

LIBRARY LINES

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August 2023

SUMMER READING: ALL TOGETHER NOW

Summer Reading officially came to a close on August 14, but the theme of *All Together Now* is here to stay. This year was chock-full of fantastic presenters like Maxwell King, Gravity Check, Lin Ko, Porkchop Productions and many more. Staff embraced the theme of togetherness — planning inclusive programs for all members of the community. Together, we knocked last year's number out of the park and registered a total of **9,821** patrons (a **15.7%** increase).



Employee of the Quarter – Irmo Branch Library's Elizabeth Doyle (librarian I) was awarded Employee of the 3rd Quarter on August 9. She was nominated due to her natural leadership skills and innovative ideas. Elizabeth regularly lends a hand — and an ear — to staff in all departments and is always thinking of ways to make the library a more welcoming and accessible space.

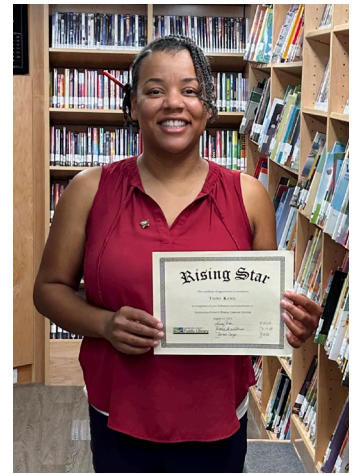
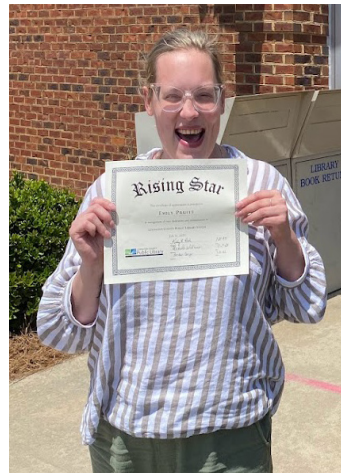
Teamwork Award – Irmo Branch Library's James Barker, Russell DePratter and Katrina Portwood (library assistants III) were presented with the Teamwork Award. They were nominated due to the way they collaborated in the absence of a reference librarian. During the last several months, this group has pulled together to make big projects run smoothly and successfully.



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Rising Star Award – Gaston Branch Library's Emily Pruitt (library assistant III) was presented with the Rising Star Award. She was nominated for her exceptional dedication, passion and exemplary customer service skills. Emily demonstrates amazing versatility and adaptability and has infused the branch with her positivity and energy.

Rising Star Award – Mobile Library's Toni King (library assistant III) was presented with the Rising Star Award. She was nominated due to her exuberant and positive personality, work ethic and willingness to assist everyone. During her time with the Mobile Library, Toni has shown a contagious excitement that attracts even the most hesitant person. That attitude continues into the office where she works on improving current processes and assists with planning and statistics.



Kid Zone – On August 22, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library's Megan Ricard (library assistant III) held *Kid Zone: National Dog Day*. The **57** kids in attendance got to meet Roxy, a working bloodhound from South Carolina Department of Corrections. They learned all about how Roxy helps the police and community before working on DIY dog toys.



Storytime – Pelion Branch Library had a special storytime guest on August 2. WLTX News19 Reporter Rachel Ripp volunteered to read to some little ones along with Library Assistant III Faith O'Neal-Roberts and YS Coordinator Jennifer Smith.



Game On – On August 15, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library's Paul Fox (library assistant III) hosted *Game On: Puzzle Pandemonium*. Three teams had a grand time competing to be the first to complete a 300-piece puzzle.



TeenScene – Chapin Branch Library hosted *TeenScene: Lock-In* on August 9. A total of **16** teens stayed after hours to play games, make crafts, build their own pizzas and enjoy time together before the end of summer.



Ashley Hutto (librarian I) from Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library served up the fun program *TeenScene: Ratatouille Interactive Movie* on August 12. She prepared a veggie pasta (with some help from Remy) for the teens to enjoy.



**FUN
FACT**

A total of 5,216 registrants completed the Summer Reading Program.

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	725	6,354	2,410	3,653	1,627	172	170	437	293	424	414	—	16,679
Paperback	52	261	68	21	68	25	15	32	3	0	3	—	548
NonFiction Adult	217	3,791	1,434	1,564	628	86	93	189	236	224	190	—	8,652
LARGE PRINT	402	2,823	1,215	964	393	117	91	79	95	907	131	—	7,217
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	—	5
Interlibrary Loan	0	20	25	18	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	—	69
Periodical	124	551	227	262	321	33	22	87	38	12	24	—	1,701
Fiction Juvenile	503	7,408	1,356	1,976	1,216	92	223	194	417	450	271	—	14,106
NonFiction Juvenile	495	4,925	1,108	1,356	896	71	147	133	326	607	136	—	10,200
EASY	1,102	17,332	3,298	3,967	2,009	285	499	552	974	4,903	567	—	35,488
Fiction Young Adult	184	2,343	600	718	300	43	104	100	108	59	154	—	4,713
NonFiction Young Adult	10	234	41	46	25	4	10	17	14	12	15	—	428
Subtotal YS Print	2,294	32,242	6,403	8,063	4,446	495	983	996	1,839	6,031	1,143	—	64,935
Total Print Books	3,814	46,042	11,782	14,545	7,488	928	1,377	1,820	2,505	7,598	1,907	—	99,806
Audio Book Adult	36	437	263	339	118	4	6	39	5	154	18	—	1,419
Audio Book Juvenile	28	266	155	270	98	7	2	8	18	82	4	—	938
Video Adult	576	2,063	927	984	348	216	174	226	87	244	108	—	5,953
Video Juvenile	253	1,410	381	457	294	150	90	81	126	187	102	—	3,531
Total A/V	893	4,176	1,726	2,050	858	377	272	354	236	667	232	—	11,841
Realia	6	26	22	19	8	4	8	4	9	0	3	—	109
Total Hard Copy	4,713	50,244	13,530	16,614	8,354	1,309	1,657	2,178	2,750	8,265	2,142	—	111,756
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,552	15,552
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,856	15,856
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	423	423
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	96	96
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,407	1,407
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33,334	33,334
Total Circulation	4,713	50,244	13,530	16,614	8,354	1,309	1,657	2,178	2,750	8,265	2,142	33,334	145,090
Computer Internet	217	789	980	669	90	112	124	75	36	0	85	3,177	6,354
AWE Computer Sessions*	71	687	360	154	155	27	50	52	95	0	70	1,721	3,442
Wifi	342	3,347	1,349	1,056	298	182	255	230	104	0	132	—	7,295
Laptop	0	14	8	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	—	30
SmartBoard	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	2
Total Computer	630	4,837	2,698	1,884	543	321	432	357	235	0	288	4,898	17,123
*Irmo's 154 use for AWE is inaccurately low; reporting on one of the computers didn't come through, per Systems													
Circ Changes from AUG 2022	54	1,493	-866	-891	-1,143	36	-51	-466	-99	-2,647	-537	1,801	-3,316
YTD Total	8,514	102,854	27,991	32,959	16,890	2,582	3,154	4,290	5,781	17,520	4,310	65,684	292,529
Circ Change from YTD '23	-847	608	-1,795	-2,283	-2,006	-111	-330	-1,213	-319	-2,941	-1,211	3,407	-9,041
Percent Change YTD	-9.0%	0.6%	-6.0%	-6.5%	-10.6%	-4.1%	-9.5%	-22.0%	-5.2%	-14.4%	-21.9%	5.5%	-3.0%

August 2023 - Monthly Programs and Services Report



Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelton	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Virtual			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	4	11	21	6	6	2	2	6	3	0	5	—	—	—	66
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	41	92	127	28	52	9	12	9	22	0	34	—	—	—	426
Mixed Ages Programs	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	—	—	—	5
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	12	0	0	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	57	—	—	—	178
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	13	8	10	5	12	3	7	4	3	0	5	—	—	—	70
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	225	283	265	52	195	23	16	33	42	0	111	—	—	—	1,245
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	0	5	1	1	4	3	1	0	5	0	5	—	—	—	25
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	0	536	27	0	97	237	168	0	91	0	56	—	—	—	1,212
1:1 Training Sessions	0	0	7	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	—	—	—	16
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	—	—	—	140
Book Drop Offs	15	0	0	0	60	30	152	0	0	60	0	—	—	—	317
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	18	24	32	12	24	8	10	11	11	0	16	—	—	—	166
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	278	911	419	80	453	269	196	42	155	0	258	—	—	—	3,061
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,402	13,275	5,174	6,239	2,729	404	380	741	637	1,555	743	—	—	—	33,279
Children's/Teen Books	2,294	32,242	6,403	8,063	4,446	495	983	996	1,839	6,031	1,143	—	—	—	64,935
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,959	—	16,959
Magazines, Newspapers	124	551	227	262	321	33	22	87	38	12	24	—	—	—	1,701
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,375	—	16,375
Adult Audio Books	36	437	263	339	118	4	6	39	5	154	18	—	—	—	1,419
Children's Audio Books	28	266	155	270	98	7	2	8	18	82	4	—	—	—	938
DVDs	576	2,063	927	984	348	216	174	226	87	244	108	—	—	—	5,953
Children's DVDs	253	1,410	381	457	294	150	90	81	126	187	102	—	—	—	3,531
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56,879	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	4,713	50,244	13,530	16,614	8,354	1,309	1,657	2,178	2,750	8,265	2,142	—	33,334	—	145,090
Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelton	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	1,015	1,340	1,724	655	609	92	168	317	273	3,338	131	9	30	64	9,765
Technology-Related	125	309	154	89	8	13	134	129	12	0	129	0	0	0	1,102
Job-Related	6	40	26	21	35	11	36	31	4	0	6	0	0	0	216
Ebook-Related	3	156	53	22	62	5	12	10	8	0	26	1	0	0	358
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	1,149	1,845	1,957	787	714	121	350	487	297	3,338	292	10	30	64	11,441
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	2,408	19,068	8,971	13,274	4,515	871	916	647	1,293	354	1,178	—	—	—	53,495
Meeting/Study Room Use	4	239	134	219	8	2	2	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	614
Meeting/Study Attendance	13	734	291	437	27	4	6	7	5	—	15	—	—	—	1,539
Computer Use*	288	1,490	1,349	828	245	139	177	127	131	0	156	—	—	—	4,930
iMacs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
WiFi	342	3347	1349	1056	298	182	255	230	104	—	132	—	—	—	7,295
New Cards Issued	70	658	184	154	96	41	73	46	28	5	48	—	—	—	1,403