



LEXINGTON COUNTY Public Library

SUMMER 2024 PROGRAM GUIDE


MAY–AUGUST



ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY

SUMMER READING 2024

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UPCOMING CLOSINGS

All of the Lexington County Public Library branches will be closed the following dates:

- **Friday, May 10** for *Confederate Memorial Day*
- **Monday, May 27** for *Memorial Day*
- **Thursday, July 4** for *Independence Day*

This year's Summer Reading theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library*. I may be a little biased, but I couldn't agree more. The library is the one place you can go to find a book about hiking, research the best trails and then pick up a pass to visit any of our state parks, all for free.

Even if your adventure doesn't involve the great outdoors, the library is still the place for you — painting, baking, starting a business, photography, crocheting, winemaking, home improvement. You choose your adventure, and we'll pair you with the right resources for your journey.

This summer, you, your family, friends and neighbors can enjoy an all-star lineup of programs and events by Kathy Reichs, New York Times bestselling author and producer of the hit Fox TV show *Bones*, Gravity Check, Porkchop Productions, Balloonopolis, ultimate music insider Tim Sommer and many more.

So whether you're a thrill-seeker or looking to find your calm, be sure to include us in your plans. We'll see you soon.

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Kelly R. Poole, Library Director

DIRECTOR'S PICKS

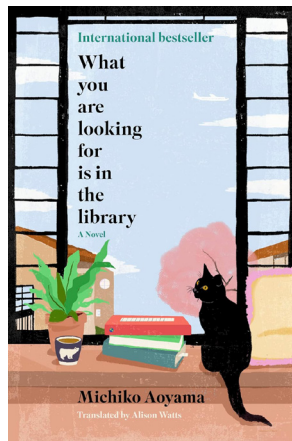
Just Finished

Reykjavík by Ragnar Jónasson
& Katrín Jakobsdóttir



Just Started

What You Are Looking For is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama



You Don't Want to Miss

Epic Creators: DIY Spy

Embark on a thrilling adventure. Learn how to create invisible ink, decode messages and make a periscope. (grades 6–8)

Wednesday, May 15 at 4 PM — Gilbert-Summit Branch Library

Author Talk: Rachel Gordin Barnett & Lyssa Kligman Harvey

The authors of *Kugels and Collards: Tales of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina* will talk about their poignant — and delicious — compendium of South Carolina Jewish life revealed through food and story. (ages 18+)

Saturday, July 20 at 11 AM — Irmo Branch Library



ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY™

SUMMER READING 2024

Starts June 1 • Begin picking up prizes June 15
All activities must be recorded by August 10
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BRANCHES & NEW HOURS

*Batesburg–Leesville | 803-532-9223

203 Armory Street, Batesburg 29006
Mon, Thu • 9 AM – 7:30 PM
Tue, Wed, Fri • 9 AM – 5:30 PM
Sat • 9 AM – 3:30 PM
Sun • 2 – 5 PM

*Cayce–West Columbia | 803-794-6791

1500 Augusta Road, West Columbia 29169
Mon – Thu • 8:30 AM – 8 PM
Fri – Sat • 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Sun • 2 – 5 PM

*Chapin | 803-345-5479

129 Columbia Avenue, Chapin 29036
Mon, Thu • 11 – 7 PM
Tue, Wed, Fri • 9 AM – 5:30 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

*Gaston | 803-785-9908

214 S Main Street, Gaston 29053
Mon, Wed • 11 AM – 7 PM
Tue, Thu • 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

*Gilbert–Summit | 803-785-5387

405 Broad Street, Gilbert 29054
Mon, Wed • 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Tue, Thu • 11 AM – 7 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

Irmo | 803-798-7880

6251 St. Andrews Road, Columbia 29212
Mon – Thu • 8:30 AM – 8 PM
Fri – Sat • 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Sun • 2 – 5 PM

Lexington Main | 803-785-2600

5440 Augusta Road, Lexington 29072
Mon – Thu • 8:30 AM – 8 PM
Fri – Sat • 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Sun • 2 – 5 PM

*Pelion | 803-785-3272

206 Pine Street, Pelion 29123
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri • 10 – 5:30 PM
Wed • 11 AM – 7 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

*South Congaree–Pine Ridge | 803-785-3050

200 Sunset Drive, West Columbia 29172
Mon, Fri • 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Tue, Thu • 11 AM – 7 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

*Swansea | 803-785-3519

199 N Lawrence Avenue, Swansea 29160
Mon, Fri • 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Tue, Thu • 11 AM – 7 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

Mobile Library | 803-785-2674

Mon – Fri

***HOURS HAVE CHANGED**

STORYTIMES

(birth–6 years)



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BABY STORYTIME

This interactive storytime is an experience for our youngest library users and their grownups.

Cayce-West Columbia

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM (birth–12 months)
June 11–25 | July 9–30

Lexington

Saturdays at 10 AM (birth–12 months)
May 4–August 31

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM (birth–12 months)
June 11–25 | July 9–30

TODDLERTIME

Kindle the learning process using rhymes, songs and puppets in an interactive program for toddlers and their grownups.

Batesburg-Leesville

Wednesdays at 10 AM (birth–36 months)
May 15–August 28

Cayce-West Columbia

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM (12–36 months)
June 11–25 | July 9–30

Chapin

Fridays at 11 AM (birth–36 months)
May 3, 17–31 | June 14–28
July 12–26 | August 9–30

Irmo

Thursdays at 10 AM (birth–36 months)
June 6–20 | July 11, 18

Tuesday at 10 AM (birth–36 months)
August 27

Lexington

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM (12–24 months)
Tuesdays at 11:30 AM (24–36 months)
June 11–25 | July 9–30

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM (12–24 months)
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (24–36 months)
June 12–26 | July 10–31

Pelion

Tuesdays at 11 AM (birth–36 months)
May 7–21 | June 4–18 | July 9–23 | August 6–20

Swansea

Fridays at 10:30 AM (12–36 months)
May 3, 17 | June 7, 21 | July 12, 26 | August 9, 23

CUENTACUENTOS BILINGÜE BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Vamos a leer y cantar en español y inglés.
¡Muy divertido! (nacimiento–5 años) / We're going to read and sing in Spanish and English. It's going to be so much fun! (birth–5 years)

Cayce-West Columbia

Lunes a las 9:30 AM / Mondays at 9:30 AM
10–24 de junio / June 10–24
8–29 de julio / July 8–29

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Promote language and listening skills while allowing your little one to explore stories and activities with others. (ages 3–5 years)

Batesburg-Leesville

Wednesdays at 10:45 AM
May 15–August 28

Cayce-West Columbia

Mondays at 10:30 AM
June 10–24 | July 8–29

Chapin

Wednesdays at 1 PM
May 1–29 | June 5–26 | July 10–31 | August 7–28

Gaston

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
May 7–28 | June 4–25 | July 9–30 | August 6–27

Gilbert-Summit

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM
June 11–25 | July 9–30

Irmo

Wednesdays at 10 AM
June 5–26 | July 10–31 | August 28

Lexington

Wednesdays at 11:30 AM
June 12–26 | July 10–31

Pelion

Thursdays at 11 AM
May 9–23 | June 6–20 | July 11–25 | August 8–22

Thursdays at 5 PM

May 23 | June 20 | July 25 | August 22

Swansea

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM
May 7–28 | June 4, 18 | July 2, 16 | August 6, 20

YOGA STORYTIME

Stretch your mind and body. Be sure to bring a blanket, thick towel or yoga mat. (ages 3–6 years)

Lexington

Fridays at 10:30 AM
June 14, 28 | July 19 | August 2

FAMILY STORYTIME

Experience the best in books, nursery rhymes, finger plays, storytelling, and songs for any age. (families with children)

Batesburg-Leesville

Saturdays at 2 PM
May 11 | June 15 | July 27 | August 17

Cayce-West Columbia

Saturdays at 10:30 AM
June 22 | July 6, 20 | August 3

Chapin

Thursdays at 5 PM
May 2 | June 20 | August 22

Monday at 5 PM
July 8

Gaston

Wednesdays at 6 PM
May 22 | June 26 | July 24 | August 28

Gilbert-Summit

Thursdays at 11:30 AM
June 13–27 | July 11–25

Lexington

Saturdays at 11 AM
May 4–August 31

Tuesdays at 3:30 PM
June 11–25 | July 9–30

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, May 6 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Saturdays at 10:30 AM
May 25 | June 15 | July 20 | August 17

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Throw on your PJ's and bring your stuffed animal friend to a soothing evening of stories, songs and rhymes. (families with children)

Cayce-West Columbia

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

June 13–27 | July 11–25 | August 1

Gilbert-Summit

Tuesdays at 5 PM

June 25 | July 30 | August 27

Irmo

Mondays at 6 PM

May 13 | June 10 | July 8 | August 12

Lexington

Mondays at 6:30 PM

June 24 | July 29

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

May 9 | June 13 | July 11 | August 8

MINI MOVERS

Open play, music and dancing promote early literacy skills. Bring your little one for fun and community learning as they practice their gross and fine motor skills and explore their creativity through interactive sensory play.

Irmo

Thursdays at 10 AM (birth–36 months)

May 30 | June 27 | July 25 | August 29

Lexington

Family Play Day

Saturdays, 3–5 PM (ages 2–6 years)

June 8 | July 6

Little Learners

Mondays, 9:30–11:30 AM (ages 2–6 years)

June 10, 24 | July 15, 29

Foamnasium

Thursdays at 9:30 AM (birth–18 months)

Thursdays at 10:30 AM (18–36 months)

Thursdays at 11:30 AM (ages 3–6 years)

June 13–27 | July 11–25 | August 1

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Music & Movement

Fridays at 10:30 AM (birth–5 years)

June 14–28 | July 12–26 | August 2

If an individual with disabilities needs reasonable accommodations or support to attend a program, contact the branch.

ELEMENTARY

(grades K–5)

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE

Full STEAM Ahead: Paper Spinners

Is your head spinning as the school year comes to an end? Unwind with this fun paper-spinning craft.

Wednesday, May 15 at 3:30 PM

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

Mondays at 11 AM

June 3–August 26

Craft Squad: Mosaic Flowers

Individual pieces create a beautiful picture when working together.

Tuesday, June 11 at 3:30 PM

Craft Squad: Kintsugi

See the beauty in the flaws with this Japanese-inspired activity.

Tuesday, July 9 at 3:30 PM

Full STEAM Ahead: Keva Planks

Test your skills and persistence in a Keva Plank tower challenge at the library.

Tuesday, August 13 at 3:30 PM

CAYCE–WEST COLUMBIA

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

Saturdays at 3 PM

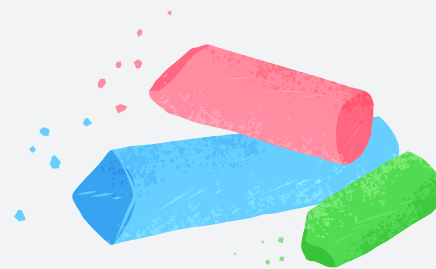
May 25 | June 8 | July 13 | August 3

Family Palooza: Summer Reading Celebration

It's our favorite time of year, and we're having a summer reading pep rally to get everyone excited. There'll be plenty of original songs, stories and more. See you there.

Wednesday, June 12 at 10:30 AM

(families with children)



Craft Squad: Tie-Dye

Bring a white t-shirt and transform it into a colorful masterpiece. Learn about different designs and techniques to help achieve your artistic vision.

Saturday, July 6 at 3 PM

Kid Zone: Dog Man Party

Ready for a *supa* epic bash? Celebrate the crime-biting canine with games, crafts and even a sing-a-long featuring the goofiest tunes from the series. Sample “dog food” and enter a raffle to win Dog Man prizes.

Saturday, July 20 at 3 PM

CHAPIN

Craft Squad: Chalk Painting

Take sidewalk chalk to a new level of fun... just add water.

Thursday, May 2 at 3:15 PM

Family Palooza: Monday Madness

You never know what fun you'll discover at the library with crafts, games, movies and more to explore. Ask at the desk for additional information or just come in and be surprised.

Monday, May 6 at 3:15 PM

(families with children)

Family Palooza: Mommy & Me Craft

Create a special “Luv you to pieces” Mother's Day frame with your school-aged child using recycled puzzle pieces.

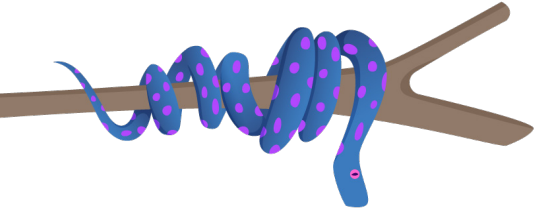
Thursday, May 9 at 3:30 PM

(families with children)

Craft Squad: Tissue Paper Flowers

Create beautiful flowers out of tissue paper.

Thursday, May 21 at 3:15 PM



Family Palooza: For Heaven's Snakes

South Carolina has around 40 wonderful snake species, of which only six are venomous. Jay Keck, SC Wildlife Federation's habitat education manager, will help us identify the snakes in our area, their habitats and how they fit into our ecosystem. This program will feature live non-venomous snakes.

Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 PM
(families with children)

Family Palooza: Crafting With Dad

Create a braided leather bracelet with dad for Father's Day.

Saturday, June 8 at 11 AM
(families with children)

Craft Squad: Jungle Adventure

Create a jungle world in an open terrarium.

Thursday, June 13 at 2 PM

Craft Squad: Safari Adventure

Sculpt your favorite African safari animal.

Thursday, July 18 at 2 PM

Craft Squad: Space Adventure

Three...two...one...Blast off into space and create a galaxy-inspired wind chime.

Thursday, August 22 at 3:15 PM

GASTON

Nature Nook: Bird Watch Quest

Get out your journal and sharpen your eagle eyes to spot different types of birds.

Thursday, May 16 at 4:30 PM

Craft Squad: Constellation Jars

Bring a little wonder into your room by creating a constellation jar.

Thursday, June 20 at 4:30 PM

Kid Zone: Sensory Scavenger Hunt

Travel around the library and discover different sensory stations. Check off all the targets to get a prize.

Thursday, July 18 at 4:30 PM

Just Play: Brain & Brawn Run

Channel your inner adventurer by using your brain, brawn and other skills to complete the obstacle course.

Thursday, August 15 at 4:30 PM

GILBERT-SUMMIT

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

Wednesdays at 3 PM
May 1 | August 7

Wednesdays at 11:30 AM
June 12-26 | July 10-31

Just Play: Summertime Bingo

Get ready for a fun-filled family bingo extravaganza. Mark your calendars and prepare to shout "Bingo!" as we gather for an afternoon of laughter, excitement and fun.

Thursday, June 13 at 2 PM

Family Palooza: Completion Camp Out

Celebrate your success with a camp out in the library. We'll have crafts, snacks and more to congratulate you on a summer well done.

Thursday, August 1 at 5:30 PM
(families with children)

Craft Squad: Cardboard Characters

Bring your favorite storybook characters to life using pencils, color and a touch of magic in a showcase of fantastical creations.

Thursday, August 15 at 3 PM

IRMO

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

Mondays at 4 PM
May 20 | June 24 | July 22 | August 26

Family Dance Party

Put on your dancing shoes, bring your family and join us for a fun interactive program featuring music, movement and more.

Wednesday, May 22 at 4 PM
(families with children)

Full STEAM Ahead: Discovery Buffet

Challenge yourself to discover what fun and creative projects you can accomplish by diving into the many different fields of STEAM.

Wednesday, June 19 at 4 PM

Just Play: Pokémon Day

Test your trainer skills and see if you can "catch 'em all" with these Pokémon-themed crafts and activities. Presented in partnership with Firefly Toys & Games.

Monday, July 15 at 4 PM

Craft Squad: Creative Collage

Celebrate what you can do as you collect, cut and glue your way to an original masterpiece.

Wednesday, July 17 at 4 PM

Craft Squad: Chaotic Creations

Who says art has to be structured? Embrace your inner chaos with this outdoor art project. Dress for mess and hot weather.

Wednesday, August 14 at 4 PM

LEXINGTON

Family Palooza: Yoga Party

Yoga is fun for the whole family. Learn basic poses, play games and practice meditation in this beginner-friendly yoga party. Be sure to bring a blanket, thick towel or yoga mat.

Saturday, May 4 at 2 PM (families with children)

Family Palooza: Bingo Night

Who doesn't love bingo? Try your luck at our summer-themed bingo night for the chance to win cool prizes.

Tuesdays at 6 PM (families with children)
June 11 | July 9

Kid Zone: Henry's Helpers

Become one of Henry's Helpers with Mission Lexington and learn how to serve your neighbors in need. Enjoy listening to *Henry the Helpful Hedgehog* and discover ways you can become an ambassador for good within your community.

Wednesday, June 12 at 2 PM

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

*Thursdays at 2 & 4 PM
June 13–27 | July 11–25 | August 1*

Craft Squad: Picture & Punch

Discover the joy of drawing and painting in a relaxed atmosphere. Fruit punch refreshments provided. Dress to get messy.

Monday, June 17 at 2 PM

Full STEAM Ahead: Mission Creativity

Stop by Mission Control for a drop-in makerspace program. From science to math, find your favorite kind of STEAM activity. Younger siblings may attend with elementary-age attendees if they are accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Friday, June 21, 11–4 PM

Craft Squad: DIY Moon Sand

We're blasting off into an outer space adventure. Create your own moon sand to take a piece of space home with you.

Monday, July 15 at 2 PM

Kid Zone: Read With a Bunny

Reading is always more fun when you do it with a buddy or, in this case, a bunny. Spend time reading and sharing stories alongside a bunny from Twin Farms Mobile Petting Zoo.

Saturday, August 24 at 2 PM

PELION**Craft Squad: Play-Doh Club**

Knead, shape and play dough. We will meet monthly to use our imaginations and create with Play-Doh.

*Tuesdays at 3 PM
May 7 | June 4 | July 2 | August 6*

Craft Squad: Symmetrical Sticker Pictures

Put your geometry skills to the test. Make a symmetrical picture with colorful sticker pieces.

Tuesday, May 21 at 3 PM

Family Palooza: Movie Night

Sing along with your favorite movie characters. Eat popcorn and watch *Moana* (PG) with your family.

*Wednesday, May 29 at 5 PM
(families with children)*

Family Palooza: Game Night

Laugh and play with your family and friends. We have games for all ages to play and enjoy. You can find Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, Exploding Kittens, Catan, Candyland and so much more in our game closet.

*Wednesdays, 5–7 PM (families with children)
June 12 | August 21*

Full STEAM Ahead: The Claw

Just like in *Toy Story*, this Claw "chooses who will go and who will stay." Make your own using cups and straws, and practice grabbing small candies and toys.

Tuesday, June 18 at 3 PM

Kid Zone: Sugar Cookie Decorating

Christmas comes twice this year. Celebrate Christmas in July by decorating sugar cookies.

Wednesday, July 10 at Noon

Family Palooza: Christmas in July Movie Night

End Christmas in July with everyone's favorite grouch. Eat popcorn and watch *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (PG) with your family.

*Wednesday, July 10 at 5 PM
(families with children)*

Craft Squad: Paper Bag Books

Upcycle some paper bags to make your very own craft keeper. These handmade bags even come with pockets.

Tuesday, August 20 at 3 PM

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE**Lego Club**

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

Thursday, May 2 at 4 PM

Craft Squad: Galaxy in a Jar

Let your imagination soar as we dive into the world of stars and constellations. Young astronomers will craft their own magical night sky in a jar. All materials provided.

Friday, June 28 at 3:30 PM

Kid Zone: Digging Up the Past

Get an introduction to archaeology with a mock archaeological dig, uncovering artifacts and piecing them back together.

Friday, July 26 at 3:30 PM

Full STEAM Ahead: Aquatic Architects

Dive into the excitement of our boat-building challenge. Teams will collaborate to craft and race unique boats, igniting their creativity.

Friday, August 16 at 3:30 PM

SWANSEA**Craft Squad: Mother's Day Surprise**

Mother's Day is coming soon. Make a special card and tissue paper bouquet for mom.

Thursday, May 9 at 4:30 PM

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

*Mondays at 2:30 PM
May 20 | June 10, 24 | July 15, 29 | August 12, 26*

Kid Zone: Adventure Stories

Create your own adventure. Props and puppets will be provided.

Monday, June 17 at 2:30 PM

Full STEAM Ahead: Space — The Final Frontier

Journey to outer space and make rockets while watching videos of our solar system.

Monday, July 8 at 2:30 PM

Craft Squad: Garden Grass Heads

Create a garden grass head to brighten any indoor or outdoor space. Just add grass seeds, soil and a splash of personality to create your own unique character.

Monday, August 5 at 2:30 PM

SUMMER 2024 READING



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KICKOFF PARTY

Adventure Begins at Your Library, and your quest starts at our Summer Reading kickoff. Meet other explorers and enjoy thrilling activities and yummy treats. Sign up for Summer Reading and set off on a fun-filled voyage. (all ages)

Pelion

Saturday, June 1, 10 AM–Noon

Batesburg-Leesville

Sunday, June 2, 2–4 PM

Chapin

Monday, June 3, 4–6 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 4, 10 AM–Noon

Cayce-West Columbia

Tuesday, June 4, 5–7 PM

Lexington

Wednesday, June 5, 3–6 PM
at Icehouse Amphitheater

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, June 6, 11 AM–1 PM

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Friday, June 7, 10 AM–Noon

Gaston

Monday, June 10, 4–6 PM

Swansea

Tuesday, June 11, 2–4 PM

CRISS CROSS MANGOSAUCE

Sing along in English and Spanish during this high-energy interactive performance. Learn classic Latin American rhymes and games as you groove to the music. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, June 17 at 10:30 AM

Gaston

Monday, June 17 at 2 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 18 at 10:30 AM

Chapin

Tuesday, June 18 at 2 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, June 19 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, June 19 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, June 20 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, June 20 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, June 21 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, June 21 at 2 PM

CAROLINA WILDLIFE

When we go to sleep at night, a whole other world comes alive. Join the Carolina Wildlife Center as they introduce mysterious nocturnal animals and identify fact from fiction. You will gain a better understanding and respect of these misunderstood animals and their turbulent relationship with humans. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, June 24 at 10:30 AM

Gaston

Monday, June 24 at 2 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30 AM

Chapin

Tuesday, June 25 at 2 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, June 26 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, June 26 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, June 27 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, June 27 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, June 28 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, June 28 at 2 PM

STORY QUEST

Discover the power of imagination and go on a magical storytelling adventure with our master guides. Explore captivating stories, puppetry and more. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, July 8 at 10:30 AM

Gaston

Monday, July 8 at 2 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, July 9 at 10:30 AM

Chapin

Tuesday, July 9 at 2 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, July 10 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, July 10 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, July 11 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, July 11 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, July 12 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, July 12 at 2 PM

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GRAVITY CHECK

Catch the excitement with Gravity Check Juggling and take part in the fun as they share their incredible, high-energy mix of comedy and juggling skills. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, July 15 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, July 17 at 2 PM

Gaston

Monday, July 15 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, July 18 at 10:30 AM

Irmo

Tuesday, July 16 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, July 18 at 2 PM

Chapin

Tuesday, July 16 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, July 19 at 10:30 AM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, July 17 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, July 19 at 2 PM

THE TOTALLY TWISTED TALE OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

Porkchop Productions brings you another modern adaptation of a fairy tale favorite. This fast-paced performance teaches the important lessons of finding friendships where you least expect them and the bonds that can be formed with a book. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, July 29 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, July 31 at 2 PM

Gaston

Monday, July 29 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, August 1 at 10:30 AM

Irmo

Tuesday, July 30 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, August 1 at 2 PM

Chapin

Tuesday, July 30 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, August 2 at 10:30 AM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, July 31 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, August 2 at 2 PM

FOREST EXPLORERS

Discover how trees and forests impact our daily lives with Harbison State Forest. Explore the impact of conservation and preservation on natural resources through engaging hands-on activities. (grades K–5)

Irmo

Tuesday, June 11 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Friday, June 28 at 2 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Thursday, June 27 at 2 PM

ADVENTURE OF THE LOST TREASURE

Experience the fusion of science and stories on a treasure-hunting adventure deep within the jungle. Get involved in the story as you explore several exciting science concepts, including air pressure, energy transfer, physical versus chemical changes and more with Talewise. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, July 22 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, July 24 at 2 PM

Gaston

Monday, July 22 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, July 25 at 10:30 AM

Irmo

Tuesday, July 23 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, July 25 at 2 PM

Chapin

Tuesday, July 23 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, July 26 at 10:30 AM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, July 24 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, July 26 at 2 PM

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PARKS

Discover SC State Parks like an Ultimate Outsider. Get tips about hiking, fishing, camping and other fun recreational activities to explore throughout the state. Presented by Sesquicentennial State Park Interpretive Ranger Stacey Jensen. (all ages)

Swansea

Tuesday, June 18 at 4 PM

Pelion

Wednesday, July 17 at 1 PM

Lexington

Saturday, June 22 at 2 PM

Chapin

Monday, July 22 at 3 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 25 at 4 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Friday, July 26 at 10:30 AM

Batesburg-Leesville

Wednesday, June 26 at 3 PM

Gilbert-Summit

Tuesday, July 30 at 2 PM

Gaston

Thursday, June 27 at 4 PM

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Thursday, August 1 at 3 PM

ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

(grades 6–8)

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE

Picking Up STEAM: Drones

Test out your flying skills with your feet still firmly on the ground.

Thursday, May 23 at 4 PM

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, June 5 at 3:30 PM

Create It: DIY Journals

Create a journal that you'll lace and decorate.

Wednesday, June 19 at 3:30 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, July 18 at 3:30 PM

Well Played:

Adventures in Board Games

Grab a Ticket to Ride, go Trekking the National Parks or stop a Pandemic with an exciting board game.

Thursday, July 25 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Nature Resist Dye

Bring your white t-shirt to create a resist-dye work of wearable art inspired by nature.

Thursday, August 29 at 4 PM

CAYCE–WEST COLUMBIA

Epic Creators: Mini-Zine

Explore your crafty side while we teach you to make pocket-sized mini-zines. We'll create collages using poetry, art and magazines.

Saturday, May 25 at 10:30 AM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Saturday, June 8 at 10:30 AM

Epic Creators: Bad Art

Embrace the messy madness of art and let your creativity flow. You never know what silly, ridiculous or ingenious art you might create.

Saturday, June 29 at 1:30 PM

Well Played: Balloon Olympics

Compete in the Cayce-West Columbia Balloon Olympics. Earn points for your team and go for the gold.

Thursday, July 11 at 1:30 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Monday, July 22 at 1:30 PM

Picking Up STEAM: Lego Challenge

Try your hand at using Legos to complete various STEM challenges and see what else you create along the way.

Saturday, August 10 at 3 PM

CHAPIN

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge, or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

Fridays at 2 PM

June 7–28 | July 12–26

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Monday, June 17 at 3 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, July 11 at 2 PM

GASTON

Picking Up STEAM: Secret Agent Adventure

Armed with lemon juice, paper and spy skills, participants will craft secret messages, decode clues and unravel the layers of a mystery.

Thursday, May 9 at 4:30 PM

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, June 12 at 4 PM

inBeTween: Adulting 101

Demystify the obscure reality of being an adult by going on an adventure to learn important life skills.

Thursday, June 13 at 4:30 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, July 10 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Vacation Tile Coasters

Get ready to create mini vision board coasters. Capture your dream destinations in a unique, functional piece of art.

Thursday, July 11 at 4:30 PM

Picking Up STEAM: Bridge Builders

Attention young engineers: come together to unleash your creativity and construct innovative bridges with Keva planks.

Thursday, August 8 at 4:30 PM

GILBERT-SUMMIT

Well Played: Minute to Win It

Bring your family and friends to an evening of quick-paced challenges where every minute counts.

Tuesday, May 7 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: DIY Spy

Embark on a thrilling adventure. Learn how to create invisible ink, decode messages and make a periscope.

Wednesday, May 15 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Glow Paint Night

Watch as imaginations come to life under the neon glow, where artists transform their canvases into radiant masterpieces.

Wednesday, May 29 at 4 PM

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, June 18 at 4 PM

Picking Up STEAM: Slime

Get ready for a gooey and creative adventure. Explore the fascinating world of slime, experimenting with vibrant colors and textures to concoct your own unique slime masterpiece.

Wednesday, June 26 at 4 PM

Well Played: Gamer Night

Dive into an exhilarating gaming experience. Bring your friends, sharpen your skills and immerse yourself in a night of friendly competition, laughter and the excitement of multiplayer gaming.

Wednesday, July 17 at 4 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, July 23 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Legos

Bring your creativity to life in an afternoon of brick-building adventures, challenges and collaborative fun as you create masterpieces and let your imagination soar.

Monday, July 29 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Friendship Bracelets

Bring a friend and dive into an afternoon of colorful threads, beads and laughter as you craft unique bracelets, creating lasting memories and beautiful tokens of friendship.

Tuesday, August 20 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Shrinky Dinks

Watch your creativity shrink and transform as you create unique and personalized masterpieces with this magical material, adding a touch of fun and artistry to your afternoon.

Tuesday, August 27 at 4 PM

IRMO**Fan Club: Favorite Series**

Enjoy crafts and games focused on your favorite literary fandoms.

Wednesday, May 8 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Collages

Express yourself with this art form that merges a variety of colors, shapes and textures into a unique masterpiece.

Wednesday, June 12 at 4 PM

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, June 26 at 4 PM

Epic Creators: Tissue-Riffic Art

See what fantastic creations you can come up with using tissue paper and your imagination.

Wednesday, July 10 at 4 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, July 31 at 4 PM

Well Played: Gamer Hangout

Test your skills and swap tips and tricks as you play Nintendo Switch and hang out with other gamers.

Wednesday, August 7 at 4 PM

LEXINGTON**Well Played:****Human Board Game Bonanza**

Dive into the magic of interactive board games, in which you are the game piece and fate is your game master. Engage in strategic maneuvers and clever wordplay, actively participating in a living library of gaming adventures.

Friday, June 14 at 2 PM

Zen Vibes

See page 15 for description.

Monday, June 17 at 11 AM

Epic Creators: Bad Art Night

Sometimes it takes a big mess to make great art. Put any, and all, artistic and creative skills to the test to see who will walk away as the "best" bad artist of the evening.

Monday, July 8 at 6 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Monday, July 15 at 5 PM

PELION**inBeTween: Let's Get Cracking**

Explore the great wide world of eggs. Learn to make an omelet with all your favorites.

Wednesday, May 22 at 5 PM

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, June 19 at 3 PM

Epic Creators: Bubble Art

Use watercolors to create a canvas full of colorful bubbles.

Wednesday, June 26 at 5 PM

inBeTween: Gingerbread People

Christmas comes twice this year. Celebrate Christmas in July by decorating gingerbread people in your PJ's.

Wednesday, July 10 at 1 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, July 17 at 3 PM

Picking Up STEAM:**Honey, We Shrank Our Keychains**

Have you ever wanted to carry around a tiny version of your favorite character? Say goodbye to Flat Stanley and hello to your new best friend while learning about the wonders of number six plastic.

Wednesday, August 28 at 5 PM

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE**Epic Creators: Button Maker**

Create your own personalized buttons inspired by fandom, animals and more. All materials provided.

Tuesday, May 14 at 5 PM

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, June 11 at 4:30 PM

Picking Up STEAM: Mapcraft

In this workshop, you will digitally craft your own fantasy map. From hidden castles to mythical landscapes, bring your wildest ideas to life in a fun and interactive environment.

Tuesday, June 18 at 4:30 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, July 16 at 4:30 PM

Epic Creators: Duct Tape

What can you do with duct tape? Learn to make phone cases, bookmarks and more. All materials provided.

Friday, July 19 at 3 PM

Well Played: Readers' Relay Rally

Teams will compete in a series of bookish relays, puzzles and challenges. This library Olympics event is all about teamwork, knowledge and the joy of reading.

Thursday, August 15 at 5 PM

SWANSEA**Picking Up STEAM: Ice Cream Social**

Learn how to make your own ice cream using a Ziploc bag. Enjoy your own tasty creation when done.

Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30 PM

Epic Creators: Constellation Jars

Channel your inner space explorer, create a constellation jar and bring outer space to you.

Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 PM

Balloon Twisting

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, June 20 at 4:30 PM

Epic Creators: Phosphorescent Art

Create a work of art using glow-in-the-dark paint. Materials will be provided.

Tuesday, July 2 at 5:30 PM

Art of Chinese Opera

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, July 11 at 4:30 PM

inBeTWEEN: Pizza Delight

Create your mini pizzas using select adventurous toppings. Materials will be provided.

Tuesday, August 13 at 5:30 PM

GRADES 6–12

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE**Challenge Accepted:
Camp Half-Blood D&D**

Embark on an epic odyssey of ancient Greece in a magical D&D journey. No experience required, just a love for epic tales.

Tuesdays, 2–4:30 PM

June 4, 18, 25 | July 2, 16–30 | August 20, 27

CHAPIN**Fan Base: Taylor Swift Lock-In**

Calling all Swifties. Let's have some fun making friendship bracelets, listening to her music and more during this after hours lock-in. Follow her lead by bringing a canned good donation for We Care. Permission slip required.

Thursday, August 1, 7–9 PM

Fan Base: Welcome to Hogwarts

Calling all witches, wizards and muggle-borns to a new year of classes at Hogwarts: Chapin Branch. Get sorted into your Hogwarts House and learn about the House Cup challenge and attending Hogwarts classes at the library.

Thursday, August 29 at 6 PM

GILBERT–SUMMIT**TeenScene: Tie-Dye Night**

Unleash your creativity and splash some color. Bring a plain white t-shirt and we will provide the rest to transform your plain fabrics into personalized, groovy masterpieces.

Tuesday, May 21 at 4 PM

Challenge Accepted: Music Trivia

Test your musical knowledge, groove to your favorite tunes and compete with friends for the title of ultimate music trivia champion.

Wednesday, June 19 at 4 PM

TeenScene:**Percy Jackson Escape Room**

Embark on an epic quest in this thrilling adventure inspired by the Percy Jackson series. Unleash your inner demigod as you solve puzzles, decode ancient runes and navigate through mythological challenges to escape before time runs out.

Tuesday, July 9 at 4 PM

IRMO**Challenge Accepted:
Board Game Night**

Enjoy a night of board games, whether you're trying a new one or challenging a friend to an old favorite. Presented in partnership with Firefly Toys & Games.

Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

May 21 | June 18 | July 16 | August 20

TeenScene: Library After Hours

Once everyone leaves and the doors are closed, the real fun can begin. Registration & permission slips required; see Youth Services desk for details.

Friday, July 19, 5:30–8:30 PM

LEXINGTON**TeenScene: Service Day**

Get involved with your community in a hands-on way and volunteer your time at the local library. Attendees need neither be regular volunteers nor attend each month to participate.

Saturdays at 2 PM

May 25 | June 29 | July 27 | August 31



HIGH SCHOOL

(grades 9–12)

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE

STEAM Building: Drones

Drones can be a great gateway into the many careers that use coding and remote skills. Also, they are just plain fun.

Wednesday, May 22 at 3:30 PM

Well Played: Escape the Room

Solve puzzles and find clues while working in teams to find a way out of a seemingly impossible scenario.

Thursday, June 6 at 3:30 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, June 12 at 3:30 PM

Art of Chinese Opera

See page 15 for description.

Wednesday, July 17 at 3:30 PM

STEAM Building: Virtual Reality

Ride a roller coaster, bungee jump or sky dive — all from the safety of our meeting room.

Wednesday, July 24 at 3:30 PM

Create It: Freestyle Paint Night

Channel your inner Van Gogh. You bring the creativity, and we'll provide the supplies.

Thursday, August 22 at 4 PM

CAYCE–WEST COLUMBIA

TeenScene:

JV Summer Reading Project

Check out what our junior volunteer team is all about. Any high schoolers interested in our JV program are welcome to join. Meet new friends and help us prepare the Youth Services department for summer reading. There will be pizza and good vibes.

Saturday, May 11 at 3 PM

Zen Vibes

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, June 13 at 3:30 PM

Create It: No-Sew T-Shirt Tote

Bring one (or two) of your old favorite t-shirts and turn it into a tote bag for shopping, books and more.

Thursday, June 20 at 10:30 AM

TeenScene: An Evening in Paris

Celebrate the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympics with an evening in the French capital city. Enjoy some French treats while watching *Moulin Rouge* (PG-13).

Monday, July 8 at 5 PM

Mini Sand Gardens

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Thursday, July 25 at 3:30 PM

Challenge Accepted: Escape Room

Work together to solve puzzles and find clues to discover a way out of a seemingly impossible scenario.

Saturday, August 31 at 3:30 PM

CHAPIN

Fan Base: Hogwarts House Cup Awards

Gather together to celebrate all you've learned at Hogwarts School: Chapin Branch. We'll count up house points and award the House Cup. Wizard attire encouraged.

Thursday, May 23 at 6 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, June 13 at 5 PM

Challenge Accepted: Escape Room Games

Jump into a mystery and solve it by using teamwork and critical thinking to escape before the clock runs out.

Thursday, June 27, 5–6:30 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, July 11 at 5 PM

Challenge Accepted: Adventure Games

Grab a snack and join us for a night of board games, whether you're trying one you've never played before or challenging a friend to an old favorite.

Thursday, July 25 at 5 PM

GASTON

Challenge Accepted: Book Buffs Blitz

Teams will test their literary prowess through challenging rounds and quirky bookish challenges on the quest to become the ultimate literary champions.

Tuesday, May 28 at 4:30 PM

Mini Sand Gardens

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, June 4 at 4 PM

Ink Society: Graphic Novel Universe

Choose a story and craft its graphic novel adaptation, gaining insights and practical skills in the world of graphic novel creation.

Tuesday, June 25 at 4:30 PM

TeenScene: Ultimate Road Trip Planners

Work solo or team up to map out a summer road trip using various online resources while munching on tasty road trip snacks.

Tuesday, July 23 at 4:30 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, July 30 at 4 PM

STEAM Building: The Fungus Among Us

Grow oyster mushrooms and create mini mushroom farms using straw pellets, toilet paper substrate and household containers.

Tuesday, August 27 at 4:30 PM



GILBERT-SUMMIT

Enchanted Pages: Teen Fantasy Readers Club

Immerse yourself in the wonders of fantasy literature. Explore enchanting worlds, mythical creatures and epic adventures while enjoying a treat.

Mondays at 4 PM

May 6 | June 17 | July 15 | August 26

Create It: Balloon Splatter Painting

Unleash your inner artist at our paint night, where creativity takes flight with a burst of color.

Tuesday, May 14 at 4 PM

TeenScene: Road Tripper

Gear up for a night of excitement and adventure. Map out your dream journeys, create personalized itineraries and design the ultimate road trip experience.

Monday, May 20 at 4 PM

Challenge Accepted: Gamer Night

Get ready for a night of digital delight. Go to the virtual realm for friendly competitions, adventures and endless fun, and explore the magic of the Nintendo Switch, creating memorable moments filled with excitement and laughter.

Tuesdays at 4 PM

May 28 | June 12

Art of Chinese Opera

See page 15 for description.

Monday, June 3 at 4 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, July 16 at 4 PM

Challenge Accepted: Music Bingo

Test your musical knowledge, mark off song titles on your bingo card and compete with friends for a chance to win in a night filled with beats, melodies and a whole lot of fun.

Wednesday, July 24 at 4 PM

Create It: Planner Edition

Elevate your organizational game and get ready for the school year. Dive into a world of creativity as you design and customize your own personalized planners, combining functionality with flair to stay organized in style.

Wednesday, August 28 at 4 PM

IRMO

Challenge Accepted: Gamer Hangout

Test your skills and swap tips and tricks as you play Nintendo Switch and hang out with other gamers.

Tuesday, May 14 at 4:30 PM

Zen Vibes

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Thursday, June 6 at 4:30 PM

Create It: Glow On Painting

Get your glow on with neon, blacklight and UV paint. All materials are provided but dress for a mess.

Tuesday, June 11 at 4:30 PM

Create It: Bad Art Night

Embrace the messy madness of the creative process and enjoy the journey to making something ridiculous — or maybe even something great.

Tuesday, July 9 at 4:30 PM

Mini Sand Gardens

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, July 30 at 4:30 PM

Fan Base: Anime Club

Bring your love of anime and cosplay out to make some anime-inspired crafts while you share your fandom with others.

Tuesday, August 6 at 4:30 PM

LEXINGTON

Mini Sand Gardens

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Sunday, June 16 at 3 PM

Create It: DIY Hojalata

Create your own colorful hojalata, or Mexican tin art.

Sunday, June 23 at 3 PM

Action & Reactions

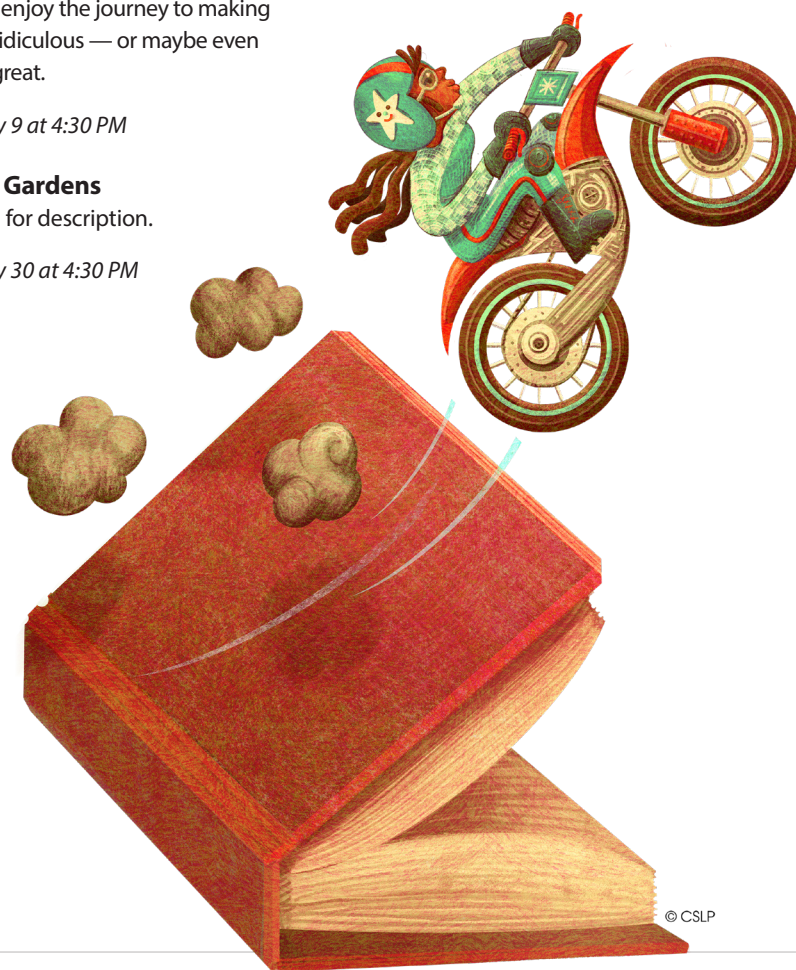
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Saturday, July 13 at 2 PM

TeenScene: Scavenger Hunt

Get ready for an epic adventure filled with challenges, creativity and some friendly competition.

Tuesday, July 23 at 6 PM



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PELION

TeenScene: Taylor Swift vs. Shakespeare

Was that Taylor Swift or Shakespeare? Play this game to match the quote to the artist.

Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM

Zen Vibes

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Tuesday, June 11 at 4 PM

Fan Base: Glass Art

Satoru Gojo may be in a box, but that doesn't mean you can't turn him into wall art. Create a beautiful painting of your favorite anime character with glass as your canvas.

Wednesday, June 12 at 6 PM

The Tricks Behind the Magic

See page 15 for description.

Tuesday, July 9 at 3 PM

TeenScene: Gingerbread House

Christmas comes twice this year. Celebrate Christmas in July by decorating a gingerbread house in your PJ's.

Wednesday, July 10 at 2 PM

Create It: Teacup Candles

Reduce, reuse, recycle. Obsessed with candles? Love ornate knickknacks? Why not join the two. It's cute and satisfies the small Victorian maximalist in all of our hearts.

Wednesday, August 14 at 5 PM

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE

Challenge Accepted: Library Trivia Quest

Dive into the world of books and libraries in literary trivia. Unleash your reading superpowers, conquer trivia challenges and claim the title of the Ultimate Book Explorer.

Thursday, May 23 at 5 PM

TeenScene: The Navajo Cipher

Step into the shoes of World War II code talkers in our exclusive workshop. Learn the secrets of the Unbreakable Code, decode messages and experience the thrill of passing coded notes in this hands-on historical adventure.

Tuesday, June 4 at 5 PM

Zen Vibes

See page 15 for description.

Friday, June 14 at 2 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Friday, July 12 at 2 PM

Challenge Accepted: Escape Room

Are you up for a challenge? Work together to find clues, crack codes and solve puzzles to escape the library.

Thursday, July 25 at 5 PM

Create It: Seashell Collage

Bring your own seashells or use shells provided by the library to make coastal collages.

Thursday, August 22 at 5 PM

SWANSEA

Challenge Accepted: Board Game Night

Bring a friend and enjoy a night of exciting board games.

Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 PM

TeenScene: Movie Night

School is out. Visit the library for a thrilling movie — *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (PG-13).

Tuesday, June 4 at 4:30 PM

Mini Sand Gardens

See page 15 for description.

Thursday, June 27 at 4:30 PM

Create It: Vacation Tile Coasters

Make a keepsake coaster about your travels or a mini vision board coaster about where you want to go. Materials will be provided.

Tuesday, July 16 at 5:30 PM

Action & Reactions

See page 15 for description.

Friday, July 19 at 4:30 PM

TeenScene: Strawberry Boba Tea

Experience a taste of Taiwan by making boba tea. Materials will be provided.

Tuesday, August 6 at 5:30 PM

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ACTION & REACTIONS

Work together to explore and investigate various science concepts through hands-on experiments and exciting STEM challenges with Talewise.

ART OF CHINESE OPERA

Discover the rich history of Chinese opera from plots to painted faces with Lin Ko. Explore your performing skills, and learn distinctive techniques used for professional theatrical face painting.

BALLOON TWISTING

Learn the basics of balloon art as you inflate and twist your own creations with expert balloon artists from Balloonopolis. Be sure to arrive early as this class will fill up fast.

MINI SAND GARDEN

Discover the art of Japanese sand gardens with Lin Ko. Dig in and learn to bridge the space of style and serenity. Participants will leave with hands-on knowledge of how to create their own calming miniature gardens.

THE TRICKS BEHIND THE MAGIC

Experience magic like never before and discover the secrets behind classic tricks with Tim Sonefelt. Learn how misdirection and sleight of hand techniques are used to amaze and impress. What's more, you'll have the chance to practice and perform the tricks yourself.

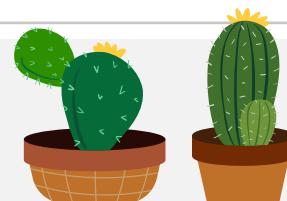
ZEN VIBES

Explore the ancient practice of yoga through movement and breath with Melissa Crook, E-RYT 500 yoga instructor. No prior yoga experience required. Be sure to dress comfortably for movement and bring a blanket, thick towel or yoga mat.



COMMUNITY

(mixed ages)



AUTHOR TALK: AN EVENING WITH KATHY REICHS



Kathy Reichs' first novel, *Déjà Dead*, catapulted her to fame when it became a New York Times bestseller and won the 1997 Ellis Award for Best First Novel. She has also co-authored the bestselling *Virals* young adult series with her son, Brendan Reichs. Dr. Reichs was a producer of the hit Fox TV show *Bones*, which is based on her series. At this special author talk, Dr. Reichs will discuss her novels and upcoming work. Copies of her novels will be available for purchase.

Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 PM | Lexington Main Library (ages 14+)

CAYCE-WEST COLUMBIA

Handmade: Mini Terrariums

Exposure to nature can lower stress and improve mental focus. Bring that healing power home with you by making a mini terrarium. All materials will be supplied.

Saturday, May 4, 2–4 PM (ages 11+)

Community: Family Game Night

Board games are fun for the whole family. Presented in partnership with Firefly Toys & Games.

Mondays, 6–8 PM (ages 10+)
May 6 | June 3 | July 1 | August 5

Game On: Dice & Donuts

Enjoy a morning of playing classic games like Clue, Yahtzee, Sorry and more with donuts.

Thursdays at 10 AM (ages 16+)
May 23 | June 27 | July 25 | August 22

Community: Club de Conversación

We're strengthening our English and Spanish language skills together through social conversation in a safe space.

Wednesdays at 6 PM (all ages)
June 12, 26 | July 10, 24

Handmade: Wind Chimes

Add the relaxing sounds of a whimsical, air-dry clay wind chime to your favorite outdoor reading nook. All materials will be supplied.

Saturday, June 15, 2–4 PM (ages 11+)

Handmade: Tie-Dye

Add some color to your summer with tie-dye. Bring your own white t-shirt, socks, towel or other article for dyeing.

Thursday, June 20 at 2 PM (ages 16+)

Community: Swiftie Social

Looking to avoid a cruel summer? Celebrate Taylor Swift with games, crafts and snacks — all in honor of the icon. Play musical bingo featuring hits from every era to win prizes, create personalized buttons using your favorite lyrics, take Polaroids at the themed photobooth and more. Taylor-inspired attire is encouraged, but not required. This event is for Swifties of any age.

Saturday, June 22, 3–4:30 PM (all ages)

Community: Live Clue

When a classic board game becomes life-sized for one night only, can you figure out who killed Mr. Boddy? Dressing up as Clue characters is encouraged. To register, call 803-794-6791, ext. 4.

Friday, July 19, 5:30–7 PM (ages 11+)

Handmade: Scented Sachets

Lift your spirits and brighten your home with scented sachets filled with a variety of fresh herbs. All materials will be supplied.

Saturday, July 27, 2–4 PM (ages 11+)

Handmade: YouTube Paint Tutorial

Learn tips and tricks while painting along to a YouTube tutorial, and take a mini canvas home.

Saturday, August 24, 2–4 PM (ages 16+)

CHAPIN

Community Conversations: Homeschool Hub

Homeschoolers, here is your chance to gather with other homeschool parents and students to chat, inspire and connect.

Thursdays at 6 PM (families with children)
May 9 | August 12

Game On: Bingo for Books

Play bingo with family and friends to win gently used books.

Tuesdays at 11 AM (all ages)
May 14 | August 27

Community: Game Night

Laugh and play with your family and friends. We have games for all ages to enjoy, whether you're trying one you've never played before or challenging a friend to an old favorite.

Thursday, May 16 at 6 PM (all ages)

Community: Back to School Tie-Dye

Bring your white 100% cotton item and we'll provide the rest for this rainbow of tie-dye fun.

Thursday, August 15, 4–6 PM (all ages)

GASTON

Lego Club

Tackle an engineering challenge or let your imagination run wild as you explore what you can build with Lego bricks.

Wednesdays at 4 PM (all ages)
May 1 | June 5 | August 7

Social Scene: Star Wars Escape Room

Use your smarts and observation skills to outwit the Empire in this Star Wars-inspired escape room. May the fourth be with you.

Saturday, May 4 at 11 AM (all ages)

Now Showing: Star Wars: A New Hope

A young man joins a rebel alliance in *Star Wars* (PG) and works to overthrow an evil empire from taking over the galaxy.

Monday, May 13 at 4:30 PM (all ages)

Now Showing: Shang Chi & the Legend of the Ten Rings

A man confronts his past in *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings* (PG-13) when he's drawn into the web of the mysterious Ten Rings organization.

Monday, June 17 at 4:30 PM (all ages)

Community: Garden-to-Table

Whip up some tasty recipes using vegetables straight from our community garden — you even get to take some fresh produce home.

Tuesday, July 9 at 4 PM (all ages)

Now Showing: The Sandlot

The new kid is taken under the wing of the local baseball prodigy and his rowdy teammates in *The Sandlot* (PG).

Monday, July 15 at 4:30 PM (all ages)

Now Showing: Encanto

In *Encanto* (PG), every child of the Madrigal family is blessed with a unique gift — every child except Mirabel.

Monday, August 12 at 4:30 PM (all ages)

GILBERT-SUMMIT

Community: Plant Swap

Cultivate connections, share the joy of greenery and let the spirit of growth flourish as we exchange plants and stories over a week of botanical bliss.

May 6–9, Hours of Operation (all ages)

Community: Harry Potter's Birthday

Step into the magical world of Harry Potter at our enchanting theme night for wizards and witches. Participate in an evening of spellbinding trivia, experience the thrill of being sorted into your Hogwarts house and relive the magic as we watch *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (PG) together. Grab your wands and embark on a night of wizarding wonders.

Wednesday, July 31, 3–6:30 PM (all ages)

Community: Harvest Swap

Share your harvest abundance and the diverse offerings of our gardening community.

August 12–15, Hours of Operation (all ages)

IRMO

Game On: Community Game Night

Drop in for an evening of games with the community, from old favorites to new adventures. Bring your family and friends, or come solo and meet someone new, as we play together. Presented in partnership with Firefly Toys & Games.

Wednesdays, 6–8 PM (all ages)

May 1 | June 5 | July 10 | August 7

Game On: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Train your main and get ready for the ultimate faceoff. This will be a free 1v1 double-elimination tournament playing Super Smash Bros. Ultimate for the Nintendo Switch. The ultimate winner will walk away not just with glory, but also the grand prize.

Saturday, June 15, 2–5 PM (ages 14+)

PELION

Community: Poetry Party

Wrap up National Poetry Month with this celebration. Listen to poetry written by members of our community and congratulate the winners of our annual Poetry Contest.

Wednesday, May 1 at 6 PM (all ages)

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE

Community Conversations: Homeschool Huddle

Gather with other homeschool parents to find inspiration and make connections. Each month, we'll explore a new theme, from curriculums to field trips and more. A craft will be provided for children.

Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30 PM

(families with children)

Handmade: Red, White & Blue Bandanas

Design a bandana with red, white and blue tie-dye for the Fourth of July. All materials provided.

Tuesday, June 25 at 5:30 PM (ages 16+)

Community: Magical Mischief

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday at the library. An enchanting night of wizardry, fun and surprises awaits. Accio fun.

Tuesday, July 30, 5–7 PM (all ages)

Community: Magical Movie Nights

Explore the enchanting world of the Harry Potter saga with trivia, treats and games for a magical cinematic journey. We will begin with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (PG).

Tuesday, August 20, 4:15–7 PM (all ages)

SWANSEA

Community: Plant Swap

Interested in getting new greenery for your home? Is your current plant blooming so much you can share cuttings? Visit the library and exchange plants.

Thursday, June 6, 4–6:30 PM (all ages)

TECH 101

Learn how to use your computer, tablet or smartphone. We can help you navigate the internet, download library materials and more. Sessions are 30 minutes each. Scan the QR code to book a librarian or call your local branch to make an appointment.

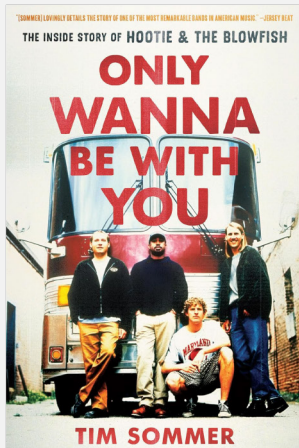


ADULT

Supplies may be limited and are available to attendees on a first come basis. Additional attendees are welcome to observe the presentation.



AUTHOR TALK: TIM SOMMER



In 1985, Mark Bryan heard Darius Rucker singing in a dorm shower at the University of South Carolina and asked him to form a band. For the next eight years, Hootie & the Blowfish — completed by bassist Dean Felber and drummer Soni Sonefeld — played every frat house, roadhouse and rock club in the mid-Atlantic and Southeast, becoming one of the biggest independent acts in the region. Thirty years after the band's major label debut, author Tim Sommer pulls back the curtain on the band that defied record-industry odds to break into the mainstream by playing hacky sack music in the age of grunge in *Only Wanna Be With You: The Inside Story of Hootie & the Blowfish*.

Wednesday, June 19 at 4 PM | Chapin Branch Library

Thursday, June 20 at 5 PM | Gilbert-Summit Branch Library

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE

Game On: Tabletop Fusion

Explore various tabletop games like Canasta, Dominoes, Rummikub and more.

Thursdays & Mondays, 5:30–7 PM

May 9, 20 | June 13, 24

July 11, 29 | August 8, 26

Handmade: Marble Plant Pots

Try a quick and easy technique for making marbled planters.

Thursday, May 16, 5:30–7 PM

Social Scene: Escape Room

Dr. Gravely graciously welcomes you for a rejuvenating stay at Foxcrest Retreat. However, all is not as it seems. Work with other guests to find clues, solve puzzles and discover the doctor's dark secret.

Monday, June 10 at 5:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Library Antiques Roadshow

Holli McGee from McGee Auction & Appraisal Services will present a short program about being an auctioneer in South Carolina. Following her presentation, Holli will provide an appraisal of items brought in by the first 15 program attendees.

Monday, June 17 at 6 PM

Author Talk: Rachel Gordin Barnett & Lyssa Kligman Harvey

The authors of *Kugels and Collards: Tales of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina* will talk about their poignant — and delicious — compendium of South Carolina Jewish life revealed through food and story.

Monday, July 22 at 6 PM

Handmade: Paint Night

Use acrylic paints to create a soaring landscape of hot air balloons.

Monday, August 19, 5:30–7 PM

CAYCE–WEST COLUMBIA

Handmade: Stitch2Gether

Relax and work on your current project while chatting with fellow crafters. Bring your needed materials.

Wednesdays, 4–6 PM (ages 16+)

May 1–August 28

Now Showing: Mystery Movies

Practice your armchair detective skills while watching a mix of classic and modern whodunit movies.

Thursdays at 10 AM (ages 16+)

May 2 | June 6 | July 11 | August 1

Game On: Canasta

Canasta is a card game in the rummy family. Whether you want to learn or already know the game, it's a fun time.

Fridays, 1:30–4 PM (ages 16+)

May 3, 17–31 | June 7–August 30

Lifelong Learning: Yoga

Enjoy some beginner-friendly yoga. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your own yoga mat, thick towel or blanket if possible. Water will be provided.

Mondays at 11:30 AM (ages 16+)

May 6, 20 | June 10, 24 | July 8, 22 | August 5, 19

Lifelong Learning: Aerobics

Enjoy some low-impact exercise. Wear comfortable clothes and closed-toe shoes. Water will be provided.

Mondays at 11:30 AM (ages 16+)

May 13 | June 3, 17 | July 1, 15, 29 | August 12, 26

Well Written: Write Club

The first rule of write club is...talk about write club. Bring your notebook, laptop or whatever you prefer to use. Each meeting, we'll have an optional theme to get us started with tips, tricks, prompts and more.

Tuesdays at 6 PM (ages 16+)

May 14 | June 11 | July 9 | August 13

Handmade: Color Yourself Calm

Let go of stress and exercise your mind. Coloring can help relieve anxiety and stress in adults while stimulating areas of the brain related to motor skills and creativity.

Tuesdays at 6 PM (ages 16+)

May 21 | June 18 | July 16 | August 20

Lifelong Learning: Library Antiques Roadshow

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Monday, June 10 at 6 PM (ages 16+)

Handmade: Jewelry Workshop

Internationally published and award-winning jewelry artist Sue Charette-Hood will teach us how to create beautiful, beaded and wearable artwork. Materials will be provided for the first 10 attendees.

Tuesday, July 23 at 6 PM

Game On: Trivia

Have a lot of seemingly useless knowledge and random factoids stored up in your brain? Put it all to use in an afternoon full of trivia, pop-culture references and literary facts.

Saturday, August 17, 2–4 PM (ages 16+)

Giving Back: Blood Drive

Your blood can save lives. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the library, and we'll have reading materials to pass the time. Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org.

Tuesday, August 20, 11:30 AM–4:30 PM

CHAPIN**Community Conversations: Avoiding Fraud**

Learn how to protect yourself from common financial scams and fraud with Wells Fargo Branch Manager Linden Carroll.

Thursday, May 2 at 5:45 PM

Handmade: Fiber Friends

Relax and work on your current project while chatting with fellow crafters. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlework, and try out new techniques with our many crafting books or troubleshoot challenges in a group setting.

Saturdays at 10 AM

May 4, 18 | June 1, 15, 29

July 13, 27 | August 10, 24

Social Scene: Fun Over Fifty

Get connected with an engaging program designed specifically for seniors, including workshops, crafts, games and more.

Wednesdays at 11 AM (ages 50+)

May 8 | June 12 | July 10 | August 14

Handmade: Chapin Creates

Meet new friends while unleashing your creative side in this engaging craft program. Supplies are limited to the first 20 participants.

Mondays at 1 PM

May 20 | June 17 | July 15 | August 5

Social Scene: Murder Mystery Lock-In

Adventure Begins at Your Library as you solve the newest murder mystery with friends during this after-hours program.

Wednesday, June 5, 5:30–7:30 PM

Giving Back: Red Cross Blood Drive

Your blood can save lives. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the library, and we'll have reading materials to pass the time. Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org.

Tuesday, June 11, Noon–4 PM

Author Talk: Tom Poland

South Carolina author Tom Poland will talk about the carnivorous plants, snakes, amazing orchids and wildflowers that live in our bays. Begin your adventure by checking out his book *Carolina Bays: Wild, Mysterious, and Majestic Landforms*, and plan an adventure to one of the several nearby bays, including a heritage preserve that may be a bay in the process of forming.

Wednesday, July 17 at 4 PM

Handmade: Christmas in July

Get your hands dirty at our summer clay Christmas party.

Thursday, July 25, 1–3 PM

GASTON**Handmade: Stacked Books**

Connie Gause from Personal Touch Designs will teach us how to make stacked books for home décor. Supplies for this easy, handmade craft will be available for the first 15 participants. Additional attendees are welcome to observe the presentation.

Monday, June 3 at 5:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Gimbap Galore

Make a vegetarian version of this popular Korean snack. All materials provided.

Saturday, June 8 at 11 AM

Handmade: Jewelry Workshop

Internationally published and award-winning jewelry artist Sue Charette-Hood will teach us how to create beautiful, beaded and wearable artwork. Materials will be provided for the first 10 attendees.

Monday, July 8 at 5:30 PM

Handmade: Mini Magnets

Make your own mini magnets in a variety of different designs. All materials provided.

Saturday, July 20 at 11 AM

Game On: Bingo Bonanza

Test your luck with an afternoon of bingo with prizes.

Saturday, August 17 at 11 AM

GILBERT–SUMMIT**Lifelong Learning: Gentle Yoga**

Learn gentle stretching and movement for beginners. Modifications can be made to fit any health challenges. Wear comfortable clothes and join others in the practice of yoga. Bring your own mats if you have them.

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

May 9 | August 8

Lifelong Learning: Small Farm Gardening

The Lexington County Soil and Water Conservation Division will teach us ways to manage pests, alternatives to large equipment, soil testing, fertilizers and composting.

Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Decluttering

Listen and learn from local organizing expert Kay Shumpert as she shares the secrets to decluttering.

Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 PM

Historically Speaking: Colonial Settlers

Get a head start on your Fourth of July celebration by delving into the fascinating history of the colonial settlers in Lexington County. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, June 18 at 5:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Library Antiques Roadshow

Holli McGee from McGee Auction & Appraisal Services will present a short program about being an auctioneer in South Carolina. Following her presentation, Holli will provide an appraisal of items brought in by the first 15 program attendees.

Thursday, July 11 at 5 PM

Historically Speaking: Lake Murray

Embark on a journey through Lake Murray's history including before, after and during the construction of the Dreher Shoals Dam. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Thursday, August 22 at 5:30 PM (all ages)

IRMO**Handmade: Paper Lanterns**

Learn to use our in-house Ellison die-cut machine to make silhouette lanterns to light up your space.

Monday, May 6 at 6 PM

Tech Talk: How to Speak Internet

Learn about current technology language trends, from technical computer terms to relevant internet lingo.

Wednesday, May 8 at 6 PM

Historically Speaking: Time Travelers

Travel through your family history as we learn about library resources that can assist in your genealogy research. Attendees are encouraged to bring personal devices to do their research, as well as old photographs, documents or other items that may provide insight into their family history.

Thursdays at 6 PM

May 9 | August 8

Tech Talk: Research & Learn

Listen as our librarians highlight our top resources and answer your questions about the many tools available to you through the library.

Saturday, May 18 at 11 AM

Well Written: Pen to Paper

Craft and connect with other writers. For the first half-hour, we'll discuss our challenges and triumphs for the month. The remainder of our time will be used to work on individual projects. All are welcome, regardless of genre, experience or skill level.

Thursdays, 6–7:30 PM

May 23 | June 27 | July 25 | August 22

If an individual with disabilities needs reasonable accommodations or support to attend a program, contact the branch.

Handmade: Nontraditional Painting

Expand your painting horizons by using sponges, strings, toothpicks and other unique tools as we paint with nontraditional methods and materials.

Saturday, May 25 at 3 PM

Now Showing:**Beat the Heat Adventure Flick**

It's hot outside. Take a break from the sun with an adventure flick. Popcorn will be provided.

Thursday, June 13 at 1 PM

Monday, August 5 at 5 PM

Handmade: Beach Decor

You don't have to travel to the coast to enjoy the beach. Create your own summer wreath to remind you of the beauty of the beach right from your home. Materials provided for the first 20 attendees.

Thursday, June 13 at 6 PM

Tech Talk: Libby & Hoopla

Dive into summer reading with Libby and Hoopla. Learn the basics of the library's ebook and audiobook platforms so you can read and listen on the go this summer. We will show you how to sign up and read books on your phone, tablet or computer.

Monday, June 17 at 6 PM

Handmade: Macrame Plant Hangers

Help your plants soak up the summer sun by tying a macrame hanger for small potted plants. Materials provided for the first 20 attendees.

Saturday, June 22 at 3 PM

Lifelong Learning:**Library Antiques Roadshow**

Holli McGee from McGee Auction & Appraisal Services will present a short program about being an auctioneer in South Carolina. Following her presentation, Holli will provide an appraisal of items brought in by the first 15 program attendees.

Saturday, June 29 at 2 PM

Handmade: Map It Out

Explore your creativity as we create our own maps of places, either real or imaginary, using some unusual supplies. We'll also learn fun facts about maps and their impact on how we learn and understand history.

Thursday, July 11 at 6 PM

Handmade: DIY Photo Canvas

Bring a favorite laser or inkjet print and learn how to transfer it to a canvas. An 8 inch by 8 inch canvas and transfer supplies will be provided.

Monday, July 15 at 6 PM

Author Talk: Rachel Gordin Barnett & Lyssa Kligman Harvey

The authors of *Kugels and Collards: Tales of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina* will talk about their poignant — and delicious — compendium of South Carolina Jewish life revealed through food and story.

Saturday, July 20 at 11 AM

Lifelong Learning: Calling All Campers

Exchange camping tips and tricks with other outdoor lovers in a casual conversation about equipment, sites and campfire recipes while we make our own trail mix.

Saturday, July 20 at 3 PM

Tech Talk: Microsoft Suite Basics

Having trouble with Word? Is PowerPoint painful? Learn the basics of using Microsoft Suite and the library resources that can help.

Monday, July 22 at 6 PM

Game On: Escape the Ancient Tomb

It's up to you and your team's wits to find your way out of this ancient tomb's secret room. Due to limited space and the nature of the program, attendees will need to register beforehand. Groups of three to six as well as individuals can visit us in person or call 803-798-7880 to register for a time slot.

Saturday, July 27, 10 AM–4:45 PM

Handmade: Personalized Planner

Prepare for a productive fall by bringing an empty notebook and learning how to design a planner that fits your needs and schedule, as artsy or pragmatic as you'd like.

Saturday, August 3 at 3 PM

Tech Talk: Understanding AI

Learn the basics of what Artificial Intelligence is and what it isn't. We'll go over a very brief history of AI and talk about different models, methods and uses of modern AI.

Saturday, August 17 at 11 AM

Tech Talk: LearningExpress Library

Want to learn how to prepare for an occupational, college or graduate school exam? What about studying for a citizenship test? Find out how with LearningExpress Library.

Monday, August 19 at 6 PM

LEXINGTON**Handmade: Fiber Friends**

Relax and work on your current project while chatting with fellow crafters. Bring your knitting, crochet or needlework, and troubleshoot challenges in a group setting.

*Wednesdays at 10 AM
May 1–August 28*

Handmade: Bullet Journal

Bullet journaling is a method of journaling using dotted instead of lined paper, allowing people to express their creativity and organize their lives while engaging in mindfulness. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own journal.

*Thursdays at 2 PM
May 2 | June 6 | July 11 | August 1*

Lifelong Learning: Van Gogh

Learn about the history of Van Gogh's life using research and resources from the library.

Saturday, May 4 at 10 AM

Handmade: Stuffed Animals

Make a cute little animal friend, made cuddly with stuffing or filled with rice for a weighted and heatable buddy. All materials provided.

Saturday, May 11 at 2 PM

Lifelong Learning: Financial Literacy

Learn about basic financial skills, including money management, budgeting and investing. Presented by South Carolina State Credit Union.

*Monday, May 13 at 11 AM
Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 PM*

Tech Talk:**Ferguson's Career Guidance Center**

Explore career paths, education opportunities, internships and more with Ferguson's Career Guidance Center.

Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: Yarn Block Art

Create landscape art with different varieties of yarn. All materials provided.

Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 PM

Tech Talk: Genealogy

Learn how to search genealogy information through library databases like Fold3, Ancestry and HeritageQuest to discover your family history.

Saturday, May 18 at 10 AM

**Historically Speaking:
Lutheran Seminary**

Learn about the Lutheran Seminary in Lexington County. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 PM

Historically Speaking: Yom Hashoah

Yom Hashoah (International Holocaust Remembrance Day) is May 5 and 6. Representatives of the South Carolina Holocaust Council, including a descendant of a Holocaust survivor, will teach about the Holocaust and why it's so important that we remember.

Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM

Game On: Adventure Board Games

Bring friends or meet new ones as you play adventure board games with other adults.

Saturday, June 1 at 3 PM

Lifelong Learning: Homesteading 101

Learn the basics of homesteading using print and online resources through the library.

Monday, June 3 at 2 PM

Giving Back: Red Cross Blood Drive

Every three seconds a blood donation is the difference between life and death for patients undergoing emergencies, elective surgeries and cancer treatments. Give blood and make a big difference in the lives of others. Registration is required, visit redcrossblood.org to sign up.

Friday, June 7, 10 AM–2 PM

Author Talk: Rachel Gordin Barnett & Lyssa Kligman Harvey

The authors of *Kugels and Collards: Tales of Food, Family, and Tradition in Jewish South Carolina* will talk about their poignant — and delicious — compendium of South Carolina Jewish life revealed through food and story.

Saturday, June 8 at 11 AM

Handmade: Father's Day Cards

Create a specialized card for a father figure in your life. All materials provided.

Saturday, June 8 at 3 PM

Tech Talk: Procreate

Learn the basics as well as tips and tricks for the iOS digital creation program Procreate.

Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 PM

Game On: Bridgerton Trivia

Enjoy high tea with the rest of the ton and test your knowledge of Netflix's hit TV show *Bridgerton*.

Saturday, June 15 at 3 PM

Historically Speaking: Structures

Learn about the historic structures of Lexington County. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 PM

Game On: Library Olympics

Love the Olympics but can't do the splits? Compete in the Library Olympics and learn what the library has to offer.

Saturday, June 22 at 3 PM

Game On: Classic Board Games

Bring friends or meet new ones as you play classic board games with other adults.

*Mondays at 6 PM
June 24 | July 29 | August 26*

Handmade: Seasonal Landscapes

Relax and paint summer-themed landscapes on canvas. All materials provided.

*Tuesdays at 11 AM
June 25 | July 30*

Game On: Monday Night Murder

Snack on cookies and play a game of Unsolved Case Files, which puts you in the shoes of a cold case detective. Can you solve the murder?

Monday, July 8 at 6 PM

Handmade: Dreamcatchers

Create a dreamcatcher to take home. All materials provided.

Saturday, July 13 at 10 AM

Author Talk:**Cecil Williams & Claudia Smith Brinson**

Cecil Williams is one of the few Southern Black photojournalists of the civil rights movement. Born and raised in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Williams worked at the center of emerging twentieth-century civil rights activism in the state, and his assignments often exposed him to violence perpetrated by white law officials and ordinary citizens. Williams and award-winning journalist Claudia Smith Brinson combined forces to write *Injustice in Focus: The Civil Rights Photography of Cecil Williams*. Together, they documented civil rights activism in the 1940s through the 1960s in South Carolina.

Saturday, July 13 at 3 PM

Historically Speaking: Alcohol

Learn about the history of alcohol in Lexington County. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM

Tech Talk: Learning Languages

Get ready for your next adventure by learning a new language using our language software.

Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: Pompom Wall Art

Create wonderful wall art using yarn that you'll want to show off to your friends. All materials provided.

Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: Bubble Art

Create a fun piece of art using bubbles on canvas. All materials provided.

Friday, July 19 at 10 AM

Handmade: Pen Pal Workshop

Pick up a pen and find a lifelong friend. Learn how to find a pen pal online, through local organizations or start writing to other program participants.

Friday, July 26 at 4 PM

Lifelong Learning: Viking History

Discover the lives of the seafaring warriors using research and resources from the library.

Saturday, July 27 at 10 AM

Lifelong Learning: Houseplants 101

Beginners are welcome at this houseplant how-to class. Learn the basics to be a responsible plant parent.

Monday, August 5 at 2 PM

Career Building: LinkedIn Basics

Learn all about the online business community of LinkedIn, setting up an account and how to network to better your career.

Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: DIY Candles

Create a soy wax candle with us. Materials will be provided.

Saturday, August 17 at 10 AM

Career Building: Etsy How-To

Etsy allows you to create your own online shop — learn how to navigate the website as well as tips and tricks for a successful online business.

Saturday, August 17 at 2:30 PM

Game On: Puzzle Party

Enjoy a morning of jazz music and putting puzzles together.

Tuesday, August 20 at 10 AM

Historically Speaking: Lake Murray

Lake Murray, the jewel of South Carolina, has a unique story. Learn about this prized local body of water. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 PM

Game On: Bingo

Spend a morning with the community and play bingo for a chance to win prizes.

Saturday, August 31 at 10 AM

PELION**Handmade: Porch Planters**

Bring your own planters to create a collection of plants that will repel mosquitoes. Plants provided.

Wednesday, May 15 at 6 PM

Handmade: Cold Pour Soapmaking

Watch a demonstration of the cold pour soapmaking method. Once the soap has cured for approximately three weeks, those that attended will be given a bar of soap created during the demonstration.

Saturday, May 18 at 10 AM

Game On: Words Within Words

Take a word and use it to make as many other words as possible. Make more words than your friends to earn bragging rights.

Tuesday, May 28 at 11 AM

Handmade: Plastic Canvas Coasters

Create a coaster using plastic canvas. There will be a variety designs to choose from.

Wednesday, June 19 at 6 PM

Game On: Bingo

Play rounds of bingo and compete for prizes.

Tuesday, June 25 at 11 AM

Handmade: Stacked Books

Connie Gause from Personal Touch Designs will teach us how to make stacked books for home décor. Supplies for this easy, handmade craft will be available for the first 15 participants. Additional attendees are welcome to observe the presentation.

Wednesday, June 26 at 6 PM

Handmade: Ornaments

It's Christmas in July. Decorate an ornament for your winter tree.

Wednesday, July 10 at 3 PM

Game On: Uno

Play the card game Uno. Bring a group or make new friends.

Tuesday, July 30 at 11 AM

Author Talk: Tom Poland

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Wednesday, July 31 at 6 PM

Handmade: Recycled Wind Chimes

Use recycled plastic lids from large containers and bottles to create a wind chime.

Wednesday, August 14 at 6 PM

Handmade: Healthy Smoothies

Learn about the potential benefits of healthy smoothies and create them during this session.

Tuesday, August 27 at 11 AM

SOUTH CONGAREE–PINE RIDGE**Historically Speaking: Lawrence W. Taylor & the Boys' Brigade**

South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Curator of Education Joe Long tells the history of the youngest military officer in South Carolina and his service in the South Carolina reserves from 1864 to 1865.

Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30 PM (ages 16+)

Handmade: Strings & Things

Bring a work-in-progress or learn new needlecraft skills through monthly workshops.

Tuesdays at 1 PM

May 14 | June 11 | July 9 | August 13

Now Showing: Senior Movie

Seniors enjoy a monthly movie showing at the library. Popcorn and refreshments provided (G–PG rating).

Fridays at 10 AM (ages 50+)

May 17 | August 16

**Lifelong Learning:****Library Antiques Roadshow**

Holli McGee from McGee Auction & Appraisal Services will present a short program about being an auctioneer in South Carolina.

Following her presentation, Holli will provide an appraisal of items brought in by the first 15 program attendees.

Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 PM

Author Talk: C. Hope Clark

Readers adore investing in characters over a series of books, and the mystery genre is ripe with such series. But what makes for an intriguing series? How does a writer keep the momentum going book after book? Learn how a series grows and builds a following, so the characters ultimately feel like real-life people readers care about with stories that don't go stale.

Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 PM

Author Talk: Tom Poland

South Carolina author Tom Poland will talk about the carnivorous plants, snakes, amazing orchids and wildflowers that live in our bays. Begin your adventure by checking out his book *Carolina Bays: Wild, Mysterious, and Majestic Landforms*, and plan an adventure to one of the several nearby bays, including a heritage preserve that may be a bay in the process of forming.

Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 PM

Lifelong Learning:**Identifying Financial Fraud**

South Congaree Police Chief Josh Shumpert informs attendees about ways people commit financial fraud and several strategies to avoid falling victim to the crime.

Tuesday, August 6 at 5:30 PM

SWANSEA**Lifelong Learning:****English Conversation Club**

Practice speaking English in a supportive environment. All English learners are welcome to converse and gain confidence in their English-speaking skills.

Saturdays at 10:30 AM

May 11 | June 8 | July 6 | August 10

Handmade: Acrylic Art Adventure

It's time to release your inner artist. Let your imagination inspire you to paint freestyle on canvas and bring a unique masterpiece to life. All materials provided.

Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Financial Literacy

Learn to manage your finances with an expert from Truist Swansea Branch.

Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 PM

Author Talk: Tom Poland

South Carolina author Tom Poland will talk about the carnivorous plants, snakes, amazing orchids and wildflowers that live in our bays. Begin your adventure by checking out his book *Carolina Bays: Wild, Mysterious, and Majestic Landforms*, and plan an adventure to one of the several nearby bays, including a heritage preserve that may be a bay in the process of forming.

Tuesday, June 25 at 5:30 PM

Handmade: Jewelry Workshop

Internationally published and award-winning jewelry artist Sue Charette-Hood will teach us how to create beautiful, beaded and wearable artwork. Materials will be provided for the first 10 attendees.

Saturday, July 13 at 11 AM

Lifelong Learning: SC Birds

This time of year, we see birds everywhere. Learn how to identify the various birds of South Carolina, not only by how they look, but by the sounds they make.

Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 PM

Game On: Puzzle Party

It's a jigsaw puzzle party — enjoy the camaraderie of fellow puzzlers while you complete a beautiful picture.

Thursday, August 8 at 5:30 PM

Social Scene: Bollywood Dance

Learn Bollywood dance moves and get some exercise while listening to upbeat Hindi movie songs.

Thursday, August 29 at 5:30 PM

BOOK CLUBS



BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Murder on Mondays

Read a book of your choice to fit the monthly mystery theme. It's a great way to give (and get) mystery recommendations.

Mondays at 6 PM

May 6 | June 3 | July 1 | August 5

It's a Hardback Life

Read, discuss, repeat. This book club reads a variety of genres and encourages discussions.

Tuesdays at 11 AM

May 28 | June 25 | July 23 | August 27

CAYCE-WEST COLUMBIA

Detectives & Desserts

Cozy mysteries are fun, light-hearted adventures — with a side of murder. Join us as we read a variety of books, discuss them and share a delectable dessert.

Tuesdays at 6 PM (ages 16+)

May 7 | June 4 | July 2 | August 6

Happily Ever After

Love is in the air in this book club. Join us as we read and discuss romance novels.

Tuesdays at 3 PM

May 14 | June 11 | July 9 | August 13

Scary Story Society

Dig into interesting and chilling tales. All horror genres will be explored.

Mondays at 6 PM (ages 16+)

May 20 | June 17 | July 15 | August 19

Coffee, Books & More

Enjoy coffee and a lively discussion about a variety of books in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Tuesdays at 6 PM

May 28 | June 25 | July 30 | August 27

CHAPIN

Lit on the Lake

You're invited to the coolest book club on the block. Enjoy light refreshments and casual discussion on a variety of genres.

Tuesdays at 1 PM

May 7 | June 4 | July 2 | August 6

Murder on Mondays YA Edition

Will you uncover the truth? Delve into secrets, lies, puzzles, misdirection, cliffhangers and surprise endings in a selection of murder mysteries written especially for young adults.

Mondays at 6 PM (ages 16+)

May 13 | June 24 | July 29 | August 26

GASTON

Book Buzz & Beyond

Read a book relating to our monthly theme then discuss your likes, dislikes and offer recommendations. Light refreshments provided.

Mondays at 6 PM

May 20 | June 24 | July 22 | August 26

GILBERT-SUMMIT

Gilbert-Summit Book Club

Refresh your to-be-read list with recommendations from other book club participants and vote for next month's book selection.

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

May 30 | June 27 | July 25 | August 29

IRMO

Rowdy Readers

Read a variety of books and enjoy lively discussion in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Thursdays at 10 AM

May 2 | June 6 | July 11 | August 1

BYOBook Club

Choose any book that fits the monthly theme, then talk about your pick with friends in a morning of fun discussion.

Saturdays at 11 AM

May 11 | June 8 | July 6 | August 17

Reading for Writers

Do you want to take your writing to the next level? We will read fiction and nonfiction selections to explore the elements of exceptional storytelling.

Wednesdays at 6 PM

May 15 | June 19 | July 17 | August 21

Monday Evening Book Club

Read a variety of books and enjoy lively discussion in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Mondays at 6:30 PM

May 20 | June 24 | July 29 | August 26

LEXINGTON

Much Ado About Classics

Discuss the classics and explore how the ideas of yesteryear transcend time.

Tuesdays at 10 AM

May 7 | June 4 | July 2 | August 6

Let's Talk About It

Read a variety of books and enjoy lively discussion in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Wednesdays at 2 PM

May 8 | June 12 | July 10 | August 14

Third Thursdays @ 3

Read a variety of books and enjoy lively discussion in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Thursdays at 3 PM

May 16 | June 20 | July 18 | August 15

Monday Morning Book Club

Read a variety of books and enjoy lively discussion in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Mondays at 10 AM

May 20 | June 24 | July 22 | August 26

Forever Young (Adult) Book Club

Young Adult books tackle diverse themes and topics that are relatable no matter the age — friendship, identity, discrimination, fear, politics, family and more. Enjoy a pleasurable read and a lively discussion of, oftentimes, serious themes.

Mondays at 6:30 PM

May 20 | June 17 | July 15 | August 19

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Read a variety of books and enjoy lively discussion in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Tuesdays at 6:45 PM

May 28 | June 25 | July 23 | August 27

PELION

Spinecrackers

Read a variety of books and enjoy coffee, conversation and lively book discussions.

Thursdays at 3 PM

*May 23 | **Charleston** by Susan Crawford*

*June 27 | **The Secret Keeper of Jaipur** by Alka Joshi*

*July 25 | **The Perfumist of Paris** by Alka Joshi*

*August 22 | **Finding the Mother Tree** by Suzanne Simard*

BYOBooks

It's a coffee, tea and book talks kind of night. Read any novel from the genre of the month and tell us all about it.

Wednesdays at 6 PM

*June 5 | **Adventure Novels***

*July 3 | **Westerns***

*August 7 | **Nonfiction Books***

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE

Shelf Indulgence

Indulge with a monthly themed list of books that takes a step outside the typical book club format.

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM

May 14 | June 11 | July 9 | August 13

SWANSEA

Blue Jays Book Club

Read a variety of books and enjoy lively discussion in a friendly, casual atmosphere.

Thursdays at Noon

May 16 | June 20 | July 18 | August 15