

# LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

July 2025

## SUMMER READING: COLOR OUR WORLD

**Wild Colors** – During the week of July 7–11, Carolina Wildlife Center presented *Wild Colors* — an educational program that introduced the elementary-aged audience to the unique traits of their ambassador animals. They visited all ten branches for a total of **1,007** attendees.



**Epoxy Drip** – Small business Mad Platter brought *Epoxy Drip* to nine branches during both June and July. The **86** teens enjoyed a hands-on workshop where they created bold and colorful stained-glass-inspired suncatchers using epoxy resin.



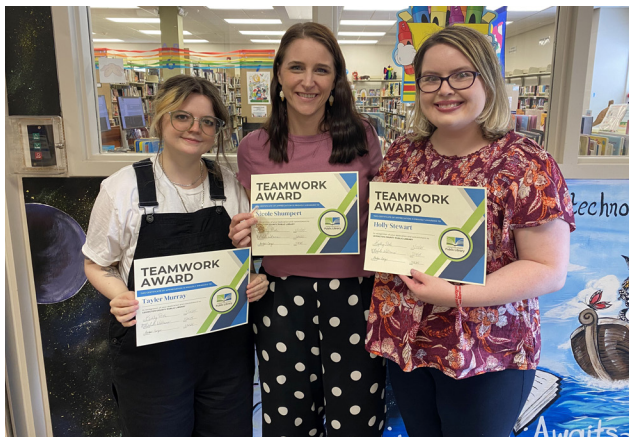
**Sketch & Smudge** – Local artist Jeffrey Miller introduced the art of charcoal drawing to adults at six different branches. He visited throughout the months of June and July, bringing the necessary materials for the **38** attendees to create animal studies.



**Employee Recognition** – PC/LAN Specialist II Mauricio Blanco, Network Administrator Bruce Cannan, Business Analyst Becca Harris, Systems Librarian Tammie Harris, Communications Coordinator Amajah Langford, PC/LAN Specialist II Marchella Pauling, Circulation Coordinator Suri Smith, Reference Services Coordinator Amanda Stone and Deputy Director Michelle Williams were presented with a Teamwork Award on July 9. They were nominated due to their quick, uniform approach to the unexpected challenge of the library system losing internet access on May 20, working in tandem to communicate, troubleshoot and problem solve.



On July 18, Assistant Branch Librarian Kim Harne from Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library and Library Assistants III Tayler Murray, Nicole Shumpert and Holly Stewart from South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library (SCPR) were given a Teamwork Award. Together, they worked diligently to keep SCPR running smoothly during Branch Librarian Carol Clark's extended absence.



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**Outreach** – On July 26, Branch Librarian Angie Brooks and Library Assistant II Olivia Langford from Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library teamed up with our bilingual staff members, Mobile Library Manager Meliannette Ruiz and Mauricio Blanco, for the PASOs Back to School event at Leesville Park. They connected with **50** attendees, signed up five new library cards and had many great conversations.



**Michelle's Magical Poodles** – During the week of July 14–18, Michelle and her miniature poodles put on a paws-ively magical show where the furry performers jumped through hoops, danced to the music and showed off their best tricks at all ten branches. A total of **1,161** attendees were wowed by the show.



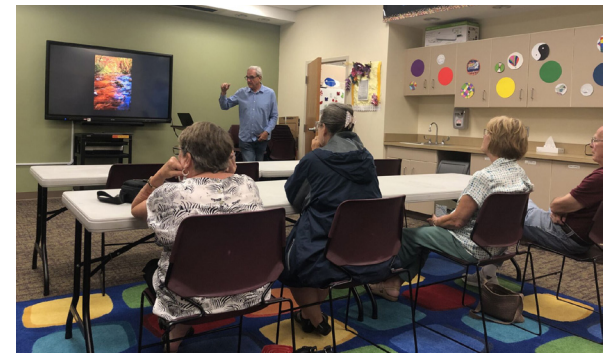
**Drip, Drop, Rainbows** – County of Lexington Solid Waste Management partnered with us to present *Drip, Drop, Rainbows* at each branch. The **84** attendees created unique rain chains out of recycled utensils while learning about their eco-friendly benefits, such as water conservation and erosion prevention.



**Employee Recognition** – On July 17, Library Assistant I Laurie Long retired after **25** years of service with County of Lexington. She started her career with the Probate Court and finished strong at Irmo Branch Library. Her hard work and dedication to the team will be greatly missed.



**Author Talk** – On July 24, photographer Robert C. Clark stopped by Swansea Branch Library to share images from his book, *South Carolina Reflections: A Photographic Journey*, showcasing his three-decade collaboration with Tom Poland.



**Manga 101** – The Asia Cultural Society presented *Manga 101: Draw Like a Pro* at eight branches. A total of **59** teens learned new drawing techniques to create simple Japanese manga characters.



**FUN FACT** The total number of Summer Reading registrants at the end of July was **8,057**.

## 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	678	2,727	1,838	167	389	3,545	7,398	383	431	381	143	—	18,080
Paperback	77	47	74	0	1	9	239	0	26	20	16	—	509
NonFiction Adult	299	1,328	708	126	236	1,520	3,668	81	303	346	94	—	8,709
LARGE PRINT	341	1,090	518	66	82	926	2,592	1,331	151	168	56	—	7,321
Non-Circulating	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	2	0	—	8
Interlibrary Loan	1	19	2	2	1	9	23	0	5	0	0	—	62
Periodical	74	180	298	41	24	186	408	20	78	34	24	—	1,367
Fiction Juvenile	527	1,805	1,509	293	665	2,601	10,858	554	253	311	144	—	19,520
NonFiction Juvenile	385	1,493	864	136	342	1,458	4,759	608	208	312	111	—	10,676
EASY	1,243	3,688	2,266	348	1,088	3,924	18,242	4,149	945	757	246	—	36,896
Fiction Young Adult	157	579	425	85	178	866	2,624	38	128	126	41	—	5,247
NonFiction Young Adult	18	49	59	8	30	51	153	6	11	12	6	—	403
<b>Subtotal YS Print</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>7,614</b>	<b>5,123</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>36,636</b>	<b>5,355</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>72,742</b>
<b>Total Print Books</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>13,006</b>	<b>8,561</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>15,095</b>	<b>50,969</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>108,798</b>
Audio Book Adult	18	112	52	2	4	209	302	125	24	13	1	—	862
Audio Book Juvenile	25	160	117	11	66	285	267	89	12	4	0	—	1,036
Video Adult	312	761	259	144	117	907	1,615	229	230	105	29	—	4,708
Video Juvenile	167	357	281	87	120	516	1,366	217	152	80	29	—	3,372
<b>Total A/V</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,978</b>
Realia	18	102	139	8	27	45	261	0	12	7	14	—	633
<b>Total Hard Copy</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>14,498</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>17,057</b>	<b>54,780</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>119,409</b>
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15,453	15,453
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,802	20,802
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	445	445
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	71	71
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,196	4,196
Downloadable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	69
<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>41,036</b>
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>14,498</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>17,057</b>	<b>54,780</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>41,036</b>	<b>160,445</b>
Internet and WiFi	502	1,944	313	254	129	1,446	3,715	0	282	184	229	—	8,998
Circulating Technology	17	13	1	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	2	—	43
<b>Total Computer</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>3,722</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,041</b>
Circ Changes from JUL 2024	-425	-1,313	-674	-140	172	-1,758	1,579	1,129	289	495	-334	3,585	2,605
YTD Total	4,340	14,498	9,409	1,524	3,370	17,057	54,780	7,830	2,969	2,678	954	41,036	160,445
Circ Change from YTD '25	-425	-1,313	-674	-140	172	-1,758	1,579	1,129	289	495	-334	3,585	2,605
Percent Change YTD	-8.9%	-8.3%	-6.7%	-8.4%	5.4%	-9.3%	3.0%	16.8%	10.8%	22.7%	-25.9%	9.6%	1.7%

July 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	24	8	3	3	8	16	0	4	4	7	—	—	—	—	82
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	36	174	61	17	15	81	226	0	22	31	32	—	—	—	—	695
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	3	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	—	—	—	—	13
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	65	206	3	31	34	0	0	37	75	0	—	—	—	—	451
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	2	3	1	2	4	2	0	3	2	2	—	—	—	—	24
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	15	10	32	0	10	24	4	0	9	8	16	—	—	—	—	128
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	2	8	3	3	3	8	0	1	2	2	—	—	—	—	34
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	14	27	59	35	22	18	65	0	1	19	8	—	—	—	—	268
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	9	6	7	9	8	7	20	0	6	4	5	—	—	—	—	81
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	305	545	365	94	355	587	1,342	0	314	267	81	—	—	—	—	4,255
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	6	8	8	6	5	5	20	0	4	4	2	—	—	—	—	68
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	61	152	181	20	29	139	806	0	39	76	0	—	—	—	—	1,503
ToddlerTime OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	4	13	0	4	4	20	0	3	0	1	—	—	—	—	54
ToddlerTime Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	131	170	194	0	10	164	894	0	40	0	0	—	—	—	—	1,603
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	4	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	16
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	28	0	0	0	0	304	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	—	332
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	7
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	23	41	0	14	0	8	0	0	0	24	—	—	—	—	110
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	3	3	3	4	4	3	36	3	0	3	0	—	—	—	—	62
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	43	104	45	59	99	44	838	160	0	45	0	—	—	—	—	1,437
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	2	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	1	—	—	—	—	20
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	133	0	0	27	103	47	0	0	35	0	—	—	—	—	345
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	528	36	84	145	0	0	0	17	14	—	—	—	—	824
Book Drop Offs	180	0	20	124	40	12	0	61	0	0	40	—	—	—	—	477
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>441</b>
<b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>161</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>10,782</b>
<b>Resources Used</b>																<b>SYSTEM TOTALS</b>
Adult Books	1,414	5,314	3,279	369	736	6,054	14,186	1,795	928	924	313	—	—	—	—	35,312
Children's/Teen Books	2,330	7,614	5,123	870	2,303	8,900	36,636	5,355	1,545	1,518	548	—	—	—	—	72,742
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,649	19,649
Magazines, Newspapers	74	180	298	41	24	186	408	20	78	34	24	—	—	—	—	1,367
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,387	21,387
Adult Audio Books	18	112	52	2	4	209	302	125	24	13	1	—	—	—	—	862
Children's Audio Books	25	160	117	11	66	285	267	89	12	4	0	—	—	—	—	1,036
DVDs	312	761	259	144	117	907	1,615	229	230	105	29	—	—	—	—	4,708
Children's DVDs	167	357	281	87	120	516	1,366	217	152	80	29	—	—	—	—	3,372
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36,041	—
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>14,498</b>	<b>9,409</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>17,057</b>	<b>54,780</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>944</b>	—	—	—	<b>41,036</b>	<b>160,435</b>
<b>Individualized Assistance</b>																<b>SYSTEM TOTALS</b>
<b>Total Reference Transactions</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>2,026</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9,300</b>	
Notary Service	27	183	60	39	3	58	80	0	18	22	2	0	0	2	494	
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	36	0	0	0	18	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	88	
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>2,043</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9,882</b>	
<b>Other Library Uses</b>																<b>TOTALS</b>
Door Counter	2,430	10,262	5,802	966	1,891	12,316	24,131	849	900	1,605	863	—	—	—	—	62,015
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	8	260	20	11	1	265	323	0	14	13	4	—	—	—	—	919
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	28	480	54	17	5	594	866	0	76	34	5	—	—	—	—	2,159
<b>Total Computer Use</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,881</b>	
WiFi	249	1,023	213	128	105	877	3,078	-	197	132	154	—	—	—	—	6,156
<b>New Cards Issued</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>47</b>	—	—	—	—	<b>1,345</b>