

# LIBRARY LINES

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October 2025

## TRICKS, TREATS & TERRIFIC READS

**Halloween** – Chapin Branch Library held *Family Palooza: Halloween Costume Contest* on October 30. They had **124** guests who enjoyed snacks, crafts, balloon animals and a costume contest. Some of the winning costumes included a homemade lemon pie, a villainous transformer, Tiana, Snow White and a family of Costco workers.



On October 30, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library put together *Community: Spooky Spectacular*. The **148** partygoers arrived in their costumes to trick-or-treat and enjoy scary stories.



**Nature Nook** – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library partnered with Lexington Soil & Water Conservation District to present *Nature Nook: Who's in My Backyard?* A total of **25** attendees learned about the importance of protecting our mammals, reptiles and amphibians.



On October 10, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library's *Craft Squad: Spooky Strokes* was attended by **25** mini artists. They transformed ordinary pumpkins into spooktacular masterpieces.



Pelion Branch Library collaborated with Tanece and Macey of Uplift Lexington for a Halloween edition of *Family Palooza: Read With Willow*. On October 30, the **35** attendees dressed up and listened to stories while giving Willow lots of pets.



*So the Story Goes*, Lexington Main Library's annual event in partnership with Town of Lexington and Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission, moved indoors due to inclement weather on October 11, but was still a resounding success. The **150** attendees delighted in spooky stories and Halloween treats.



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**Employee Recognition** – Branch Librarian III Rebecca Shelton from Gaston Branch Library was awarded Lexington County Public Library Employee of the Year 2025. Rebecca cares deeply about her community, turning the library into a vital space where patrons come to study, puzzle, tutor or simply enjoy the air conditioning. She ensures the garden that provides 500 pounds of fresh produce annually continues to thrive, participates in local outreach programs and attends Town Hall meetings. Her efforts embody the library's mission of service and connection.



Librarian II Elizabeth Doyle from Irmo Branch Library won Viewers' Choice Award at the South Carolina Library Association Conference on October 28. Elizabeth's poster showcased the story behind Irmo's Little Free Pantry — how one branch's effort to address food insecurity is making a meaningful impact in the community. Out of 17 submissions, her poster was voted one of the best.



**Author Talk** – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library (CWC) hosted local author Bruce Holland on October 14, thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends of CWC. Bruce discussed publishing his first book at the age of 72, the artwork on the cover of *The Pavilion* and his decision to set the story along the South Carolina coast. He concluded the event by signing copies for the 14 avid readers in attendance.



**Outreach** – On October 16, the newest member of the Mobile Library department, Library Assistant III Jody Tyson, presented her first storytime for adults with disabilities at Active Day of Cayce.



Library Assistant III Mateasha Hampton from Swansea Branch Library visited Swansea Senior Citizen Center on October 7. She brought along flower pots, paints and brushes for the residents to craft with.



On October 22, Library Assistant III Shannon Phillips from Gilbert-Summit Branch Library stopped by Gilbert High School with a craft. The students recycled old magazines to make fresh new pins.



Irmo Branch Library paid a visit to Generations of Irmo, an assisted living facility, on October 13. The 11 residents spent a craft afternoon painting pumpkins to get in the holiday spirit.



## Monthly Circulation Report

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	582	2,301	1,451	169	353	2,849	5,970	266	351	352	181	—	14,825
Paperback	39	25	36	2	7	24	197		17	1	15	—	363
NonFiction Adult	253	1,201	485	155	317	1,346	3,125	122	216	219	120	—	7,559
LARGE PRINT	296	868	449	67	62	800	2,240	2,099	87	133	68	—	7,169
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	—	5
Interlibrary Loan	0	17	1	0	2	17	18	1	9	0	0	—	65
Periodical	83	180	323	17	31	210	331	37	67	36	25	—	1,340
Fiction Juvenile	383	1,354	872	166	382	2,011	6,806	534	201	256	110	—	13,075
NonFiction Juvenile	349	1,236	672	146	295	1,304	4,005	774	188	274	138	—	9,381
EASY	1,108	3,497	2,134	456	758	3,584	15,215	5,039	1,027	656	207	—	33,681
Fiction Young Adult	103	421	266	134	115	477	1,760	79	138	95	46	—	3,634
NonFiction Young Adult	18	39	23	20	22	45	120	8	7	10	5	—	317
<b>Subtotal YS Print</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>6,547</b>	<b>3,967</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>7,421</b>	<b>27,906</b>	<b>6,434</b>	<b>1,561</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>60,088</b>
<b>Total Print Books</b>	<b>3,214</b>	<b>11,139</b>	<b>6,712</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>2,344</b>	<b>12,667</b>	<b>39,792</b>	<b>8,959</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>91,414</b>
Audio Book Adult	15	98	57	9	10	175	273	128	12	12	3	—	792
Audio Book Juvenile	18	90	67	9	23	142	187	102	9	2	4	—	653
Video Adult	302	746	231	111	146	764	1,216	492	117	94	80	—	4,299
Video Juvenile	141	325	191	45	27	320	1,076	348	108	48	39	—	2,668
<b>Total A/V</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8,412</b>
Realia	2	88	161	3	11	42	210	2	7	1	29	—	556
<b>Total Hard Copy</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>12,486</b>	<b>7,419</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>42,754</b>	<b>10,031</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>100,382</b>
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,558	13,558
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,807	18,807
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,132	5,132
<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>37,497</b>
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>12,486</b>	<b>7,419</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>42,754</b>	<b>10,031</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>37,497</b>	<b>137,879</b>
Internet and WiFi	545	1965	364	230	135	1617	3653	0	337	204	278	—	9,328
Circulating Technology	1	6	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	—	16
<b>Total Computer</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9,344</b>

\*Hoopla ended effective October 1, 2025

Circ Changes from OCT 2024	-845	307	-679	-53	13	-473	1,399	-1,797	149	396	31	2,199	647
YTD Total	15,558	53,497	32,517	5,694	11,358	60,460	190,963	31,192	10,948	9,192	4,353	158,692	584,424
Circ Change from YTD '25	-1,068	1,341	-509	-5	869	-1,975	17,616	-1,208	963	1,834	16	15,282	33,156
Percent Change YTD	-6.4%	2.6%	-1.5%	-0.1%	8.3%	-3.2%	10.2%	-3.7%	9.6%	24.9%	0.4%	10.7%	6.0%

October 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)	7	26	8	4	2	11	18	0	19	6	6					107
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	48	174	84	4	21	51	103	0	79	21	22					607
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	6	1	1	5	0	1	0	3	0	0					17
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	200	7	0	24	0	13	0	48	0	0					292
High School Onsite Programs (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	4	1	2	2	4	0	1	1	1					18
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	3	17	2	5	7	121	0	7	0	11					175
Middle School Onsite Programs (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	5	1	1	2	4	0	1	1	1					18
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	6	12	0	0	0	21	0	0	16	14					72
Children Onsite Programs (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	3	5	15	2	4	15	0	4	4	2					59
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	43	92	193	83	24	0	464	0	16	54	22					991
Preschool Onsite Programs (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	7	12	6	6	5	4	22	0	7	4	4					77
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	66	224	162	12	11	46	613	0	78	58	0					1,270
Toddler/Onsite Programs (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	4	8	0	0	4	24	0	2	0	1					48
Toddler/Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	112	104	180	0	0	73	556	0	54	0	0					1,079
Lapsit Onsite Programs (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	4	4	0	0	4	12	0	0	0	0					25
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	19	41	29	0	0	44	287	0	0	0	0					420
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	4	2	0	1	1	6	3	0	0	1					19
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	22	50	66	0	14	11	59	34	0	0	18					274
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	3	6	12	6	15	9	62	2	2	5	2					124
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	51	154	336	108	326	170	1517	20	47	109	63					2,901
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0					12
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	42	0	12	22	137	53	0	11	15	15					307
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	134	0	245	43	86	0	1445	0	103	30	22					2,108
Book Drop Offs	100	200	80	65	40	0	0	57	0	0	40					582
<b>TOTAL # PROGRAMS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>					<b>512</b>
<b>TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>1,086</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>150</b>					<b>8,081</b>
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	1,172	4,500	2,583	396	752	5,078	11,765	2,490	687	706	413					30,542
Children's/Teen Books	1,961	6,547	3,967	922	1,572	7,421	27,906	6,434	1,561	1,291	506					60,088
Downloadable Reading													18,690			18,690
Magazines, Newspapers	83	180	323	17	31	210	331	37	67	36	25					1,340
Downloadable Watch/Listen													18,807			18,807
Adult Audio Books	15	98	57	9	10	175	273	128	12	12	3					792
Children's Audio Books	18	90	67	9	23	142	187	102	9	2	4					653
DVDs	302	746	231	111	146	764	1,216	492	117	94	80					4,299
Children's DVDs	141	325	191	45	27	320	1,076	348	108	48	39					2,668
Database Searches*														47,553		
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>12,486</b>	<b>7,419</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>14,110</b>	<b>42,754</b>	<b>10,031</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>1,070</b>		<b>37,497</b>			<b>137,879</b>
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	1,598	1,495	759	81	335	513	904	1,726	151	129	87	0	1	5		7,784
Notary Service	25	104	20	13	3	29	117	0	31	9	6	0	0	0		357
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	20	0	0	0	27	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	20		85
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>8,226</b>
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	2,345	9,371	4,436	864	1,186	10,416	21,019	750	811	1,068	820					53,086
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	10	265	37	8	3	289	310	0	6	7	4					939
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	53	526	74	54	10	553	948	0	17	44	17					2,296
<b>Total Computer Use</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>					<b>2,745</b>
WiFi	323	1,087	282	138	104	999	3,041	0	288	130	207					6,599
<b>New Cards Issued</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>					<b>960</b>