

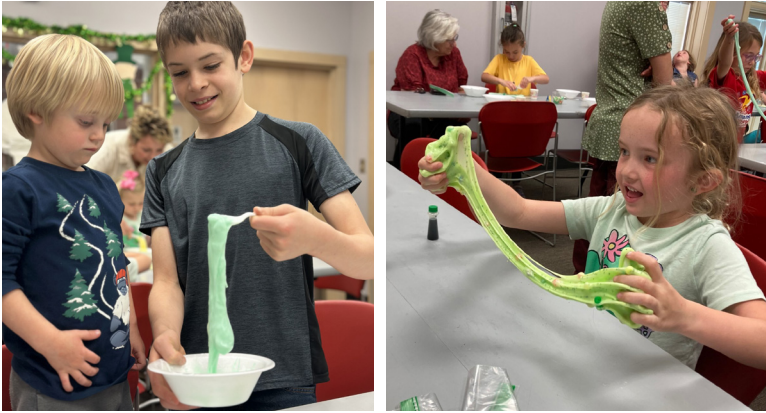
LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

March 2025

IT'S THE LUCK OF THE LIBRARY

St. Patrick's Day – On March 13, Chapin Branch Library held *Kid Zone: Leprechauns Unite*. The **25** kids in attendance mixed baking soda and activator to make stretchy green slime.



Community – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library threw *Community: CWC Block Party* on March 1. They invited SCETV's Smart Cat, therapy K-9 Fred from Lexington County Sheriff's Department, Lexington School District 2 Early Childhood Department, West Columbia's Kinetic Derby Day, South Carolina Youth Advocate Program, PASOs and the Mobile Library to join in on the fun. A total of **100** attendees danced and played the morning away.



Staff Recognition – Library Assistant III Justina Rieger from Irmo Branch Library was awarded the Rising Star Award on March 11. After receiving access to LinkedIn Learning, Justina began training in Excel, becoming well-versed in using it for schedules, calendars and more. She streamlined the damaged materials assessment, making the process quicker and easier for staff. Initiative is one of her defining qualities and she has been essential in keeping the circulation department thriving.



On March 17, Lexington Main Library's reference staff — Librarians I Laura Carter, Grace McGready, Librarian II Katrina Koprowicz, Library Assistants III Adeline Partridge, Lauren Russell, Summer Smith and Jennifer Wells — were presented with the Teamwork Award. During tax season, and with the elevator out of order, the reference staff ensured all necessary resources were available on the main floor. This often required numerous trips up and down the stairs, carrying laptops, notary materials and other vital items.



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TeenScene – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library partnered with Midlands Technical College on a series of trade school programs. On March 19, HVAC professor Terry Rogers visited the library to give an overview of the degree requirements to local teens.



Handmade – Lexington Main Library put together *Handmade: Spring Landscapes* on March 4. The attendees painted scenes on canvas, such as “Swan Bridge,” “Tropical Nights” and “Rustic Bluebird.”



On March 25, Pelion Branch Library held *Handmade: Hydro Dip Flower Pots*. The 16 attendees used nail polish and water to transform their pots into works of art.



Outreach – The Mobile Library visited five different school events in March — Frances Mack Intermediate School’s Career Day, East Point Academy’s Touch-a-Truck, Saluda River Academy for the Arts’ Career Vehicle Day, The STAR School’s Touch-a-Truck and Riverbank Elementary School’s Vehicle Career Day. They saw a total of 1,280 students.



Craft Squad – On March 19, middle schoolers at Gilbert-Summit Branch Library took part in *Epic Creators: Sculpt Squad*. The attendees molded and painted cute clay animal figures.



Mini Movers – Irmo Branch Library’s popular *Mini Movers* program drew 24 attendees on March 27, with preschoolers and their families coming together to play, learn and connect.



Full STEAM Ahead – On March 14, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library held *Full STEAM Ahead: Edible Science*. The 41 attendees made marshmallows disappear and created DNA strands out of Twizzlers.



Ink Society – Swansea Branch Library presented *Ink Society: Create Poetry* on March 11. The teens designed beautifully poetic cards for the residents of Swansea Senior Citizen Center.



FUN FACT The most searched title in March was *The Collector* by Daniel Silva.

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	624	2,115	1,427	158	342	2,988	5,604	250	400	343	148	—	14,399
Paperback	90	62	47	0	14	26	169	0	13	19	0	—	440
NonFiction Adult	310	1,237	662	75	156	1,462	3,491	143	289	212	75	—	8,112
LARGE PRINT	350	1,021	440	111	61	814	2,382	1,347	123	127	43	—	6,819
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	1	0	0	—	8
Interlibrary Loan	3	18	0	2	4	10	26	0	0	0	0	—	63
Periodical	113	188	320	22	23	241	380	17	66	30	28	—	1,428
Fiction Juvenile	615	1,370	1,154	152	400	1,852	7,711	330	219	222	96	—	14,121
NonFiction Juvenile	360	1,468	796	172	294	1,418	4,314	697	224	266	46	—	10,055
EASY	859	2,996	2,082	359	598	3,355	14,791	4,503	666	734	202	—	31,145
Fiction Young Adult	172	451	270	63	119	531	1,927	33	76	63	64	—	3,769
NonFiction Young Adult	22	55	46	5	9	60	149	13	12	5	1	—	377
Subtotal YS Print	2,028	6,340	4,348	751	1,420	7,216	28,892	5,576	1,197	1,290	409	—	59,467
Total Print Books	3,518	10,981	7,244	1,119	2,020	12,761	40,947	7,333	2,089	2,021	703	—	90,736
Audio Book Adult	12	83	89	4	1	190	217	91	26	1	8	—	722
Audio Book Juvenile	27	84	45	4	28	198	204	73	4	6	0	—	673
Video Adult	326	882	273	88	117	869	1,388	237	184	99	220	—	4,683
Video Juvenile	111	264	199	53	80	244	1,028	114	83	45	29	—	2,250
Total AV	476	1,313	606	149	226	1,501	2,837	515	297	151	257	—	8,328
Realia	6	119	170	6	18	25	155	1	3	19	10	—	532
Total Hard Copy	4,000	12,413	8,020	1,274	2,264	14,287	43,939	7,849	2,389	2,191	970	—	99,596
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,626	14,626
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,012	20,012
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	418	418
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	59
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,870	3,870
Downlodable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	62
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39,047
Total Circulation	4,000	12,413	8,020	1,274	2,264	14,287	43,939	7,849	2,389	2,191	970	39,047	138,643
Internet and WiFi	484	2098	291	256	160	1090	3510	0	272	191	285	—	8,637
Circulating Technology	3	14	0	0	0	20	7	0	0	0	1	—	45
Total Computer	487	2,112	291	256	160	1,110	3,517	0	272	191	286	—	8,682

Circ Changes from MAR 2024	396	497	837	-54	77	265	1,820	-902	392	454	-99	2,697	6,380
YTD Total	34,243	108,445	68,147	11,863	20,290	129,266	374,891	72,351	20,557	16,226	9,060	328,553	1,193,892
Circ Change from YTD '24	-599	-1,459	1,225	-1,042	-1,751	-741	-20,328	-14,793	1,599	-1,048	-1,029	21,698	-18,268
Percent Change YTD	-1.7%	-1.3%	1.8%	-8.1%	-7.9%	-0.6%	-5.1%	-17.0%	8.4%	-6.1%	-10.2%	7.1%	-1.5%

March 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	19	9	2	3	10	16	1	4	3	7	—	—	—	—	82
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	41	165	58	0	21	82	97	5	36	27	57	—	—	—	—	589
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	2	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	—	—	—	—	12
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	110	27	4	20	59	35	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	255
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	1	2	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	19
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	20	5	8	0	0	11	13	0	2	0	4	—	—	—	—	63
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	1	1	2	2	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	1	2	0	7	6	12	0	0	0	9	—	—	—	—	40
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	6	3	14	3	3	9	5	2	7	2	—	—	—	—	58
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	38	95	46	16	61	47	254	1,280	20	201	12	—	—	—	—	2,070
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	14	6	4	2	5	20	0	3	5	4	—	—	—	—	68
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	188	99	8	9	49	762	0	19	69	12	—	—	—	—	1,219
Toddler OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	4	4	0	3	4	20	0	4	5	2	—	—	—	—	50
Toddler Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	37	127	197	0	9	164	636	0	41	9	2	—	—	—	—	1,222
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	4	0	0	0	4	13	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	21
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	50	0	0	0	63	366	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	479
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	2	1	0	0	0	10	6	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	20
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	23	58	14	0	0	0	117	161	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	373
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	5	4	12	9	9	9	55	0	8	12	3	—	—	—	—	126
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	81	112	612	231	127	187	1,370	0	184	217	56	—	—	—	—	3,177
1:1 Training Sessions	0	6	0	1	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	17
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	38	0	15	0	0	83	0	0	11	0	—	—	—	—	147
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	88	264	23	32	168	2,070	0	0	20	42	—	—	—	—	2,707
Book Drop Offs	60	0	25	12	63	12	0	45	0	0	40	—	—	—	—	257
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	33	57	40	33	26	41	151	12	23	35	20	—	—	—	—	471
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	247	911	1,063	259	254	668	3,662	1,446	302	523	152	—	—	—	—	9,487
Resources Used																
Adult Books	1,383	4,572	2,746	352	595	5,329	11,830	1,741	829	720	276	—	—	—	—	30,373
Children's/Teen Books	2,028	6,340	4,348	751	1,420	7,216	28,892	5,576	1,197	1,290	409	—	—	—	—	59,467
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,496
Magazines, Newspapers	113	188	320	22	23	241	380	17	66	30	28	—	—	—	—	1,428
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,551
Adult Audio Books	12	83	89	4	1	190	217	91	26	1	8	—	—	—	—	722
Children's Audio Books	27	84	45	4	28	198	204	73	4	6	0	—	—	—	—	673
DVDs	326	882	273	88	117	869	1,388	237	184	99	220	—	—	—	—	4,683
Children's DVDs	111	264	199	53	80	244	1,028	114	83	45	29	—	—	—	—	2,250
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51,955
TOTAL CIRCULATION	4,000	12,413	8,020	1,274	2,264	14,287	43,939	7,849	2,389	2,191	970	—	—	—	—	138,643
Individualized Assistance																
Total Reference Transactions	1,012	1,667	818	220	246	1,019	1,071	1,129	126	149	121	Email	Chat	Admin	19	7,601
Notary Service	29	42	22	18	12	16	76	0	22	0	3	0	0	0	0	240
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	14	0	0	0	13	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	46
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	1,041	1,723	840	238	258	1,048	1,162	1,129	148	149	124	3	1	23	7,887	
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	2,283	8,066	4,272	719	1,362	11,587	21,971	1,325	643	1,171	693	—	—	—	—	54,092
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	3	234	27	9	3	308	297	0	3	5	3	—	—	—	—	892
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	25	303	54	30	38	618	789	0	12	17	4	—	—	—	—	1,890
Total Computer Use	227	919	84	102	27	618	680	0	69	64	90	—	—	—	—	2,880
WiFi	260	1123	207	154	133	478	2800	0	203	127	196	—	—	—	—	5,681
New Cards Issued	46	144	80	30	26	132	486	58	48	23	21	—	—	—	—	1,094