

# LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

July 2023

## SUMMER READING: ALL TOGETHER NOW

**Gravity Check** – During the week of July 10–14, Gravity Check performed a juggling act that delighted and amazed the masses. They visited all ten branches for a total of **569** attendees.



**Pantasia Steel Band** – Pantasia Steel Band put on a musical performance at each branch from July 17–21. A total of **486** kids got to experience calypso, soca and reggae music in an interactive way.



**Porkchop Productions** – During July 24–28, fan favorite Porkchop Productions presented a reimagined adaptation of *The Ant and the Grasshopper* at all the branches. A total of **709** kids laughed, danced and learned a very important lesson.



**Chinese Tea House** – Lin Ko brought the relaxing atmosphere of a traditional Chinese tea house to multiple branches this summer. On July 27, patrons sampled delicious teas and learned about their health benefits at Chapin Branch Library.



**Little Free Libraries** – All ten branches built, decorated and donated little free libraries to their communities thanks to a grant provided by South Carolina State Library and funded by Institute of Museum and Library Services. Gaston Branch Library's teens worked on their little free library on July 18. After meeting with the Gaston Town Council, it was placed at Town of Gaston Park.



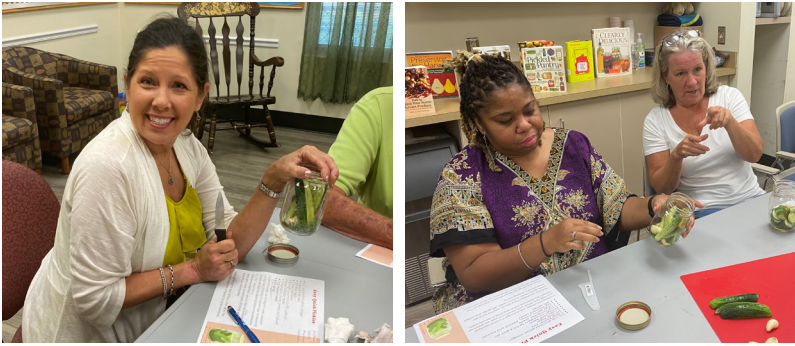
**Cardboard Carnival** – Throughout the summer, Pelion Branch Library hosted *Family Palooza: Cardboard Creations*. Families created fun carnival-style games that were showcased at the summer reading wrap-up party on July 29.





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**Handmade** – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library held *Handmade: Preserves & Pickling* on July 18. The **14** attendees learned how to make homemade pickles that mature after a few days in the refrigerator. They customized the recipes with their choice of onions, garlic, dill or sugar.



**Level Up** – On July 12, Pelion Branch Library's Rhianna Bogard (library assistant III) put together an elaborate escape room. The **10** teens worked together to solve the puzzles and escape before the timer ran out.



**Historically Speaking** – Lexington County Museum presented *Historically Speaking: Lake Murray* on July 18 at Lexington Main Library. A group of **55** learned about the construction of Lake Murray and the Dreher Shoals Dam.



**Just Play** – On July 12, Irmo Branch Library held *Just Play: Pokémon Party* for their **65** mini trainers. They colored their own Pokéballs, made a pair of Pikachu ears and played a round of Pokémon bingo, all while hanging out with Pikachu.



**Pop-Up Poetry** – Local performance artist Queen It Shall Be visited multiple branches this summer. On July 20, she stopped by Swansea Branch Library and guided teens through composing an acrostic poem.



**Outreach** – On July 29, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library teamed up with the Mobile Library for First Steps and PASOs' Countdown to Kindergarten event. Karyn Myers, Megan Ricard and Meliannette Ruiz (library assistants III) promoted library services to **100** Spanish-speaking members of the community.



**Toddler Time** – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library's Ashley Hutto (librarian I) held a *Toddler Time* on July 25. She had **50** little ones in attendance as they went over numbers and counting.



**Lego Club** – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library's weekly *Lego Club* was a huge success in July, with a total of **103** creative participants.

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FACT**

The total number of summer reading registrants at the end of July was **9,557**.

## 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	585	6,227	2,548	3,511	1,605	172	204	390	333	512	428	—	16,515
Paperback	63	212	65	29	93	3	31	13	20	0	1	—	530
NonFiction Adult	244	3,878	1,499	1,534	708	101	103	190	202	152	167	—	8,778
LARGE PRINT	372	2,745	1,095	852	375	102	101	77	122	1,008	160	—	7,009
Non-Circulating	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2
Interlibrary Loan	0	11	36	11	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	—	63
Periodical	134	379	205	205	299	33	19	13	47	13	28	—	1,375
Fiction Juvenile	322	8,874	1,865	2,385	1,385	88	190	175	423	570	279	—	16,556
NonFiction Juvenile	362	5,463	1,327	1,373	811	114	92	209	356	847	231	—	11,185
EASY	855	17,202	3,295	3,447	1,809	299	324	575	1,015	5,262	490	—	34,573
Fiction Young Adult	179	3,092	698	687	437	45	92	98	115	110	156	—	5,709
NonFiction Young Adult	10	233	53	48	29	4	8	11	7	15	9	—	427
<b>Subtotal YS Print</b>	1,728	34,864	7,238	7,940	4,471	550	706	1,068	1,916	6,804	1,165	—	68,450
<b>Total Print Books</b>	3,126	48,318	12,686	14,082	7,551	961	1,167	1,752	2,641	8,489	1,949	—	102,722
Audio Book Adult	24	394	182	356	107	5	9	39	10	168	11	—	1,305
Audio Book Juvenile	13	293	171	319	144	11	3	11	17	86	0	—	1,068
Video Adult	437	2,091	908	1,060	411	177	209	224	192	264	107	—	6,080
Video Juvenile	193	1,489	490	513	315	116	104	81	164	248	96	—	3,809
<b>Total A/V</b>	667	4,267	1,751	2,248	977	309	325	355	383	766	214	—	12,262
Realia	8	25	24	15	8	3	5	5	7	0	5	—	105
<b>Total Hard Copy</b>	3,801	52,610	14,461	16,345	8,536	1,273	1,497	2,112	3,031	9,255	2,168	—	115,089
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,796	15,796
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,931	14,931
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	353	353
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89	89
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1181	1,181
<b>Total Downloadables</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32,350	32,350
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>52,610</b>	<b>14,461</b>	<b>16,345</b>	<b>8,536</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>9,255</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>32,350</b>	<b>147,439</b>
Computer Internet	253	715	976	716	114	72	122	51	33	0	68	—	3,120
AWE Computer Sessions	91	851	389	193	192	59	52	37	112	0	96	—	2,072
Wifi	274	3090	1145	968	310	144	212	176	98	0	106	—	6,523
Laptop	0	10	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	—	23
SmartBoard	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2
<b>Total Computer</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>4,666</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11,740</b>



## July 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)	4	15	21	6	7	3	3	6	4	0	4	—	—	—	73
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	32	155	145	47	57	20	11	23	26	0	27	—	—	—	543
Mixed Ages Programs	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	8	0	0	0	—	—	—	12
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	0	0	0	0	41	80	10	56	0	0	0	—	—	—	187
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	12	62	19	20	18	11	9	7	12	0	9	—	—	—	179
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	241	2,290	572	523	467	156	53	180	286	0	197	—	—	—	4,965
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	1	37	11	4	6	3	1	2	3	2	4	—	—	—	74
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	17	1616	387	61	119	117	168	19	57	300	54	—	—	—	2,915
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	5	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	—	—	—	18
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	60	—	—	—	75
Book Drop Offs	40	0	32	0	91	0	81	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	244
<b>TOTAL # VIRTUAL PROGRAMS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	—	—	—	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL # VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	—	—	—	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	—	—	—	<b>338</b>
<b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>278</b>	—	—	—	<b>8,610</b>
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,272	13,100	5,267	5,952	2,789	381	447	676	685	1,672	761	—	—	—	33,002
Children's/Teen Books	1,728	34,864	7,238	7,940	4,471	550	706	1,068	1,916	6,804	1,165	—	—	—	68,450
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,977	—	16,977
Magazines, Newspapers	134	379	205	205	299	33	19	13	47	13	28	—	—	—	1,375
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,373	—	15,373
Adult Audio Books	24	394	182	356	107	5	9	39	10	168	11	—	—	—	1,305
Children's Audio Books	13	293	171	319	144	11	3	11	17	86	0	—	—	—	1,068
DVDs	437	2,091	908	1,060	411	177	209	224	192	264	107	—	—	—	6,080
Children's DVDs	193	1,489	490	513	315	116	104	81	164	248	96	—	—	—	3,809
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39,287	—
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>52,610</b>	<b>14,461</b>	<b>16,345</b>	<b>8,536</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>2,112</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>9,255</b>	<b>2,168</b>	—	<b>32,350</b>	—	<b>147,439</b>
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	916	1316	1014	501	572	63	190	265	318	3870	160	4	31	31	9,251
Technology-Related	135	190	91	73	45	5	125	71	13	0	151	0	0	0	899
Job-Related	1	81	11	30	19	9	10	20	0	0	13	0	0	0	194
Ebook-Related	7	130	27	33	32	3	14	8	7	1	38	3	3	0	306
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10,650</b>
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	4,452	19,855	9,237	13,288	4,785	842	806	619	1,502	499	1,117	—	—	—	57,002
Meeting/Study Room Use	3	228	152	29	17	2	0	1	1	0	1	—	—	—	434
Meeting/Study Attendance	16	722	316	217	56	4	0	7	1	0	3	—	—	—	1,342
Computer Use	344	1,576	1,375	911	306	131	176	88	145	1	164	—	—	—	5,217
WiFi	274	3090	1145	968	310	144	212	176	98	0	106	—	—	—	6,523
<b>New Cards Issued</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	—	—	—	<b>1,394</b>