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LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Elemental – September was Library Card Sign-up Month, and this year's theme was "Get in your element!" The branches signed up a total of **1,468** new library card users and had lots of fun decorating and setting up selfie stations.
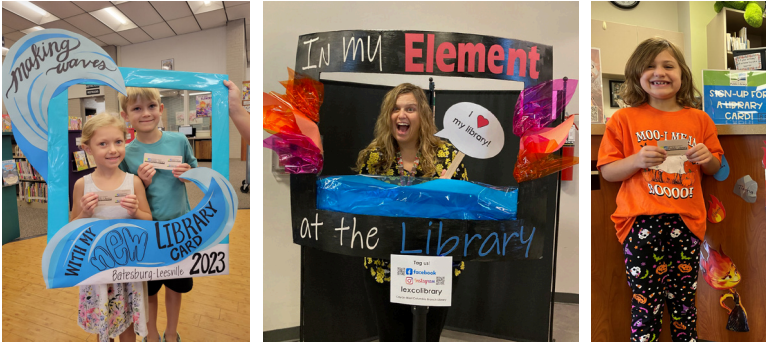
Outreach – Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry, Mobile Library Manager Melaney Torcoletti and Meliannette Ruiz held an outreach at Riverbanks Retreat Apartments on September 14. They partnered with Masuma from Lutheran Services of the Carolinas to sign up a total of **10** Afghan families for library cards.

Read With Pups – On September 30, Molly Ledford (library assistant III) put together *Kid Zone: Read With Pups.* Ruth Neese from Alliance of Therapy Dogs brought certified therapy dog Jet for the **16** kids in attendance to practice reading with.

Employee Recognition – Library Assistant III Meliannette Ruiz was selected as Employee of the Fourth Quarter. She was nominated due to her exceptional customer service, passion for impactful outreach and her willingness to go the extra mile. Meliannette uses her Spanish skills to help the library connect with more patrons in the community by attending outreach events and translating library materials.

Author Talk – South Carolina Humanities sponsored local author C. Hope Clark's visit to Chapin Branch Library on September 14. She discussed the storytelling and publishing process for budding authors. Afterwards, she had books available for signing, including her latest release, *Craven County Line,* for the **22** in attendance.

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inBeTween – Movement is essential for fast-growing bodies. Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library's Karyn Myers (library assistant III) invited yoga instructor D'etta Broam to lead a tween program on September 21. The middle schoolers learned a lot about the poses and benefits of yoga.

Little Free Libraries – Chapin Branch Library set up their Little Free Library at The National Register of Historic Places on September 5 with the help of Town of Chapin. On September 7, David F. Mills Jr. of the American Legion volunteered to install Pelion Branch Library's at the Pelion Senior Center.

On September 26, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library (SCPR) got their Little Free Library up and running. With the help of Friends of SCPR President Kitty Spires, her husband Roger and Branch Librarian Carol Clark, it was installed at the South Congaree Town Park.

Senior Center – On September 28, Swansea Branch Library's Christy Lee (library assistant III) visited Swansea Senior Citizen Center for an outreach. The **26** residents had a grand time DIYing pumpkins out of toilet paper rolls. They ended the program with a fun fall photoshoot.

Parade – Irmo Branch Library staff walked in the Okra Strut Parade along with Mobile Library staff and Myles the bus on September 30. They handed out "I love to read" bracelets to the excited parade goers.

Cocky's Reading Express – On September 16, Valerie Byrd Fort and Cocky from the University of South Carolina stopped by Lexington Main to kick off football season. Cocky and his **57** friends read stories and sang some songs before Cocky tried his hand at being a librarian.

Craft Squad – Library Assistant III Jill Hester from Gaston Branch Library planned *Craft Squad: Bookmark Bonanza* on September 21. The young readers connected with their inner artists to create their own personalized bookmarks.

FUN FACT In September, the most searched title was *How to Sell a Haunted House* by Grady Hendrix.

LEXINGTON COUNTY Public Library — 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

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	697	5,597	2,211	3,230	1,286	162	146	401	308	442	400	—	14,880
Paperback	51	320	50	16	66	1	0	25	7	0	7	—	543
NonFiction Adult	267	3,391	1,309	1,512	506	79	66	163	250	222	141	—	7,906
LARGE PRINT	419	2,596	1,106	788	430	94	82	69	106	1,258	186	—	7,134
Non-Circulating	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—	11
Interlibrary Loan	3	23	33	17	1	1	1	0	4	0	4	—	87
Periodical	135	446	229	243	344	44	20	61	37	17	19	—	1,595
Fiction Juvenile	449	7,026	1,262	1,746	987	87	196	193	356	468	245	—	13,015
NonFiction Juvenile	393	4,567	1,215	1,289	933	79	138	133	328	1,113	225	—	10,413
EASY	886	16,709	3,153	3,370	1,919	215	465	527	933	7,562	525	—	36,264
Fiction Young Adult	214	2,034	528	593	251	38	74	81	101	74	119	—	4,107
NonFiction Young Adult	13	242	49	69	35	2	5	8	15	8	6	—	452
Subtotal YS Print	1,955	30,578	6,207	7,067	4,125	421	878	942	1,733	9,225	1,120	—	64,251
Total Print Books	3,527	42,951	11,154	12,873	6,758	802	1,193	1,661	2,445	11,164	1,879	—	96,407
Audio Book Adult	21	389	155	348	122	5	6	51	7	156	6	—	1,266
Audio Book Juvenile	13	201	119	217	88	6	1	1	12	131	3	—	792
Video Adult	376	1,718	813	816	324	201	182	218	89	427	127	—	5,291
Video Juvenile	169	1,049	307	365	160	110	86	63	103	219	71	—	2,702
Total A/V	579	3,357	1,394	1,746	694	322	275	333	211	933	207	—	10,051
Realia	3	18	24	17	11	5	3	4	5	0	2	—	92
Total Hard Copy	4,109	46,326	12,572	14,636	7,463	1,129	1,471	1,998	2,661	12,097	2,088	—	106,550
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,526	14,526
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,795	14,795
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	275	275
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	93	93
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,877	1,877
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	31,566	31,566
Total Circulation	4,109	46,326	12,572	14,636	7,463	1,129	1,471	1,998	2,661	12,097	2,088	31,566	138,116
Computer Internet	188	669	876	608	91	84	89	87	22	0	57	—	2,771
AWE Computer Sessions*		548	343	191	134	60	21	39	72	0	34	—	1,442
Wifi	284	3117	1304	1062	295	157	236	211	106	0	107	—	6,879
Laptop	3	4	9	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	26
SmartBoard	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1
Total Computer	475	4,338	2,533	1,870	520	301	346	337	201	0	198	0	11,119

*BL AWE stat missing as of 10/12/23

	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Circ Changes from SEP 2022	219	2,439	248	-1,616	-571	-55	-139	-515	-297	1,991	-472	2,482	3,714
YTD Total	12,623	149,180	40,563	47,595	24,353	3,711	4,625	6,288	8,442	29,617	6,398	97,250	430,645
Circ Change from YTD '23	-628	3,047	-1,547	-3,899	-2,577	-166	-469	-1,728	-616	-950	-1,683	5,889	-5,327
Percent Change YTD	-4.7%	2.1%	-3.7%	-7.6%	-9.6%	-4.3%	-9.2%	-21.6%	-6.8%	-3.1%	-20.8%	6.4%	-1.2%

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Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Virtual			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	5	20	6	7	9	7	2	5	2	0	6	—	—	—	69
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	38	160	42	71	80	30	9	18	16	0	33	—	—	—	497
Mixed Ages Programs	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	—	—	—	4
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	0	75	10	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	—	—	—	93
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	16	62	21	13	18	10	11	8	14	0	16	—	—	—	189
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	283	1,793	327	209	349	54	18	70	120	0	228	—	—	—	3,451
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	6	52	3	7	15	103	2	3	7	0	18	—	—	—	216
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	79	1246	75	132	389	436	151	120	116	0	321	—	—	—	3,065
1:1 Training Sessions	0	5	7	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	—	—	—	19
Take and Make Kits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	0	40	—	—	—	119
Book Drop Offs	49	32	0	0	55	40	0	21	0	60	24	—	—	—	281
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	**27**	**135**	**31**	**27**	**42**	**120**	**15**	**17**	**24**	**0**	**40**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**478**
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	**400**	**3,274**	**454**	**412**	**818**	**520**	**178**	**208**	**260**	**0**	**582**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**7,106**

Resources Used	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge		Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,440	11,945	4,742	5,580	2,300	342	298	662	680	1,922	742	—	—	—	30,653
Children's/Teen Books	1,955	30,578	6,207	7,067	4,125	421	878	942	1,733	9,225	1,120	—	—	—	64,251
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,403	—	16,403
Magazines, Newspapers	135	446	229	243	344	44	20	61	37	17	19	—	—	—	1,595
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,163	—	15,163
Adult Audio Books	21	389	155	348	122	5	6	51	7	156	6	—	—	—	1,266
Children's Audio Books	13	201	119	217	88	6	1	1	12	131	3	—	—	—	792
DVDs	376	1,718	813	816	324	201	182	218	89	427	127	—	—	—	5,291
Children's DVDs	169	1,049	307	365	160	110	86	63	103	219	71	—	—	—	2,702
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	57,794	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	**4,109**	**46,326**	**12,572**	**14,636**	**7,463**	**1,129**	**1,471**	**1,998**	**2,661**	**12,097**	**2,088**	**—**	**—**	**—**	**138,116**

Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
General Questions	743	1,143	1,573	602	404	84	135	198	307	3,074	145	7	20	356	8,791
Technology-Related	109	141	139	92	13	8	125	91	13	0	72	0	1	0	804
Job-Related	0	24	24	38	19	12	60	10	6	0	11	0	0	0	204
Ebook-Related	2	57	32	18	50	6	10	25	7	3	39	1	2	0	252
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	**854**	**1,365**	**1,768**	**750**	**486**	**110**	**330**	**324**	**333**	**3,077**	**267**	**8**	**23**	**356**	**10,051**

Other Library Uses	Batesburg-Leesville	Lexington	Cayce-West Columbia	Irmo	Chapin	Swansea	Gaston	Pelion	Gilbert-Summit	Mobile Library	South Congaree-Pine Ridge				TOTALS
Door Counter	**2,118**	**19,916**	**7,845**	**6,898**	**4,091**	**969**	**776**	**540**	**1,354**	**347**	**1,037**	—	—	—	**45,891**
Meeting/Study Room Use	1	235	128	24	18	2	0	2	3	0	2	—	—	—	**415**
Meeting/Study Attendance	6	600	279	178	78	4	0	12	9	0	7	—	—	—	**1,173**
Computer Use*	191*	1,221	1,229	808	225	144	110	126	95	0	91	—	—	—	**4,049**
iMacs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	**0**
WiFi	284	3117	1304	1062	295	157	236	211	106		107	—	—	—	**6,879**
New Cards Issued	62	629	156	157	71	93	65	26	27	22	160	—	—	—	**1,468**

*10/12/23 - BL computer use total missing AWE stat