



LEXINGTON COUNTY Public Library

SUMMER 2023 PROGRAM GUIDE

MAY–AUGUST

All Together Now



SUMMER READING 2023

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Libraries are essential to our communities, especially in the summer when kids and teens are out of school and need a safe and enriching place to learn and grow. Our summer reading program is especially beneficial to reluctant readers because it helps to build excitement and generate interest in literacy and learning in a non-formal setting. Routine access to books and other materials, as well as activities and programs, help children, teens and adults stay engaged in learning and explore new interests.

Libraries are also the best place for the community to come together and connect with others in a shared and welcoming space. Through library programs, people can share their stories, explore new ideas and find common ground.

This summer, we've partnered with Maxwell King, Yasu Ishida, Chad Crews, Tom Poland, Porkchop Productions, Balloonopolis and many more to bring you, your family, friends and neighbors a collection of enriching programs and events.

Make library visits a regular part of your schedule and reading and learning will become a habit for your whole family. We'll see you soon.

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Kelly R. Poole, Library Director



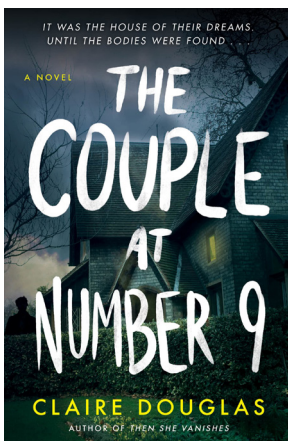
UPCOMING CLOSINGS

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

- **Wednesday, May 10** for Confederate Memorial Day
- **Monday, May 29** for Memorial Day
- **Tuesday, July 4** for Independence Day

DIRECTOR'S PICKS

Just Finished
The Couple at Number 9
by Claire Douglas



Just Started
The Midnight Library
by Matt Haig



You Don't Want to Miss

Tween Extreme: Testing TikTok Challenges

This interactive program tests popular TikTok claims. (grades 4-7)

Thursday, May 18 at 3:30 PM — Batesburg-Leesville Branch Library

Lifelong Learning: Gentle Yoga

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 yoga mat if possible. (ages 18+)

Thursdays at 5:30 PM — Gilbert-Summit Branch Library

June 15 | August 3



MISSION STATEMENT

Provide access to quality resources that promote life-long literacy for the Lexington County community.

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BRANCHES & HOURS

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

Batesburg–Leesville | (803) 532-9223
203 Armory Street, Batesburg 29006
Mon • 10:30 AM – 7:30 PM
Tue – Fri • 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Sat • 9 AM – 5 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 • 12 – 8 PM
Tue, Wed, Fri • 9 AM – 5 PM
Sat • 9 AM – 1 PM

Gaston | (803) 785-9908
214 S Main Street, Gaston 29053
Mon • 11 AM – 7 PM
Tue, Thu • 10 AM – 6 PM
Wed • 12 – 6 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

Gilbert–Summit | (803) 785-5387
405 Broad Street, Gilbert 29054
Mon, Wed • 11 AM – 5 PM
Tue, Thu • 10 AM – 7 PM
Sat • 9 AM – 12 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

Pelion | (803) 785-3272
206 Pine Street, Pelion 29123
Mon • 12 – 5 PM
Tue, Wed, Fri • 9 AM – 5 PM
Thu • 1 – 8 PM
Sat • 9 AM – 1 PM

South Congaree–Pine Ridge | (803) 785-3050
200 Sunset Drive, West Columbia 29172
Mon, Fri • 9 AM – 5 PM
Tue • 11 AM – 7 PM
Thu • 12 – 6 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

Swansea | (803) 785-3519
199 N Lawrence Avenue, Swansea 29160
Mon, Fri • 10 AM – 6 PM
Tue • 11 AM – 7 PM
Thu • 12 – 6 PM
Sat • 10 AM – 1 PM

Mobile Library | (803) 785-2674
Mon – Fri

SUMMER READING



KICKOFF PARTY

We're getting *All Together Now* at our summer reading kickoff. Make new friends and enjoy fun activities and yummy treats. Sign up for summer reading and get ready for exciting new adventures. (all ages)

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, June 1, 12–2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Tuesday, June 6, 2–4 PM

Chapin

Thursday, June 1, 5:30–7 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 6, 4–6 PM

Pelion

Saturday, June 3, 10 AM–12 PM

Lexington

Wednesday, June 7, 3–6 PM
at Icehouse Amphitheater

Gaston

Monday, June 5, 4:30–6:30 PM

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Friday, June 9, 10 AM–12 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Monday, June 5, 5–7 PM

Swansea

Friday, June 9, 2–4 PM

HELLO JAPAN

Be transported to the enchanting land of Japan by magic story artist Yasu Ishida. Witness the mystic wonder of storytelling and origami in this interactive show. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, June 19 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, June 21 at 2 PM

Gaston

Monday, June 19 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, June 22 at 10:30 AM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 20 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, June 22 at 2 PM

Chapin

Tuesday, June 20 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, June 23 at 10:30 AM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, June 21 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, June 23 at 2 PM

ALL TOGETHER WITH CHAD CREWS

Gather with friends and family as Chad Crews shares stories of togetherness, magic, music, a live animal and more. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, June 12 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, June 14 at 2 PM

Gaston

Monday, June 12 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, June 15 at 10:30 AM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 13 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, June 15 at 2 PM

Chapin

Tuesday, June 13 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, June 16 at 10:30 AM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, June 14 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, June 16 at 2 PM

FRIENDVENTURES

Celebrate the magic of storytelling with tales of friendship and adventure from our very own master tellers. Be delighted by captivating stories, puppetry and more. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, June 26 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, June 28 at 2 PM

Gaston

Monday, June 26 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, June 29 at 10:30 AM

Irmo

Tuesday, June 27 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, June 29 at 2 PM

Chapin

Tuesday, June 27 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, June 30 at 10:30 AM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, June 28 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, June 30 at 2 PM

WE'VE SWITCHED APPS — DOWNLOAD BEANSTACK TRACKER TO LOG YOUR SUMMER READING PROGRESS.



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 10 at 10:30 AM

Gaston

Monday, July 10 at 2 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, July 11 at 10:30 AM

Chapin

Tuesday, July 11 at 2 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, July 12 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, July 12 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, July 13 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, July 13 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, July 14 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, July 14 at 2 PM

PANTASIA STEEL BAND

Experience calypso, soca and reggae musical selections with Pantasia Steel Band's interactive musical performance of steel drums and Caribbean percussion. Learn about Caribbean geography, the history of the steel drum, and historical and cultural events that led to the instrument's development in Trinidad. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, July 17 at 10:30 AM

Gaston

Monday, July 17 at 2 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, July 18 at 10:30 AM

Chapin

Tuesday, July 18 at 2 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, July 19 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, July 19 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, July 20 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, July 20 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, July 21 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, July 21 at 2 PM

THE ANT & THE GRASSHOPPER

Personalities collide when a hardworking ant and a lazy grasshopper find themselves in a living situation that is too close for comfort. Porkchop Productions presents a brand new, reimagined adaptation that teaches the important lessons that hard work pays off ... and teamwork makes the dream work. (grades K–5)

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, July 24 at 10:30 AM

Gaston

Monday, July 24 at 2 PM

Irmo

Tuesday, July 25 at 10:30 AM

Chapin

Tuesday, July 25 at 2 PM

Cayce-West Columbia

Wednesday, July 26 at 10:30 AM

Lexington

Wednesday, July 26 at 2 PM

Batesburg-Leesville

Thursday, July 27 at 10:30 AM

Gilbert-Summit

Thursday, July 27 at 2 PM

Pelion

Friday, July 28 at 10:30 AM

Swansea

Friday, July 28 at 2 PM



JUNE 1–AUGUST 14
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STORYTIMES

BOOK BABIES

An experience for our youngest library users and their grownups — this interactive storytime is a wonderful way to introduce your child to the joys of reading in a positive and fun atmosphere. **(birth–12 months)**

Batesburg-Leesville

Wednesdays at 10 AM (birth–24 months)
May 17–June 28 | July 12–August 30

Cayce-West Columbia

Tuesdays at 10 AM
June 6–27 | July 11–25 | August 1, 8

Irmo

Tuesdays at 9 AM
June 13–27 | July 11–25

Lexington

Saturdays at 10 AM | *Tuesdays at 9:30 AM*
May 6–August 26 | *June 13–27 | July 11–25*

FAMILY STORYTIME

Introduce your little ones to literature in a way that allows all ages to experience the best in books, nursery rhymes, fingerplays, songs and more. **(all ages)**

Cayce-West Columbia

Saturdays at 10:30 AM
June 10, 24 | July 8, 22 | August 5

Irmo

Wednesdays at 10 AM
June 14–28 | July 12–26

Lexington

Saturdays at 11 AM
May 6–August 26

Pelion

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
June 7–28 | July 12, 19

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Dance, move, sing and sway into literacy. Explore the sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language in this dynamic and interactive program that builds early literacy skills. **(ages 2–6)**

Gilbert-Summit

Thursdays at 10:30 AM
June 8, 22 | July 20 | August 3

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Fridays at 10:30 AM
June 16–30 | July 14–28

PAJAMA STORYTIME

Throw on your PJ's, grab a blanket, invite your stuffed animal friend and snuggle in for a soothing evening of stories, songs and rhymes. **(all ages)**

Cayce-West Columbia

Thursdays at 6:30 PM
June 8–29 | July 13–27 | August 3, 10

Irmo

Mondays at 7 PM
May 8 | June 12 | July 10 | August 14

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Share a lifelong love of reading with your little one by exploring stories and activities together. This storytime is designed to promote language and listening skills, expand the imagination, and spark curiosity about the world around us. **(ages 3–5 years)**

Batesburg-Leesville

Wednesdays at 10:45 AM
May 17–June 28 | July 12–August 30

Chapin

Wednesdays at 1 PM
May 3, 17, 24 | June 14–28
July 12–26 | August 16–30

Gaston

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
June 6–27 | July 11–25 | August 1–29

Lexington

Tuesdays at 3:30 PM
June 13–27 | July 11–25
Wednesdays at 11:30 AM
June 14–28 | July 12–26

Pelion

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
May 3, 17, 24 | August 9–30

Swansea

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM
May 2–30 | June 6–27 | July 11–25 | August 1–29

ROMP & RHYME

Full of picture books, lap rhymes, fingerplays and songs, this lively storytime is perfect for young toddlers and their grownups. **(ages 12–24 months)**

Lexington

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM
June 13–27 | July 11–25

Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
June 14–28 | July 12–26

SUNSHINE & STORIES

Introduce your little ones to the fun of literature in the great outdoors, weather permitting. Be sure to bring chairs or blankets to better enjoy this storytime. **(all ages)**

South Congaree-Pine Ridge

Monday, May 1 at 10 AM

TODDLERTIME

A fun-filled interactive program for toddlers and their grownups that uses rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to kindle the learning process. **(ages 24–36 months)**

Cayce-West Columbia

Tuesdays at 10:45 AM (ages 12–36 months)
June 6–27 | July 11–25 | August 1, 8

Chapin

Fridays at 11 AM
May 5–26 | June 16–30
July 14–28 | August 18, 25

Lexington

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

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
June 14–28 | July 12–26

YOGA STORYTIME

Stretch your mind and body with us. We'll share books, songs and rhymes while promoting playful, active learning and a healthy lifestyle. Be sure to bring a blanket, thick towel or yoga mat. **(ages 3–6 years)**

Gilbert-Summit

Thursdays at 10:30 AM
June 15, 29 | July 13, 27

Lexington

Fridays at 10:30 AM
June 16, 30 | July 14, 28



Program attendance may be limited to adhere to local guidelines.

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE

Full STEAM Ahead: Keva Planks

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

Tuesday, May 23 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

Craft Squad: Suncatchers

Paint a beautiful suncatcher to take home or give as a gift.

Tuesday, June 20 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

Nature Nook: Sunshine Artists

Art and science come together as we use found objects outside to create beautiful pictures on photosensitive paper.

Tuesday, July 18 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

Kid Zone: National Dog Day

Meet a local police dog and his officer to learn about the important jobs they do in the community, as well as create a DIY dog toy to take home to your best buddy.

Tuesday, August 22 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

CAYCE–WEST COLUMBIA

Family Palooza: Puppets All Together Now

Bring the whole family together for a puppet show filled with songs, stories, jokes and cheer.

Wednesday, June 7 at 10:30 AM (all ages)

Kid Zone: Eat What You Read

Healthy eating and nutrition meet our favorite storytime books in this hands-on program. We will read and make a tasty treat together. Come hungry!

Saturday, June 10 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

Lego Club

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

Saturday, June 24 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

Move It: Yoga for Kids

Stretch your mind and body with us. We'll share books, songs and rhymes while promoting playful, active learning and a healthy lifestyle. Be sure to bring a blanket, thick towel or yoga mat.

Saturday, July 8 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

Kid Zone: Ancient Egypt

Are you interested in all things ancient? Explore hieroglyphs, pyramids and more with some fun activities.

Saturday, July 22 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

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, August 2 at 10:30 AM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Puppets Together Again

End your summer with an encore performance of our *Puppets All Together Now* variety show. Bring the whole family.

Wednesday, August 9 at 10:30 AM (all ages)

CHAPIN

Family Palooza: May the 4th Be With You

Celebrate a galaxy far, far away with Star Wars-inspired activities and surprises.

Thursday, May 4 at 4:30 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Cotton Ball Launchers

Have you ever stretched and launched a rubber band? Does the amount of stretch affect the distance a rubber band will travel? Build a rubber band-powered launcher and have all your questions answered.

Monday, May 8 at 6 PM (all ages)

Kid Zone: Mother's Day

We're making a special gift for Mom ... shhh, it's a secret.

Thursday, May 11 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

Family Palooza: Pizza Party

It's National Pizza Party Day. Celebrate with a special storytime, including pizza-inspired stories, crafts and a snack.

Monday, May 15 at 3:15 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Cocky's Reading Express

Experience Cocky's Reading Express with Valerie Byrd Fort from the University of South Carolina as she shares her love of literacy through books and stories.

Thursday, June 1 at 5 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Decorate a Doughnut

What's round, iced and sprinkled with a hole in the middle? If you guessed doughnuts, you're in for a treat as we enjoy a story and a doughnut on National Doughnut Day.

Friday, June 2 at 1 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Monday Madness

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

Mondays at 1 PM (all ages)

June 19, 26 | July 17, 24

Family Palooza: Happy Birthday Harry

Celebrate Harry's birthday with a movie marathon of the first four Harry Potter movies. Snacks, drinks and, of course, a birthday cake.

Monday, July 31, 12–7:30 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Back-to-School Tie-dye

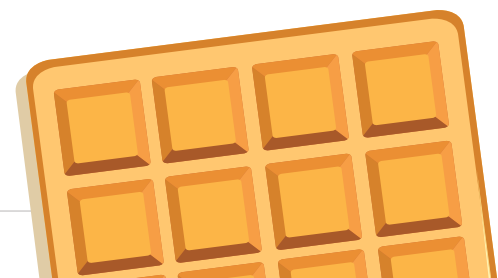
Making your back-to-school list? Paper, pencils, books ... extra cool tie-dye T-shirt? Bring a white 100% cotton T-shirt and we will provide everything you need to make a cool back-to-school shirt. This is a drop-in event.

Thursday, August 17, 3–6 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Waffles

It's National Waffle Day. Celebrate with a special storytime including waffle-inspired stories, crafts and a snack.

Thursday, August 24 at 4 PM (all ages)





Program attendance may be limited to adhere to local guidelines.

GASTON

Kid Zone: String Puppets

Get creative and learn how to make your very own string puppets.

Thursday, May 11 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

Kid Zone: Together Crosswords

Put your communication skills to the test while working together to complete a giant crossword puzzle.

Thursday, June 8 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

Kid Zone: Love Bugs

Create love bugs to give away to those you care about.

Thursday, July 13 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

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 2:45 PM (grades K–5)
May 3 | August 2

Wednesdays at 11:30 AM (grades K–5)
June 7–28 | July 12–26 | August 2

Craft Squad: Mother's Day Surprise

Make a special surprise for a special mom. All materials provided.

Tuesday, May 9 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

Craft Squad: Tie-Dyed Summer

Embrace this year's summer reading theme *All Together Now* with some groovy tie-dyed gear. You bring the cotton shirt and we'll supply the rest. Dress for a mess.

Thursday, June 8 at 2 PM (grades K–5)

Family Palooza: Wrap-Up Party

Summer reading may be winding down, but the fun never ends. Celebrate your reading successes with wacky games and sweet treats.

Thursday, August 3 at 12 PM (all ages)

IRMO

Family Palooza: Collaborative Art

Being creative is a great way to connect as a family. We'll provide the supplies, you supply the creativity as you work together on a family masterpiece.

Wednesday, May 3 at 4 PM (all ages)

Kid Zone: All Together Now

In the spirit of our summer reading theme, learn about your community and celebrate all the amazing things that make you special with a life-sized art project.

Wednesday, June 14 at 4 PM (grades K–5)

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 PM (grades K–5)
June 19 | July 17

Family Palooza: Service Saturday

No one said giving back to your community couldn't be fun. Work together with others on a craft project that will be donated to a local charity.

Saturdays at 2:30 PM (all ages)
June 24 | July 15

Kid Zone: Wonderful Watermelon

Celebrate this favorite summertime fruit with books and crafts. We will be painting, so come dressed for a mess.

Wednesday, June 28 at 4 PM (grades K–5)

Just Play: Pokémon Party

Pokémon are back at Irmo Branch Library. Explore the library as you search for Pokémon with an interactive scavenger hunt and enjoy themed crafts and games.

Wednesday, July 12 at 4 PM (grades K–5)

Kid Zone: Popsicle Party

Beat the heat with a cool summer treat, and create your own popsicle magnet craft to take home.

Wednesday, July 26 at 4 PM (grades K–5)

Just Play: Backyard Games

Enjoy a mix of open play time and a few structured recess-style games. Come dressed to move.

Wednesday, August 9 at 4 PM (grades K–5)

LEXINGTON

Mini Movers: Family Play Day

Children learn best through play. Let your little one practice their gross and fine motor skills with a special Saturday mashup of our popular weekday programs *Play Cafe* and *Foamnasium*.

Saturdays at 3 PM (ages 2–6 years)
June 10 | July 1

Mini Movers: Play Cafe

It's a play date for the whole community. Help your little one develop fine motor skills and creativity through open-ended sensory play, games and other hands-on activities.

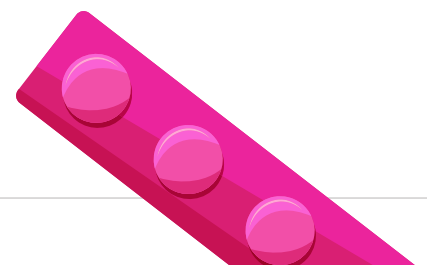
Mondays, 9:30–11:30 AM (ages 2–6 years)
June 12, 26 | July 10, 24

Mini Movers: Foamnasium

Play is one of five practices to promote early literacy skills in young children. Join us for open play on our Foamnasium playground, and develop your little one's gross motor skills along the way.

Thursdays at 9:30 AM (birth–24 months)
June 15–29 | July 13–27

Thursdays at 10:30 AM (ages 2–5 years)
June 15–29 | July 13–27



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 (grades K–5)
June 15–29 | July 13–27*

*Thursdays at 4 PM (grades K–5)
June 15–29 | July 13–27*

Just Play: Game Design

Learn the basics of creating a game and design your own to take home and teach to your family and friends.

Monday, June 19 at 2 PM (grades K–5)

Full STEAM Ahead: Mission Creativity

Stop by Mission Control for a drop-in makerspace program. Your mission: discover fun new ways to get creative using the tools and supplies provided. Younger siblings may attend with elementary-age attendees if they are accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Fridays, 11 AM–4 PM (grades K–5)

June 23 | Simple Machines

July 21 | Engineering Things That Move

Kid Zone: Rocking Rainbow Fish

Learn about kindness and sharing with a retelling of the award-winning book *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister and make some awesome crafts to complement the story.

Monday, July 17 at 2 PM (grades K–5)

Family Palooza: Lights, Movie, Action

Become a part of the action as we watch Disney's *Encanto* (PG). React throughout the movie using props provided and a guided script. Add to the fun by dressing up as your favorite character. Children under six must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, July 31 at 2 PM (all ages)

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 (grades K–5)

May 2 | June 6 | August 1



Family Palooza: Star Wars Water Wars

May the Fourth be with you as you battle your family in these water wars. Prepare to get wet.

Thursday, May 4 at 5 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Poetry Party

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

Thursday, May 11 at 6 PM (all ages)

Kid Zone: Straw Flutes

Create a flute using plastic straws and paper. With a little practice, you'll be playing sweet, sweet melodies.

Tuesday, May 16 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

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.

Thursday, May 25 at 5 PM (all ages)

Family Palooza: Cardboard Creations

Use cardboard to create carnival games to share. These carnival games will be showcased at our summer reading wrap-up party.

Fridays at 1–4:30 PM (all ages)

June 16–30 | July 14–28

Family Palooza: Cardboard Carnival

Play community-made cardboard carnival games at our summer reading wrap-up party. Log your remaining summer reading missions and pick up your prizes.

Saturday, July 29, 10 AM–12 PM (all ages)

Kid Zone: Jump in the Line

Practice your balance and coordination skills in this fun jumping game.

Tuesday, August 15 at 3 PM (grades K–5)

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.

Thursdays at 3 PM (all ages)

May 4 | June 1 | July 13 | August 3

Kid Zone: No Bake Treats

Too hot for the oven? Discover ways to make delicious, sweet treats without the heat.

Friday, May 5 at 3:30 PM (grades K–5)

Family Palooza: Cocky's Reading Express

Cocky's Reading Express literacy program features the Carolina mascot and USC student volunteers. The students read to the children, and Cocky helps the children understand the importance of lifelong reading.

Friday, August 4 at 10:30 AM (all ages)

SWANSEA

Lego Club

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

Mondays at 4:30 PM (grades K–5)

May 8, 22 | June 5, 19

July 17, 31 | August 14, 28

Kid Zone: Mother's Day Surprise

Make a special surprise for a special mom. All materials provided.

Monday, May 8 at 4:30 PM (grades K–5)

Family Palooza: Movie Matinee

Escape the summer heat while enjoying the Pixar film *Luca* (PG). Refreshments provided.

Monday, June 12 at 2 PM (all ages)

Craft Squad: Flower Power

Have a little fun with nature painting a flower pot and planting a seed.

Monday, July 17 at 2 PM (grades K–5)

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

TWEEN EXTREME

(grades 4–7)

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE

Testing TikTok Challenges

This interactive program tests popular TikTok claims.

Thursday, May 18 at 3:30 PM

Yoga With Friends

See page eleven for description.

Thursday, June 22 at 3:30 PM

Bubble Painting

Create beautiful hydrangeas while exploring new painting techniques.

Thursday, August 24 at 3:30 PM

CAYCE–WEST COLUMBIA

Flushed Away Interactive Movie

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Saturday, May 20 at 2 PM (grades 4–12)

Thread Squad

See page eleven for description.

Saturday, June 17 at 2 PM

Pop-Up Poetry

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Saturday, July 15 at 2 PM

Ratatouille Interactive Movie

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Saturday, August 12 at 2 PM (grades 4–12)

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 3:15 PM
May 5–26 | June 2–30
July 14–28 | August 18, 25*

Jeopardy

I'll take "Books and Movies" for \$500. Test your knowledge in our version of *Jeopardy* and maybe learn something new. If you're unfamiliar with *Jeopardy*, answers are given first and you supply the questions. We'll split into teams, play through several rounds and celebrate everyone's winning attitude.

Thursday, May 18 at 6 PM

Balloonopolis

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Thursday, June 22 at 2 PM

GASTON

Thread Squad

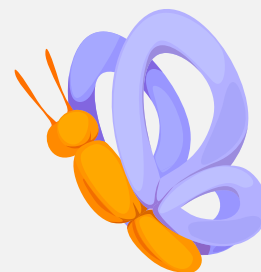
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Saturday, June 10 at 11 AM

The More We Paint Together

Come together to create a masterpiece in a relay race to paint to the finish.

Thursday, August 24 at 3:30 PM



GILBERT–SUMMIT

Epic Crafts: Tie-Dyed Summer

Embrace this year's summer reading theme *All Together Now* with some groovy tie-dyed gear. You bring the cotton shirt and we'll provide the rest. Make sure to dress for mess.

Tuesday, June 20 at 4 PM

Epic Crafts: Kindness Cards

Create inspirational messages, notes and artwork to spread kindness throughout the library.

Tuesday, July 11 at 4 PM

IRMO

Outside the Lines: Pointillism

Explore this painting technique, developed by artist Georges Seurat, where small, painted dots form a pattern or picture.

Tuesday, June 13 at 4 PM

Balloonopolis

See page eleven for description.

Tuesday, June 27 at 4 PM

Level Up: Game Day

Play a new-to-you or old favorite board game and hang out with friends. Games and snacks provided — just bring yourself.

Tuesday, July 11 at 4 PM

Epic Crafts: Picture Frames

Create a frame for your favorite photo memory or your original artwork. All supplies provided.

Tuesday, August 8 at 4 PM



LEXINGTON

Level Up: Pop Culture Trivia

Test your knowledge of all things pop culture with a fun-filled hour of live trivia.

Monday, June 19 at 11 AM

Balloonopolis

See page eleven for description.

Friday, June 30 at 2 PM

Christmas in July

Celebrate Christmas in July with a Christmas-themed party, including games, crafts and tasty treats.

Monday, July 17 at 11 AM

Thread Squad

See page eleven for description.

Saturday, July 22 at 2 PM

PELION

Epic Crafts: Button Art

Create a 3D picture using a colorful array of buttons.

Wednesday, May 24 at 4 PM

Balloonopolis

See page eleven for description.

Thursday, June 8 at 2 PM

Level Up: Hula Hoop Pass

Circle up and pass a hula hoop all the way around without dropping hands.

Wednesday, June 21 at 4 PM

Thread Squad

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Saturday, July 15 at 10 AM (grades 4–12)

Yoga With Friends

See page eleven for description.

Thursday, July 20 at 3:30 PM

Level Up: Live-Action Board Game

Create a character, complete challenges, race against your friends and become a piece on a giant board game.

Wednesday, July 26 at 4 PM

Regression Session

Take a break and be a kid again. Listen to storytime, color and make slime.

Wednesday, August 23 at 4 PM

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE

Balloonopolis

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Thursday, June 29 at 4 PM

Epic Crafts: Tie-Dye Spirit Flags

Tap into your creative spirit by creating a tie-dyed spirit flag. All materials provided. Dress to get messy.

Thursday, July 20 at 4 PM

SWANSEA

Balloonopolis

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Thursday, June 15 at 4:30 PM (grades 4–12)

Pop-Up Poetry

See page eleven for description.

Thursday, July 20 at 4:30 PM (grades 4–12)

All Together Now

BALLOONOPOLIS

Inflate and tie your very own balloon creations with expert balloon artists from Balloonopolis.

MINDFUL ME

Are you feeling overwhelmed by life's challenges? Are you struggling to focus on what's truly important? Then it's time to level up your mental game with the one and only Charity Collier. As a Master in Meditation, she's here to teach you the secrets to finding inner peace and clarity. No more confusion or stress — just pure mindfulness bliss. Discover why meditation is the ultimate superpower.

POP-UP POETRY

Compose your own individual acrostic poem, then work *All Together Now* to join your lines with others to create a larger group poem. Learn poetry composition, editing techniques, piece arrangement and public speaking from local performance artist Queen It Shall Be.

THREAD SQUAD

Create your own yarn using old T-shirts with local fiber artist Makenzye Barfield. Macrame your yarn, or trade yarn with others, to create a uniquely beautiful bracelet you can give to your bestie or keep for yourself. All materials provided.

YOGA WITH FRIENDS

Discover the power of your body and breath with the timeless art of yoga. Join the amazing Melissa Crook, a certified E-RYT 500 yoga instructor, and unleash your inner yogi. No worries if you're new to yoga — this is a beginner-friendly class. Just come dressed in comfy clothes and bring a cozy blanket, thick towel or yoga mat. Let's flow and find our zen together.



TEENSCENE

(grades 6–12)

BATESBURG–LEESVILLE

Hang Space

A low-key atmosphere that's perfect for enjoying art supplies, music, books, toys, games and snacks.

Thursdays at 3:30 PM
May 4 | August 10

Balloonopolis

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Saturday, August 12 at 2 PM (grades 4–12)

CHAPIN

Book to Movie Club

Read the book, then watch the movie. Discuss the differences between the film and book while enjoying popcorn and snacks.

Mondays at 5 PM
May 22 | June 12 | July 10

Jeopardy

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Thursday, May 25 at 6 PM

Balloonopolis

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Thursday, June 22 at 4 PM

Lock-in

Get together for an after-hours lock-in exclusively for teens. Play a variety of games, make a craft, build your own pizza and enjoy time together with friends new and old before the summer ends. Space is limited. Registration and a signed permission slip are required.

Wednesday, August 9, 5–9 PM

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 more about participating in the House Cup challenge and attending Hogwarts classes at the library.

Thursday, August 31 at 6 PM

GASTON

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Test your communication and collaboration skills by competing in *Survivor*-style games to see which team comes out on top.

Thursday, May 25 at 3:30 PM

Mindful Me

See page eleven for description.

Thursday, July 20 at 3:30 PM

GILBERT–SUMMIT

Yoga With Friends

See page eleven for description.

Tuesday, June 13 at 4 PM

Canva

Spice up your stories, reels and posts with these tips and tricks using Canva.

Tuesday, July 25 at 4 PM

Back-to-School Bash

School will be starting again before you know it. Collect some fun goodies and eat some tasty treats while you get ready for the new year.

Tuesday, August 1 at 2 PM

IRMO

Page by Page:

Bring Your Own Book Club

Read any book you want that fits the monthly theme. We'll compare titles, share our likes and dislikes, chat about our favorites and, of course, eat some snacks.

Thursdays at 4:30 PM
May 11 | June 15 | July 13 | August 10



Level Up: Board Game Night

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.

Tuesdays at 4:30 PM

May 16 | June 20 | July 18 | August 15

Study Cafe

It's finals season, and we know that's stressful. Change up your study scenery, grab a snack and enjoy a stress-busting brain break or a quiet place to work (or both) at this drop-in event.

Tuesday, May 23, 4–7 PM

Epic Crafts: Paint Party

Tap into your inner Bob Ross as we explore several different methods of art with acrylic paint. Come dressed for a potential mess.

Thursday, June 22 at 4:30 PM

Yoga With Friends

See page eleven for description.

Thursday, June 29 at 4:30 PM

Kid for a Day

Do you ever find yourself longing for the days of mandatory naps, storytimes and crayons? If so, join us as we take it back to simpler times with games, snacks and, yes, maybe even a storytime.

Thursday, July 27 at 4:30 PM

After Hours TeenCon

Experience the library after dark in a "fan"-tastic evening of games, snacks and activities inspired by fandom. Registration and permission slips required.

Friday, July 28 at 5:30–8 PM

LEXINGTON**Outside the Lines: Creative Canvases**

Follow along to create a step-by-step acrylic painting of your own.

Friday, June 16 at 2 PM

Manga Night

Bring your cosplay and love for manga to Manga Night at the library.

Tuesday, June 20 at 6 PM

Service Day

Get involved with your community in a hands-on way and volunteer your time at the local library. Not one of our regular volunteers? No problem. Can't make it every month? No worries, come when you can.

Saturdays at 2 PM

June 24 | July 29

Level Up: Tabletop Games

Get out and play this summer ... in the air-conditioned library. Do you like board games, engine games, resource games, social deduction or storytelling games? Come and find out in a tabletop game extravaganza.

Monday, June 26 at 4 PM

Mindful Me

See page eleven for description.

Monday, July 10 at 4 PM

Yoga With Friends

See page eleven for description.

Tuesday, July 18 at 6 PM

Outside the Lines: Cottagecore Terrariums

Escape this summer into the soft peacefulness of the pastoral life known as cottagecore while designing your own cozy cottage terrarium.

Monday, July 24 at 4 PM

PELION**Star Wars Flashback**

Travel to a galaxy far, far away with us before Star Wars Day. See where it all began with the Star Wars classic, *A New Hope* (PG).

Wednesday, May 3 at 4 PM

Level Up: Crossing Galaxies

Get moving and use teamwork to get across the galaxy without falling into a black hole.

Wednesday, June 7 at 4 PM

Pop-Up Poetry

See page eleven for description.

Thursday, June 22 at 2 PM

**Level Up: Escape Room**

Solve puzzles and escape the room within the time limit.

Wednesday, July 12 at 4 PM

Thread Squad

See page eleven for description.

Saturday, July 15 at 10 AM (grades 4–12)

Epic Crafts: Decorate Your Locker

Choose from several small arts and crafts projects to make your locker your own.

Wednesday, August 9 at 4 PM

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE**Labyrinth**

Celebrate World Labyrinth Day by learning how to draw the classic labyrinth pattern, walking an outdoor labyrinth and examining the history of labyrinths.

Tuesday, May 2 at 5:30 PM

Mindful Me

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Thursday, June 15 at 5 PM

Yoga With Friends

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Tuesday, July 11 at 5 PM

SWANSEA**Balloonopolis**

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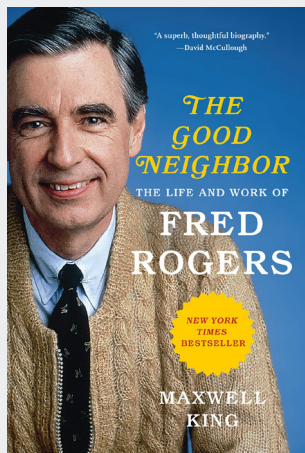
Thursday, June 15 at 4:30 PM (grades 4–12)

Pop-Up Poetry

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Thursday, July 20 at 4:30 PM (grades 4–12)

AUTHOR TALK: MAXWELL KING



Fred Rogers was much more than one of the seminal figures in the development of television in America in the 20th century. He was also a leading educator who worked to advance the development of early childhood education in the U.S. Fred spread a powerful message of love, kindness and understanding to millions of children, parents and teachers throughout the country, making himself an icon for the value of kindness. Maxwell King, author of *The Good Neighbor*, tells some of the most compelling stories from Fred's life and work and explains his profound influence on society.

Saturday, June 10 at 2 PM
Lexington Main Library

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Handmade: Jewelry

Learn how to make jewelry. Internationally published and award-winning Canadian jewelry artist and teacher 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.

Tuesday, May 2 at 2 PM

Game On: Tabletop Games

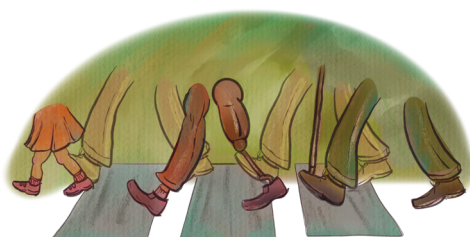
Spend some time learning to play board and tabletop games. Meet with new and old friends and share some of your favorite games.

Mondays at 5:30 PM
May 22 | June 26 | July 31 | August 28

Author Talk: Mary Martha Greene

In *The Cheese Biscuit Queen Tells All*, author Mary Martha Greene, a South Carolinian and former lobbyist, pairs more than one hundred tried-and-true recipes with stories from her corner of the South. The pages brim with fabulous characters, antic-filled anecdotes and recipes so good they might just call for a change in State House rules (true story).

Monday, June 19 at 5:30 PM



Author Talk: Tom Poland

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Monday, July 17 at 5:30 PM

Handmade: Paint Night

Use everyday items like sponges and forks to add movement and texture to your paintings. All materials provided.

Monday, August 14 at 5:30 PM

CAYCE-WEST COLUMBIA

Now Showing: Morning Movie Classics

Enjoy coffee, doughnuts and classic films on the first Monday of every month.

Mondays at 10 AM
May 1 | June 5 | July 3 | August 7

Walk With Ease

This six-part walking course can help reduce the pain of arthritis, improve balance and strength, and build confidence in your ability to be physically active. Presented in partnership with the Division of Public Health Nutrition of SCDHEC.

Tuesdays, May 2-30 at 10 AM
Thursday, June 8 at 10 AM

Handmade: Stitch2Gether

Relax and work on your current project while chatting with fellow crafters. Learn a new technique and make progress on a project that has you stuck. Bring your needed materials.

Wednesdays at 4 PM
May 3, 17-31 | June 7-28 | July 5-26 | August 2-30

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 at 9 AM
May 5-August 25

Retro Aerobics

We're going back to the '80s for some low-impact exercise.

Saturdays at 4 PM
May 6 | June 3 | July 1 | August 26

Game On: All A-Board!

Discover board games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, Wingspan and much more. We'll have games for everyone with varying difficulty levels, whether you're a seasoned pro or a curious beginner.

Mondays at 5 PM
May 8 | June 12 | July 10 | August 14

Historically Speaking: Lexington County

Learn the history of the place we call home, from pre-colonization to the present. Presented by Lexington County Museum.

Thursday, May 11 at 5 PM

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
May 16 | June 20 | July 18 | August 15

Lifelong Learning: Not Your Disney Princesses

From pirate queens to World War II spies, we'll learn about real-life women who made their mark on the world and library resources you can use to discover more strong women throughout time.

Thursday, May 18 at 3 PM

Handmade: So Creative

Learn new skills and techniques each month with fun hands-on projects. All materials provided.

Thursdays at 11 AM

May 18 | June 15 | July 20 | August 17

Social Scene:**Downton Abbey Spring Tea Party**

You are cordially invited to our spring tea party celebrating the beloved *Downton Abbey* television show. Enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, games and discussions about the possible future of Downton Abbey, the movies as well as past plot points.

Sunday, May 21 at 3 PM

Lifelong Learning: Ukulele Club

Grab your ukulele for some group playing. Learn how chords work, and maybe write your own song. We have limited numbers of loaner ukuleles, so please bring your own if possible.

Mondays at 5 PM

May 22 | June 26 | July 24 | August 28

Game On: Dice & Donuts

Come hungry and ready to play classic games like Clue, Yahtzee, Sorry and more.

Thursdays at 10 AM

May 25 | June 22 | July 27 | August 24

Tech Talk: How to Google That

Do you ever have trouble finding things online? Optimize your search results using these Google tips and tricks. We will also look at the pros and cons of other search engines.

Sunday, June 4 at 2 PM

Handmade: Tie-Dye

Let's have some colorful fun with tie-dye. Bring your own white T-shirt, socks or bandana. Dye and instructions will be provided.

Friday, June 16 at 2 PM

Author Talk: Ukweli

This special author talk features Herb Frazier, Ed Madden and Aida Rogers — three of the forty-nine South Carolina voices who contributed to the book *Ukweli*. These writers and poets explore race relations, the trauma of the past and the healing of today. Learn about history and the Black experience in America.

Tuesday, June 27 at 6 PM

Handmade: Jewelry

Learn how to make jewelry. Internationally published and award-winning Canadian jewelry artist and teacher 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.

Thursday, July 13 at 10 AM

Lifelong Learning: Women's Soccer

Explore the history of women's soccer in anticipation of the Women's World Cup and where to find more information about the beautiful game utilizing library resources.

Tuesday, July 18 at 3 PM

Game On: The Party's Not All Here

Your rogue is sick? The paladin is on vacation? No problem. Play board games inspired by Dungeons & Dragons that will hold you over until the quest can continue.

Saturday, August 19 at 2 PM

CHAPIN**Social Scene: Oldies but Goodies**

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

Wednesdays at 11 AM (ages 50+)

May 3 | June 14 | July 12 | August 9

Historically Speaking: Alcohol in Lexington County

Lexington County Museum Director J.R. Fennell will discuss the history of alcohol in South Carolina and Lexington County specifically. Attendees will learn about what was popular in the colonial and antebellum periods as well as the SC State Dispensary and prohibition.

Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 PM

Social Scene: Mystery Tea Party

Enjoy some sweet tea and snacks *All Together Now* while meeting some new neighbors. There will even be a mystery to solve.

Thursday, June 8 at 6 PM

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Monday, June 26 at 6 PM

Lifelong Learning: Butterfly Basking

This program will be held in our new pollinator garden and we'll be creating basking puddles for butterflies. Supplies for this craft will be limited, but the fun is not.

Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Chinese Tea House

Experience the relaxing atmosphere of a traditional Chinese tea house, identify types of Chinese tea leaves and their health benefits and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of tea with delicate Chinese refreshments. Materials will be provided for the first 12 attendees. Additional attendees are welcome to observe the presentation.

Thursday, July 27 at 5:30 PM

Community Conversations: Homeschool Hub

Do you homeschool? Here is your chance to gather with other area homeschool parents to chat, find inspiration and make connections.

Monday, August 14 at 6:30 PM

GASTON**Handmade: It's Paint Time**

Enjoy an afternoon of creativity. Put your artsy ideas on a canvas. All materials provided.

Monday, May 8 at 5:30 PM

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Saturday, June 3 at 10:30 AM

Game On: Outdoor Yard Games

Enjoy a special afternoon in the sun with fun outdoor activities and games. In the case of inclement weather, the program will be moved indoors.

Monday, June 12 at 5:30 PM

Tech Talk: Digital Downloads

Learn how to access thousands of ebooks, audiobooks and movies from your device using Libby & Hoopla. Please bring your library card and your tablet/phone.

Monday, July 10 at 5:30 PM

Handmade: Jewelry

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Saturday, July 29 at 11 AM

Handmade: DIY Tote Bags

Style your own personalized tote bag. Add a splash of color or a gem. The choice is yours. All materials provided.

Saturday, August 12 at 11 AM

GILBERT-SUMMIT**Community Conversations: Gardeners Roundtable**

Join fellow green thumbs and share tips & tricks for successful gardening in the Midlands. Come prepared to ask questions and help give answers.

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

June 8 | July 13 | August 17

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 yoga mat if possible.

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

June 15 | August 3

Author Talk: Edwin Breeden

Historical markers highlight how places both grand and unassuming have played important roles in the history of the Palmetto State. Edwin Breeden, the South Carolina historical marker coordinator, will give a presentation on his book, *A Guidebook to South Carolina Historical Markers*, and offer insights as to how these roadside markers identify and interpret valuable places.

Thursday, June 22 at 5:30 PM

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Tuesday, July 18 at 4 PM

IRMO**Author Talk: Tom Elmore**

Tom Elmore, local author of *Celtic Columbia*, will talk about the history of the Irish, Scottish and Scots-Irish in the greater Columbia area from the 1730s to today. Books will be available for purchase.

Thursday, May 4 at 6 PM

Social Scene: Mother's Day Tea

Celebrate Mother's Day with hot teas, cookies and sandwiches. There will be card-making and coloring activities as well.

Tuesday, May 9 at 6 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 difference in the lives of others. Registration is required, visit redcrossblood.org.

Friday, May 12, 1–6 PM

Tech Talk: Phone Photography

You don't need a \$1,000 camera to take beautiful photographs. Take control of your creative photography with this lecture on how to use lighting, professional techniques and lesser-known features in your phone's camera app to make the most of your next picture.

Wednesday, May 24 at 6 PM

Tech Talk: Libby and Hoopla

Read on the go. We will teach you how to download the Libby and Hoopla apps on your devices so you can listen to and read books wherever you want.

Saturday, June 3 at 3 PM

Handmade: Origami Crafts

Learn how to create four beginner-level origami creations with step-by-step instructions in a relaxed atmosphere. If time and materials allow, there might be more creations to learn as well. All materials provided.

Thursday, June 8 at 6 PM

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Monday, June 12 at 2:30 PM

Handmade: Summer Wreaths

Create a unique summer wreath using a wreath form, ribbons, sea shells, sand dollars and more. Materials will be provided.

Monday, June 19 at 6 PM

Handmade: Crochet Face Scrubbies

Learn how to crochet face scrubbies which you can use to exfoliate your skin. This is a simple and fun project for beginners. Materials will be provided.

Saturday, July 1 at 3 PM

Game On: Escape the Alien Ship

You've been abducted, and now it's up to you and your team's wits and attention to detail to find your way out and back to Earth. Visit us in person or call (803) 798-7880 to register.

Saturday, July 15, 10 AM–4:45 PM



Program attendance may be limited to adhere to local guidelines.

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

Author Talk: Ukweli

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Saturday, July 29 at 3 PM

Game On: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

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

Saturday, August 5, 2–5 PM

Social Scene: Book Swap Party

Meet with fellow book lovers and enjoy refreshments at this fun party where you can swap and talk about books. Bring one or more books you no longer need and exchange them for titles you'd like to take home.

Monday, August 7 at 6 PM

Tech Talk: Hobbies & Crafts

Learn how to navigate the Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center, an online resource accessible through our website. We'll show you how to find DIY craft projects and video tutorials on knitting, sewing, crocheting, scrapbooking and more.

Monday, August 21 at 6 PM

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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 from one of our many crafting books and troubleshoot challenges in a group setting.

Wednesdays at 10 AM

May 3, 17–31 | June 7–28 | July 5–26 | August 2–30

Lifelong Learning: The Roanoke Colony

The history of the world is full of large and small moments that will be explored for all time. This month we'll dig into a treasure trove of knowledge on the (possibly) lost colony of Roanoke. We'll look at how to find information about this topic using databases and other library resources.

Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM

Tech Talk: Google Drive

Learn how to use the apps available to you with a Google account through Google Drive.

Saturday, May 13 at 10 AM

Historically Speaking: Researching Properties

Learn about the process of researching a historic house or property, including how to do a title search and find plats. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: Suncatchers

Create a fun suncatcher craft you can take home. All materials provided.

Saturday, May 20 at 10 AM

Career Building: Resume Workshop

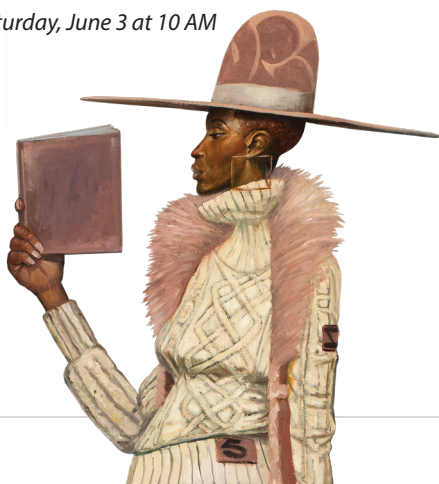
Learn how to build an eye-catching resume or update an existing one with our professional tips and tricks. We'll go over the basics and show you where to find downloadable templates.

Thursday, May 25 at 6:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Cults

The history of the world is full of large and small moments that will be explored for all time. This month we'll dig into a treasure trove of knowledge on cults — how they form, why they form and historic examples. We'll look at how to find information about this topic using databases and other library resources.

Saturday, June 3 at 10 AM



Author Talk: Marie Bostwick

As a writer, quilter and woman who has spent a lifetime leaning into the messiness and joys of an artistic life, Marie Bostwick, a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author, knows more than a little about creativity. Through the engaging plot and characters of her new book, *Esme Cahill Fails Spectacularly*, she explores the themes of creativity that everyone can relate to — highlighting the challenges, satisfaction and, especially, the connectedness that creativity can bring to life. Copies of her books will be available for purchase.

Monday, June 5 at 6 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.

Friday, June 9, 10 AM–2 PM

Tech Talk: lexcolibrary.com

Learn the ins and outs of the library's website — searching for books, using online resources and more.

Saturday, June 10 at 10 AM

Social Scene: Trivia Night

Test your wits and know-how against the original search engine — librarians. Gather your friends and family and join us for a night full of trivia, pop culture references and literary facts to determine who's smarter, the librarians or you?

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

June 13 | August 8

Tech Talk: Genealogy Resources

Learn how to research your family history by using databases and tools available at the library, such as Ancestry and HeritageQuest.

Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: Jewelry

Learn how to make jewelry. Internationally published and award-winning Canadian jewelry artist and teacher 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.

Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: Recycled Book Art

Use recycled books to make a unique craft you can take home. All materials provided.

Saturday, June 17 at 10 AM

Historically Speaking: Alcohol in Lexington County

Lexington County Museum Director J.R. Fennell will discuss the history of alcohol in South Carolina and Lexington County specifically. Attendees will learn about what was popular in the colonial and antebellum periods as well as the SC State Dispensary and prohibition.

Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: Famous Friendships

The history of the world is full of large and small moments that will be explored for all time. This month we'll dig into a treasure trove of knowledge on famous, and sometimes surprising, friendships. We'll look at how to find information about this topic using databases and other library resources.

Saturday, July 1 at 10 AM

Tech Talk: Online Reader's Advisory

What should you read next? This workshop will show you how to use various library resources to find books you will enjoy reading and keep track of those books you have read.

Saturday, July 8 at 10 AM

Author Talk: Mary Martha Greene

In *The Cheese Biscuit Queen Tells All*, author Mary Martha Greene, a South Carolinian and former lobbyist, pairs more than one hundred tried-and-true recipes with stories from her corner of the South. The pages brim with fabulous characters, antic-filled anecdotes and recipes so good they might just call for a change in State House rules (true story).

Saturday, July 8 at 2 PM

Handmade: Silhouette Art

Create art to take home using silhouettes in creative ways. All materials provided.

Saturday, July 15 at 10 AM

Historically Speaking: Lake Murray

Learn about the construction of Lake Murray and the Dreher Shoals Dam. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, July 18 at 6:30 PM

Career Building: Interview Skills

Learn tips and tricks to ace your next interview. Staff will go over how to prepare, what to expect and etiquette basics. While we can't go to the interview with you, we can help you walk in with confidence.

Monday, July 24 at 6:30 PM

Lifelong Learning: American Outlaws

The history of the world is full of large and small moments that will be explored for all time. This month we'll dig into a treasure trove of knowledge on American outlaws. We'll look at how to find information about this topic using databases and other library resources.

Saturday, August 5 at 10 AM

Tech Talk: Managing Screen Time

Learn the basics of monitoring and managing screen time on your mobile device and why it may be beneficial to your health and lifestyle.

Saturday, August 12 at 10 AM

Historically Speaking: Lexington Homes

Learn about some of the historic homes from the colonial period and the 19th century. The presentation will discuss architectural styles and how they affected the historic structures of Lexington. Presented in partnership with Lexington County Museum.

Tuesday, August 15 at 6:30 PM

Handmade: Paper Craft

See the magic you can create with paper and take your craft home. All materials provided.

Saturday, August 19 at 10 AM

PELION**Now Showing: Morning Movie**

Enjoy a classic movie and light refreshments at the library.

Tuesdays at 10 AM

May 9 | The Philadelphia Story

June 13 | A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

July 11 | Swiss Family Robinson

August 8 | Anastasia

Handmade: DIY Handwoven Coasters

Spend the evening getting crafty. Learn how to weave small drink coasters for your home.

Thursday, May 18 at 6 PM

Legal Clinic: Expungements

Attorney Julie-Ann Castro will speak about the process of expunging adverse legal records.

Thursday, May 25 at 6 PM

Handmade: Paper Peony Bouquets

Socialize and meet new friends while getting creative. Learn how to make pretty paper peony blooms. All materials will be provided.

Tuesday, May 30 at 11 AM

Good Nature: Birding

Learn tips and tricks to start birding from a South Carolina Wildlife Federation expert. We will discuss native birds, how to find and identify them and the art of keeping field notes.

Tuesday, June 6 at 11 AM



TECH 101

Learn how to use your computer, tablet or smartphone. We can help you set up email, 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 for more information.

Lifelong Learning: Chinese Tea House

Experience the relaxing atmosphere of a traditional Chinese tea house, identify types of Chinese tea leaves and their health benefits and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of tea with delicate Chinese refreshments. Materials will be provided for the first 12 attendees. Additional attendees are welcome to observe the presentation.

Thursday, June 8 at 6 PM

Handmade: Abstract Bird Painting

Socialize and meet new friends while getting creative. Learn how to make a colorful abstract bird painting to display in your home. All materials provided.

Tuesday, June 27 at 11 AM

Handmade: DIY Photo Transfer Art

Spend the evening getting crafty. Learn different photo transfer techniques and use what you learn to create your own work of art. Bring a few photos of your favorite pet or person. All other materials will be provided.

Thursday, July 13 at 6 PM

Handmade: Black & White Geometric Art

Learn how to make a bold black and white geometric work of art using simple materials and easy techniques. All materials provided.

Tuesday, July 25 at 11 AM

Handmade: Jewelry

Learn how to make jewelry. Internationally published and award-winning Canadian jewelry artist and teacher 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.

Thursday, July 27 at 6 PM

Tech Talk:**Goodbye Overdrive, Hello Libby**

Learn how to transition from Overdrive to Libby. Bring your tablet, phone or ereader.

Thursday, August 17 at 6 PM

Game On: Trivia Extravaganza

Socialize and meet new friends while challenging your collective knowledge. We'll divide up into teams and play for bragging rights and small prizes.

Tuesday, August 29 at 11 AM

SOUTH CONGAREE-PINE RIDGE**Handmade: Strings & Things**

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

Tuesdays at 1 PM

May 9 | June 13 | July 11 | August 8

Handmade: Garden Rock Painting

Create fun, decorative markers out of painted river rocks for the garden. All materials provided.

Tuesday, May 16 at 5:30 PM

Now Showing: Senior Movie

Seniors enjoy a monthly movie showing at the library. Popcorn and refreshments provided.

Fridays at 10 AM (ages 50+)

May 19 | August 18

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Tuesday, June 27 at 5 PM

Handmade: Preserves & Pickling

Make delicious pickles the easy way. Learn how to make homemade pickles that mature in the refrigerator in just a few days. All materials provided.

Tuesday, July 18 at 5:30 PM

Author Talk: Edwin Breeden

Historical markers highlight how places both grand and unassuming have played important roles in the history of the Palmetto State. Edwin Breeden, the South Carolina historical marker coordinator, will give a presentation on his book, *A Guidebook to South Carolina Historical Markers*, and offer insights as to how these roadside markers identify and interpret valuable places.

Tuesday, July 25 at 5:30 PM

Game On: Puzzle Pandemonium

Compete in groups or one-on-one to see who can complete a 250-piece puzzle the fastest. Enjoy fun times, refreshments and prizes.

Tuesday, August 15 at 5:30 PM

SWANSEA**Handmade: Soap Making**

Learn how to make soaps using a variety of colors and fragrances. These special soaps will be yours to take home and enjoy. All materials will be provided.

Tuesday, May 23 at 2 PM

Handmade: Jewelry

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Tuesday, June 20 at 2 PM

Now Showing: Senior Movie

Seniors enjoy a movie showing at the library. Popcorn and refreshments provided.

Tuesday, June 27 at 2 PM (ages 50+)

Author Talk: Tom Poland

Friendship and kindness reveal themselves in many ways. Old graves covered with seashells, for instance, tell a story of kindness. Tom Poland's illustrated talk discusses memories of a church named Friendship, stories of kindness, the heartbreak of meanness, Sunday piano memories and a porch-sitting man who waves at passersby. Tom recalls, too, how a friendship with a photographer led to five books.

Tuesday, July 11 at 2 PM

Handmade: Scrapbooking 101

Create your own unique design and theme for your scrapbook. Bring your photos and souvenir brochures, tickets and other realia to this program to explore design possibilities. Some scrapbooking materials such as paper and stickers will be provided.

Tuesday, July 18 at 2 PM

Game On: Puzzle Party

It's a jigsaw puzzle party. Enjoy the camaraderie of working together to create something beautiful.

Tuesday, August 29 at 2 PM

BOOK CLUBS

We have a little something for everyone — call your local branch for titles and more information.



BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

Murder on Mondays

Read a mystery book of your choice and be prepared to talk about it with our group of aficionados. It's a great way to give (and get) mystery recommendations for future reads.

Mondays at 6 PM

May 1 | June 5 | July 10 | August 7

It's a Hardback Life

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

Tuesdays at 11 AM

May 23 | June 27 | July 25 | August 22

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

May 2 | June 6 | July 11 | August 1

Coffee, Books & More

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

Thursdays at 6 PM

May 4 | June 1 | July 6 | August 3

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 9 | June 13 | July 11 | August 8

Scary Story Society

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

Mondays at 6 PM

May 15 | June 19 | July 17 | August 21

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 2 | June 6 | July 5 | August 1

Fun Fiction Fridays

Find us the final Friday of each month for a fun friendly forum of fiction with friends.

Fridays at 1 PM

May 26 | June 30 | July 28 | August 25

GASTON

Book Buzz

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

Mondays at 5:30 PM

May 22 | June 19 | July 24 | August 21

GILBERT-SUMMIT

Gilbert-Summit Book Club

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

Thursdays at 5:30 PM

May 25 | June 29 | July 27 | August 31

IRMO

Rowdy Readers Book Club

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

Thursdays at 10 AM

May 4 | June 1 | July 6 | August 3

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 17 | **On Writing by Stephen King***

*June 21 | **The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid***

*July 19 | **Zen in the Art of Writing by Ray Bradbury***

*August 16 | **Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell***

Monday Evening Book Club

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

Mondays at 6:30 PM

May 29 | June 26 | July 31 | August 28

LEXINGTON

Much Ado About Classics

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

Tuesdays at 10 AM

May 2 | June 6 | July 11 | August 1

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 15 | June 19 | July 17 | August 21

Third Thursdays @ 3

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

Thursdays at 3 PM

May 18 | June 15 | July 20 | August 17

Monday Morning Book Club

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

Mondays at 10 AM

May 22 | June 26 | July 24 | August 28

Tuesday Evening Book Club

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

Tuesdays at 6:45 PM

May 23 | June 27 | July 25 | August 22

PELION

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.

Thursdays at 5 PM

*May 4 | **Sci-Fi***

*June 1 | **Beach Reads***

*July 6 | **Fantasy***

*August 3 | **Southern Gothic Literature***

Spinecrackers

Enjoy coffee, conversation and lively book discussion.

Thursdays at 3 PM

*May 25 | **Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver***

*June 22 | **The Good Neighbor by Maxwell King***

*July 27 | **The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi***

*August 24 | **The Buddha in the Attic by Julie Otsuka***

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 9 | June 13 | July 11 | August 8

SWANSEA

Blue Jays Book Club

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

Mondays at 11 AM

May 8 | June 12 | July 10 | August 14