

# LIBRARY LINES

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October 2023

## HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY

**Happy Halloween** – On October 31, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library's Angie Brooks (branch librarian), Karyn Myers and Megan Ricard (library assistants III) dressed up as Ariel, Ursula and Flounder respectively. They attended the Halloween on Main event and gave out candy to over **600** people over the course of the evening.



Chapin Branch Library's annual *Halloween Party* was held on October 27. They had **175** in attendance and **70** entries into their Halloween costume contest parade. Twelve awards from various categories were given out, including best homemade and scariest costume. The refreshments were provided by Friends of Chapin Branch Library.



Gaston Branch Library's *Family Palooza: Halloween Hoopla* took place on October 23. They had a total of **19** attendees take part in carnival-style games, craft stations and consuming massive amounts of candy.



On October 31, Friends of South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library hosted a Halloween bash. Families dressed up in their Halloween best while enjoying storytimes, music and delicious candy.



Lexington Main Library's reference staff hosted an after hours scavenger hunt on October 20. They had **18** adults solving puzzles as they scoured the library for ghosts.





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**Outreach** – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library's Kelsey Arender and Kayla Connolly (library assistants III) visited eight Centerville Elementary School kindergarten classes on October 11 and 12. They read stories to a total of **142** children.



**Pumpkin Storytime** – Pelion Branch Library's Faith O'Neal-Roberts (library assistant III) planned a storytime series revolving around pumpkins for the month of October. She guided the kids through washing, painting and carving their mini pumpkins during each weekly storytime.



**Handmade** – On October 20, Swansea Branch Library held *Handmade: Fall Wreaths*. Everyone had a wonderful time crafting their own unique wreaths with ribbon and flowers.



**Employee Recognition** – On October 24, Mobile Library Assistant III Meliannette Ruiz was chosen as the Lexington County Employee of the Third Quarter for 2023. Meliannette was presented the award during the County Council meeting. She was nominated alongside Librarian I Elizabeth Doyle from Irmo Branch Library.



**Author Talk** – Lexington Main Library hosted South Carolina author Susan Zurenda on October 12. She discussed her new book, *The Girl from the Red Rose Motel*, which was inspired by her 30 years of teaching experience in a Spartanburg high school along with her knowledge of the homeless epidemic among students.



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FACT** The most searched title in October was *Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

## 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	587	5,282	2,249	3,399	1,388	142	188	358	287	462	342	—	14,684
Paperback	43	251	40	35	54	24	5	24	13	0	9	—	498
NonFiction Adult	268	3,171	1,283	1,493	568	61	62	212	179	214	200	—	7,711
LARGE PRINT	368	2,393	1,085	847	379	76	101	79	82	976	121	—	6,507
Non-Circulating	0	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—	27
Interlibrary Loan	0	14	33	25	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	—	80
Periodical	142	474	233	212	262	23	16	48	31	8	33	—	1,482
Fiction Juvenile	387	6,196	1,092	1,639	773	88	159	243	335	448	243	—	11,603
NonFiction Juvenile	275	4,332	1,112	1,315	756	74	149	149	309	964	247	—	9,682
EASY	924	15,723	3,239	3,425	1,735	269	466	713	891	6,524	531	—	34,440
Fiction Young Adult	142	1,780	445	508	235	49	87	82	86	69	116	—	3,599
NonFiction Young Adult	16	176	49	46	25	3	3	9	21	6	7	—	361
<b>Subtotal YS Print</b>	1,744	28,207	5,937	6,933	3,524	483	864	1,196	1,642	8,011	1,144	—	59,685
<b>Total Print Books</b>	3,152	39,793	10,884	12,944	6,176	809	1,237	1,918	2,239	9,671	1,851	—	90,674
Audio Book Adult	33	398	178	358	104	14	4	21	4	131	11	—	1,256
Audio Book Juvenile	20	213	91	212	98	1	10	7	14	123	4	—	793
Video Adult	315	1,650	1,095	825	331	189	237	303	123	228	64	—	5,360
Video Juvenile	173	1,055	321	347	189	77	134	78	121	155	31	—	2,681
<b>Total A/V</b>	541	3,316	1,685	1,742	722	281	385	409	262	637	110	—	10,090
Realia	4	22	24	11	93	5	4	3	3	0	1	—	170
<b>Total Hard Copy</b>	3,697	43,131	12,593	14,697	6,991	1,095	1,626	2,330	2,504	10,308	1,962	—	100,934
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14,617	14,617
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,377	15,377
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	350	350
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	84	84
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3,992	3,992
<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	34,420	34,420
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>43,131</b>	<b>12,593</b>	<b>14,697</b>	<b>6,991</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>10,308</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>34,420</b>	<b>135,354</b>
Computer Internet	207	632	781	601	77	79	98	61	33	0	60	—	2,629
AWE Computer Sessions*	54	493	266	227	118	43	32	63	65	0	47	—	1,408
Wifi	318	3066	1412	1060	293	179	270	270	121	0	100	—	7,089
Laptop	0	33	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	45
SmartBoard	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	2
<b>Total Computer</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>2,470</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>11,173</b>
*BL AWE estimated from regular sessions plus approximate average time of new edubuntu													
Circ Changes from OCT 2022	-379	525	385	-153	-124	-45	-1	-383	-146	-1,881	-698	5,070	2,170
YTD Total	16,320	192,311	53,156	62,292	31,344	4,806	6,251	8,618	10,946	39,925	8,360	131,670	565,999
Circ Change from YTD '23	-1,007	3,572	-1,162	-4,052	-2,701	-211	-470	-2,111	-762	-2,831	-2,381	10,959	-3,157
Percent Change YTD	-5.8%	1.9%	-2.1%	-6.1%	-7.9%	-4.2%	-7.0%	-19.7%	-6.5%	-6.6%	-22.2%	9.1%	-0.6%



# October 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)	5	22	22	7	9	5	2	5	3	0	5	—	—	—	—	85
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	33	171	146	27	62	14	7	18	23	0	31	—	—	—	—	532
Mixed Ages Programs	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	10
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	0	0	90	3	183	45	19	60	0	0	8	—	—	—	—	408
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	13	70	24	16	12	7	7	8	12	0	15	—	—	—	—	184
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	174	1,898	332	319	238	47	20	97	69	0	235	—	—	—	—	3,429
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	2	54	3	10	12	5	3	2	16	3	17	—	—	—	—	127
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	25	1795	145	192	543	140	53	110	240	21	196	—	—	—	—	3,460
1:1 Training Sessions	0	6	8	6	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	27
Take and Make Kits	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	45	—	—	—	—	96
Book Drop Offs	40	0	46	0	47	35	46	10	0	54	54	—	—	—	—	332
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>38</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>406</b>
<b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>3,864</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>470</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>7,829</b>
Resources Used													Electronic Resources			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,270	11,134	4,738	5,810	2,483	308	361	677	569	1,652	675	—	—	—	—	29,677
Children's/Teen Books	1,744	28,207	5,937	6,933	3,524	483	864	1,196	1,642	8,011	1,144	—	—	—	—	59,685
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,609	—	—	18,609
Magazines, Newspapers	142	474	233	212	262	23	16	48	31	8	33	—	—	—	—	1,482
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,811	—	—	15,811
Adult Audio Books	33	398	178	358	104	14	4	21	4	131	11	—	—	—	—	1,256
Children's Audio Books	20	213	91	212	98	1	10	7	14	123	4	—	—	—	—	793
DVDs	315	1,650	1,095	825	331	189	237	303	123	228	64	—	—	—	—	5,360
Children's DVDs	173	1,055	321	347	189	77	134	78	121	155	31	—	—	—	—	2,681
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74,198	—
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>43,131</b>	<b>12,593</b>	<b>14,697</b>	<b>6,991</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>10,308</b>	<b>1,962</b>	—	<b>34,420</b>	—	—	<b>135,354</b>
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	903	820	1,398	581	410	68	250	337	338	3,825	161	5	7	65	—	<b>9,168</b>
Technology-Related	148	189	206	88	10	8	25	137	11	0	69	0	2	0	—	<b>893</b>
Job-Related	25	17	26	15	5	8	15	14	3	0	7	0	0	0	—	<b>135</b>
Ebook-Related	19	99	41	22	3	7	25	21	3	0	11	2	3	0	—	<b>256</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>65</b>	—	<b>10,452</b>
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	2,050	18,912	8,558	7,712	4,217	857	834	552	1,183	464	1,022	—	—	—	—	<b>46,361</b>
Meeting/Study Room Use	1	284	171	31	17	2	11	5	2	0	3	—	—	—	—	<b>527</b>
Meeting/Study Attendance	10	1,462	426	250	83	2	38	22	5	0	18	—	—	—	—	<b>2,316</b>
Computer Use	261	1,158	1,058	830	195	122	130	124	98	0	108	—	—	—	—	<b>4,084</b>
iMacs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	<b>0</b>
WiFi	318	3066	1412	1060	293	179	270	270	121	0	100	—	—	—	—	<b>7,089</b>
<b>New Cards Issued</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>1,002</b>