

LIBRARY LINES

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.



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.



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.



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.

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.



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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

| 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% |

November 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) | 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 | 4 | | | | | 844 | |
| Toddler 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 | |
| Toddler 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Reference Transactions | 480 | 1,254 | 636 | 75 | 284 | 323 | 819 | 1,179 | 210 | 149 | 85 | | | | | | 5,497 |
| Notary Service | 62 | 40 | 31 | 32 | 2 | 24 | 85 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 7 | | | | | | 308 |
| InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming | 0 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 74 |
| TOTAL ASSISTANCE | 542 | 1,323 | 667 | 107 | 286 | 357 | 925 | 1,179 | 233 | 151 | 92 | | | | | | 5,879 |
| Other Library Uses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |