

# LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

February 2025

## IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST CHAPTER

**Valentine's Day** – On February 6, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library held *Just Play: Valentine Bingo*. The **12** elementary-aged kids had a blast shouting “Bingo!” and winning prizes.



At Chapin Branch Library, **51** little ones attended *Kid Zone: Valentine Cookies* on February 13. They used icing, edible glitter and candy to decorate their heart-shaped cookies.



On February 13, Swansea Branch Library put together *Handmade: Chocolate Covered Strawberries*. The attendees celebrated Valentine's Day by making the classic sweet treat.



*Craft Squad: Valentine Wreaths* took place at South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library on February 14. The kids used puzzle pieces to make one-of-a-kind gifts for their loved ones.



**Community** – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library hosted *Community: Suzuki Strings* on February 8. Students from Suzuki Academy of Columbia showcased their skills on the violin, viola, cello and guitar for the **243** guests.



**Homeschool Hub** – On February 3, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library partnered with Lexington County Emergency Medical Services to give **30** homeschoolers a hands-on experience (with sirens, of course). They learned about the features of an ambulance and how paramedics help in emergencies.



**Outreach** – The Mobile Library staff took Nova to the newest stop on their route — Generations of Irmo. They set up book carts to give the seniors a browsing experience in their facility and registered **seven** new library cards.



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**Handmade** – Swansea Branch Library invited Panna Piyush Chauhan to *Handmade: Henna Art* on February 8. She explained the history of henna and how it is prepared before giving each attendee a personalized henna tattoo.



Lexington Main Library's *Handmade: Machine Sewing 101* on February 21 was a huge success. The **12** attendees received hands-on practice with sewing machines while learning basic skills, such as how to wind the bobbin.



At Chapin Branch Library, **15** attendees arrived at *Handmade: Clay Creations* on February 6. They crafted pinch pots with unique characters that were fired and glazed for that perfect finishing touch.



**Well Played** – On February 27, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library set up *Well Played: Mini Golf*. The middle schoolers designed, built and putted through their own bookish golf courses.



**Historically Speaking** – Lexington County Museum Director J.R. Fennell presented *Historically Speaking: Pelion* on February 15 and 19 at Pelion Branch Library. A combined total of **35** attendees asked engaging questions and learned about the history of the area.

**Craft Squad** – On February 3, Gaston Branch Library's monthly *Craft Squad: Play-Doh Club* was held. The members made food-themed creations with molds and rolling pins.



**Outreach Workshop** – Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry organized an *Outreach Workshop* for staff on February 10. She discussed the importance of outreach for the community, showed the demographics of Lexington County and took everyone on a tour of the Mobile Library with Mobile Library Manager Melaney Torcoletti. Staff then practiced setting up an outreach tent and answering questions about the library system.



**Kid Zone** – Gilbert-Summit Branch Library's *Kid Zone: Space Camp* had **21** cadets in training in attendance. They conducted a trial run of space travel with a fun arts and crafts version.



**FUN FACT** The most searched title in February was *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros.

## 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	539	1,944	1,219	143	330	2,718	5,158	236	381	318	134	—	13,120
Paperback	55	44	34	1	8	24	121	0	11	11	2	—	311
NonFiction Adult	289	1,100	504	125	176	1,447	3,115	135	262	187	48	—	7,388
LARGE PRINT	319	968	437	58	49	780	2,237	1,115	107	97	72	—	6,239
Non-Circulating	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	—	5
Interlibrary Loan	0	8	0	3	0	11	20	0	0	5	0	—	47
Periodical	91	154	304	15	21	233	368	16	41	23	25	—	1,291
Fiction Juvenile	556	1,119	804	160	240	1,586	6,606	391	177	180	85	—	11,904
NonFiction Juvenile	341	1,071	716	199	195	1,213	3,745	761	189	185	62	—	8,677
EASY	711	2,515	1,566	370	436	2,949	12,664	4,575	566	460	208	—	27,020
Fiction Young Adult	148	347	233	72	80	517	1,741	28	69	63	43	—	3,341
NonFiction Young Adult	13	47	35	7	7	58	135	13	11	4	3	—	333
<b>Subtotal YS Print</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>5,099</b>	<b>3,354</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>6,323</b>	<b>24,891</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>51,275</b>
<b>Total Print Books</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>9,317</b>	<b>5,854</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>11,536</b>	<b>35,913</b>	<b>7,270</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>79,676</b>
Audio Book Adult	16	86	64	20	4	200	296	143	34	9	5	—	877
Audio Book Juvenile	17	141	72	1	10	158	183	55	4	4	0	—	645
Video Adult	381	667	240	152	127	772	1,289	231	194	83	219	—	4,355
Video Juvenile	98	217	160	52	49	236	945	153	96	36	30	—	2,072
<b>Total AV</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7,949</b>
Realia	4	69	98	6	13	16	140	2	3	5	5	—	361
<b>Total Hard Copy</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>10,497</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>12,918</b>	<b>38,766</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>87,986</b>
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,507	13,507
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,310	18,310
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	433	433
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74	74
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,509	3,509
Downloadable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	64
<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>35,897</b>
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>10,497</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>12,918</b>	<b>38,766</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>35,897</b>	<b>123,883</b>
Internet and WiFi*	470	2593	252	222	113	1336	3179	0	248	165	257	—	8,835
Circulating Technology	0	12	1	2	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	—	28
<b>Total Computer</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>2,605</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>3,180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,863</b>
Circ Changes from FEB 2024	45	-1,045	-668	208	-366	-554	-2,369	-1,140	181	-37	-165	1,573	-4,337
YTD Total	30,243	96,032	60,127	10,589	18,026	114,979	330,952	64,502	18,168	14,035	8,090	289,506	1,055,249
Circ Change from YTD '24	-995	-1,956	388	-988	-1,828	-1,006	-22,148	-13,891	1,207	-1,502	-930	19,001	-24,648
Percent Change YTD	-3.2%	-2.0%	0.6%	-8.5%	-9.2%	-0.9%	-6.3%	-17.7%	7.1%	-9.7%	-10.3%	7.0%	-2.3%

February 2025 - 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)	8	20	9	2	2	11	16	0	2	4	8	—	—	—	82
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	61	150	87	10	18	172	144	0	21	37	49	—	—	—	749
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	6	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	—	—	—	14
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	266	20	3	14	0	0	0	35	0	0	—	—	—	338
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	1	2	1	2	3	4	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	19
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	15	0	10	0	0	9	16	0	0	0	10	—	—	—	60
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	12
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	21	0	6	0	11	1	15	0	0	5	0	—	—	—	59
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	5	3	3	3	4	10	0	2	8	2	—	—	—	44
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	79	159	65	3	60	66	312	0	24	182	5	—	—	—	955
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	10	6	4	4	6	18	0	4	3	4	—	—	—	64
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	32	114	118	11	6	68	568	0	22	33	26	—	—	—	998
Toddler/OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	4	4	0	3	4	20	0	3	0	2	—	—	—	44
Toddler/Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	40	110	196	0	3	154	669	0	33	0	5	—	—	—	1,210
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	49	0	0	0	30	327	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	406
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	1	1	0	1	1	7	11	0	1	0	—	—	—	24
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	22	22	12	0	12	23	108	125	0	8	0	—	—	—	332
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	4	4	12	0	8	9	52	0	5	10	2	—	—	—	106
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	60	134	360	0	88	210	1,271	0	132	195	59	—	—	—	2,509
1:1 Training Sessions	0	3	0	2	0	4	4	0	1	0	1	—	—	—	15
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	0	20	17	0	63	0	0	17	0	—	—	—	117
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	239	16	45	229	366	0	0	70	0	—	—	—	965
Book Drop Offs	35	0	25	0	40	42	0	41	60	0	40	—	—	—	283
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	—	—	—	<b>428</b>
<b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>154</b>	—	—	—	<b>7,616</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>														Electronic Resources	SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,206	4,133	2,294	336	576	4,996	10,794	1,488	764	623	261	—	—	—	27,471
Children's/Teen Books	1,769	5,099	3,354	808	958	6,323	24,891	5,768	1,012	892	401	—	—	—	51,275
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,016	17,016
Magazines, Newspapers	91	154	304	15	21	233	368	16	41	23	25	—	—	—	1,291
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,881	18,881
Adult Audio Books	16	86	64	20	4	200	296	143	34	9	5	—	—	—	877
Children's Audio Books	17	141	72	1	10	158	183	55	4	4	0	—	—	—	645
DVDs	381	667	240	152	127	772	1,289	231	194	83	219	—	—	—	4,355
Children's DVDs	98	217	160	52	49	236	945	153	96	36	30	—	—	—	2,072
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40,230	—
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>3,578</b>	<b>10,497</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>12,918</b>	<b>38,766</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>941</b>	—	—	<b>35,897</b>	<b>123,883</b>
<b>Individualized Assistance</b>															SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	913	1,705	688	137	167	828	1,284	1,942	199	163	222	Email	Chat	Admin	8,271
Notary Service	35	35	34	27	5	18	88	0	30	0	1	0	0	0	273
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	39	0	0	0	15	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	98
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8,642</b>
<b>Other Library Uses</b>															TOTALS
Door Counter	1,917	7,363	4,038	650	943	10,203	19,809	402	571	1,085	767	—	—	—	47,748
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	0	226	28	0	0	222	256	0	0	6	0	—	—	—	738
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	0	434	82	0	0	557	1029	0	0	43	0	—	—	—	2,145
Total Computer Use	211	1,568	60	93	27	548	668	0	70	54	88	—	—	—	3,387
WiFi	259	1008	193	131	86	773	2505	0	178	111	169	—	—	—	5,413
New Cards Issued	37	135	76	25	15	121	471	59	26	19	26	—	—	—	1,010