

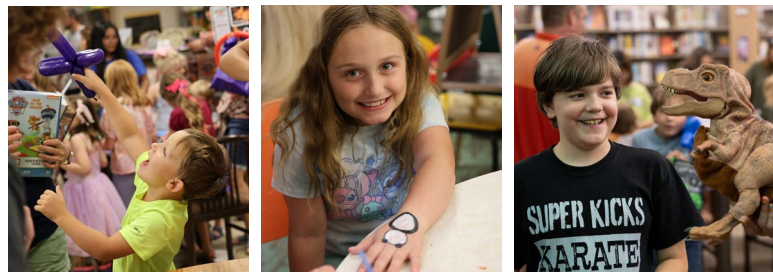
LIBRARY LINES

LEXINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY — CONNECT. ENGAGE. ENRICH.

May 2026

UNEARTH A STORY AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading – Lexington County Public Library's (LCPL) annual Summer Reading Program roared onto the scene beginning May 26 with the theme *Unearth a Story*. Chapin Branch Library celebrated the day with a dino-tastic kickoff party featuring balloon art, face painting and crafts. In attendance was the Chick-fil-A cow with free goodies, Girl Scouts of South Carolina and the Friends of Chapin Branch Library. Despite the rain, **626** people braved the weather to party prehistoric-style.



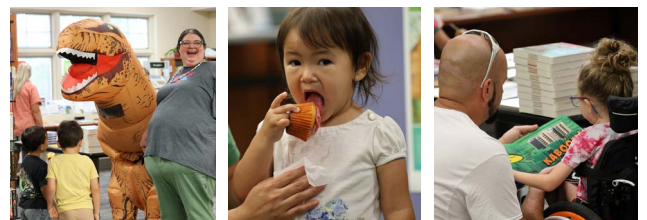
On May 27, Gilbert-Summit Branch Library's kickoff party was positively T-riffic. The **321** attendees enjoyed an inflatable obstacle course and slide, giant bubbles, yard games and crafts. In attendance was LCPL Board Vice Chair Stephanie Sturkie and members Dr. Maria Arroyo, Dr. Renita Irving and Sandy Wade along with the Friends of Gilbert-Summit Branch Library.



South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library brought a Jurassic-sized beach and bubbles galore to **200** attendees on May 29. The kids explored Lexington County Fire Service's truck and the Mobile Library bus, met therapy K-9 Fred from Lexington County Sheriff's Department, made crafts with American Legion Auxillary and threw plenty of water balloons at LCPL Board Chair Bill Jones.



Pelion Branch Library brightened up the weekend with their roar-some kickoff on May 30. The **183** attendees snacked on cupcakes made by the Friends of Pelion Branch Library, enjoyed face painting, gave hugs to therapy K-9 Fred from Lexington County Sheriff's Department and met children's author Ellen Curry.



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Good Nature – Lexington Main Library invited Drew Maile from the Avian Conservation Center and three of their raptors for *Good Nature: Birds of Prey* on May 23. The **20** participants learned how The Center for Birds of Prey helps protect the environment by rescuing and rehabilitating injured birds of prey, conserving wildlife habitats and educating the public about the vital role raptors play in healthy ecosystems.



Nature Crafts – On May 12, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library put together *Nature Nook: Nazca Lines*. Attendees recreated the iconic Peruvian geoglyphs by scratching out their own designs in wet paint. Gaston Branch Library held *Craft Squad: Pet Rocks* on May 21. The mini geologists explored texture, color and design by decorating rocks to create one-of-a-kind friends.



Challenge Accepted – Swansea Branch Library hosted a library version of *Challenge Accepted: Family Feud* on May 19. The teenagers tested their knowledge as they teamed up to compete in this classic fast-paced game, strengthening their communication, critical thinking and collaboration skills along the way to victory.



Outreach – On May 16 and 17, Irmo Branch Library staff attended a debut Renaissance faire at Moore Park called *The Festival at the Friars' Gate*. A grand total of **849** fairies, elves and mages made bookmarks, found their familiars and learned all about library resources.



Recognition – Many thanks to the outstanding work of the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program, which provides free, IRS-certified tax preparation and filing assistance to Lexington County residents each year at the Lexington Main and Irmo Branch Libraries. The LCPL Board presented the organization with a Certificate of Appreciation on May 18.



Community – On May 2, Pelion Branch Library celebrated creativity and announced the winners of its annual poetry contest at *Community: Poetry Party*. First-place honors went to Kevin "Reed" Hutto for *Morning in the Stand* (adult), Kemmer Moore for *The Painter* (high school), Cheyenne Hinnant for *The Last Strand* (middle school) and Norah Salamon for *Emerald Isle* (elementary). The event was sponsored by the Friends of Pelion Branch Library.



Historically Speaking – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library held two *Historically Speaking* programs in May — *SC Military Museum* on May 1 with SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum and *WWII B-25 Bomber* on May 16 with SC Historic Aviation Foundation. The **44** attendees left with new insights into SC's military past.



FUN FACT The mascot for the Summer Reading Program is a blue triceratops named Digby. 



Monthly Circulation Report

May 2026
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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	612	2,514	1,586	129	304	3,221	6,750	310	407	400	141	—	16,374
Paperback	25	51	50	0	16	11	174	0	3	7	2	—	339
NonFiction Adult	232	1,084	533	74	181	1,305	3,437	75	275	211	78	—	7,485
LARGE PRINT	310	829	406	40	79	749	2,295	1,060	113	122	71	—	6,074
Non-Circulating	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	—	10
Interlibrary Loan	3	9	0	3	1	9	11	1	0	0	1	—	38
Periodical	112	148	258	18	16	191	293	30	22	27	27	—	1,142
Fiction Juvenile	499	1,765	1,112	125	447	2,113	9,510	330	342	196	121	—	16,560
NonFiction Juvenile	318	1,237	689	116	298	1,110	4,123	519	273	189	59	—	8,931
EASY	1,025	2,873	1,627	300	600	3,372	14,339	2,690	961	502	138	—	28,427
Fiction Young Adult	123	596	397	78	95	668	2,216	74	144	79	55	—	4,525
NonFiction Young Adult	16	26	19	5	13	54	140	9	9	4	0	—	295
Subtotal YS Print	1,981	6,497	3,844	624	1,453	7,317	30,328	3,622	1,729	970	373	—	58,738
Total Print Books	3,275	11,132	6,679	888	2,050	12,803	43,295	5,098	2,549	1,738	693	—	90,200
Audio Book Adult	22	45	69	6	1	168	229	122	11	4	6	—	683
Audio Book Juvenile	38	75	79	2	26	187	193	43	5	2	1	—	651
Video Adult	239	778	272	108	82	749	1,185	229	174	51	45	—	3,912
Video Juvenile	99	322	201	53	81	357	1,053	268	83	37	13	—	2,567
Total AV	398	1,220	621	169	190	1,461	2,660	662	273	94	65	—	7,813
Adventure Passes	13	61	17	2	15	38	57	1	9	6	0	—	219
Seed Library	20	165	22	0	10	0	74	0	0	7	23	—	321
Puzzles and Games	0	32	78	2	2	23	334	13	4	0	0	—	488
Total Realia	33	258	117	4	27	61	465	14	13	13	23	—	1,028
Total Hard Copy	3,706	12,610	7,417	1,061	2,267	14,325	46,420	5,774	2,835	1,845	781	—	99,041
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,209	14,209
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,157	21,157
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,934	4,934
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40,300
Total Circulation	3,706	12,610	7,417	1,061	2,267	14,325	46,420	5,774	2,835	1,845	781	40,300	139,341
Internet and WiFi	289	1,614	254	119	99	1,084	2,010	0	230	136	216	—	6,051
Circulating Technology	2	17	0	0	1	5	6	0	1	0	1	—	33
Total Computer	291	1,631	254	119	100	1,089	2,016	0	231	136	217	—	6,084
Circ Changes from MAY 2025	-43	-141	-302	-417	-105	-628	813	-703	354	-459	-121	349	-1,403
YTD Total	40,556	131,014	81,859	12,690	27,841	153,079	477,858	83,238	29,600	22,682	10,530	419,213	1,491,221
Circ Change from YTD '25	-1,169	-2,717	-1,011	-2,093	2,316	-5,491	15,784	-4,632	4,210	2,051	-235	12,236	20,310
Percent Change YTD	-2.8%	-2.0%	-1.2%	-14.2%	9.1%	-3.5%	3.4%	-5.3%	16.6%	9.9%	-2.2%	3.0%	1.4%

May 2026 - 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)	5	19	11	11	3	12	17	0	19	4	4					105	
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	38	117	99	10	15	84	143	0	119	9	20					654	
General Interest Program (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	5	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	4					18	
General Interest Attendance (Formerly known as All Ages/Mixed Ages In-House/Internal)	0	71	632	0	321	0	24	0	217	200	11					1,476	
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1					12	
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	3	27	3	2	0	9	0	0	7	0	5					56	
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	0	1	1	1					15	
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	12	4	0	3	1	61	0	7	0	4					92	
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	2	4	5	0	3	1	0	2	2	3					26	
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	41	41	54	18	0	52	19	0	14	17	21					277	
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	5	1	5	6	2	1	7	0	6	1	3					37	
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	29	10	125	22	3	13	295	0	51	13	14					575	
ToddlerTime OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	4	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2					19	
ToddlerTime Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	111	0	271	0	0	33	0	0	30	0	8					453	
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)(Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0					9	
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3) (Formerly known as In-House or Internal Programs, Not Including Outreach)	0	0	27	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0					100	
Adult Offsite Programs (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	3	1	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	1					13	
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+) (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	28	54	12	0	18	30	8	64	0	0	21					235	
Children/Teens Offsite Programs (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	1	2	6	10	28	9	47	1	4	4	3					115	
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance (Formerly known as Outreach or External Program)	16	35	130	555	1,712	183	7,931	10	129	58	1,030					11,789	
1:1 Training Sessions	0	2	0	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0					13	
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	81	0	13	18	59	0	0	0	0	10					181	
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	0	305	22	100	130	494	0	24	0	24					1,099	
Book Drop Offs	121	0	60	0	40	16	0	53	83	0	45					418	
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	22	35	45	35	37	31	86	4	38	14	22					369	
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	266	367	1,357	607	2,072	405	8,554	74	574	297	1,134					15,707	
Resources Used																	
Adult Books	1,215	4,745	2,694	250	608	5,356	13,139	1,460	811	754	316			Electronic Resources			31,348
Children's/Teen Books	1,981	6,497	3,844	624	1,453	7,317	30,328	3,622	1,729	970	373						58,738
Downloadable Reading														19,143			19,143
Magazines, Newspapers	112	148	258	18	16	191	293	30	22	27	27						1,142
Downloadable Watch/Listen														21,157			21,157
Adult Audio Books	22	45	69	6	1	168	229	122	11	4	6						683
Children's Audio Books	38	75	79	2	26	187	193	43	5	2	1						651
DVDs	239	778	272	108	82	749	1,185	229	174	51	45						3,912
Children's DVDs	99	322	201	53	81	357	1,053	268	83	37	13						2,567
Database Searches*																34,656	
TOTAL CIRCULATION	3,706	12,610	7,417	1,061	2,267	14,325	46,420	5,774	2,835	1,845	781			40,300			139,341
Individualized Assistance																	
Total Reference Transactions	602	1,375	708	410	538	1,006	1,984	510	171	74	64			Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
Notary Service	24	92	15	16	0	35	89	0	17	4	10			0	0	0	302
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	13	0	0	0	8	11	0	0	0	0			0	0	9	41
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	626	1,480	723	426	538	1,049	2,084	510	188	78	74			0	7	21	7,804
Other Library Uses																	TOTALS
Door Counter	2,003	8,598	5,257	704	1,421	10,359	19,833	2,131	1,747	1,216	738						54,007
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	9	190	24	2	1	255	261	0	1	8	4						755
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	28	337	55	3	15	612	849	0	7	54	10						1,970
Total Computer Use	143	915	90	79	31	502	558	0	71	59	90						2,538
WiFi	148	716	164	40	69	587	1458		160	77	127						3,546
New Cards Issued	39	175	69	22	28	141	531	13	45	20	15						1,098