

LIBRARY LINES

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February 2026

IT'S A GOOD DAY TO READ A BOOK

Block Party – On February 28, Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library threw their second annual *Community: CWC Block Party*. They partnered with Cayce Police Department, Dominion Energy, Lakeside Team at Real Broker, Lexington County First Steps, Lexington County Sheriff's Department, PASOs, South Carolina ETV, West Columbia Police Department and more. A total of **150** attendees enjoyed a one-woman show by Molly Ledford, donuts, stuffed animals, crafts and tons of library fun.



Handmade – Chapin Branch Library celebrated the season of love with *Handmade: Valentine's Day Charcuterie* on February 5. Carol Blanco taught the **31** attendees to create mini dessert boards using fruits, chocolates and other sweet treats, perfect for their next get-together.



Community Partner – Lexington Main Library is hosting the annual Lexington County School District One Elementary Art Fest throughout February and March. The show features work from all **18** elementary schools in the district. On February 26, the students, parents and teachers gathered for a reception in honor of the artists. Over **100** guests were in attendance.



Meet the Storymaker – South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library invited local children's author Lisa Corduan to *Kid Zone: Meet the Storymaker* on February 13. She discussed her picture books, *Daddy, Are You a Duck?* and *Save Me a Seat*, her writing process and what it takes to bring stories to life with the **16** attendees.



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Tea Party – On February 10, Megan Ricard, Library Assistant III at Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library, held *Kid Zone: T-Rex Tea Party*. The **15** attendees dressed in their fanciest outfits to excavate fossils, listen to stories, drink tea and hang out with a dinosaur.



Swansea Branch Library put together *Social Scene: Valentine's Tea Party* on February 12 for **33** attendees. Library Assistant III Christa LaSalle prepared various types of tea, such as hibiscus, lemon balm and rose petals, along with finger foods and a presentation on the history of tea.



Storytimes – Library Assistant III Faith O'Neal-Roberts from Pelion Branch Library held a *Toddler Time* on February 3 and a *Preschool Storytime* on February 5 with a special twist. The little ones put their fine motor skills to the test as they pulled down and played with streamers.



Outreach – Library Assistants III Kat Favre and Paige Kennedy brought Nova the bus to Hope Bridge at the Oaks on February 25. They assisted **30** residents with material selections, check outs and new library cards. Outreach Librarian Melaney Torcoletti arrived separately and presented a puppet storytime to **25** adults with disabilities.

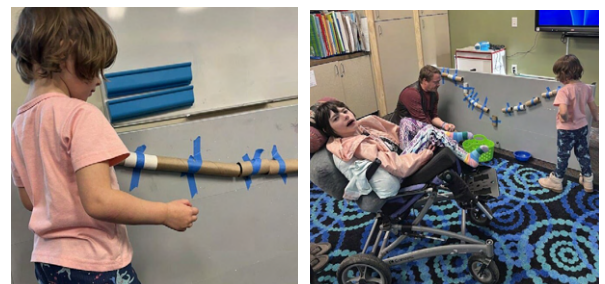


Library Assistant III Juliet Bedenbaugh from Gilbert-Summit Branch Library visited Gilbert Elementary School on February 5. She read stories and talked about the importance of building reading stamina. The **12** little learners put on their author hats and used their big imaginations to write and illustrate their own unique books.

Handmade – Irmo Branch Library's *Handmade: Sugar Scrub* took place on February 7. The **12** attendees got hands-on with self-care as they created custom scented sugar scrubs to take home.



Full STEAM Ahead – On February 12, Library Assistant III Jill Hester from Gaston Branch Library planned *Full STEAM Ahead: Marble Run*. The participants turned simple toilet paper rolls into an exciting engineering challenge. They created tracks by taping the rolls to a table and sent marbles down each one to test the design.



FUN FACT The South Carolina State Parks Pass was checked out **44** times in the month of February.

Monthly Circulation Report

Material Type	Batesburg- Leesville	Cayce- West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert- Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelton	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Swansea	Ebooks	SYSTEM TOTALS
Fiction Adult	560	2,129	1,375	162	323	2,624	5,470	261	429	345	112	—	13,790
Paperback	64	67	35	15	23	23	135	0	8	6	8	—	384
NonFiction Adult	228	1,163	492	128	184	1,285	3,020	72	262	220	91	—	7,145
LARGE PRINT	317	718	376	44	76	650	2,033	1,242	124	90	58	—	5,728
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	—	17
Interlibrary Loan	1	13	0	2	2	9	27	0	2	0	0	—	56
Periodical	129	128	276	12	33	175	286	21	90	44	23	—	1,217
Fiction Juvenile	284	1,176	911	87	308	1,621	6,461	641	163	192	185	—	12,029
NonFiction Juvenile	324	1,120	708	133	242	1,251	3,671	778	265	176	111	—	8,779
EASY	890	2,554	1,745	341	756	3,596	13,358	4,100	750	518	233	—	28,841
Fiction Young Adult	103	312	291	50	132	469	1,495	90	204	92	28	—	3,266
NonFiction Young Adult	16	22	18	10	20	30	129	8	6	8	2	—	269
Subtotal YS Print	1,617	5,184	3,673	621	1,458	6,967	25,114	5,617	1,388	986	559	—	53,184
Total Print Books	2,916	9,402	6,227	984	2,099	11,733	36,102	7,213	2,303	1,691	851	—	81,521
Audio Book Adult	5	55	39	5	9	138	198	94	12	4	1	—	560
Audio Book Juvenile	25	67	80	3	36	110	176	166	24	5	1	—	693
Video Adult	340	612	306	46	113	763	1,003	216	174	42	65	—	3,680
Video Juvenile	71	193	169	40	54	303	881	266	67	49	19	—	2,112
Total A/V	441	927	594	94	212	1,314	2,258	742	277	100	86	—	7,045
Realia	1	118	128	1	10	48	354	8	14	2	16	—	700
Total Hard Copy	3,358	10,447	6,949	1,079	2,321	13,095	38,714	7,963	2,594	1,793	953	—	89,266
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,384	12,384
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,927	17,927
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,518	4,518
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34,829
Total Circulation	3,358	10,447	6,949	1,079	2,321	13,095	38,714	7,963	2,594	1,793	953	34,829	124,095
Internet and WiFi*	404	1846	236	188	135	1443	2691	0	287	155	217	—	7,602
Circulating Technology	0	21	0	0	0	5	9	0	0	0	1	—	36
Total Computer	404	1,867	236	188	135	1,448	2,700	0	287	155	218	—	7,638
Circ Changes from FEB 2025	-220	-50	461	-305	576	177	-52	109	449	123	12	-1,068	212
YTD Total	29,307	96,000	59,826	10,484	20,965	111,250	347,580	61,670	20,728	16,859	7,737	303,018	1,085,424
Circ Change from YTD '25	-936	-32	-301	-105	2,939	-3,729	16,628	-2,832	2,560	2,824	-353	13,512	30,175
Percent Change YTD	-3.1%	0.0%	-0.5%	-1.0%	16.3%	-3.2%	5.0%	-4.4%	14.1%	20.1%	-4.4%	4.7%	2.9%

February 2026 - 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)	5	27	8	9	6	12	15	3	20	5	2					112
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	43	180	108	29	26	63	147	64	113	46	13					832
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	4					14
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	163	11	0	0	0	20	193	26	0	44					457
High School Onsite Programs (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1					15
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	10	4	14	0	6	7	0	0	4	0	9					54
Middle School Onsite Programs (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	4	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	1					19
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	17	15	0	10	0	40	22	5	3	8					123
Children Onsite Programs (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	2	5	9	3	3	14	0	3	3	2					48
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	37	32	70	23	47	49	466	0	19	32	26					801
Preschool Onsite Programs (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	9	5	6	4	4	18	2	5	4	4					66
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	39	101	169	35	11	67	430	20	30	33	2					937
Toddler/Time Onsite Programs (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	4	8	0	0	4	20	0	3	0	1					44
Toddler/Time Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	92	75	241	0	0	112	619	0	30	0	2					1,171
Lapsit Onsite Programs (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	4	4	0	0	4	12	0	0	0	0					24
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	77	32	0	0	44	254	0	0	0	0					407
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	2	1	0	1	2	8	0	0	0	1					16
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	17	51	43	0	19	19	122	0	0	0	17					288
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	3	5	8	8	15	14	65	0	5	8	0					131
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	67	409	150	176	279	291	1,852	0	118	143	0					3,485
1:1 Training Sessions	0	8	0	4	0	8	1	0	1	0	0					22
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	39	0	15	0	0	78	0	62	15	10					219
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	65	22	19	19	102	695	0	23	17	17					962
Book Drop Offs	25	12	25	23	80	17	0	0	0	0	40					222
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	25	57	48	35	32	47	159	8	40	22	16					489
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	308	1,109	853	263	398	652	3,950	299	345	257	121					8,555
Resources Used														Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,171	4,208	2,406	352	618	4,639	11,056	1,583	839	663	285					27,820
Children's/Teen Books	1,617	5,184	3,673	621	1,458	6,967	25,114	5,617	1,388	986	559					53,184
Downloadable Reading														16,902		16,902
Magazines, Newspapers	129	128	276	12	33	175	286	21	90	44	23					1,217
Downloadable Watch/Listen														17,927		17,927
Adult Audio Books	5	55	39	5	9	138	198	94	12	4	1					560
Children's Audio Books	25	67	80	3	36	110	176	166	24	5	1					693
DVDs	340	612	306	46	113	763	1,003	216	174	42	65					3,680
Children's DVDs	71	193	169	40	54	303	881	266	67	49	19					2,112
Database Searches*															40,094	
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,358	10,447	6,949	1,079	2,321	13,095	38,714	7,963	2,594	1,793	953			34,829		124,095
Individualized Assistance																SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	1,231	1,157	432	243	316	751	987	1,612	410	98	97					7,352
Notary Service	19	83	23	20	0	28	120	0	17	5	2			0	0	317
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	25	0	0	0	11	31	0	0	0	0			0	4	71
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	1,250	1,265	455	263	316	790	1,138	1,612	427	103	99			0	5	7,740
Other Library Uses																TOTALS
Door Counter	1,814	7,901	4,073	766	949	10,652	19,924	1,504	2,626	953	807					51,969
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	6	240	1	6	1	282	277	0	4	6	5					828
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	19	398	10	13	1	628	1087	0	18	39	20					2,233
Total Computer Use	184	920	68	87	47	575	663	0	67	73	65					2,749
WiFi	220	947	168	101	88	873	2037	0	220	82	153					4,889
New Cards Issued	29	169	46	30	19	112	373	16	32	16	14					856