LIBRARYLINES

DECK THE HALLS WITH BOOKS & JOY

Santa Visits – Throughout the month of December, Batesburg-Leesville, Chapin, Gaston, Gilbert-Summit, Pelion, South Congaree-Pine Ridge and Swansea Branch Libraries held joy-filled Santa Claus programs for the community. A total of **540** attendees got their photos taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, along with one appearance from the Grinch. Each branch offered a variety of activities to go along with the photo shoots, including cookies, free books, crafts and movies.

Holly Saves Christmas – Theatre troupe Porkchop Productions presented *Holly Saves Christmas* at all 10 branches throughout December. When Santa gets sick a few days before Christmas, Head Elf Myron decides to cancel the festivities and go on a Caribbean cruise. On a quest to find out how people around the world feel about Christmas being canceled, Holly the elf encounters zany characters and big surprises before ultimately saving Christmas. The **306** total attendees laughed, celebrated and learned an important lesson about holiday memories past and present.

Community – Irmo Branch Library held *Community: Gingerbread Houses* on December 6 in partnership with the Friends of Irmo Branch Library. The event was open to all ages, and **61** attendees dropped in to decorate their own gingerbread houses to take home for the holidays.

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Parades – On December 6, Pelion Branch Library set up a Letters to Santa table at the Pelion Community Center during the Pelion Christmas Parade of Lights. Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library entered a float in the Batesburg-Leesville Christmas Parade on December 7. They received second place with the theme *Libraries Grow Hearts and Minds* featuring the Grinch and Whos.

Swansea Branch Library participated in the Town of Swansea Christmas Parade on December 7, handing out goodies to attendees as they rode by. On December 13, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library and their dedicated junior volunteers walked in the South Congaree Christmas Parade and spread holiday cheer.

Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library took part in the annual Cayce Parade of Lights on December 13. They also invited the Mobile Library and Myles the bus to be part of the festivities.

Handmade – On December 6, Lexington Main Library put together *Handmade: Holiday Wreath*. The **23** participants used wire forms to craft unique wreaths out of spruces, firs and pines. They then put the finishing touches on their creations using pine cones, berries, ribbon and ornaments.

Happy Retirement – On December 19, Patron Training and Technology Coordinator Matthew Steinmetz retired from Lexington County Public Library. He started as a library assistant III at Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library and moved to a reference librarian position before landing in the administrative role. His **14** years of dedicated service were celebrated with a week-long scavenger hunt where all his coworkers bid him a grand goodbye.

Employee Recognition – Web Developer Melissa Hudson, Assistant Branch Librarian Lauren Ignet, Librarian II Amy Pittsenbarger and Youth Services Coordinator Jennifer Smith were presented with the Teamwork Award on December 11. Due to inclement weather, Lexington Main Library's *So the Story Goes* event needed to move from Virginia Hylton Park to an after-hours event at the library. The group worked together to post notices on social media, arrange and decorate the library, organize staff and update the marquee. The transition went smoothly and culminated in a successful event.

FUN FACT In 2025, we held a total of 5,747 programs with 148,829 attendees.

Monthly Circulation Report

December 2025

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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	537	1,890	1,325	185	374	2,905	5,469	239	379	331	154	—	13,788
Paperback	33	31	48	4	7	9	137	0	8	0	11	—	288
NonFiction Adult	239	1,046	459	90	217	1,141	2,588	70	241	213	76	—	6,380
LARGE PRINT	325	753	417	59	106	714	2,037	1,115	118	157	64	—	5,865
Non-Circulating	0	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	1	0	0	—	15
Interlibrary Loan	4	16	6	0	1	12	15	0	4	0	1	—	59
Periodical	101	150	287	14	35	185	170	22	61	34	26	—	1,085
Fiction Juvenile	360	1,035	825	103	312	1,608	6,408	452	161	194	58	—	11,516
NonFiction Juvenile	308	894	490	128	315	967	2,722	433	162	251	59	—	6,729
EASY	1,038	2,488	1,536	347	949	3,429	11,996	2,554	867	618	114	—	25,936
Fiction Young Adult	119	444	234	75	132	411	1,706	69	162	49	43	—	3,444
NonFiction Young Adult	8	31	13	2	10	35	100	5	8	10	1	—	223
Subtotal YS Print	1,833	4,892	3,098	655	1,718	6,450	22,932	3,513	1,360	1,122	275	—	47,848
Total Print Books	3,072	8,779	5,640	1,007	2,458	11,416	33,361	4,959	2,172	1,857	607	—	75,328
Audio Book Adult	8	59	64	1	3	121	266	80	15	11	2	—	630
Audio Book Juvenile	24	111	46	1	37	103	202	89	0	0	4	—	617
Video Adult	333	685	284	98	83	790	936	250	207	97	59	—	3,822
Video Juvenile	115	237	148	46	65	359	1,063	228	155	63	24	—	2,503
Total A/V	480	1,092	542	146	188	1,373	2,467	647	377	171	89	—	7,572
Realia	3	76	111	12	6	34	234	9	10	10	7	—	512
Total Hard Copy	3,555	9,947	6,293	1,165	2,652	12,823	36,062	5,615	2,559	2,038	703	—	83,412
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		0
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		0
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		0
Downloadable Music	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		0
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		0
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Total Circulation	**3,555**	**9,947**	**6,293**	**1,165**	**2,652**	**12,823**	**36,062**	**5,615**	**2,559**	**2,038**	**703**	**0**	**83,412**
Internet and WiFi	399	1,877	298	179	111	1,291	2,796	0	277	140	243	—	7,611
Circulating Technology	0	7	0	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	2	—	22
Total Computer	**399**	**1,884**	**298**	**179**	**111**	**1,292**	**2,808**	**0**	**277**	**140**	**245**	—	**7,633**

	Batesburg-Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert-Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelion	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Swansea	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Circ Changes from DEC 2024	373	-179	59	80	726	457	-525	-1,714	703	381	-271	-35,933	-35,843
YTD Total	22,442	73,984	45,126	8,132	16,359	85,396	266,405	43,882	15,856	13,059	5,906	193,206	789,753
Circ Change from YTD '25	-555	1,366	-1,227	125	2,122	-2,425	17,522	-3,241	2,151	2,511	-252	-21,004	-2,907
Percent Change YTD	-2.4%	1.9%	-2.6%	1.6%	14.9%	-2.8%	7.0%	-6.9%	15.7%	23.8%	-4.1%	-9.8%	-0.4%

December 2025 - Monthly Programs and Services Report

LEXINGTON COUNTY Public Library

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)	6	22	8	5	2	8	15	0	19	7	6	—	—	—	98
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	42	114	49	13	20	31	105	0	73	38	24	—	—	—	509
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	2	4	2	1	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	—	—	—	19
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	76	33	32	0	104	79	0	0	0	66	55	—	—	—	445
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	1	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	14
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	7	0	24	0	0	3	16	0	0	0	10	—	—	—	60
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	6	1	2	1	4	0	1	1	1	—	—	—	19
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	3	21	0	20	2	30	0	6	5	11	—	—	—	102
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	4	7	16	2	2	4	0	4	4	3	—	—	—	50
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	15	87	235	38	40	42	266	0	216	52	14	—	—	—	1,005
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	7	4	6	2	3	8	0	3	0	4	—	—	—	41
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	26	73	111	11	0	35	178	0	6	0	0	—	—	—	440
Toddlertime OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	1	8	0	0	2	5	0	3	0	2	—	—	—	26
Toddlertime Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	62	49	137	0	0	31	139	0	34	0	12	—	—	—	464
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	3	5	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	16
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	36	26	0	0	26	78	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	166
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	—	—	—	8
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	0	45	12	0	16	10	0	0	0	0	18	—	—	—	101
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	3	4	9	4	15	9	53	0	2	4	1	—	—	—	104
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	59	162	236	78	363	162	1,427	0	68	62	30	—	—	—	2,647
1:1 Training Sessions	0	7	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	14
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	19	0	13	57	0	62	0	0	9	20	—	—	—	180
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	182	19	149	0	711	0	0	32	10	—	—	—	1,103
Book Drop Offs	0	22	50	32	40	0	0	81	0	0	40	—	—	—	265
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	**25**	**53**	**54**	**34**	**30**	**31**	**97**	**0**	**33**	**18**	**20**	—	—	—	**395**
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	**291**	**602**	**883**	**140**	**563**	**421**	**2,239**	**0**	**403**	**223**	**174**	—	—	—	**5,939**

Resources Used	Batesburg-Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert-Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelion	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Swansea		Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,141	3,813	2,366	350	711	4,815	10,493	1,433	761	711	313		—	—	26,907
Children's/Teen Books	1,833	4,892	3,098	655	1,718	6,450	22,932	3,513	1,360	1,122	275		—	—	47,848
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		17,450	—	17,450
Magazines, Newspapers	101	150	287	14	35	185	170	22	61	34	26		—	—	1,085
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		18,146	—	18,146
Adult Audio Books	8	59	64	1	3	121	266	80	15	11	2		—	—	630
Children's Audio Books	24	111	46	1	37	103	202	89	0	0	4		—	—	617
DVDs	333	685	284	98	83	790	936	250	207	97	59		—	—	3,822
Children's DVDs	115	237	148	46	65	359	1,063	228	155	63	24		—	—	2,503
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	41,314	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	**3,555**	**9,947**	**6,293**	**1,165**	**2,652**	**12,823**	**36,062**	**5,615**	**2,559**	**2,038**	**703**		**35,596**	—	**119,008**

Individualized Assistance	Batesburg-Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert-Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelion	South Congaree-Pine Ridge	Swansea	Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	**1,554**	**1,277**	**437**	**192**	**230**	**587**	**1,253**	**785**	**253**	**148**	**62**	**0**	**0**	**26**	**6,804**
Notary Service	20	56	52	8	5	33	82	0	16	2	1	0	0	0	275
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	15	0	0	0	8	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	50
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	**1,574**	**1,348**	**489**	**200**	**235**	**628**	**1,351**	**785**	**269**	**150**	**63**	**0**	**0**	**37**	**7,129**

Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	1,636	7,331	3,837	689	1,132	8,600	17,528	695	1,337	946	710	—	—	—	44,441
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	9	216	17	7	1	233	258	0	3	5	2	—	—	—	751
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	22	400	32	9	6	347	769	0	26	28	2	—	—	—	1,641
Total Computer Use	**177**	**986**	**75**	**77**	**21**	**495**	**588**	**0**	**67**	**32**	**82**	—	—	—	**2600**
WiFi	222	898	223	102	90	797	2220	0	210	108	163	—	—	—	5,033
New Cards Issued	31	117	45	23	16	106	303	36	30	13	15	—	—	—	**735**