

# LIBRARY LINES

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October 2024

## HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY

**Costume Contest** – Chapin Branch Library held *Family Palooza: Halloween Spooktacular* on October 24. A total of **164** people participated in the costume contest's multiple categories, including funniest, scariest, cutest and homemade. The staff dressed up as characters from *Despicable Me*, and notable patron costumes included the captain of the Titanic, Gizmo, Cinderella, Mario and a piñata.



**Employee Recognition** – At Staff Education Day on October 4, Library Assistant III Molly Ledford from Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library (CWC) was named Lexington County Public Library's Employee of the Year. When Molly noticed an increase in Spanish-speaking patrons, she taught herself Spanish in order to communicate with them. Molly is the driving force behind many of the large performances at CWC, writing and directing the Summer Reading puppet shows, end of summer events, Spooky Spectacular, etc. Molly was nominated for this award because she always goes above and beyond, bringing her drive and passion to every aspect of her job.



**Trunk or Treat** – On October 31, Library Assistant III Faith O'Neal-Roberts from Pelion Branch Library and Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry attended Pelion Police Department's Trunk or Treat. They shared library resources and handed out swag to the costumed trick-or-treaters.



**Boo Bash** – On October 26, Gaston Branch Library's Jennifer Wells, library assistant III, and Swansea Branch Library's Lauren Jordan, library assistant III, participated in Gaston's Boo Bash. They let attendees spin the wheel for fun library goodies and informed them about the library's services.



**So the Story Goes** – Lexington Main Library held their annual Halloween storytelling program at Virginia Hylton Park on October 12. They partnered with Town of Lexington and Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission, passing their record number of attendees with **400** visitors.



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**Halloween on Main** – On October 31, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library's staff attended Halloween on Main dressed as characters from *The Wizard of Oz*. Trick-or-treaters walked down the yellow brick road on their way to pick up candy.



**Kid Zone** – On October 10, Lexington Main Library held *Kid Zone: Critter Corner* in partnership with Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo. The **183** attendees met some new furry friends, including a mini horse and cow, goats, sheep, chickens and bunnies.



**Homeschool Hub** – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library put together *Homeschool Hub* on October 8. Library Assistant III Nicole Shumpert showed the parents some of the library's educational resources before the kids conducted fun science experiments.



**Just Play** – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library held *Just Play: Mini Golf* on October 10. The kids played courses creatively built with books.



**Lifelong Learning** – On October 17, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library partnered with Roxanne Poole for *Lifelong Learning: Gentle Yoga*. **Fourteen** seniors enjoyed a relaxing and revitalizing time with chair yoga.



**Outreach** – On October 18, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library brought supplies to make Halloween-themed birdhouses for the seniors at Holland Avenue Baptist Church.



Dulce Rico, SC Hispanic Outreach's community liaison, invited Swansea Branch Library's Cindy Nowak, library assistant III, and Kate Barry, outreach coordinator, to the Mexican Consulate outreach on October 23. They shared library resources with **33** people and registered seven new library cards.



**FUN FACT** The most searched title in October was *We Solve Murders* by Richard Osman.

## Monthly Circulation Report

October 2024  
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| Material Type              | Batesburg-<br>Leesville | Cayce-<br>West<br>Columbia | Chapin       | Gaston       | Gilbert-<br>Summit | Irmo          | Lexington     | Mobile<br>Library | Pelton       | South<br>Congaree-<br>Pine Ridge | Swansea      | Ebooks        | SYSTEM<br>TOTALS |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Fiction Adult              | 692                     | 2,309                      | 1,589        | 187          | 271                | 3,021         | 5,720         | 576               | 395          | 313                              | 178          | —             | 15,251           |
| Paperback                  | 61                      | 80                         | 40           | 10           | 7                  | 24            | 159           | 0                 | 7            | 13                               | 14           | —             | 415              |
| NonFiction Adult           | 332                     | 1,077                      | 532          | 104          | 213                | 1,320         | 2,912         | 109               | 263          | 211                              | 61           | —             | 7,134            |
| LARGE PRINT                | 302                     | 925                        | 420          | 80           | 74                 | 870           | 2,214         | 1,633             | 99           | 93                               | 94           | —             | 6,804            |
| Non-Circulating            | 3                       | 2                          | 0            | 0            | 0                  | 1             | 2             | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —             | 8                |
| Interlibrary Loan          | 7                       | 14                         | 2            | 2            | 3                  | 11            | 21            | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —             | 60               |
| Periodical                 | 134                     | 196                        | 348          | 16           | 19                 | 175           | 371           | 18                | 64           | 34                               | 23           | —             | 1,398            |
| Fiction Juvenile           | 563                     | 1,436                      | 1,139        | 231          | 348                | 1,897         | 7,035         | 729               | 136          | 209                              | 77           | —             | 13,800           |
| NonFiction Juvenile        | 535                     | 1,137                      | 749          | 164          | 319                | 1,311         | 3,873         | 1,338             | 157          | 208                              | 53           | —             | 9,844            |
| EASY                       | 1,045                   | 2,899                      | 2,098        | 419          | 800                | 3,697         | 14,354        | 6,255             | 703          | 463                              | 257          | —             | 32,990           |
| Fiction Young Adult        | 141                     | 564                        | 350          | 94           | 169                | 535           | 1,652         | 92                | 82           | 83                               | 53           | —             | 3,815            |
| NonFiction Young Adult     | 25                      | 54                         | 28           | 5            | 11                 | 41            | 148           | 6                 | 7            | 15                               | 5            | —             | 345              |
| <b>Subtotal YS Print</b>   | <b>2,309</b>            | <b>6,090</b>               | <b>4,364</b> | <b>913</b>   | <b>1,647</b>       | <b>7,481</b>  | <b>27,062</b> | <b>8,420</b>      | <b>1,085</b> | <b>978</b>                       | <b>445</b>   | <b>—</b>      | <b>60,794</b>    |
| <b>Total Print Books</b>   | <b>3,840</b>            | <b>10,693</b>              | <b>7,295</b> | <b>1,312</b> | <b>2,234</b>       | <b>12,903</b> | <b>38,461</b> | <b>10,756</b>     | <b>1,913</b> | <b>1,642</b>                     | <b>815</b>   | <b>—</b>      | <b>91,864</b>    |
| Audio Book Adult           | 30                      | 160                        | 65           | 0            | 1                  | 267           | 353           | 180               | 37           | 9                                | 6            | —             | 1,108            |
| Audio Book Juvenile        | 19                      | 117                        | 77           | 2            | 33                 | 220           | 179           | 216               | 3            | 4                                | 4            | —             | 874              |
| Video Adult                | 476                     | 803                        | 342          | 151          | 175                | 810           | 1,258         | 386               | 357          | 72                               | 148          | —             | 4,978            |
| Video Juvenile             | 168                     | 338                        | 246          | 89           | 91                 | 362           | 1,004         | 287               | 99           | 64                               | 60           | —             | 2,808            |
| <b>Total A/V</b>           | <b>693</b>              | <b>1,418</b>               | <b>730</b>   | <b>242</b>   | <b>300</b>         | <b>1,659</b>  | <b>2,794</b>  | <b>1,069</b>      | <b>496</b>   | <b>149</b>                       | <b>218</b>   | <b>—</b>      | <b>9,768</b>     |
| Realia                     | 4                       | 68                         | 73           | 8            | 14                 | 21            | 100           | 3                 | 3            | 2                                | 6            | —             | 302              |
| <b>Total Hard Copy</b>     | <b>4,537</b>            | <b>12,179</b>              | <b>8,098</b> | <b>1,562</b> | <b>2,548</b>       | <b>14,583</b> | <b>41,355</b> | <b>11,828</b>     | <b>2,412</b> | <b>1,793</b>                     | <b>1,039</b> | <b>—</b>      | <b>101,934</b>   |
| Ebooks                     | —                       | —                          | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | 13,889        | 13,889           |
| Downloadable Audio         | —                       | —                          | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | 17,933        | 17,933           |
| Downloadable Video         | —                       | —                          | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | 379           | 379              |
| Downloadable Music         | —                       | —                          | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | 76            | 76               |
| Downloadable Magazines     | —                       | —                          | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | 2,971         | 2,971            |
| Downloadable BingePass     | —                       | —                          | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | 50            | 50               |
| <b>Total Downloadables</b> | <b>—</b>                | <b>—</b>                   | <b>—</b>     | <b>—</b>     | <b>—</b>           | <b>—</b>      | <b>—</b>      | <b>—</b>          | <b>—</b>     | <b>—</b>                         | <b>—</b>     | <b>—</b>      | <b>35,298</b>    |
| <b>Total Circulation</b>   | <b>4,537</b>            | <b>12,179</b>              | <b>8,098</b> | <b>1,562</b> | <b>2,548</b>       | <b>14,583</b> | <b>41,355</b> | <b>11,828</b>     | <b>2,412</b> | <b>1,793</b>                     | <b>1,039</b> | <b>35,298</b> | <b>137,232</b>   |
| Internet and WiFi*         | 647                     | 2089                       | 503          | 199          | 123                | 1499          | 3241          | 0                 | 179          | 165                              | 223          | —             | 8,868            |
| Circulating Technology     | 0                       | 1                          | 0            | 0            | 2                  | 1             | 1             | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —             | 5                |
| <b>Total Computer</b>      | <b>647</b>              | <b>2,090</b>               | <b>503</b>   | <b>199</b>   | <b>125</b>         | <b>1,500</b>  | <b>3,242</b>  | <b>0</b>          | <b>179</b>   | <b>165</b>                       | <b>223</b>   | <b>—</b>      | <b>8,873</b>     |

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|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---------|---------|
| Circ Changes from OCT 2023 | 840    | -414   | 1,107  | -64   | 44     | -114   | -1,776  | 1,520  | 82    | -169   | -56   | 878     | 1,878   |
| YTD Total                  | 16,626 | 52,156 | 33,026 | 5,699 | 10,489 | 62,435 | 173,347 | 32,400 | 9,985 | 7,358  | 4,337 | 143,410 | 551,268 |
| Circ Change from YTD '24   | 306    | -1,000 | 1,682  | -552  | -457   | 143    | -18,964 | -7,525 | 1,367 | -1,002 | -469  | 11,740  | -14,731 |
| Percent Change YTD         | 1.9%   | -1.9%  | 5.4%   | -8.8% | -4.2%  | 0.2%   | -9.9%   | -18.8% | 15.9% | -12.0% | -9.8% | 8.9%    | -2.6%   |

\*iMac not counted in Oct

October 2024 - Monthly Programs and Services Report

| Lifelong Learning Programs   | Batesburg-<br>Leesville | Cayce-West<br>Columbia | Chapin       | Gaston       | Gilbert-<br>Summit | Irmo          | Lexington     | Mobile<br>Library | Pelton       | South<br>Congaree-<br>Pine Ridge | Swansea      |          |                         |           | SYSTEM<br>TOTALS |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Adult Onsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)                  | 7                       | 19                     | 9            | 1            | 1                  | 6             | 15            | 0                 | 8            | 5                                | 9            | —        | —                       | —         | 80               |
| Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)                | 63                      | 137                    | 62           | 1            | 8                  | 17            | 85            | 0                 | 34           | 35                               | 35           | —        | —                       | —         | 477              |
| General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)                                     | 0                       | 8                      | 1            | 3            | 1                  | 3             | 2             | 0                 | 1            | 3                                | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 22               |
| General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)                                  | 0                       | 179                    | 8            | 12           | 4                  | 79            | 26            | 0                 | 2            | 15                               | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 325              |
| High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)     | 4                       | 1                      | 1            | 1            | 1                  | 4             | 5             | 0                 | 1            | 0                                | 1            | —        | —                       | —         | 19               |
| High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)  | 30                      | 0                      | 8            | 7            | 0                  | 21            | 28            | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 9            | —        | —                       | —         | 103              |
| 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                 | 2            | 1                                | 1            | —        | —                       | —         | 15               |
| Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach) | 2                       | 0                      | 0            | 4            | 5                  | 3             | 13            | 0                 | 2            | 5                                | 12           | —        | —                       | —         | 46               |
| Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)         | 14                      | 4                      | 7            | 4            | 4                  | 4             | 14            | 0                 | 2            | 6                                | 3            | —        | —                       | —         | 62               |
| Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)      | 134                     | 46                     | 299          | 25           | 39                 | 94            | 631           | 0                 | 2            | 168                              | 15           | —        | —                       | —         | 1,453            |
| Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)          | 6                       | 12                     | 7            | 5            | 4                  | 5             | 19            | 0                 | 6            | 6                                | 5            | —        | —                       | —         | 75               |
| Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)       | 67                      | 151                    | 95           | 5            | 0                  | 55            | 420           | 0                 | 50           | 37                               | 14           | —        | —                       | —         | 894              |
| Toddler/OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)            | 4                       | 5                      | 3            | 0            | 3                  | 5             | 26            | 0                 | 4            | 4                                | 1            | —        | —                       | —         | 55               |
| Toddler/Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)          | 43                      | 120                    | 146          | 0            | 4                  | 96            | 718           | 0                 | 45           | 15                               | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 1,187            |
| Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)          | 0                       | 5                      | 0            | 0            | 0                  | 3             | 14            | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 22               |
| Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)      | 0                       | 40                     | 0            | 0            | 0                  | 16            | 456           | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 512              |
| Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)  | 1                       | 1                      | 1            | 0            | 1                  | 0             | 5             | 1                 | 0            | 0                                | 1            | —        | —                       | —         | 11               |
| Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)  | 23                      | 16                     | 10           | 0            | 16                 | 0             | 46            | 7                 | 0            | 0                                | 52           | —        | —                       | —         | 170              |
| Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)                                       | 5                       | 4                      | 12           | 1            | 14                 | 9             | 40            | 0                 | 7            | 11                               | 2            | —        | —                       | —         | 105              |
| Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)                                     | 63                      | 86                     | 574          | 40           | 209                | 156           | 1266          | 0                 | 202          | 167                              | 66           | —        | —                       | —         | 2,829            |
| 1:1 Training Sessions  | 2                       | 4                      | 2            | 0            | 0                  | 5             | 5             | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 18               |
| Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants  | 15                      | 0                      | 0            | 9            | 0                  | 68            | 0             | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 92               |
| Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants   | 22                      | 119                    | 190          | 47           | 0                  | 286           | 231           | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | —        | —                       | —         | 895              |
| Book Drop Offs   | 45                      | 0                      | 150          | 0            | 40                 | 14            | 0             | 74                | 0            | 55                               | 42           | —        | —                       | —         | 420              |
| <b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>  | <b>42</b>               | <b>60</b>              | <b>42</b>    | <b>16</b>    | <b>31</b>          | <b>40</b>     | <b>144</b>    | <b>1</b>          | <b>31</b>    | <b>36</b>                        | <b>23</b>    | —        | —                       | —         | <b>466</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>  | <b>425</b>              | <b>775</b>             | <b>1,202</b> | <b>94</b>    | <b>285</b>         | <b>537</b>    | <b>3,689</b>  | <b>7</b>          | <b>337</b>   | <b>442</b>                       | <b>203</b>   | —        | —                       | —         | <b>7,996</b>     |
| Resources Used   | Batesburg-<br>Leesville | Cayce-West<br>Columbia | Chapin       | Gaston       | Gilbert-<br>Summit | Irmo          | Lexington     | Mobile<br>Library | Pelton       | South<br>Congaree-<br>Pine Ridge | Swansea      |          | Electronic<br>Resources |           | SYSTEM<br>TOTALS |
| Adult Books  | 1,057                   | 4,417                  | 2,371        | 345          | 555                | 5,054         | 10,430        | 1,594             | 577          | 553                              | 278          | —        | —                       | —         | 27,231           |
| Children's/Teen Books  | 1,836                   | 5,799                  | 3,594        | 609          | 1,551              | 7,237         | 24,864        | 5,176             | 1,211        | 1,076                            | 518          | —        | —                       | —         | 53,471           |
| Downloadable Reading   | —                       | —                      | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | —        | 16,860                  | —         | 16,860           |
| Magazines, Newspapers  | 113                     | 227                    | 287          | 22           | 35                 | 238           | 392           | 15                | 104          | 45                               | 44           | —        | —                       | —         | 1,522            |
| Downloadable Watch/Listen  | —                       | —                      | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | —        | 18,438                  | —         | 18,438           |
| Adult Audio Books  | 9                       | 131                    | 72           | 1            | 3                  | 183           | 300           | 206               | 42           | 2                                | 7            | —        | —                       | —         | 956              |
| Children's Audio Books   | 25                      | 79                     | 70           | —            | 22                 | 176           | 150           | 121               | 6            | 5                                | 2            | —        | —                       | —         | 656              |
| DVDs   | 351                     | 682                    | 276          | 158          | 124                | 702           | 1,351         | 174               | 257          | 70                               | 101          | —        | —                       | —         | 4,246            |
| Children's DVDs  | 117                     | 317                    | 172          | 57           | 71                 | 276           | 829           | 202               | 99           | 61                               | 66           | —        | —                       | —         | 2,267            |
| Database Searches*   | —                       | —                      | —            | —            | —                  | —             | —             | —                 | —            | —                                | —            | —        | —                       | 50,631    | —                |
| <b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>   | <b>3,508</b>            | <b>11,652</b>          | <b>6,842</b> | <b>1,192</b> | <b>2,361</b>       | <b>13,866</b> | <b>38,316</b> | <b>7,488</b>      | <b>2,296</b> | <b>1,812</b>                     | <b>1,016</b> | —        | <b>35,298</b>           | —         | <b>125,647</b>   |
| Individualized Assistance  | Batesburg-<br>Leesville | Cayce-West<br>Columbia | Chapin       | Gaston       | Gilbert-<br>Summit | Irmo          | Lexington     | Mobile<br>Library | Pelton       | South<br>Congaree-<br>Pine Ridge | Swansea      | Email    | Chat                    | Admin     | SYSTEM<br>TOTALS |
| Total Reference Transactions   | 403                     | 2,281                  | 478          | 40           | 197                | 1,148         | 974           | 2,694             | 207          | 193                              | 116          | 0        | 0                       | 42        | 8,773            |
| Notary Service   | 20                      | 22                     | 46           | 14           | 3                  | 32            | 78            | 0                 | 13           | 0                                | 0            | 0        | 0                       | 0         | 228              |
| InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming   | 0                       | 24                     | 0            | 0            | 0                  | 14            | 16            | 0                 | 0            | 0                                | 0            | 0        | 0                       | 8         | 62               |
| <b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>  | <b>423</b>              | <b>2,327</b>           | <b>524</b>   | <b>54</b>    | <b>200</b>         | <b>1,194</b>  | <b>1,068</b>  | <b>2,694</b>      | <b>220</b>   | <b>193</b>                       | <b>116</b>   | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>                | <b>50</b> | <b>9,063</b>     |
| Other Library Uses   |                         |                        |              |              |                    |               |               |                   |              |                                  |              |          |                         |           | TOTALS           |
| Door Counter   | 2,565                   | 8,182                  | 4,930        | 754          | 1,215              | 10,651        | 20,754        | 623               | 648          | 1,176                            | 710          | —        | —                       | —         | 52,208           |
| Total Meeting / Study Room Use   | 8                       | 319                    | 24           | 16           | 2                  | 284           | 315           | 0                 | 3            | 6                                | 2            | —        | —                       | —         | 979              |
| Total Meeting / Study Attendance   | 14                      | 483                    | 102          | 37           | 19                 | 517           | 994           | 0                 | 11           | 45                               | 2            | —        | —                       | —         | 2,224            |
| Total Computer Use   | 264                     | 1,062                  | 144          | 65           | 32                 | 492           | 645           | 0                 | 0            | 55                               | 88           | —        | —                       | —         | 2,847            |
| WiFi   | 383                     | 1,028                  | 359          | 134          | 93                 | 1,008         | 2,597         | 0                 | 179          | 110                              | 135          | —        | —                       | —         | 6,026            |
| New Cards Issued   | 49                      | 177                    | 77           | 26           | 13                 | 141           | 475           | 20                | 29           | 35                               | 26           | —        | —                       | —         | 1,068            |