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May 2025

SUMMER READING: COLOR OUR WORLD

Kickoff Parties – Our annual Summer Reading Program made a splash entrance on May 30 with the theme *Color Our World*. South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library celebrated the day with a beach-themed kickoff party. The **250** attendees were entertained with making sandcastles, tossing water balloons at Lexington County Public Library Board Chair Bill Jones, petting the animals from Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo and watching a tug-of-war match between Pine Ridge Police, Town of South Congaree Police, Lexington County Emergency Services and Lexington County Fire Service.



On May 31, Pelion Branch Library brightened the summer with their artist-themed kickoff party. A total of **176** attendees enjoyed a giant inflatable, petting Muffin the therapy horse from Cayce Fire Department and therapy K-9 Fred from Lexington County Sheriff's Department, exploring Lexington County Fire Service's truck and making giant bubbles.



Hola, Hi! – On May 22, Gaston Branch Library put together *Hola, Hi!* The dual-language program allows families with children to explore learning Spanish and English during a fun storytime.



Mini Movers – Lexington Main Library planned *Mini Movers: Preschool Prom* on May 3. The little ones dressed to the nines as they wore corsages, decorated crowns and danced to the music.



Garden Literacy – Swansea Branch Library planted their first community garden on May 5. County of Lexington Council Member Michael Bishop provided the supplies to plant a variety of delicious vegetables.



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Homeschool Hub – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library held a field day edition of *Homeschool Hub* on May 5 for **13** attendees. They brought the in-school classic to the library with outdoor activities like potato sack races, tug-of-war, Twister, parachute games and jump rope.



Historically Speaking – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library partnered with the SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum for two *Historically Speaking* programs. On May 2, Veteran C.W. Bowman discussed his time serving as a tunnel rat in Vietnam. Historian, reenactor and veteran Kim Stacy — dressed in the uniform of a British redcoat from the Loyalist Volunteers of Ireland — brought the 1780 Battle of Camden to life on May 30. The two programs saw a combined total of **108** attendees.



Social Scene – On May 28, Chapin Branch Library held their third annual *Social Scene: Murder Mystery Lock-In*. Sleuthing their way through clues and suspects, the **22** adults managed to successfully solve the puzzles.



Outreach – On May 27, the Mobile Library made their monthly stop at Generations of Irmo. They helped the seniors with Reader's Advisory, delivered holds and handed out program booklets.



On May 1, Irmo Branch Library attended H.E. Corley Elementary School's Learning Luau. They registered new library cards, promoted services and gave out fun swag to **192** attendees.



Gilbert-Summit Branch Library visited Gilbert High School, Gilbert Elementary School and Centerville Elementary School throughout the month of May. They promoted the Summer Reading program to a total of **2,304** students.

Author Talk – On May 3, local author C. Hope Clark visited Pelion Branch Library in partnership with South Carolina Humanities. She spoke to the **16** attendees about how she started her writing career and the process of getting published.



FUN FACT The illustrator for this year's Summer Reading theme is Michael Mullan. 

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	629	2,506	1,474	202	339	3,195	6,043	296	364	396	174	—	15,618
Paperback	71	51	39	11	3	10	187	0	24	5	3	—	404
NonFiction Adult	312	1,121	592	87	184	1,401	3,422	98	197	274	66	—	7,754
LARGE PRINT	345	1,056	448	96	110	878	2,547	1,288	146	95	84	—	7,093
Non-Circulating	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	—	8
Interlibrary Loan	0	19	0	3	1	8	25	0	1	0	0	—	57
Periodical	84	169	313	24	24	232	321	19	48	52	22	—	1,308
Fiction Juvenile	416	1,421	1,248	231	524	2,149	8,916	384	311	193	75	—	15,868
NonFiction Juvenile	358	1,252	695	154	324	1,184	4,304	536	180	306	49	—	9,342
EASY	910	2,888	1,776	415	601	3,537	14,109	3,165	702	722	158	—	28,983
Fiction Young Adult	139	564	369	92	83	690	2,326	37	128	86	34	—	4,548
NonFiction Young Adult	13	41	39	7	18	60	148	5	6	11	1	—	349
Subtotal YS Print	1,836	6,166	4,127	899	1,550	7,620	29,803	4,127	1,327	1,318	317	—	59,090
Total Print Books	3,278	11,088	6,993	1,322	2,211	13,344	42,351	5,828	2,107	2,144	666	—	91,332
Audio Book Adult	16	110	74	0	0	210	297	107	26	17	7	—	864
Audio Book Juvenile	27	159	92	7	18	247	302	82	7	7	3	—	951
Video Adult	309	923	225	79	75	784	1,416	289	207	64	112	—	4,483
Video Juvenile	111	348	225	67	51	339	1,025	162	120	63	28	—	2,539
Total A/V	463	1,540	616	153	144	1,580	3,040	640	360	151	150	—	8,837
Realia	8	123	110	3	17	29	216	9	14	9	86	—	624
Total Hard Copy	3,749	12,751	7,719	1,478	2,372	14,953	45,607	6,477	2,481	2,304	902	—	100,793
Ebooks	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15,003	15,003
Downloadable Audio	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	20,371	20,371
Downloadable Video	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	433	433
Downloadable Music	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	70	70
Downloadable Magazines	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,006	4,006
Downlodable BingePass	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	68	68
Total Downloadables	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	—	39,951
Total Circulation	3,749	12,751	7,719	1,478	2,372	14,953	45,607	6,477	2,481	2,304	902	39,951	140,744
Internet and WiFi	473	1,890	299	232	122	1,408	3,323	0	228	188	189	—	8,352
Circulating Technology	18	8	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	—	31
Total Computer	491	1,898	299	233	122	1,410	3,325	0	228	188	189	—	8,383
Circ Changes from MAY 2024	15	922	332	-3	270	617	3,124	-211	97	860	-245	3,850	9,628
YTD Total	41,717	133,651	82,834	14,783	25,515	158,555	462,019	87,870	25,387	20,627	10,765	406,821	1,470,544
Circ Change from YTD '24	-690	-529	1,038	-1,108	-850	-796	-18,057	-15,525	1,994	15	-1,622	29,794	-6,303
Percent Change YTD	-1.6%	-0.4%	1.3%	-7.0%	-3.2%	-0.5%	-3.8%	-15.0%	8.5%	0.1%	-13.1%	7.9%	-0.4%

May 2025 - Monthly Programs and Services Report



Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert-Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pellon	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Swansea					SYSTEM TOTALS	
Adult Onsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	22	9	4	2	8	15	2	3	5	8					83	
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	35	214	89	13	16	67	103	38	34	25	25					659	
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	2	0	3	0	0	2	0	3	1	1					12	
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	38	0	4	0	0	60	0	198	250	8					558	
High School Onsite Programs (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	1	3	1	1	3	3	0	1	1	2					18	
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	8	0	38	13	8	6	26	0	2	2	16					119	
Middle School Onsite Programs (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	1	2	1					16	
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	76	3	0	2	3	43	0	0	9	8					148	
Children Onsite Programs (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	1	3	14	2	3	2	0	5	4	1					38	
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	16	26	21	14	8	25	61	0	128	92	0					391	
Preschool Onsite Programs (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	0	6	0	3	2	7	0	3	1	2					28	
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	26	0	100	0	55	10	312	0	36	23	6					568	
Toddler Onsite Programs (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1					11	
Toddler Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	63	0	189	0	0	0	18	0	26	0	0					296	
Lapsit Onsite Programs (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0					7	
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	0	0	0	0	35	86	0	0	0	0					121	
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1					5	
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	22	12	0	12	0	6	0	0	0	23					75	
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	6	9	3	28	11	69	0	2	9	2					139	
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	142	577	1,206	1,845	628	7,840	0	56	160	635					13,089	
1:1 Training Sessions	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0					9	
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	36	0	0	23	0	87	0	0	15	0					161	
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	1	0	0	44	0	0	0	0	34	25					104	
Book Drop Offs	81	52	0	91	0	0	0	45	0	0	40					309	
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	19	35	36	26	38	29	110	2	20	23	19					357	
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	152	518	1,029	1,250	1,946	774	8,555	38	480	561	721					16,024	
Resources Used																SYSTEM TOTALS	
Adult Books	1,366	4,876	2,663	402	654	5,521	12,443	1,691	746	783	413					31,558	
Children's/Teen Books	1,836	6,166	4,127	899	1,550	7,620	29,803	4,127	1,327	1,318	317					59,090	
Downloadable Reading														19,009		19,009	
Magazines, Newspapers	84	169	313	24	24	232	321	19	48	52	22					1,308	
Downloadable Watch/Listen														20,942		20,942	
Adult Audio Books	16	110	74	0	0	210	297	107	26	17	7					864	
Children's Audio Books	27	159	92	7	18	247	302	82	7	7	3					951	
DVDs	309	923	225	79	75	784	1,416	289	207	64	112					4,483	
Children's DVDs	111	348	225	67	51	339	1,025	162	120	63	28					2,539	
Database Searches*															29,749		
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,749	12,751	7,719	1,478	2,372	14,953	45,607	6,477	2,481	2,304	902			39,951		140,744	
Individualized Assistance																SYSTEM TOTALS	
Total Reference Transactions	1,036	1,584	760	105	295	670	658	1,064	59	97	121			0	7	5	6,461
Notary Service	5	40	41	11	12	21	80	0	19	0	5			0	0	0	234
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	21	0	0	0	1	29	0	0	0	0			0	0	1	52
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	1,041	1,645	801	116	307	692	767	1,064	78	97	126			0	7	6	6,747
Other Library Uses																	TOTALS
Door Counter	2,075	8,415	3,941	1,436	1,505	10,411	20,651	1,123	1,012	1,388	825						52,782
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	6	249	32	2	4	251	407	0	16	7	3						977
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	18	562	75	5	21	550	765	0	73	36	4						2,109
Total Computer Use	232	903	93	104	31	536	550	0	58	43	28						2,578
WiFi	259	995	206	128	91	874	2775	0	228	145	162						5,863
New Cards Issued	27	197	69	34	40	114	581	42	33	32	15						1,184