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January 2025

TURNING OVER A NEW CHAPTER

Preserving Our Stories – To help with the upcoming launch of Lexington County Public Library's (LCPL) new digital archive, former employees, board members and Friends of the Library were invited to Lexington Main on January 28. They explored the library's rich history through photographs, shared memories, and identified people and events in the collection. Attendees included Cynthia Boozer, Barbara Casper, Frances Cox, Jacqui Enlow, Susie Hendrix, Cynthia Kent, Lolly Petroff, Barbara Remack, Beverly Windham and Audrea Wolf.



Snow – A big theme for January was snow, with multiple branches hosting cool programs like Chapin Branch Library's *Kid Zone: Snowmen* on January 9, where they used science to create mini winter wonderlands. Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library held *Craft Squad: Snow Flowers* on January 14, with the kids decorating leather flowers with shaving cream and paint. On January 23, Lexington Main Library's attendees went ice skating with paper pates during *Craft Squad: Paper Crafts*. Pelion Branch Library recycled old socks into new creations in *Handmade: Sock Snowman* on January 28.



Graduates – On January 8, LCPL threw a party to celebrate the employees who recently completed their Certificate in Library Science. The graduates included Library Assistant Ills Rachel Cambre, Russell DePratter, Jill Hester, Karyn Myers, Marla Snowden and Jaishree Webster; Executive Assistant Wendy Groscoat; Library Assistant Is Melisa Haggerty, Lisa Leonard, Danielle Long, Kayla McClain and Sarah Stansill; and Library Assistant II Vickie Stockman.



Winter Reading – The Fall Into Winter Reading Program came to a close on January 31. A total of **579** participants completed the bingo challenge and received fun prizes like yeti plushies and screwdriver pens.



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For the Birds – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library’s Jaishree Webster visited the Tri-City Leisure Center on January 8, where she taught **23** seniors how to make bird feeders. On January 11, she partnered with the Audubon Society to present *Lifelong Learning: Buffet for Birds*. The **14** attendees learned about local bird species and made bird feeders for their yards.



Social Scene – On January 18, Gaston Branch Library planned *Social Scene: K-Pop Club*. The attendees watched popular K-pop music videos while crafting calendars with photos of their favorite idols.



Handmade – At Chapin Branch Library, Carol Blanco led *Handmade: Budget Charcuterie* on January 30. She taught the **19** attendees how to create beautiful and delicious charcuterie boards with affordable ingredients.



Kid Zone – On January 30, Lexington Main Library invited Anna and Brandon Mann to be a part of *Kid Zone: Rhythm Explorers*. The **27** attendees learned the fundamentals of music as they clapped, danced and played tambourine with the band.



Lifelong Learning – On January 2, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library held *Lifelong Learning: Gentle Yoga*. The **10** attendees were guided through easy stretches and movements.



Daycare Visit – Trinity Learning Center took a field trip to South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library with **21** preschoolers and their parents on January 24. They were treated to a storytime and tour of the library before enjoying the toys and puzzles.



Outreach – On January 29, Mobile Library Manager Melaney Torcoletti and Library Assistant III Paige Kennedy visited The Village at Southlake with Nova. They assisted with Libby and Hoopla downloads, registered three new library cards and added **nine** patrons to the stop.



FUN FACT The most searched title in January was *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff.



Monthly Circulation Report

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Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Cayce- West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert- Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelion	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Swansea	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	546	2,387	1,351	159	340	3,175	5,802	349	384	331	178	—	15,002
Paperback	46	49	38	0	8	22	197	0	9	15	1	—	385
NonFiction Adult	293	1,329	613	99	203	1,612	3,513	141	281	192	97	—	8,373
LARGE PRINT	312	1,002	379	54	41	778	2,407	1,826	92	126	69	—	7,086
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	1
Interlibrary Loan	0	10	0	1	1	6	11	0	2	1	0	—	32
Periodical	94	191	369	23	36	226	325	12	78	34	26	—	1,414
Fiction Juvenile	488	1,459	896	130	214	1,701	7,730	433	190	210	95	—	13,546
NonFiction Juvenile	377	1,252	728	135	252	1,123	3,811	846	165	259	77	—	9,025
EASY	810	3,212	1,891	309	599	3,382	14,447	5,065	635	448	216	—	31,014
Fiction Young Adult	116	526	306	52	122	612	1,826	40	106	78	58	—	3,842
NonFiction Young Adult	7	52	30	7	13	41	145	9	8	4	10	—	326
Subtotal YS Print	1,798	6,501	3,851	633	1,200	6,859	27,959	6,393	1,104	999	456	—	57,753
Total Print Books	3,089	11,469	6,601	969	1,829	12,678	40,215	8,721	1,950	1,698	827	—	90,046
Audio Book Adult	13	116	61	8	0	194	343	133	45	7	3	—	923
Audio Book Juvenile	14	157	48	4	8	181	161	113	5	5	0	—	696
Video Adult	416	844	262	156	118	846	1,430	387	216	49	141	—	4,865
Video Juvenile	133	303	198	51	78	334	996	171	96	53	16	—	2,429
Total A/V	576	1,420	569	219	204	1,555	2,930	804	362	114	160	—	8,913
Realia	3	28	116	10	11	7	158	0	6	5	4	—	348
Total Hard Copy	3,668	12,917	7,286	1,198	2,044	14,240	43,303	9,525	2,318	1,817	991	—	99,307
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,502	15,502
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,117	19,117
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	471	471
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	68
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,172	4,172
Downloadable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	69
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39,399
Total Circulation	3,668	12,917	7,286	1,198	2,044	14,240	43,303	9,525	2,318	1,817	991	39,399	138,706
Internet and WiFi	454	1843	294	216	102	1388	3064	0	215	166	237	—	7,979
Circulating Technology	0	15	0	0	0	16	3	0	0	0	0	—	34
Total Computer	454	1,858	294	216	102	1,404	3,067	0	215	166	237	—	8,013
Circ Changes from JAN 2024	-738	932	-768	-415	-312	-377	-441	-333	-160	-204	-66	1,755	-1,127
YTD Total	26,665	85,535	53,639	9,205	16,281	102,061	292,186	56,648	16,023	12,365	7,149	253,609	931,366
Circ Change from YTD '24	-1,040	-911	1,056	-1,196	-1,462	-452	-19,779	-12,751	1,026	-1,465	-765	17,428	-20,311
Percent Change YTD	-3.8%	-1.1%	2.0%	-11.5%	-8.2%	-0.4%	-6.3%	-18.4%	6.8%	-10.6%	-9.7%	7.4%	-2.1%

January 2025 - Monthly Programs and Services Report



Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg- Lenoirville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert- Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelton	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Swansea				SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Onsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	6	21	10	4	3	7	16	0	6	4	7	—	—	—	84
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	46	129	68	10	21	57	100	0	26	26	32	—	—	—	515
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	4	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	—	—	—	11
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	37	7	0	0	21	0	0	0	4	7	—	—	—	76
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	0	1	1	2	3	4	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	17
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	12	0	11	0	2	4	13	0	0	0	9	—	—	—	51
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	14
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	3	2	0	2	0	21	0	0	0	16	—	—	—	49
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	4	5	3	3	4	10	0	2	5	2	—	—	—	40
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	14	62	45	3	36	68	246	0	7	154	16	—	—	—	651
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	10	5	4	4	5	16	0	4	4	4	—	—	—	60
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	17	103	91	17	8	25	491	0	18	53	0	—	—	—	823
Toddler/Time OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	4	5	0	4	5	18	0	3	2	2	—	—	—	46
Toddler/Time Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	16	139	163	0	12	101	516	0	30	6	0	—	—	—	983
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	4	0	0	0	3	12	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	19
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	40	0	0	0	18	226	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	284
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	4
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	22	23	9	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	63
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	4	3	11	6	5	9	41	0	2	5	2	—	—	—	88
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	62	56	273	107	66	178	1,023	0	58	85	59	—	—	—	1,967
1:1 Training Sessions	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	—	—	—	2
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	0	11	0	31	67	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	109
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	320	25	0	183	898	0	0	0	15	—	—	—	1,441
Book Drop Offs	22	0	113	62	40	0	0	48	0	53	40	—	—	—	378
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	24	52	40	20	25	38	122	0	19	23	20	—	—	—	383
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	194	592	669	137	147	472	2,645	0	139	328	139	—	—	—	5,462
Resources Used														Electronic Resources	SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,200	4,805	2,497	323	604	5,600	12,089	2,316	774	670	349	—	—	—	31,227
Children's/Teen Books	1,798	6,501	3,851	633	1,200	6,859	27,959	6,393	1,104	999	456	—	—	—	57,753
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,674	19,674
Magazines, Newspapers	94	191	369	23	36	226	325	12	78	34	26	—	—	—	1,414
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,725	19,725
Adult Audio Books	13	116	61	8	0	194	343	133	45	7	3	—	—	—	923
Children's Audio Books	14	157	48	4	8	181	161	113	5	5	0	—	—	—	696
DVDs	416	844	262	156	118	846	1,430	387	216	49	141	—	—	—	4,865
Children's DVDs	133	303	198	51	78	334	996	171	96	53	16	—	—	—	2,429
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51,531	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,668	12,917	7,286	1,198	2,044	14,240	43,303	9,525	2,318	1,817	991	—	—	39,399	138,706
Individualized Assistance															SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	837	1,714	650	80	207	1,003	1,075	2,624	178	235	192	0	0	19	8,814
Notary Service	18	20	64	13	13	25	75	0	16	2	6	0	0	0	252
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	11	0	0	0	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	37
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	855	1,745	714	93	220	1,036	1,163	2,624	194	237	198	0	0	24	9,103
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	1,998	7,856	3,857	629	939	10,864	19,635	627	512	1,024	848	—	—	—	48,789
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	7	280	27	4	1	229	235	0	0	6	2	—	—	—	791
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	22	251	91	10	12	648	1090	0	0	61	3	—	—	—	2,188
Total Computer Use	206	875	75	89	22	581	668	0	52	60	85	—	—	—	2,713
WiFi	248	964	219	127	80	800	2366	0	163	106	152	—	—	—	5,225
New Cards Issued	39	175	64	23	19	162	528	5	24	33	12	—	—	—	1,084