

LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

September 2025

IT'S TIME TO FALL INTO A GOOD BOOK

Library Cards - September marked Library Card Sign-up Month and all ten branches spread the word by creating fun displays, attending outreaches and encouraging even the youngest library users to get a card. We signed up a total of **1,447** new library cards — a 10% increase from August.



Employee Recognition - On September 29, Branch Librarian III Rebecca Shelton from Gaston Branch Library was presented with Employee of the Quarter. She was nominated due to her kindness-first leadership style. Rebecca treats every patron with genuine compassion, greeting each one with a warm smile — and often by name. So many members of the Gaston community visit the library not just for books or DVDs, but for the environment Rebecca has created, where people feel safe, respected and valued.



Pirates - On September 9, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library held *Kid Zone: Pirate Party*. The crew crafted, puzzled and gamed their way to treasure. Chapin Branch Library celebrated Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 18 and 19 with a themed *Family Storytime* and *Toddler Time*. The **67** attendees donned pirate hats and walked the plank before enjoying some chocolate-flavored gold coins.



Outreach - The Mobile Library visited Seven Oaks Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center on September 25. They created a mini library inside the facility using Nova's lift and book carts, allowing residents to browse and select their own books.



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Kid Zone – On September 25, Lexington Main Library organized *Kid Zone: Hometown Heroes*. In attendance was Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services, Lexington County Fire Service, Lexington County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit and the Mobile Library. The **37** attendees learned about the jobs they each do to make our county a great place to live.



Nature Nook – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library partnered with Lexington Soil & Water Conservation District for *Nature Nook: Trash to Treasure* on September 12. The **17** attendees learned how to reduce waste by upcycling items.



Community – In celebration of fall, Pelion Branch Library brought people of all ages together for *Community: Popsicle Scarecrow* on September 30. The **23** attendees glued, painted and decorated their scarecrows as they enjoyed a themed storytime.



Garden Literacy – On September 17, Rebecca Shelton presented a poster session on Gaston's community garden at the Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference. In the very same month, a patron stopped by the Gaston Branch Library to gift the staff cream cheese muffins she made using the squash from that very same garden, showing the true extent of its community impact.



Family Palooza – Swansea Branch Library put together *Social Scene: Bollywood Dance* on September 11. The attendees jammed out to upbeat Hindi movie songs while they learned the corresponding Bollywood dance moves.



Homeschool Hub – On September 4, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library held their reoccurring *Homeschool Hub* program. Parents were able to chat, learn and connect as the students painted bookmarks and made new friends.



Outreaches – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library stopped by the Tri-City Leisure Center on September 11. Supplied with colorful thread and buttons, the seniors transformed their library tote bags into one-of-a-kind accessories.



Irmo Branch Library, along with Mobile Library bus Nova, participated in The Irmo Okra Strut Parade on September 27. They handed out "I Love to Read" bracelets and waved to everyone in attendance.

FUN FACT The most searched title in September was *Pure Joy: The Dogs We Love* by Danielle Steel.



Monthly Circulation Report

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Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Cayce- West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert- Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelion	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Swansea	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	577	2,299	1,452	131	289	2,986	6,070	237	299	329	139	—	14,808
Paperback	65	18	37	0	1	47	192	0	15	7	32	—	414
NonFiction Adult	314	1,240	534	106	288	1,306	3,134	83	264	198	94	—	7,561
LARGE PRINT	328	962	425	77	84	856	2,160	1,190	105	121	73	—	6,381
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	—	5
Interlibrary Loan	1	29	1	3	1	17	24	0	19	1	0	—	96
Periodical	98	199	290	22	27	228	307	25	79	39	23	—	1,337
Fiction Juvenile	374	1,479	895	183	483	1,882	8,036	414	215	216	119	—	14,296
NonFiction Juvenile	336	1,486	780	123	328	1,404	4,315	672	226	244	146	—	10,060
EASY	1,114	3,861	2,151	572	786	3,946	16,260	4,462	953	730	198	—	35,033
Fiction Young Adult	139	404	297	84	97	473	1,877	59	164	86	35	—	3,715
NonFiction Young Adult	13	35	33	5	28	47	136	7	9	6	8	—	327
Subtotal YS Print	1,976	7,265	4,156	967	1,722	7,752	30,624	5,614	1,567	1,282	506	—	63,431
Total Print Books	3,359	12,012	6,895	1,306	2,412	13,192	42,516	7,149	2,348	1,977	867	—	94,033
Audio Book Adult	12	83	61	4	13	199	245	98	19	4	6	—	744
Audio Book Juvenile	23	109	62	8	26	165	179	142	8	1	1	—	724
Video Adult	283	699	221	102	158	620	1,106	232	201	102	56	—	3,780
Video Juvenile	109	303	151	54	69	337	833	124	93	38	26	—	2,137
Total A/V	427	1,194	495	168	266	1,321	2,363	596	321	145	89	—	7,385
Realia	13	87	128	5	13	43	220	18	6	8	17	—	558
Total Hard Copy	3,799	13,293	7,518	1,479	2,691	14,556	45,099	7,763	2,675	2,130	973	—	101,976
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,943	13,943
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20,974	20,974
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	356	356
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	76
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,151	4,151
Downloadable BingePass	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	61
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39,561
Total Circulation	3,799	13,293	7,518	1,479	2,691	14,556	45,099	7,763	2,675	2,130	973	39,561	141,537
Internet and WiFi	576	2050	366	249	127	1551	3802	0	302	210	265	—	9,498
Circulating Technology	3	18	0	2	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	—	30
Total Computer	579	2,068	366	251	128	1,554	3,805	0	302	210	265	0	9,528

Circ Changes from SEP 2024	291	1,641	676	287	330	690	6,783	275	379	318	-43	5,141	16,768
YTD Total	11,866	41,011	25,098	4,185	8,797	46,350	148,209	21,161	8,387	7,003	3,283	121,195	446,545
Circ Change from YTD '25	-223	1,034	170	48	856	-1,502	16,217	589	814	1,438	-15	13,083	32,509
Percent Change YTD	-2%	3%	1%	1%	11%	-3%	12%	3%	11%	26%	0%	12%	8%

September 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)	6	28	9	5	2	13	18	0	21	5	5					112
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	35	203	84	28	18	74	90	0	106	32	17					687
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	2	1	1	6	2	1	0	1	0	3					17
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	19	5	2	44	22	6	0	23	0	22					143
High School Onsite Programs (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	1	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	1					16
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	15	0	12	4	8	6	25	0	3	0	8					81
Middle School Onsite Programs (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	5	1	1	1	5	0	1	1	1					18
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	3	15	10	2	2	28	0	3	0	4					72
Children Onsite Programs (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	5	5	16	2	4	11	0	3	3	2					56
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	30	74	84	54	29	63	268	0	16	35	12					665
Preschool Onsite Programs (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	10	4	5	5	7	21	0	2	4	4					67
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	57	141	80	0	5	74	1,144	0	17	55	0					1,573
Toddler Onsite Programs (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	4	9	0	0	4	21	0	2	0	2					46
Toddler Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	101	95	230	0	0	112	499	0	33	0	5					1,075
Lapsit Onsite Programs (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	4	5	0	0	4	13	0	0	0	0					26
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	46	34	0	0	40	405	0	0	0	0					525
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	2	5	0	0	1	0	3	8	0	0	2					21
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	30	58	0	0	17	0	54	139	0	0	33					331
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	3	7	10	4	15	9	65	2	3	16	2					136
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	57	248	298	53	300	165	1,656	20	74	269	60					3,200
1:1 Training Sessions	0	6	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0					15
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	105	0	32	16	117	68	0	42	25	13					418
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	250	30	56	152	990	0	0	32	19					1,529
Book Drop Offs	35	40	50	61	40	0	0	51	43	30	19					369
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	29	67	50	33	34	46	160	10	34	30	22					515
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	330	887	842	151	423	558	4,175	159	275	391	161					8,352
Resources Used	Batesburg-Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert-Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pellon	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Swansea			Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,298	4,635	2,577	322	676	5,255	11,805	1,528	708	664	355					29,823
Children's/Teen Books	1,976	7,265	4,156	967	1,722	7,752	30,624	5,614	1,567	1,282	506					63,431
Downloadable Reading														18,094		18,094
Magazines, Newspapers	98	199	290	22	27	228	307	25	79	39	23					1,337
Downloadable Watch/Listen														21,467		21,467
Adult Audio Books	12	83	61	4	13	199	245	98	19	4	6					744
Children's Audio Books	23	109	62	8	26	165	179	142	8	1	1					724
DVDs	283	699	221	102	158	620	1,106	232	201	102	56					3,780
Children's DVDs	109	303	151	54	69	337	833	124	93	38	26					2,137
Database Searches*															53,848	
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,799	13,293	7,518	1,479	2,691	14,556	45,099	7,763	2,675	2,130	973			39,561		141,537
Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert-Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pellon	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Swansea		Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	1,406	1,670	457	175	222	544	1,108	1,479	184	141	156		0	1	8	7,551
Notary Service	25	54	38	27	7	31	127	0	17	2	14		0	0	0	342
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	36	0	0	0	21	19	0	0	0	0		0	0	8	84
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	1,431	1,760	495	202	229	596	1,254	1,479	201	143	170		0	1	16	7,977
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	2,161	8,926	4,358	943	1,213	10,654	21,110	1,323	732	1,062	765					53,247
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	11	277	25	13	2	325	333	0	3	5	3					997
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	58	485	69	132	9	692	1018	0	17	12	8					2,500
Total Computer Use	260	890	91	119	23	575	650	0	66	84	71		0	0	0	2,829
WiFi	319	1172	275	132	104	977	3153	0	236	126	194					6,688
New Cards Issued	48	189	66	39	30	172	590	185	50	31	47					1,447