

KICKOFF PARTIES



Pelion Branch Library

Saturday, June 1, 10 AM–Noon

Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library

Sunday, June 2, 2–4 PM

Chapin Branch Library

Monday, June 3, 4–6 PM

Irmo Branch Library

Tuesday, June 4, 10 AM–Noon

Cayce-West Columbia Branch Library

Tuesday, June 4, 5–7 PM

Lexington Main Library

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

Gilbert-Summit Branch Library

Thursday, June 6, 11 AM–1 PM

South Congaree-Pine Ridge Branch Library

Friday, June 7, 10 AM–Noon

Gaston Branch Library

Monday, June 10, 4–6 PM

Swansea Branch Library

Tuesday, June 11, 2–4 PM

PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE

READING 20 MINUTES A DAY CAN PREVENT
THE LOSS OF ACADEMIC SKILLS

2023 SUMMER STATS

280,350

TOTAL CHECKOUTS

 87.8% BOOKS

 12.2% AUDIOBOOKS

557 PROGRAMS

15,142

TOTAL ATTENDEES

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SUMMER READING 2024

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Adventure Begins at Your Library. This summer, embark on a journey that will ignite your imagination, broaden your horizons and transport you to places you've only dreamed of. Challenge yourself to try new things, choose the path less traveled and discover a greater version of yourself.

Summer Reading helps build literacy and language skills, prevents the dreaded summer slide for school-aged children, encourages teens and adults to experience the joy of reading and so much more.

Immerse yourself in endless fun as you explore everything your local library has to offer this summer. From exciting programs and exhilarating reads to museum and park passes, you choose your adventure.

Keeping up with summer reading is easy with options for paper tracking cards and the Beanstack Tracker app (available on Android and iOS systems).

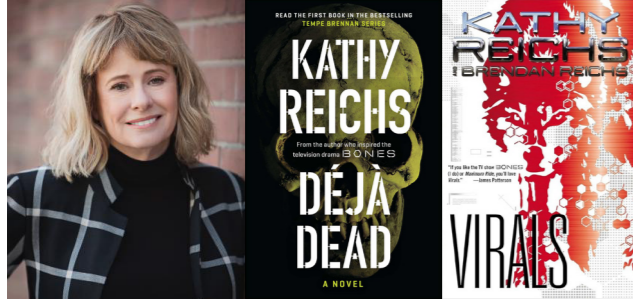
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SUMMER READING AT LEXCOLIBRARY

YOUTH SUMMER READING

TWEEN & TEEN SUMMER READING

ADULT SUMMER READING



Author Talk: An Evening With Kathy Reichs
Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 PM | Lexington Main Library
Kathy Reichs's 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. (ages 14+)

South Carolina State Parks | all ages
Discover SC State Parks like an Ultimate Outsider. Get tips on hiking, fishing, camping and other recreational activities to explore. Presented by Sesquicentennial State Park Interpretive Ranger Stacey Jensen.

Forest Explorers | grades K-5
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.



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Summer Reading begins June 1
- Begin picking up prizes June 15
- Summer Reading ends August 10

Criss Cross Mangosauce
June 17-21 | grades K-5
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.

Carolina Wildlife
June 24-28 | grades K-5
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.

Story Quest
July 8-12 | grades K-5
Discover the power of imagination and go on a magical storytelling adventure with our master guides. Explore captivating stories, puppetry and more.

Gravity Check
July 15-19 | grades K-5
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.

Adventure of the Lost Treasure
July 22-26 | grades K-5
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.

The Totally Twisted Tale of the Three Little Pigs
July 29-August 2 | grades K-5
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.

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

Action & Reactions | grades 6-12
Work together to explore and investigate various science concepts through hands-on experiments and exciting STEM challenges with Talewise.

Art of Chinese Opera | grades 6-12
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 | grades 6-8
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 | grades 9-12
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 | grades 6-12
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 | grades 6-12
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.



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*.

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.

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.

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. Additional attendees are welcome to observe the presentation.

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.