

LIBRARY LINES

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July 2024

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Gravity Check – From July 15–19, Gravity Check put on a high-energy and hilarious juggling show at all ten branches for grades K–5. They wowed a grand total of **587** attendees.



Talewise – From July 22–26, Talewise performed *Adventure of the Lost Treasure*, a fun fusion of science and stories for grades K–5, at all ten branches. They also hosted *Action & Reactions* for grades 6–12 at every branch. They made science heroes out of a total of **485** attendees.



Author Talk – Cecil Williams, a Southern Black photojournalist of the civil rights movement, and Claudia Smith Brinson, an award-winning journalist, spoke at Lexington Main Library on July 13. They combined forces to write *Injustice in Focus: The Civil Rights Photography of Cecil Williams*, where they documented civil rights activism in the 1940s through the 1960s in South Carolina. The audience of **20** was very engaged and asked a wide range of questions following the presentation.



Employee Recognition – Library Assistant I Michelle Cason from Lexington Main Library was awarded Employee of the Third Quarter on July 10. For the past two years, she has led a library tour for members of the Adult Education Center. She collects donated books for the Department of Corrections so inmates can have access to high-quality and engaging material. Michelle continuously goes above and beyond in every task she works on, and is a role model to her fellow staff members.



Community – On July 9, Gaston Branch Library put together *Community: Garden-to-Table*. The **12** attendees picked fresh veggies from the community garden before heading indoors to turn their harvest into healthy and delicious salads and veggie spring rolls.

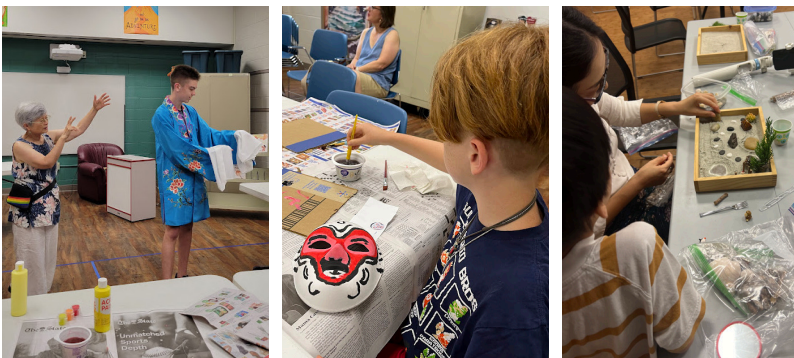


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Happy Birthday – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library turned **17** this year, and they threw a birthday party on July 15 to celebrate. They had yummy cupcakes, a fun yarn craft and the splash pad for the attendees to enjoy.



Lin Ko – On July 17, Lin Ko visited Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library for *Art of Chinese Opera*. The teens learned about the techniques used for theatrical face painting as they designed their own masks and explored their performing skills while dressed in traditional garb.



Lin Ko presented *Mini Sand Garden* at Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library on July 25. The attendees discovered the art of Japanese sand gardens as they acquired hands-on experience with creating them.

Christmas in July – Pelion Branch Library threw a Christmas in July bash on July 10. They had programs for every age group, with a movie screening, gingerbread creations and ornament crafts for the **87** attendees. Chapin Branch Library also held a Christmas in July program on July 25. The **16** attendees created festive decorations out of clay.



Author Talk – On July 20, Irmo Branch Library hosted the authors of *Kugels and Collards: Tales of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina*. Rachel Gordin Barnett & Lyssa Kligman Harvey discussed their poignant — and delicious — compendium of South Carolina Jewish life revealed through food. As a bonus treat, everyone in attendance got to try some homemade kugel.



Jewelry – Swansea Branch Library held *Handmade: Jewelry* led by Sue Charette-Hood on July 13. She taught the attendees how to create beautifully beaded pieces of wearable artwork.



Outreach – On July 18, Mobile Library Manager Melaney Torcoletti and Library Assistant III P.J. Fox brought Nova, the Mobile Library bus, to Active Day of Cayce. They provided library materials for browsing and handed out Summer Reading prizes to the group.



FUN FACT The total number of Summer Reading registrants at the end of July was **8,252**.

Monthly Circulation Report

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Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Cayce- West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert- Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelton	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Swansea	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	686	2,595	1,778	164	399	3,855	7,115	492	328	408	184	—	18,004
Paperback	15	88	74	4	11	58	202	0	16	12	4	—	484
NonFiction Adult	362	1,434	781	148	200	1,900	3,800	88	204	209	85	—	9,211
LARGE PRINT	379	1,258	429	56	68	884	2,804	1,206	81	133	141	—	7,439
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	—	8
Interlibrary Loan	3	16	2	1	0	8	9	0	0	2	0	—	41
Periodical	151	214	367	26	24	252	396	18	76	36	35	—	1,595
Fiction Juvenile	598	1,836	1,582	339	431	2,839	10,248	840	165	314	106	—	19,298
NonFiction Juvenile	425	1,611	1,121	113	403	1,786	4,744	452	272	206	133	—	11,266
EASY	1,051	4,175	2,334	402	1,029	4,067	16,870	2,813	756	536	309	—	34,342
Fiction Young Adult	251	642	448	89	202	898	2,822	56	229	111	95	—	5,843
NonFiction Young Adult	21	44	42	5	23	65	195	8	6	8	6	—	423
Subtotal YS Print	2,346	8,308	5,527	948	2,088	9,655	34,879	4,169	1,428	1,175	649	—	71,172
Total Print Books	3,942	13,913	8,958	1,347	2,790	16,616	49,209	5,973	2,133	1,975	1,098	—	107,954
Audio Book Adult	24	129	79	24	5	274	392	185	51	6	8	—	1,177
Audio Book Juvenile	49	146	148	7	52	329	335	56	4	0	1	—	1,127
Video Adult	510	1,054	390	149	206	1,002	1,846	289	399	108	126	—	6,079
Video Juvenile	226	514	391	133	128	575	1,389	195	85	87	51	—	3,774
Total A/V	809	1,843	1,008	313	391	2,180	3,962	725	539	201	186	—	12,157
Realia	14	55	117	4	17	19	30	3	8	7	4	—	278
Total Hard Copy	4,765	15,811	10,083	1,664	3,198	18,815	53,201	6,701	2,680	2,183	1,288	—	120,389
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,807	15,807
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,945	17,945
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	515	515
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	95
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3035	3,035
Downloadable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	54
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37,451
Total Circulation	4,765	15,811	10,083	1,664	3,198	18,815	53,201	6,701	2,680	2,183	1,288	37,451	157,840
Internet and WiFi	694	2,292	411	267	192	1,851	4,733	10	320	257	235	—	11,262
Circulating Technology	1	15	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	—	24
Total Computer	695	2,307	413	268	193	1,854	4,734	10	320	257	235	—	11,286

Circ Changes from JUL 2023	964	1,350	1,547	167	167	2,470	591	-2,554	568	15	15	5,101	10,401
YTD Total	4,765	15,811	10,083	1,664	3,198	18,815	53,201	6,701	2,680	2,183	1,288	37,451	157,840
Circ Change from YTD '24	964	1,350	1,547	167	167	2,470	591	-2,554	568	15	15	5,101	10,401
Percent Change YTD	25.4%	9.3%	18.1%	11.2%	5.5%	15.1%	1.1%	-27.6%	26.9%	0.7%	1.2%	15.8%	7.1%

July 2024 - Monthly Programs and Services Report

Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	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)	5	29	6	3	2	12	22	0	7	4	6	—	—	—	96
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	34	174	63	7	11	64	143	0	35	28	20	—	—	—	579
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	3	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	12
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	20	50	12	44	5	0	0	9	14	0	—	—	—	154
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	7	3	2	1	2	4	4	0	2	2	2	—	—	—	29
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	39	17	11	0	9	19	25	0	6	12	9	—	—	—	147
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	2	4	3	4	2	2	0	2	2	2	—	—	—	26
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	16	17	27	4	23	7	20	0	20	13	16	—	—	—	163
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	9	11	7	7	8	7	12	0	6	6	6	—	—	—	79
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	283	630	261	95	242	398	840	0	148	184	67	—	—	—	3,148
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	6	11	5	4	6	5	20	0	4	3	3	—	—	—	67
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	46	157	120	20	35	84	813	0	33	57	7	—	—	—	1,372
Toddler/Onsite Programs (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	4	8	0	2	2	19	0	3	0	2	—	—	—	45
Toddler/Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	45	139	266	0	11	44	758	0	20	0	10	—	—	—	1,293
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	—	4	—	—	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	—	56	—	—	—	30	338	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	424
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	—	—	—	6
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	29	0	14	0	13	0	28	19	0	0	0	—	—	—	103
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	5	4	0	5	3	32	3	0	5	0	—	—	—	57
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	173	87	0	313	48	905	160	0	45	0	—	—	—	1,731
1:1 Training Sessions	0	0	0	0	0	9	6	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	15
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	12
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	479	0	96	0	0	0	0	20	0	—	—	—	595
Book Drop Offs	140	0	100	0	0	11	0	60	0	12	30	—	—	—	353
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	36	72	38	20	32	37	124	4	25	23	22	—	—	—	433
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	492	1,383	899	138	701	699	3,870	179	271	353	129	—	—	—	9,114
Resources Used														Electronic Resources	SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,459	5,446	3,181	377	695	6,728	13,964	1,789	637	771	418	—	—	—	35,465
Children's/Teen Books	2,346	8,308	5,527	948	2,088	9,655	34,879	4,169	1,428	1,175	649	—	—	—	71,172
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,896	18,896
Magazines, Newspapers	151	214	367	26	24	252	396	18	76	36	35	—	—	—	1,595
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,555	18,555
Adult Audio Books	24	129	79	24	5	274	392	185	51	6	8	—	—	—	1,177
Children's Audio Books	49	146	148	7	52	329	335	56	4	0	1	—	—	—	1,127
DVDs	510	1,054	390	149	206	1,002	1,846	289	399	108	126	—	—	—	6,079
Children's DVDs	226	514	391	133	128	575	1,389	195	85	87	51	—	—	—	3,774
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38,244	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	4,765	15,811	10,083	1,664	3,198	18,815	53,201	6,701	2,680	2,183	1,288	—	—	37,451	157,840
Individualized Assistance															SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	458	4,300	518	182	216	1,295	1,817	1,489	365	175	131	0	5	30	10,981
Notary Service	11	203	27	10	2	26	93	0	48	6	2	0	0	0	428
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	48	0	0	0	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	72
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	469	4,551	545	192	218	1,332	1,915	1,489	413	181	133	0	5	38	11,481
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	2,717	9,791	5,300	960	1,579	11,944	23,237	1,009	809	1,261	1,264	—	—	—	59,871
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	3	234	27	9	3	308	297	0	3	5	4	—	—	—	893
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	25	303	54	30	38	618	789	0	12	17	3	—	—	—	1,889
Total Computer Use	457	1,367	266	146	114	1,052	2,193	0	169	135	109	0	0	0	6,008
WiFi	238	855	147	122	79	742	2,515	10	151	122	126	—	—	—	5,107
New Cards Issued	95	232	112	40	42	181	724	17	59	31	27	—	—	—	1,560