b>
<b>Other Library Uses</b>																<b>TOTALS</b>
Door Counter	2,728	16,823	6,988	10,974	2,656	608	669	502	1,254	0	953	—	—	—	—	<b>44,155</b>
Meeting/Study Room Use	2	107	85	20	8	0	2	0	4	0	3	—	—	—	—	<b>231</b>
Meeting/Study Attendance	4	636	178	128	23	0	2	0	41	0	12	—	—	—	—	<b>1,024</b>
Computer Use	209	557	659	615	88	73	106	68	41	0	88	—	—	—	—	<b>2,504</b>
WiFi	338	2643	1150	900	320	188	273	206	144	0	131	—	—	—	—	<b>6,293</b>
New Cards Issued	34	366	131	98	68	10	17	54	17	5	31	—	—	—	—	<b>831</b>