

LIBRARY LINES

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August 2025

SUMMER READING: COLOR OUR WORLD

Summer Reading – This year’s Summer Reading Program officially came to an end on August 1. We had an array of fantastic programs with Mary Alice Monroe, Robert C. Clark, Asia Cultural Society, Carolina Wildlife Center and many more. Thanks to **8,086** registrants, we shared stories, smiles and created a more colorful world together.



Author Talk – On August 7, New York Times bestselling author Karen White stopped by Lexington Main Library to discuss her new novel *That Last Carolina Summer*. She filled the room with laughter, heartwarming stories and charm as she shared tidbits about her family life and love of birdwatching. The **175** attendees experienced an evening of warmth and connection they won’t soon forget.

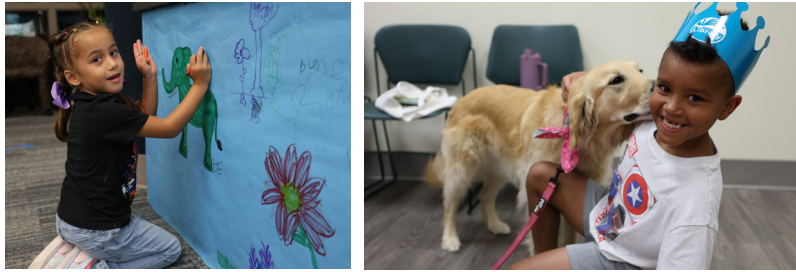


Library Antique Roadshow – Holli McGee from McGee Auction & Appraisal Services visited Chapin Branch, Pelion Branch and Lexington Main Libraries to present *Library Antique Roadshow* throughout the summer. She shared auctioneer insights and provided appraisals for items brought in by the **21** attendees.



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Wrap-Up – On August 1, Pelion Branch Library threw a *Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party* with **201** attendees. Activities included a crowning ceremony for Summer Reading finishers, a community coloring banner and snuggles with therapy K-9 Fred from Lexington County Sheriff's Department and therapy pup Willow from Uplift Lexington. The Friends of Pelion Branch Library provided a bounce house slide, hosted a raffle for Eudora Farms and held a Book & Bake Sale. WP Rawl set up a booth to give out free samples of their new collard greens dip and, at the end of the day, there were lots of smiling faces.



Crafts – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library held *Craft Squad: Stained Glass* on August 15. The kids learned about the history of stained glass before making their own glass-inspired designs. On August 26, Irmo Branch Library organized *Create It: Craft-o-Mania*. The teens had their choice of project, ranging from book mugs to literary totes.



Outreach – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library visited the Batesburg-Leesville Senior Center on August 27. They brought percussion kits so the seniors could play classic hits like "We Will Rock You."



On August 28, the Mobile Library visited Lexington One North Lake Community Learning Center. Different classes came aboard the bus to check out books and learn about helpful library resources.



Throughout the month of August, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library visited Centerville Elementary, Gilbert Elementary and Gilbert Middle Schools for teacher nights and board game mornings. They were able to reach **259** students and parents.

Family Palooza – Gaston Branch Library held *Family Palooza: Petting Zoo* on August 11. Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo brought a cow, goats, sheep and a pony. Despite the impressive lineup, the star of the show turned out to be a tiny dachshund puppy named Beanie Weenie.



Author Talk – On August 7, local author Tom Poland stopped by Chapin Branch Library to discuss *South Carolina Reflections: A Photographic Journey*, a stunning tribute to the state's diverse landscapes. Spanning from the Appalachians to the Atlantic, the keepsake book showcases his three-decade collaboration with photographer Robert C. Clark.



TeenScene – Swansea Branch Library put together *TeenScene: Taco Tuesday* on August 19. The **20** attendees spiced up their cooking skills by learning a brand-new savory taco recipe.



Lifelong Learning – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library held four sessions of *Lifelong Learning: Yoga* in the month of August. A total of **28** attendees learned beginner-friendly yoga poses as they worked to improve their balance, breathing and strength.

FUN FACT A total of **3,520** registrants completed the Summer Reading Program.

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	654	2,570	1,571	125	334	3,184	6,636	302	357	383	153	—	16,269
Paperback	59	54	52	1	7	38	183	0	27	4	15	—	440
NonFiction Adult	317	1,258	621	107	252	1,401	3,299	86	266	234	136	—	7,977
LARGE PRINT	333	935	464	59	76	852	2,351	993	137	127	78	—	6,405
Non-Circulating	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	—	6
Interlibrary Loan	0	22	0	1	0	17	20	0	7	0	1	—	68
Periodical	131	185	313	19	44	201	356	20	55	27	30	—	1,381
Fiction Juvenile	383	1,530	1,225	153	468	1,921	8,802	416	284	216	226	—	15,624
NonFiction Juvenile	300	1,297	739	126	331	1,219	4,392	417	227	273	139	—	9,460
EASY	964	3,516	2,231	350	879	3,607	16,754	2,828	905	677	277	—	32,988
Fiction Young Adult	105	499	304	71	111	578	2,191	39	96	104	81	—	4,179
NonFiction Young Adult	9	42	34	9	32	57	129	5	5	5	9	—	336
Subtotal YS Print	1,761	6,884	4,533	709	1,821	7,382	32,268	3,705	1,517	1,275	732	—	62,587
Total Print Books	3,255	11,909	7,554	1,021	2,534	13,075	45,118	5,106	2,366	2,050	1,145	—	95,133
Audio Book Adult	18	94	64	1	2	201	282	88	28	6	10	—	794
Audio Book Juvenile	11	112	76	5	27	220	223	91	13	10	0	—	788
Video Adult	338	737	218	79	87	882	1,338	169	230	65	89	—	4,232
Video Juvenile	97	255	180	72	74	330	1,131	114	94	59	49	—	2,455
Total A/V	464	1,198	538	157	190	1,633	2,974	462	365	140	148	—	8,269
Realia	8	113	79	4	12	29	238	0	12	5	63	—	563
Total Hard Copy	3,727	13,220	8,171	1,182	2,736	14,737	48,330	5,568	2,743	2,195	1,356	—	103,965
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,984	14,984
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,752	20,752
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	411	411
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77	77
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,298	4,298
Downloadable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	76
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40,598
Total Circulation	3,727	13,220	8,171	1,182	2,736	14,737	48,330	5,568	2,743	2,195	1,356	40,598	144,563
Internet and WiFi*	492	2086	333	254	115	1135	3604	0	276	170	222	—	8,687
Circulating Technology	1	23	0	0	0	12	3	0	0	0	0	—	39
Total Computer	493	2,109	333	254	115	1,147	3,607	0	276	170	222	0	8,726
Circ Changes from AUG 2024	-89	706	168	-99	354	-434	7,855	-815	146	625	362	4,357	13,136
YTD Total	8,067	27,718	17,580	2,706	6,106	31,794	103,110	13,398	5,712	4,873	2,310	81,634	305,008
Circ Change from YTD '25	-514	-607	-506	-239	526	-2,192	9,434	314	435	1,120	28	7,942	15,741
Percent Change YTD	-6.0%	-2.1%	-2.8%	-8.1%	9.4%	-6.4%	10.1%	2.4%	8.2%	29.8%	1.2%	10.8%	5.4%

August 2025 - Monthly Programs and Services Report

Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg-Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert-Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelion	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Swansea					SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Onsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	8	19	11	6	3	7	21	0	5	6	8					94
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	57	149	118	20	24	34	348	0	33	45	21					849
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0					9
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	26	12	31	0	0	0	0	206	0	0					275
High School Onsite Programs (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	4	1	3	3	1	0	1	1	1					17
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	4	39	0	0	8	10	0	5	0	20					89
Middle School Onsite Programs (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	5	1	2	1	3	0	1	1	1					17
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	6	3	29	16	7	1	16	0	0	0	4					82
Children Onsite Programs (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	2	4	5	2	2	1	0	2	2	2					24
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	20	42	21	10	26	25	23	0	14	54	0					235
Preschool Onsite Programs (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	6	0	5	4	1	1	8	0	4	2	2					33
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	49	0	118	12	0	3	331	0	13	28	8					562
Toddler/Time Onsite Programs (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1					13
Toddler/Time Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	114	0	279	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	2					429
Lapsit Onsite Programs (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0					6
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	0	0	0	0	34	139	0	0	0	0					173
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1					8
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	21	20	9	0	0	8	8	79	0	0	30					175
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	1	7	4	7	3	4	2	0	0	0					29
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	20	167	125	59	108	45	116	24	0	0	0					664
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	1					14
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	2	0	5	1	3	1	0	0	1	2					15
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	1	2	1	3	2	0	0	1	1					11
Book Drop Offs	85	0	75	68	40	0	0	0	160	0	0					428
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	24	28	45	23	18	19	44	4	17	12	16					250
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	290	411	750	148	165	158	991	103	305	127	85					3,533
Resources Used														Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,371	4,953	2,787	297	681	5,521	12,732	1,381	806	753	446					31,728
Children's/Teen Books	1,761	6,884	4,533	709	1,821	7,382	32,268	3,705	1,517	1,275	732					62,587
Downloadable Reading														19,282		19,282
Magazines, Newspapers	131	185	313	19	44	201	356	20	55	27	30					1,381
Downloadable Watch/Listen														21,316		21,316
Adult Audio Books	18	94	64	1	2	201	282	88	28	6	10					794
Children's Audio Books	11	112	76	5	27	220	223	91	13	10	0					788
DVDs	338	737	218	79	87	882	1,338	169	230	65	89					4,232
Children's DVDs	97	255	180	72	74	330	1,131	114	94	59	49					2,455
Database Searches*															44,645	
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,727	13,220	8,171	1,182	2,736	14,737	48,330	5,568	2,743	2,195	1,356			40,598		144,563
Individualized Assistance																SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	1,225	1,809	703	184	289	504	1,731	1,570	159	105	139					8,445
Notary Service	42	87	34	19	3	56	140	0	29	13	12			0	0	435
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	42	0	0	0	13	30	0	0	0	0			0	29	114
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	1,267	1,938	737	203	292	573	1,901	1,570	188	118	151			0	10	8,994
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	2,291	9,826	4,463	828	1,682	10,063	20,186	1,059	1,821	1,230	758					54,207
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	9	257	29	13	4	228	323	0	12	11	2					888
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	33	519	85	98	38	517	859	0	61	57	3					2,270
Total Computer Use	216	997	47	110	28	226	646	0	0	19	39			0	0	2,328
WiFi	277	1112	286	144	87	921	2961	0	226	151	183					6,348
New Cards Issued	33	190	59	39	22	151	621	79	60	24	39					1,317