

LIBRARY LINES

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February 2023

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Valentine's Day – Chapin Branch Library celebrated the season of love with Valentine's-themed programs for all ages. On February 8, they held *Social Scene: Oldies but Goodies*. The senior citizens had a lovely time crafting beautiful Valentine's art.



On February 9, Library Assistant III Katy Brown put together *Kid Zone: Valentine Cookies*. A total of **35** kids put their cookie decorating skills to the test with icing, candy and sprinkles. But the best part was getting to eat their delicious masterpieces.



Historically Speaking – On February 16, veteran Anne Clarkson discussed World War I African-American history in South Carolina at Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library. Clarkson's research on the 371st Infantry and Corporal Freddie Stowers is in multiple museums, and she was interviewed by *History Detectives* where it was discovered she owns one of only two WWI flags of the 371st Infantry.



Employee Recognition – Cayce-West Columbia's Jaishree Webster, library assistant I, was awarded Employee of the First Quarter. Jaishree was nominated due to her positive attitude, great rapport, creative displays and the fun she brings to both staff and patron spaces.



Mobile Library – The Mobile Library bus, Myles, hit the road again on February 9 after being on hiatus. Their first stop was at Burnette Park and they've been on the move ever since. The community has been very glad to have their favorite bus back.



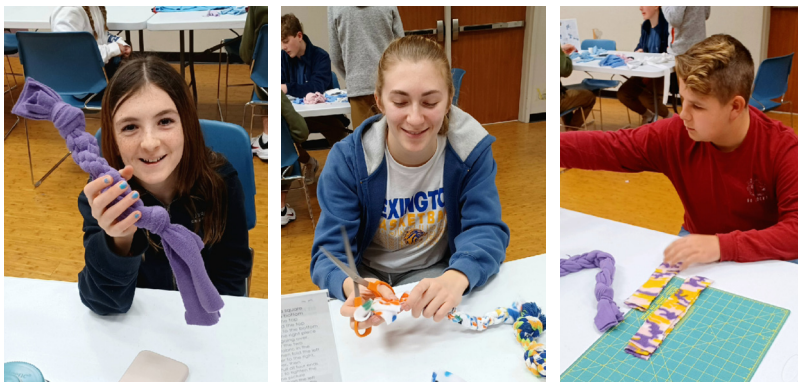
Pancake Day – On February 21, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library celebrated International Pancake Day. The little chefs donned their toques and got to work flipping flapjacks before they all enjoyed the breakfast staple.



Community – Lexington Main Library's Rose Register, Michelle Cason and Jackie Riddle (library assistant I's) packaged **six** boxes worth of book donations for local inmates. Emily Scott, assistant front desk supervisor of Lexington County Sheriff's Department, picked up the donations from Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry.



On February 4, Lexington Main held *Teen Service Day*. A total of **23** attendees made dog and cat toys out of old towels and T-shirts. All the toys were donated to Lexington County Animal Shelter.



Storytime – Fran Sanderson, librarian II, from Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library broke out the shaving cream for a bit of sensory play during *Toddler time* on February 7. This kind of play provides the little ones with a chance to explore texture, develop their fine motor skills and learn about the color wheel.



Play-Doh Club – Pelion Branch Library's Faith O'Neal-Roberts (library assistant III) began a new club this year — and it's all about Play-Doh. A total of **14** participants used their imaginations to knead & shape some truly awesome creations together.



Handmade – Christy Lee, library assistant III from Swansea Branch Library, and Alex Swearingen, local artist, hosted *Handmade: Acrylic & Watercolor Painting* on February 21. Alex instructed the **12** participants on basic painting techniques and guided everyone through creating their own works of art.



Kid Zone – On February 16, Gaston Branch Library's Jill Hester (library assistant III) planned *Kid Zone: Get the Buzz on Bees*. After learning how bees make honey, the kids made their own black and yellow companions out of pipe cleaners and pom poms before sampling different types of honey.



Just Play – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library held *Just Play: Beat That!* on February 10. The kids cheered each other on as they played wacky balancing games and timed challenges that Rebecca Shelton (library assistant III) set up.



F U N FACT The most searched for title in February was the YA fantasy *Covet* by Tracy Wolff.

Monthly Circulation Report

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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	500	4,913	2,247	2,860	1,232	163	147	322	266	336	374	—	13,360
Paperback	87	264	31	37	45	28	11	19	1	0	14	—	537
NonFiction Adult	312	3,023	1,387	1,490	546	70	91	156	205	162	245	—	7,687
LARGE PRINT	339	2,133	826	837	297	79	52	66	116	871	125	—	5,741
Non-Circulating	2	9	14	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	—	41
Interlibrary Loan	1	14	23	17	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	—	59
Periodical	110	379	230	240	325	34	30	37	19	14	21	—	1,439
Fiction Juvenile	273	5,258	1,169	1,343	901	67	69	188	267	510	331	—	10,376
NonFiction Juvenile	332	4,306	1,169	1,336	767	55	102	153	205	1,463	255	—	10,143
EASY	824	12,481	2,832	3,048	1,564	194	256	549	888	7,781	557	—	30,974
Fiction Young Adult	100	1,649	461	539	182	20	49	115	111	136	130	—	3,492
NonFiction Young Adult	12	157	50	48	18	3	5	6	12	11	8	—	330
Subtotal YS Print	1,541	23,851	5,681	6,314	3,432	339	481	1,011	1,483	9,901	1,281	—	55,315
Total Print Books	2,892	34,586	10,439	11,806	5,878	713	812	1,612	2,093	11,285	2,063	—	84,179
Audio Book Adult	37	413	180	374	89	15	5	34	28	150	7	—	1,332
Audio Book Juvenile	11	182	88	178	48	1	7	3	6	63	7	—	594
Video Adult	435	1,811	1,075	1,041	276	251	172	269	209	173	77	—	5,789
Video Juvenile	129	1,088	322	343	197	60	75	106	105	158	74	—	2,657
Total A/V	612	3,494	1,665	1,936	610	327	259	412	348	544	165	—	10,372
Realia	1	7	16	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	—	36
Total Hard Copy	3,505	38,087	12,120	13,748	6,490	1,041	1,071	2,024	2,442	11,829	2,230	—	94,587
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,856	13,856
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12,638	12,638
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	520	520
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	73	73
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	866	866
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27,953	27,953
Total Circulation	3,505	38,087	12,120	13,748	6,490	1,041	1,071	2,024	2,442	11,829	2,230	27,953	122,540
Computer Internet	223	711	702	546	102	85	85	82	27	0	69	—	2,632
AWE Computer Sessions	64	492	222	193	110	16	19	40	67	0	42	—	1,265
Wifi	186	1988	916	699	99	106	135	138	56	0	93	—	4,416
Laptop	3	1	0	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	—	25
SmartBoard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0
Total Computer	476	3,192	1,840	1,454	311	207	239	265	150	0	204	—	8,338

February 2023 - 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	Virtual				SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	6	5	24	7	5	6	3	4	2	0	4	—	—	—	—	66
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	34	53	180	91	48	19	2	12	15	0	33	—	—	—	—	487
Virtual Adult Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
Virtual Adult Programs Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
Mixed Ages Programs	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	—	—	—	—	6
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	13	69	0	5	—	—	—	—	106
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	11	60	17	21	16	8	6	14	8	0	11	—	—	—	—	172
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	125	1,577	310	210	306	42	10	293	80	0	154	—	—	—	—	3,107
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 + Children/Teens)	6	53	12	10	7	3	0	0	5	0	10	—	—	—	—	106
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	108	1108	298	238	253	55	0	0	99	0	135	—	—	—	—	2,294
Virtual Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
Virtual Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
1:1 Training Sessions	2	0	9	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	17
Take and Make Kits	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	—	—	—	—	87
Book Drop Offs	97	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	—	—	—	—	157
TOTAL # VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
TOTAL # VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	0
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	23	118	53	38	30	17	9	19	17	0	26	—	—	—	—	350
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	267	2,738	788	539	626	116	12	318	263	0	327	—	—	—	—	5,994
Resources Used													Electronic Resources			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,242	10,363	4,544	5,258	2,123	341	301	564	592	1,370	763	—	—	—	—	27,461
Children's/Teen Books	1,541	23,851	5,681	6,314	3,432	339	481	1,011	1,483	9,901	1,281	—	—	—	—	55,315
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,722	—	—	14,722
Magazines, Newspapers	110	379	230	240	325	34	30	37	19	14	21	—	—	—	—	1,439
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,231	—	—	13,231
Adult Audio Books	37	413	180	374	89	15	5	34	28	150	7	—	—	—	—	1,332
Children's Audio Books	11	182	88	178	48	1	7	3	6	63	7	—	—	—	—	594
DVDs	435	1,811	1,075	1,041	276	251	172	269	209	173	77	—	—	—	—	5,789
Children's DVDs	129	1,088	322	343	197	60	75	106	105	158	74	—	—	—	—	2,657
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75,716	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,505	38,087	12,120	13,748	6,490	1,041	1,071	2,024	2,442	11,829	2,230	—	27,953	—	—	122,540
Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pellon	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Email	Chat	Admin		SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	645	706	1,252	329	533	32	18	180	187	4,340	167	8	9	12		8,418
Technology-Related	212	128	160	22	35	4	18	105	11	0	65	2	0	0		762
Job-Related	1	13	23	13	0	2	2	35	3	0	3	0	0	0		95
Ebook-Related	0	59	16	12	37	3	1	55	7	0	23	4	0	2		219
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	858	906	1,451	376	605	41	39	375	208	4,340	258	14	9	14		9,494
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	1,933	17,307	10,624	12,463	3,239	700	597	550	487	966	988	—	—	—	—	49,854
Meeting/Study Room Use	1	151	103	28	15	2	0	7	0	0	3	—	—	—	—	310
Meeting/Study Attendance	2	591	284	249	49	4	0	21	0	0	28	—	—	—	—	1,228
Computer Use	290	1,204	924	755	212	101	104	127	94	0	111	—	—	—	—	3,922
WiFi	186	1988	916	699	99	106	135	138	56	0	93	—	—	—	—	4,416
New Cards Issued	22	418	116	106	53	7	16	18	23	22	14	—	—	—	—	815