

LIBRARYLINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

November 2025

HAPPY HARVEST HAPPENINGS

Peanut Party — On November 8, Pelion Branch Library attended the 44th annual Pelion Peanut Party. The morning kicked off with both the Mobile Library and Friends of Pelion Branch Library taking part in the parade. In the afternoon, Library Assistants III Faith O'Neal-Roberts and Kayla Shannon and Branch Librarian Brittany Shay partnered with Girl Scout Troop 3327 for *Storytime and S'mores*. They read to a total of **42** partygoers.



Community — Library Assistant III Lauren Jordan from Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library collaborated with Lexington County Animal Services for *Community: Senior Pet Adoptions* on November 22. They had a total of **19** people meet and socialize with the sweet dogs.



Food Drive — To celebrate the season of giving, Outreach Coordinator Kate Barry partnered with Mission Lexington for a month-long food drive that began on November 4. All ten branches came together to raise a combined total of **400** pounds of non-perishable food items for the Lexington County community.



Employee Recognition — On November 21, Library Assistants III Kat Favre, Paige Kennedy and Jody Tyson and Mobile Library Manager Meliannette Ruiz were presented with the Teamwork Award. The Mobile Library team faced an unexpected challenge when Myles' generator failed and was out of service for a week. In an impressive display of collaboration, adaptability and determination, the staff reorganized operations by converting Nova's adult material carts into youth collections, ensuring Myles' routes could still be fulfilled. Despite the demanding circumstances, the team continued to deliver exceptional library experiences. Their positivity, teamwork and dedication exemplify the very best of our library's values.



Kid Zone — Library Assistant III Katy Brown from Chapin Branch Library put together *Kid Zone: Oreo Turkeys* on November 6. The **19** kids in attendance created adorable turkeys made from candy and treats. It was a delightful, hands-on activity that filled the space with creativity and giggles.



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Create It – Library Assistant III Mateasha Hampton from Swansea Branch Library held *Create It: Rainbow Loom* on November 18. A total of **20** teens enjoyed making stretchy bracelets, necklaces, rings and more with colorful rubber bands.



Handmade – On the afternoon of November 7, Lexington Main Library held *Handmade: Book Pumpkins*. The **22** participants enjoyed creating autumn-themed pumpkins from recycled mass-market paperbacks to warm up their homes as well as the camaraderie of working on an interesting craft together.



Full STEAM Ahead – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library put together *Full STEAM Ahead: Snap Circuits* on November 14. The **15** elementary schoolers explored the basics of electronics with Snap Circuits as they built fun, interactive projects.



Winter Reading – Our annual *Fall Into Winter Reading* program, organized by Circulation Coordinator Suri Smith, kicked off on November 17. There are two different cards, one for adults and one for youth — early literacy, children and teens. Once five activities are completed to get bingo, patrons can bring their cards to their local branch to receive a prize.



Mini Movers – On November 1, Irmo Branch Library put together the preschool program, *Mini Movers: Toddler Rave*. The **56** attendees got down and wiggly as they danced to the fun beats.



Storytime – Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library collaborated with Alliance of Therapy Dogs for two programs — *Family Storytime* on November 6 and *Teen Sensory Storytime* with a Batesburg-Leesville High School class on November 21. Debra Scurry brought along Rudy, a three-legged Boykin mix, for the **17** kids and teens to meet as she explained the certification process and answered their questions.



Outreach – Library Assistants III Juliet Bedenbaugh and Shannon Phillips from Gilbert-Summit Branch Library visited Gilbert High School and Gilbert Elementary School nine times throughout the month of November, reaching **337** students. They also made seven visits to Big Blue Marble Academy, Learn 2 Grow and Beulah Methodist Preschool for storytimes with **113** children.

Library Assistant III Jill Hester from Gaston Branch Library visited Royal Legacies Early Learning Center and Lexington 4 Early Childhood Center seven times in November. She read to a combined total of **120** preschoolers.

FUN FACT **In the month of November, we held a total of 294 programs with 3,197 attendees.**

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	509	1,997	1,217	155	341	2,402	5,247	263	314	329	141	—	12,915
Paperback	17	34	36	3	12	12	135		6	6	2	—	263
NonFiction Adult	199	1,049	430	102	201	1,092	2,588	66	199	191	99	—	6,216
LARGE PRINT	271	689	393	57	50	621	1,943	1,218	51	152	65	—	5,510
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	—	10
Interlibrary Loan	0	12	2	5	1	24	14	0	3	1	0	—	62
Periodical	97	148	287	20	16	197	198	27	74	28	13	—	1,105
Fiction Juvenile	319	1,201	921	167	318	1,675	6,736	537	180	164	73	—	12,291
NonFiction Juvenile	324	1,094	432	131	279	1,073	3,540	599	172	227	70	—	7,941
EASY	994	2,775	1,811	399	734	3,268	14,456	3,530	846	510	235	—	29,558
Fiction Young Adult	106	347	183	99	133	468	1,710	83	130	43	63	—	3,365
NonFiction Young Adult	12	31	13	4	14	30	111	6	12	11	1	—	245
Subtotal YS Print	1,755	5,448	3,360	800	1,478	6,514	26,553	4,755	1,340	955	442	—	53,400
Total Print Books	2,848	9,377	5,725	1,142	2,099	10,862	36,688	6,329	1,987	1,662	762	—	79,481
Audio Book Adult	10	51	50	2	5	147	225	94	20	9	2	—	615
Audio Book Juvenile	28	72	49	5	21	147	153	100	2	0	0	—	577
Video Adult	303	669	220	79	139	641	1,055	325	187	93	61	—	3,772
Video Juvenile	138	279	164	41	74	291	1,026	211	150	60	18	—	2,452
Total A/V	479	1,071	483	127	239	1,226	2,459	730	359	162	81	—	7,416
Realia	2	92	108	4	11	25	233	16	3	5	7	—	506
Total Hard Copy	3,329	10,540	6,316	1,273	2,349	12,113	39,380	7,075	2,349	1,829	850	—	87,403
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,641	12,641
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,658	17,658
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,215	4,215
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34,514
Total Circulation	3,329	10,540	6,316	1,273	2,349	12,113	39,380	7,075	2,349	1,829	850	34,514	121,917
Internet and WiFi	397	1660	331	162	101	1353	3082	0	284	124	234	—	7,728
Circulating Technology	0	5	0	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	2	—	16
Total Computer	397	1,665	331	163	101	1,355	3,088	0	284	124	236	—	7,744

Circ Changes from NOV 2024	140	204	-777	50	527	-907	431	-319	485	296	3	-353	-220
YTD Total	18,887	64,037	38,833	6,967	13,707	72,573	230,343	38,267	13,297	11,021	5,203	193,206	706,341
Circ Change from YTD '25	-928	1,545	-1,286	45	1,396	-2,882	18,047	-1,527	1,448	2,130	19	14,929	32,936
Percent Change YTD	-4.7%	2.5%	-3.2%	0.7%	11.3%	-3.8%	8.5%	-3.8%	12.2%	24.0%	0.4%	8.4%	4.9%

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)		7	23	10	5	2	10	16	0	14	4	5	—	—	—	96
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		49	130	69	11	17	54	126	0	42	10	31	—	—	—	539
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)		0	5	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	—	—	—	13
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)		0	52	4	0	12	23	4	0	15	0	0	—	—	—	110
High School Onsite Programs (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		3	1	2	1	1	2	3	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	16
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		12	6	19	0	0	8	31	0	3	0	20	—	—	—	99
Middle School Onsite Programs (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		1	1	5	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	17
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		4	2	28	0	5	1	16	0	4	0	8	—	—	—	68
Children Onsite Programs (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		5	3	4	12	2	3	10	0	2	3	3	—	—	—	47
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		40	49	57	39	40	51	252	0	21	24	10	—	—	—	583
Preschool Onsite Programs (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		5	10	4	4	5	3	16	0	3	4	3	—	—	—	57
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		31	168	89	9	0	35	403	0	36	69	41	—	—	—	844
Toddlertime Onsite Programs (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		4	2	6	0	0	4	15	0	1	0	2	—	—	—	34
Toddlertime Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		87	52	150	0	0	107	313	0	19	0	17	—	—	—	745
Lapsit Onsite Programs (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		0	2	3	0	0	3	11	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	19
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)		0	28	28	0	0	25	202	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	283
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)		0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	—	—	—	6
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)		0	23	8	0	16	0	48	0	0	0	24	—	—	—	119
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)		3	2	8	7	15	9	61	1	4	9	2	—	—	—	121
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)		55	152	209	120	397	164	1473	275	102	174	57	—	—	—	3,178
1:1 Training Sessions		0	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	—	—	—	15
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants		0	57	0	0	21	83	38	0	62	12	20	—	—	—	293
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants		288	0	200	27	172	0	198	0	0	15	27	—	—	—	927
Book Drop Offs		25	0	30	23	40	7	0	0	0	0	70	—	—	—	195
TOTAL # PROGRAMS		28	50	44	31	29	37	139	1	27	22	18	—	—	—	426
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS		278	662	661	179	487	468	2,868	275	242	277	171	—	—	—	6,568
Resources Used													Electronic Resources			SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books		998	3,873	2,186	326	616	4,176	10,170	1,563	576	684	314	—	—	—	25,482
Children's/Teen Books		1,755	5,448	3,360	800	1,478	6,514	26,553	4,755	1,340	955	442	—	—	—	53,400
Downloadable Reading		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,856	—	—	16,856
Magazines, Newspapers		97	148	287	20	16	197	198	27	74	28	13	—	—	—	1,105
Downloadable Watch/Listen		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,658	—	—	17,658
Adult Audio Books		10	51	50	2	5	147	225	94	20	9	2	—	—	—	615
Children's Audio Books		28	72	49	5	21	147	153	100	2	0	0	—	—	—	577
DVDs		303	669	220	79	139	641	1,055	325	187	93	61	—	—	—	3,772
Children's DVDs		138	279	164	41	74	291	1,026	211	150	60	18	—	—	—	2,452
Database Searches*		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55,071
TOTAL CIRCULATION		3,329	10,540	6,316	1,273	2,349	12,113	39,380	7,075	2,349	1,829	850	—	34,514	—	121,917
Individualized Assistance													Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions		480	1,254	636	75	284	323	819	1,179	210	149	85	0	0	3	5,497
Notary Service		62	40	31	32	2	24	85	0	23	2	7	0	0	0	308
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming		0	29	0	0	0	10	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	74
TOTAL ASSISTANCE		542	1,323	667	107	286	357	925	1,179	233	151	92	0	0	17	5,879
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter		1,730	7,113	3,336	635	974	9,200	17,295	872	1,689	810	682	—	—	—	44,336
Total Meeting / Study Room Use		14	263	21	2	1	227	235	0	3	2	4	—	—	—	772
Total Meeting / Study Attendance		68	440	61	6	8	530	845	0	6	4	8	—	—	—	1,976
Total Computer Use		158	740	104	57	26	479	580	0	54	33	60	—	—	—	2,291
WiFi		239	925	227	106	75	876	2,508	0	230	91	174	—	—	—	5,451
New Cards Issued		23	121	43	33	26	82	279	33	20	11	25	—	—	—	696