

LIBRARYLINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

November 2023

WINTER READING IS HERE

Fall Into Winter Reading – On November 13, Lexington County Public Library's annual *Fall Into Winter Reading* program kicked off. Patrons who complete five activities are awarded adorable yeti plushies.



Garden Dedication Ceremony – Gaston Branch Library held a beautiful dedication ceremony for their South Carolina Food Connection Community Garden in partnership with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC). Remarks were given by BLEC Executive Director Dr. Cindye Richburg Cotton, Gaston Branch Librarian Rebecca Shelton, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Darvis Jordan and other honored guests. Over **50** members of the community joined them for the momentous occasion.



Bench Dedication – On November 4, Chapin Branch Library and community members gathered for a dedication in honor of former Branch Librarian Patricia G. Mauldin. She devoted over **30** years to the library and Chapin community, laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning and literacy. Patricia passed away on February 24, 2023.



Peanut Party – Pelion Branch Library attended the town's 42nd annual Pelion Peanut Festival on November 4. Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry and Library Assistant III Faith O'Neal-Roberts registered new library card holders and handed out swag at their outreach booth. Back at the branch, the Friends of Pelion Branch Library hosted a successful *Book Bake & Craft Sale*. The library wrapped up their stay with a *Storytime and S'mores* collaboration with Girl Scouts Troop 3327. They saw a total of **217** attendees.

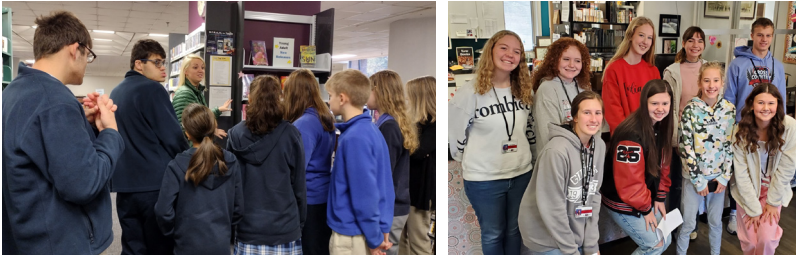


Homeschool Meetup – Library Assistant III Megan Ricard from Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library hosted a meetup for **33** local homeschool family members to workshop ideas and make suggestions on November 29.



South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library's *Community Conversations: Homeschool Huddle* took place on November 7. The **26** attendees were split up, with the adults learning about library resources, such as Tumble Math, followed by a Q&A with seasoned homeschool caregivers. Meanwhile, the children enjoyed a range of fun STEAM activities.

Library Visits – On November 2, Librarian II Ashley Hutto gave a tour of Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library to Hope Christian Academy students. She introduced them to the staff and pointed out all the resources available at the library.



The Gilbert High School book club visited Gilbert-Summit Branch Library on November 29. Library Assistant III Kayla Connolly and the students discussed different literary genres, took fun quizzes and went on a book scavenger hunt around the library.

Outreach – Mobile Library Manager Melaney Torcoletti, Library Assistant III Toni King and Lexington Main's Librarian II Amy Pittsenbarger attended American Leadership Academy's Family Night on November 16. They promoted library services and performed storytimes on the bus, registering a total of **14** new library cards and checking out **58** items.



Thanksgiving – On November 14, Library Assistant III Mateasha Hampton held *Create It: Giving Thanks* at Swansea Branch Library. Tweens and teens prepared for Thanksgiving by making beautiful table centerpieces.

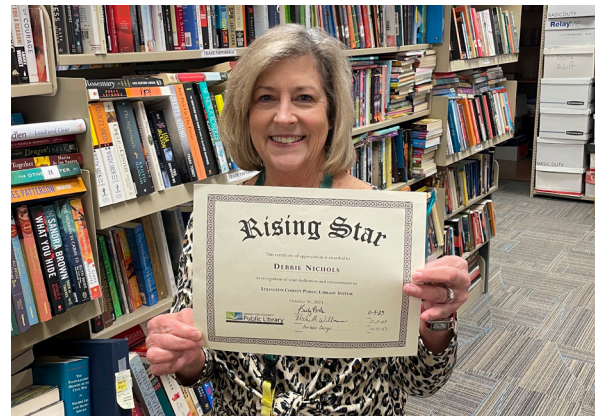
Employee Recognition – On November 7, Library Assistant III Rhianna Bogard from Pelion Branch Library was presented with the Rising Star Award. She was nominated due to her great attitude, professionalism and willingness to jump into any task.



Floater Caryn Buczynski was presented with the Rising Star Award on November 7. She was nominated for the enthusiasm she put into revitalizing Lexington Main Library's Artist of the Month program.



Library Assistant I Debbie Nichols from Irmo Branch Library was given the Rising Star Award in November. She was nominated for her warm, welcoming attitude and stellar customer service skills.



F U N FACT The most searched title in November was *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett.

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	533	4,859	2,024	2,932	1,224	161	171	333	299	530	289	—	13,355
Paperback	24	192	56	41	66	0	1	12	14	0	38	—	444
NonFiction Adult	236	2,754	1,062	1,335	495	76	83	180	175	96	193	—	6,685
LARGE PRINT	372	2,308	966	804	332	74	100	83	114	882	132	—	6,167
Non-Circulating	0	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	—	12
Interlibrary Loan	2	32	33	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	87
Periodical	107	384	236	204	297	23	22	39	22	11	28	—	1,373
Fiction Juvenile	310	6,184	1,012	1,564	1,036	98	122	171	306	578	255	—	11,636
NonFiction Juvenile	241	3,779	991	1,071	747	82	128	153	329	1,010	190	—	8,721
EASY	834	14,513	2,908	3,147	1,873	242	408	634	802	7,071	537	—	32,969
Fiction Young Adult	127	1,745	445	488	223	43	61	94	115	67	90	—	3,498
NonFiction Young Adult	14	205	49	44	20	4	4	3	20	5	10	—	378
Subtotal YS Print	1,526	26,426	5,405	6,314	3,899	469	723	1,055	1,572	8,731	1,082	—	57,202
Total Print Books	2,800	36,956	9,790	11,647	6,317	803	1,100	1,702	2,196	10,250	1,764	—	85,325
Audio Book Adult	20	358	120	298	89	13	7	31	6	187	7	—	1,136
Audio Book Juvenile	25	269	64	134	121	0	5	9	19	103	0	—	749
Video Adult	484	1,614	908	766	287	129	188	330	119	232	72	—	5,129
Video Juvenile	178	1,005	383	378	250	90	82	90	123	187	20	—	2,786
Total A/V	707	3,246	1,475	1,576	747	232	282	460	267	709	99	—	9,800
Realia	1	20	21	9	67	0	1	3	5	0	2	—	129
Total Hard Copy	3,508	40,222	11,286	13,232	7,131	1,035	1,383	2,165	2,468	10,959	1,865	—	95,254
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	13,714	13,714
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,025	15,025
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	445	445
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	85	85
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,162	4,162
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	33,431	33,431
Total Circulation	3,508	40,222	11,286	13,232	7,131	1,035	1,383	2,165	2,468	10,959	1,865	33,431	128,685
Computer Internet	165	569	723	536	81	66	90	64	29	0	56	—	2,379
AWE Computer Sessions	37	466	225	192	124	16	54	49	83	0	31	—	1,277
Wifi	309	3718	1590	1214	286	197	294	263	142	0	76	—	8,089
Laptop	0	14	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	25
SmartBoard	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	3
Total Computer	511	4,768	2,549	1,944	491	279	438	376	254	0	163	—	11,773
Circ Changes from NOV 2022	-84	1,987	-180	-713	-115	102	40	-389	53	-393	-232	5,496	5,572
YTD Total	19,828	232,533	64,442	75,524	38,475	5,841	7,634	10,783	13,414	50,884	10,225	165,101	694,684
Circ Change from YTD '23	-1,091	5,559	-1,342	-4,765	-2,816	-109	-430	-2,500	-709	-3,224	-2,613	16,455	2,415
Percent Change YTD	-5.2%	2.4%	-2.0%	-5.9%	-6.8%	-1.8%	-5.3%	-18.8%	-5.0%	-6.0%	-20.4%	11.1%	0.3%

November 2023 - Monthly Programs and Services Report



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)	7	19	21	9	7	4	2	4	4	0	5	—	—	—	82
Adult Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	55	124	130	28	45	12	2	11	23	0	33	—	—	—	463
Mixed Ages Programs	2	0	0	1	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	—	—	—	12
Mixed Ages Programs Attendance	36	0	0	3	187	108	59	75	0	0	0	—	—	—	468
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach)	15	65	23	16	13	7	7	9	13	0	19	—	—	—	187
Children's/Teen Programs (In-House, Not Including Outreach) Attendance	149	1,363	289	237	195	26	10	56	70	0	270	—	—	—	2,665
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teens)	4	53	9	11	11	7	3	9	11	2	15	—	—	—	135
Outreach Programs (Adults + Children/Teen) Attendance	65	1080	249	187	312	194	70	381	170	56	228	—	—	—	2,992
1:1 Training Sessions	0	4	6	5	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	—	—	—	21
Take and Make Kits	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	30	—	—	—	63
Book Drop Offs	105	0	0	20	160	35	0	60	20	29	0	—	—	—	429
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	28	137	53	37	33	21	14	24	28	2	39	—	—	—	416
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	305	2,567	668	455	739	340	141	523	263	56	531	—	—	—	6,588
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,168	10,166	4,170	5,138	2,188	311	356	611	607	1,508	656	—	—	—	26,879
Children's/Teen Books	1,526	26,426	5,405	6,314	3,899	469	723	1,055	1,572	8,731	1,082	—	—	—	57,202
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,876	—	17,876
Magazines, Newspapers	107	384	236	204	297	23	22	39	22	11	28	—	—	—	1,373
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,555	—	15,555
Adult Audio Books	20	358	120	298	89	13	7	31	6	187	7	—	—	—	1,136
Children's Audio Books	25	269	64	134	121	0	5	9	19	103	0	—	—	—	749
DVDs	484	1,614	908	766	287	129	188	330	119	232	72	—	—	—	5,129
Children's DVDs	178	1,005	383	378	250	90	82	90	123	187	20	—	—	—	2,786
Database Searches	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54,661	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,508	40,222	11,286	13,232	7,131	1,035	1,383	2,165	2,468	10,959	1,865	—	33,431	—	128,685
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	574	839	1544	678	423	84	202	242	357	3318	229	11	25	16	8,542
Technology-Related	69	79	184	103	20	10	22	132	12	0	84	0	0	0	715
Job-Related	3	18	25	14	8	6	17	23	2	0	11	0	0	0	127
Ebook-Related	7	52	22	16	3	4	6	8	7	1	21	2	0	0	149
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	653	988	1,775	811	454	104	247	405	378	3,319	345	13	25	16	9,533
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	1,844	17,118	7,097	9,819	4,044	744	772	660	1,101	464	962	—	—	—	44,625
Meeting/Study Room Use	2	302	137	22	18	2	12	2	1	0	1	—	—	—	499
Meeting/Study Attendance	19	835	332	215	76	5	37	12	1	0	5	—	—	—	1,537
Computer Use	202	1,050	959	730	205	82	144	113	112	0	87	—	—	—	3,684
iMacs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
WiFi	309	3718	1590	1214	286	197	294	263	142	0	76	—	—	—	8,089
New Cards Issued	24	377	165	100	43	13	51	35	19	6	28	—	—	—	861