

LIBRARY LINES

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November 2024

KINDNESS MONTH AT LEXCOLIBRARY

Community – In celebration of Kindness Month, Gaston Branch Library partnered with Lexington County Animal Services to host *Community: Pets & Pastries* on November 9. The animal shelter brought five adoptable dogs for the **16** attendees to meet, and three of them found their forever homes.



On November 7, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library invited Luther Lown, local beekeeper and owner of Millstone Manor Apiaries, to *Community: Bee Kind*. He shared fascinating insights with the **28** attendees about the vital role bees play in our ecosystem and how small acts of kindness — like planting flowers or setting up bee-friendly spaces — can make a big difference.



Kindness Tree – Chapin Branch Library celebrated Kindness Month by hosting several programs for attendees to craft beautiful ornaments for their kindness tree. Each ornament symbolized a thoughtful act or uplifting message, creating a growing display of positivity and community.



Giving Back – On November 16, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library held *Giving Back: Kindness Cards*. The attendees wrote **106** thank you notes to City of West Columbia's Public Works department and City of Cayce's Parks and Sanitation departments.



Epic Creators – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library put together *Epic Creators: Friendship Bracelets*. Each bracelet was uniquely crafted to spread love, positivity and a little extra kindness to someone special.



Kid Zone – On November 15, Swansea Branch Library held *Kid Zone: Kindness Rocks*. With paints and brushes in hand, the **12** attendees transformed plain rocks into colorful artwork with inspirational sayings.



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Peanut Party – On November 19, Pelion Branch Library geared up to celebrate the town’s annual Pelion Peanut Party. Branch Manager Brittany Shay and Library Assistant III Faith O’Neal-Roberts collaborated with Girl Scouts Troop 3327 to host mini storytimes and peanut crafts at the festival. Back at the branch, Library Assistant III Linda Lundeen invited South Carolina Master Food Preserver Lisa Huppertz from Clemson Extension to give a demonstration on how to freeze peanuts. And to top it all off, Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry and Library Assistant III Kat Favre brought the Mobile Library bus to be part of the Peanut Party Parade.



TeenScene – Library Assistant III P.J. Thomas from Lexington Main Library held *TeenScene: Pie With P.J.* on November 26. The teens learned to make delicious chocolate pies and no-bake pumpkin cheesecakes to impress their relatives at the next family gathering.



Games – On November 19, Librarian II Becky Stokes from Irmo Branch Library planned *Challenge Accepted: Teen Game Night*. The middle and high schoolers got competitive as they played board, card and Nintendo Switch games. And on November 21, Library Assistant III Kelsey Arender from Gilbert-Summit Branch Library put together *Family Palooza: Board Game Bonanza*. There were tons of fun game selections perfect for the whole family.



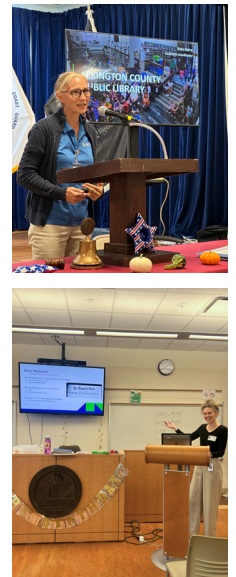
Thanksgiving – Chapin Branch Library celebrated the Thanksgiving season with yummy Oreo turkeys. Between two *Craft Squad: Gobble Gobble* programs, outreaches at Chapin High School’s Power Hour and Special Education class along with a visit to Spring Hill High School, a total of **246** turkeys were made.



Outreach – On November 9, Kate Barry attended the American Legion Post 7’s Veterans Dinner. Kate gave a presentation to the **32** veterans about the many library services and resources available to them.



Lexington Main Library’s Assistant Branch Manager Lauren Iagnet and Librarian II Katrina Koprowicz presented at River Bluff High School’s Research Day on November 8. Approximately **240** juniors learned about the library’s digital and print resources that could aid them in their final project.



FUN FACT Branches held a total of **31** programs in celebration of LexCoLibrary’s Kindness Month.

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	487	2,152	1,200	193	240	2,898	5,143	276	279	307	144	—	13,319
Paperback	37	12	46	2	5	20	122	0	13	20	9	—	286
NonFiction Adult	255	996	541	74	197	1,204	2,775	98	218	163	60	—	6,581
LARGE PRINT	264	792	356	53	38	790	2,131	1,212	78	121	83	—	5,918
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	—	7
Interlibrary Loan	2	22	2	0	2	13	12	0	1	3	1	—	58
Periodical	101	170	302	25	35	201	340	19	81	28	17	—	1,319
Fiction Juvenile	347	1,083	1,048	201	228	1,553	6,790	386	110	194	82	—	12,022
NonFiction Juvenile	334	864	689	79	209	1,028	3,389	618	141	170	57	—	7,578
EASY	748	2,460	1,926	337	556	3,136	13,656	4,060	544	390	217	—	28,030
Fiction Young Adult	113	508	214	49	72	647	1,587	43	74	48	28	—	3,383
NonFiction Young Adult	8	40	23	3	16	48	126	6	9	4	2	—	285
Subtotal YS Print	1,550	4,955	3,900	669	1,081	6,412	25,548	5,113	878	806	386	—	51,298
Total Print Books	2,696	9,099	6,347	1,016	1,598	11,541	36,075	6,718	1,548	1,448	700	—	78,786
Audio Book Adult	13	88	62	10	1	212	314	106	51	0	2	—	859
Audio Book Juvenile	14	96	88	2	24	139	196	117	5	2	1	—	684
Video Adult	369	772	302	134	136	767	1,250	221	219	54	110	—	4,334
Video Juvenile	95	229	189	58	56	337	1,011	227	41	25	30	—	2,298
Total A/V	491	1,185	641	204	217	1,455	2,771	671	316	81	143	—	8,175
Realia	2	52	105	3	7	24	103	5	0	4	4	—	309
Total Hard Copy	3,189	10,336	7,093	1,223	1,822	13,020	38,949	7,394	1,864	1,533	847	—	87,270
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,508	13,508
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,216	17,216
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	407	407
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88	88
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,583	3,583
Downloadable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	65
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34,867
Total Circulation	3,189	10,336	7,093	1,223	1,822	13,020	38,949	7,394	1,864	1,533	847	34,867	122,137
Internet and WiFi	447	1642	260	208	63	1238	2741	0	217	146	198	—	7,160
Circulating Technology	0	8	1	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	—	16
Total Computer	447	1,650	261	208	63	1,239	2,747	0	217	146	198	—	7,176
Circ Changes from NOV 2023	-319	-950	-38	-160	-646	-212	-1,273	-3,565	-301	-332	-188	1,436	-6,548
YTD Total	19,815	62,492	40,119	6,922	12,311	75,455	212,296	39,794	11,849	8,891	5,184	178,277	673,405
Circ Change from YTD '24	-13	-1,950	1,644	-712	-1,103	-69	-20,237	-11,090	1,066	-1,334	-657	13,176	-21,279
Percent Change YTD	-0.1%	-3.0%	4.3%	-9.3%	-8.2%	-0.1%	-8.7%	-21.8%	9.9%	-13.0%	-11.2%	8.0%	-3.1%

November 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)	9	16	8	3	2	10	16	0	9	6	8	—	—	—	—	87
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	89	106	49	22	10	61	87	0	25	43	20	—	—	—	—	512
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	1	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	—	—	—	—	11
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	28	17	6	0	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	70
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	2	0	1	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	19
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	11	1	0	2	2	8	34	0	0	0	11	—	—	—	—	69
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	2	1	2	1	4	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	15
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	0	7	5	0	1	5	0	0	8	15	—	—	—	—	44
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	4	4	3	3	4	10	0	2	6	3	—	—	—	—	42
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	51	81	74	8	15	69	263	0	15	156	33	—	—	—	—	765
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	8	4	4	4	4	17	0	3	4	4	—	—	—	—	57
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	34	89	90	22	17	42	402	0	6	18	6	—	—	—	—	726
Toddler/OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	3	4	0	4	4	19	0	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	44
Toddler/Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	38	95	162	0	7	88	593	0	22	8	0	—	—	—	—	1,013
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	3	0	0	0	2	12	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	17
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	19	0	0	0	9	332	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	360
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	11
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	21	20	9	0	15	20	46	72	0	0	14	—	—	—	—	217
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	2	0	10	1	10	7	51	0	5	12	3	—	—	—	—	101
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	23	0	344	40	135	140	1299	0	128	188	100	—	—	—	—	2,397
1:1 Training Sessions	0	1	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	3	—	—	—	—	15
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	0	8	11	47	53	0	0	38	0	—	—	—	—	157
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	7	189	315	32	27	310	0	0	0	35	43	—	—	—	—	958
Book Drop Offs	80	0	80	0	40	0	0	67	0	0	40	—	—	—	—	307
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	29	43	34	14	29	37	136	3	23	34	22	—	—	—	—	404
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	298	428	741	99	207	451	3,061	72	196	421	199	—	—	—	—	6,173
Resources Used																
Adult Books	1,047	4,026	2,250	325	489	4,952	10,290	1,591	589	618	301	—	—	—	—	26,478
Children's/Teen Books	1,550	4,955	3,900	669	1,081	6,412	25,548	5,113	878	806	386	—	—	—	—	51,298
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,091	—	17,091
Magazines, Newspapers	101	170	302	25	35	201	340	19	81	28	17	—	—	—	—	1,319
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,776	—	17,776
Adult Audio Books	13	88	62	10	1	212	314	106	51	0	2	—	—	—	—	859
Children's Audio Books	14	96	88	2	24	139	196	117	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	684
DVDs	369	772	302	134	136	767	1,250	221	219	54	110	—	—	—	—	4,334
Children's DVDs	95	229	189	58	56	337	1,011	227	41	25	30	—	—	—	—	2,298
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68,299	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,189	10,336	7,093	1,223	1,822	13,020	38,949	7,394	1,864	1,533	847	—	—	34,867	—	122,137
Individualized Assistance																
Total Reference Transactions	428	1,886	497	43	132	1,087	682	2,208	225	113	150	0	0	11	0	7,462
Notary Service	10	18	29	6	4	15	88	0	14	4	3	0	0	0	0	191
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	28	0	0	0	17	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	68
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	438	1,932	526	49	136	1,119	786	2,208	239	117	153	0	0	18	0	7,721
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	1,964	7,125	3,402	615	1,124	8,715	17,779	330	514	995	705	—	—	—	—	43,268
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	8	237	21	10	3	219	233	0	1	11	2	—	—	—	—	745
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	26	474	66	16	29	622	813	0	1	126	2	—	—	—	—	2,175
Total Computer Use	200	739	78	65	15	453	449	0	58	56	48	—	—	—	—	2,161
WiFi	247	903	182	143	48	785	2,292	0	159	90	150	—	—	—	—	4,999
New Cards Issued	31	130	77	23	24	86	425	41	26	22	23	—	—	—	—	908