

LIBRARY LINES

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June 2026

UNEARTH A STORY AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading – The Summer Reading kickoff parties continued into the first two weeks of June. LexCoLibrary had a Jurassic-level number of attendees — with **4,825** people *Unearthing a Story* at their local branches. The support of Friends organizations and other community partners helped make the kickoffs a roaring success.



Irmo Branch Library held their fossil-tastic kickoff party on June 2. The **460** attendees enjoyed outdoor games, crafts galore, massive bubbles and colorful face painting. Their community partners included Firefly Toys & Games, Irmo Fire District and Purple Cup Coffee Co, with help from the Friends of Irmo Branch Library.



On June 3, Lexington Main Library held their kickoff at the Icehouse Amphitheater. With foam, inflatables, games and face painting, there was no shortage of activities for the **2,100** attendees to enjoy. They partnered with American Leadership Academy, Friends of Lexington Main Library, Lexington County Blowfish, Lexington County Fire Service, Lexington One Family Center, Lexington Police Department, SC Youth Advocate Program and Texas Roadhouse.



Swansea Branch Library, along with their **200** attendees, celebrated Summer Reading in style on June 5. They had a dino-mite time exploring Lexington County Fire Service's truck, petting therapy K-9 Fred from Lexington County Sheriff's Department, listening to storytimes from Chick-fil-A, snacking on giant cotton candy and participating in cake walks.



On June 7, Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library brightened up the weekend with their kickoff party. The **235** attendees enjoyed a foam party, refreshments from Starbucks, playing with Lexington County Museum's wooden toys, giving Rudy the therapy dog plenty of pets, and meeting the first responders from Batesburg-Leesville's police and fire departments.



Gaston Branch Library partied hard on June 8. Their **150** attendees jumped around a bounce house, gamed on the Nintendo Switch, played with circus toys and chowed down on pizza from RaceTrac and Little Caesar's before cooling down with the inflatable sprinkler.



Summer Reading (cont.) – Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library wrapped up the kickoff season with their party on June 9. The **350** attendees enjoyed an inflatable slide, pizza from Village Idiot, giant bubbles, adoptable puppies from Final Victory Animal Rescue and outdoor games. Other partners included Cola Kids Consignment and the Friends of Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library.



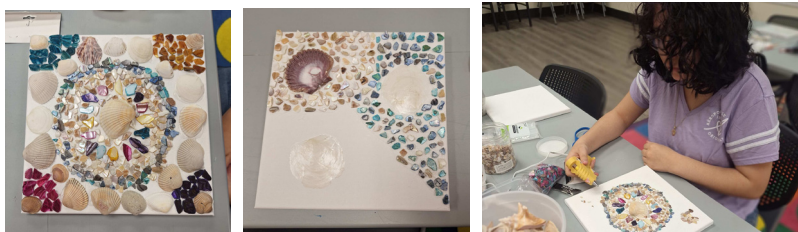
Local Author Fair – On June 4, Chapin Branch Library put together *Community: Local Author Fair*. Attendees supported authorship by meeting a variety of local writers, discovering new books and collecting autographs. The authors in attendance included Les Carroll, Frank Chapelle, C. Hope Clark, Carolyn Hartley, Terresa Haskew, Marjorie Kneeece, Laura Lanni, Tom Poland and more.



Dino Egg Hunt – Library Assistant III Faith O'Neal-Roberts from Pelion Branch Library held *Family Palooza: Dino Egg Hunt* on June 12. A total of **72** mini archaeologists went exploring in the great outdoors and hunted down over 500 dinosaur eggs.



Beachcomber Art – On June 20, South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library held *Create It: Beachcomber Art* for teens. Library Assistant III Holly Stewart provided seashells and sea glass for attendees to craft charming coastal decor.



Monster Magic Show – The week of June 22–26, Professor Whizzpop brought *Monster Magic Show* to all ten branches. The **1,013** elementary-aged kids were delighted by dinosaur puppetry, hilarious jokes and mind-blowing magic tricks.



Beads & Bling – Sue Charette-Hood presented *Beads & Bling* at Pelion, Swansea and Gilbert-Summit Branch Libraries in June. She guided the **25** attendees in designing their own beaded artwork.



Outreach – Library Assistant III Juliet Bedenbaugh from Gilbert-Summit Branch Library attended Gilbert Elementary School's Summer Camp on June 16 and 23. She brought dino-inspired crafts for the **237** students to enjoy as they learned all about Summer Reading.



On June 17, the Mobile Library visited Saluda River Summer Camp with Myles. Library Assistants III Jody Tyson and Paige Kennedy delivered Summer Reading prizes to the very happy campers.



F U N The total number of Summer Reading registrants at the end of June was 7,265.

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	788	2,803	1,877	235	417	3,583	7,560	290	384	448	204	—	18,589
Paperback	30	43	74	0	7	6	117	0	14	3	4	—	298
NonFiction Adult	310	1,306	653	128	310	1,515	3,580	85	267	236	96	—	8,486
LARGE PRINT	301	983	543	55	111	846	2,555	1,974	137	135	89	—	7,729
Non-Circulating	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	—	7
Interlibrary Loan	1	13	1	2	3	12	15	1	1	1	1	—	51
Periodical	105	163	294	20	24	191	263	40	129	22	18	—	1,269
Fiction Juvenile	617	2,022	1,421	165	647	2,817	12,132	707	441	382	160	—	21,511
NonFiction Juvenile	472	1,439	795	128	424	1,366	5,369	608	317	233	87	—	11,238
EASY	1,304	3,693	2,217	428	912	4,121	18,488	3,209	1,079	729	266	—	36,446
Fiction Young Adult	170	594	525	145	110	788	2,640	91	167	97	46	—	5,373
NonFiction Young Adult	17	32	33	4	25	62	141	15	16	6	3	—	354
Subtotal YS Print	2,580	7,780	4,991	870	2,118	9,154	38,770	4,630	2,020	1,447	562	—	74,922
Total Print Books	4,115	13,091	8,433	1,310	2,990	15,307	52,864	7,020	2,954	2,293	974	—	111,351
Audio Book Adult	25	47	64	12	2	200	225	133	15	5	3	—	731
Audio Book Juvenile	40	133	125	4	16	237	254	48	12	3	2	—	874
Video Adult	216	721	283	65	74	735	1,324	490	161	58	72	—	4,199
Video Juvenile	98	351	295	46	138	416	1,254	254	99	60	51	—	3,062
Total A/V	379	1,252	767	127	230	1,588	3,057	925	287	126	128	—	8,866
Adventure Passes	9	42	20	9	14	54	65	0	14	10	7	—	244
Seed Library	18	129	7	0	0	0	82	0	0	2	23	—	261
Puzzles and Games	0	37	172	6	2	59	449	13	4	1	17	—	760
Total Realia	27	208	199	15	16	113	596	13	18	13	47	—	1,265
Total Hard Copy	4,521	14,551	9,399	1,452	3,236	17,008	56,517	7,958	3,259	2,432	1,149	—	121,482
Ebooks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,193	14,193
Downloadable Audio	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,468	21,468
Downloadable Video	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	0
Downloadable Magazines	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,780	4,780
Total Downloadables	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	40,441
Total Circulation	4,521	14,551	9,399	1,452	3,236	17,008	56,517	7,958	3,259	2,432	1,149	40,441	161,923
Internet and WiFi	379	1,781	328	279	109	1,392	2,773	0	280	155	250	—	7,726
Circulating Technology	0	21	0	0	0	18	10	0	0	0	0	—	49
Total Computer	379	1,802	328	279	109	1,410	2,783	0	280	155	250	—	7,775
Circ Changes from JUN 2025	257	-343	274	-267	33	603	2,966	1,581	431	-59	164	1,562	7,202
YTD Total	45,077	145,565	91,258	15,203	31,077	170,087	534,375	91,196	32,859	25,114	11,679	459,654	1,653,144
Circ Change from YTD '25	-912	-3,060	-737	-1,299	2,349	-4,888	18,750	-3,051	4,641	1,992	-71	13,798	27,512
Percent Change YTD	-2.0%	-2.1%	-0.8%	-7.9%	8.2%	-2.8%	3.6%	-3.2%	16.4%	8.6%	-0.6%	3.1%	1.7%

JUNE 2026 - Monthly Programs and Services Report

Lifelong Learning Programs	Batesburg- Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert- Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelton	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Swansea				SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Onsite Programs (18+)	5	29	11	9	3	8	17	0	18	4	4	—	—	—	108
Adult Onsite Attendance (18+)	40	181	130	20	16	45	332	0	98	23	21	—	—	—	906
General Interest Program	3	4	3	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	5	—	—	—	24
General Interest Attendance	290	390	28	153	18	495	3	0	32	12	204	—	—	—	1,625
High School OnsitePrograms (grades 9–12)	3	2	4	2	1	3	2	0	2	2	2	—	—	—	23
High School Onsite Attendance (grades 9–12)	20	18	48	0	6	21	16	0	14	7	9	—	—	—	159
Middle School OnsitePrograms (grades 6–9)	1	2	6	2	2	2	6	0	2	2	2	—	—	—	27
Middle School Onsite Attendance (grades 6–9)	6	12	27	6	40	8	37	0	18	2	13	—	—	—	169
Children OnsitePrograms (grades K–5)	6	5	6	7	7	5	13	0	7	3	4	—	—	—	63
Children Onsite Attendance (grades K–5)	210	332	191	72	205	263	810	0	266	126	46	—	—	—	2,521
Preschool OnsitePrograms (ages 3–5)	5	8	7	7	6	6	17	0	5	3	3	—	—	—	67
Preschool Onsite Attendance (ages 3–5)	59	122	156	78	47	147	669	0	54	59	8	—	—	—	1,399
ToddlerTime OnsitePrograms (ages 1–3)	4	3	9	0	1	4	15	0	3	1	1	—	—	—	41
ToddlerTime Onsite Attendance (ages 1–3)	118	75	217	0	15	91	598	0	36	13	2	—	—	—	1,165
Lapsit OnsitePrograms (ages birth–3)	0	3	5	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	18
Lapsit Onsite Attendance (ages birth–3)	0	50	69	0	0	0	394	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	513
Adult Offsite Programs (18+)	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	0	1	—	—	—	11
Adult Offsite Attendance (18+)	21	46	12	0	18	31	3	60	0	0	18	—	—	—	209
Children/Teens Offsite Programs	2	11	3	2	14	2	43	0	3	2	0	—	—	—	82
Children/Teens Offsite Attendance	43	274	58	32	306	26	3,093	0	147	38	0	—	—	—	4,017
1:1 Training Sessions	0	8	0	4	0	6	5	0	0	0	0	—	—	—	23
Adult Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	126	0	10	43	74	117	0	20	7	15	—	—	—	412
Youth Services Self-directed, Indirect, or Passive Activity Participants	0	148	417	53	240	0	2,200	0	61	79	27	—	—	—	3,225
Book Drop Offs	0	22	88	53	80	5	0	51	0	0	50	—	—	—	349
TOTAL # PROGRAMS	30	69	55	31	36	35	125	2	41	18	22	—	—	—	464
TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS	807	1,500	936	361	671	1,127	5,955	60	665	280	321	—	—	—	12,683
Resources Used													Electronic Resources		SYSTEM TOTALS
Adult Books	1,457	5,356	3,347	435	864	6,075	14,427	2,363	823	837	441	—	—	—	36,425
Children's/Teen Books	2,580	7,780	4,991	870	2,118	9,154	38,770	4,630	2,020	1,447	562	—	—	—	74,922
Downloadable Reading	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,973	—	18,973
Magazines, Newspapers	105	163	294	20	24	191	263	40	129	22	18	—	—	—	1,269
Downloadable Watch/Listen	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,468	—	21,468
Adult Audio Books	25	47	64	12	2	200	225	133	15	5	3	—	—	—	731
Children's Audio Books	40	133	125	4	16	237	254	48	12	3	2	—	—	—	874
DVDs	216	721	283	65	74	735	1,324	490	161	58	72	—	—	—	4,199
Children's DVDs	98	351	295	46	138	416	1,254	254	99	60	51	—	—	—	3,062
Database Searches*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41,428	—
TOTAL CIRCULATION	4,521	14,551	9,399	1,452	3,236	17,008	56,517	7,958	3,259	2,432	1,149	—	40,441	—	161,923
Individualized Assistance	Batesburg- Leesville	Cayce-West Columbia	Chapin	Gaston	Gilbert Summit	Irmo	Lexington	Mobile Library	Pelton	South Congaree- Pine Ridge	Swansea	Email	Chat	Admin	SYSTEM TOTALS
Total Reference Transactions	1,202	1,692	555	289	533	902	1,693	814	417	83	140	0	1	51	8,372
Notary Service	44	117	25	11	0	34	104	0	34	2	7	0	0	0	378
InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Incoming	0	9	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	37
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	1,246	1,818	580	300	533	947	1,807	814	451	85	147	0	1	58	8,787
Other Library Uses															TOTALS
Door Counter	4,886	11,476	6,075	1,072	1,812	12,795	24,518	1,307	1,864	1,257	1,221	—	—	—	68,283
Total Meeting / Study Room Use	4	240	19	3	1	334	301	0	1	6	5	—	—	—	914
Total Meeting / Study Attendance	8	445	72	5	2	659	961	0	10	26	5	—	—	—	2,193
Total Computer Use	171	821	131	133	29	593	712	0	66	54	93	—	—	—	2,803
WiFi	208	981	197	146	109	817	2071	0	214	101	157	—	—	—	5,001
New Cards Issued	58	205	97	41	55	203	809	49	43	26	31	—	—	—	1,617