

## **OCPL Director's Report September, 2015**

**1. Programs and Services:** Numerous programs were presented at OCPL branches during July and August, 2015. The library staff continues to promote **Ancestry.com** and **Flipster**, the library's new digital magazine service.

**2. Usage Statistics and narratives:** July – August, 2015 statistics and Bimonthly Reports are attached.

**3. Finance and Budget:** OCPL Budget expenditures for July 1, 2015 – September 15, 2015 are attached. For the first time in several years, OCPL has received unclaimed lottery funds, which must be expended this fiscal year. These funds may be used for the same categories for which State Aid may be used.

**4. Personnel and Training:** Management Team meetings on Wednesday, July 15, 2015; August 12, 2014; and September 9, 2015. **Beverly Edwards**, part-time library assistant at Westminster Library has resigned. An **In-Service Day** for the entire staff will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 7**. The meeting will be held at the Walhalla Library and all libraries in the system will be closed to the public.

**5. Buildings & Grounds:** The director has continued to monitor the progress of the construction of the new **Parks and Recreation Department's** headquarters' building at South Cove Park. The county is building this 3,500 square foot structure for approximately \$250,000. This price does not include the site. Facilities Maintenance employees are doing the majority of the work. As we discussed briefly at the July meeting, this type of construction might be suitable for a small branch library.

**6. Technology:** The library has acquired a portable audio recorder and a WhisperRoom sound studio in preparation for the library's oral history project on the coming of the lakes to Oconee County. The WhisperRoom, which measures five feet by five feet and approximately seven feet tall, is set up in the Teen area of the Walhalla Library. As was mentioned at the July Board meeting, OCPL staff will work with the staff of the **Oconee Heritage Center** on this project.

**7. Friends of the Library:** The Friends have purchased items from the Wish Lists of the OCPL's department heads and branch managers. The director attended the dedication of the two Little Free Libraries sponsored by the Friends on Saturday, August 15, 2015. One is located at **Lake Hartwell State Park** and the other at **Fair Play Presbyterian Church**. **Glen McPheeters**, Holly's spouse, constructed the two little free library boxes.

**8. Oconee County:** **Blair Hinson** and the director are continuing to work with **Mike Powell** and his staff on the maintenance of service at the Wifi locations at the Long Creek and Mountain Rest community centers; there are plans for installation of a third Wifi location in the old cafeteria building on the old **Fair Play** school campus.

**9. State Library:** Attended the meeting of public library directors at the State Library on Friday, July 17, 2015 and Friday, September 18, 2015. **LSTA funds** from the State Library will be allocated to OCPL for part of the costs of Blair Hinson's attendance at the **ABOS** Conference in mid-October. **ABOS** = Association of Bookmobile & Outreach Services

**10. Community Involvement:** Attended **Oconee Economic Alliance** meetings on Thursday, July 9, 2015 and Thursday, August 13, 2015.

**11. Vehicles:** **Blair Hinson** and the director are working on plans for a new OCPL bookmobile. As a part of the research, they visited the Georgetown County Library and the Horry County Library on September 10 and 11 to examine their new bookmobiles.

**12. Other:** **Lisa H. Martin** was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees by County Council. She replaces **Ellis Hughes**, who resigned because she was moving out of state. **Chairman Day** and the director were part of the troupe that presented the fourth annual Civil War Remembrance Night program at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium on Saturday, August 29, 2015.

**OCPL Budget 2015-2016 9-15-15**

Account Number	DESCRIPTION	Budgeted	Spent	Percent	Balance
010-206-30018-00000	Travel	200	66	33%	134
010-206-30024-00000	Equip. Maintenance	2,400	1,275	53%	1,125
010-206-30025-00000	Professional -Staffmark	80,000	17,881	22%	62,119
010-206-30041-00000	Telecommunications	480	78	16%	404
010-206-30056-00000	Data Processing	27,500	24,930	91%	2,570
010-206-30059-00000	Copier Click Charges - Xerox	10,000	1,719	17%	8,281
010-206-30068-00000	Advertising	700		0%	700
010-208-30080-00000	Dues	750	84	11%	666
010-208-30084-00000	School, Training, Sem.	3,300	2,088	63%	1,212
010-208-30090-00000	Honorarium	900	800	89%	100
010-208-33022-00207	Bldg Maint - Walhalla	6,965	4,214	60%	2,751
010-208-33022-00208	Bldg Maint - Seneca	3,600	1,287	36%	2,313
010-208-33022-00209	Bldg Maint - Westminster	2,500	1,549	62%	951
010-208-33022-00210	Bldg. Maint - Salem	2,020	1,020	50%	1,000
010-208-34043-00207	Electricity - Walhalla	26,000	3,339	13%	22,661
010-208-34043-00208	Electricity - Seneca	18,800	3,051	16%	13,449
010-208-34043-00209	Electricity - Westminster	12,000	2,899	24%	9,101
010-208-34043-00210	Electricity - Salem	5,000	5,000	100%	0
010-208-34044-00207	Water - Walhalla	1,200	133	11%	1,068
010-208-34044-00208	Water - Seneca	900	161	18%	739
010-208-34044-00209	Water - Westminster	750	150	20%	600
010-208-40031-00000	Sm Capital Equip (Loc)	2,800	286	10%	2,514
010-208-40032-00000	Operational	6,000	5,004	83%	996
010-208-40032-00000-A	Youth Services	2,000	366	18%	1,634
010-208-40033-00000	Postage	1,000	142	14%	858
010-208-40034-00000	Food	500	48	10%	452
010-208-40101-00000	Books (Local)	91,000	24,638	27%	66,362
010-208-40102-00000	Periodicals (Local)	16,000	13,204	83%	2,796
010-208-40103-00000	AV (Local)	10,500	2,805	27%	7,695
010-208-80206-00000	Automobile Maint - Library	3,500	71	2%	3,429
010-208-81206-00000	Gasoline - Library	2,500	423	17%	2,077
010-208-82206-00000	Diesel - Library	2,000	188	9%	1,812
<b>TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS</b>		<b>341,465</b>	<b>118,897</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>222,568</b>
012-208-50850-00000	Seneca Library Expense	21,514		0%	21,514
013-80-85-50206	Lib Const (Seneca)	1,021		0%	1,021
013-208-60010-00000	*Gifts, Donation (Loc)	21,838		0%	21,838
<b>TOTAL MISC. FUNDS</b>		<b>44,373</b>		<b>0%</b>	<b>44,373</b>
240-206-30024-00255	Equipment Maintenance (State)	1,000		0%	1,000
240-206-30056-00255	Data Processing (State)	10,000		0%	10,000
240-206-30080-00255	Dues	1,800		0%	1,800
240-206-30084-00255	Schools, Train. (State)	3,837		0%	3,837
240-206-40031-00255	Sm Capital (State)	2,000		0%	2,000
240-206-40032-00255	Operational (State)	18,236		0%	18,236
240-206-40046-00255	IT Equipment	1,000		0%	1,000
240-206-40111-00255	Books (State)	25,453	7,588	30%	17,865
240-206-40112-00255	Periodicals (State)	18,315	232	1%	18,083
240-206-40113-00255	AV (State)	10,000	440	4%	9,560
240-208-80206-00255	Vehicle Maintenance	2,000		0%	2,000
<b>TOTAL STATE AID</b>		<b>92,841</b>	<b>8,261</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>84,580</b>

	July 2014	July 2015	Change	Aug 2014	Aug 2015	Change
<b>Visits to Library</b>	<b>27,235</b>	<b>25,667</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>25,031</b>	<b>24,756</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
Material Circulation - Adult	22,271	24,300	-4.4%	20,277	21,004	3.6%
Material Circulation - Youth	2,984	2,747	-7.9%	2,313	2,559	10.6%
Material Circulation - Juvenile	12,780	12,136	-4.9%	9,613	10,635	10.6%
<b>Total Material Circulation</b>	<b>38,015</b>	<b>36,183</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>	<b>32,203</b>	<b>34,198</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>Internet Uses</b>	<b>4,265</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>-23.8%</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>3,611</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>
Internet Hours of Use	2,801	1,970	-29.7%	2,760	2,450	-11.2%
<b>New Cards Issued</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
Programs - Adult	10	12	20.0%	9	18	100.0%
Programs Attendance - Adult	222	239	7.7%	52	199	282.7%
Programs - Youth 12-18	12	25	108.3%	5	2	-60.0%
Programs Att - Youth 12-18	154	215	39.6%	28	8	-71.4%
Programs -Juvenile 6-11	14	24	71.4%	4	8	100.0%
Programs Att -Juv 6-11	400	777	94.3%	207	351	69.6%
Programs - Children 0-5	18	8	-55.6%	40	19	-52.5%
Programs - Att - Children 0-5	341	90	-73.6%	242	209	-13.6%
Outreach Activities	57	52	-8.8%	48	51	6.3%
Outreach Act. Attendance	11	2	-81.8%	11	25	127.3%
Public Training Sessions	0	0		0	0	
Public Training Participants	0	0		0	0	
Public Training Hours	0	0		0	0	
Staff Training Sessions	7	1	-85.7%	5	1	-80.0%
Staff Training Participants	8	1	-87.5%	3	1	-66.7%
Staff Training Hours	16	1	-93.8%	10	1	-90.0%
Number of Volunteers Added	10	7	-30.0%	13	6	-53.8%
Number of Vol Hours	204	57	-72.1%	169	64	-62.4%
Meeting Room Use	47	65	38.3%	42	58	38.1%
Meeting Room Attendance	644	792	23.0%	487	754	54.8%
Number of Web Site Hits	10,873	17,763	63.4%	9,123	15,580	70.8%
Wi-Fi Users		1,798			1,783	
Wi-Fi Sessions		7,309			7,771	

OverDrive Downloads	1,272	1,519	19.4%	1,337	1,462	9.3%
Mango Adult Users	82	26	-68.3%	123	27	-78.0%
Mango Children Users	7	0	-	3	0	-100.0%
Ancestry.com Hits		3,900			3,283	
Interlibrary Loans	34	46	35.3%	38	27	-28.9%
<b>New Material Added</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>-13.4%</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>4.8%</b>

# Branch Services

July/August 2015

Blair Hinson, Branch Services Librarian

## Narrative

### Public Relations:

We continue to look at our marketing, programming, and services with an eye towards continuing the transition from a place that collects books, to a place that is the center of the community. With additional unclaimed lottery funds from the state, the Director and the Branch Services Librarian have discussed the addition of a mobile computer lab that could provide a new service (one which other libraries have long taken for granted). While our efforts to get new facilities continue to be stymied, we are also looking at adding additional services, like "maker spaces," that will get peoples' attention.

### Staff Development:

In preparation for acquiring a new bookmobile, the Branch Services Librarian applied for an LSTA grant from the State Library to attend the 2015 ABOS (Association of Outreach and Bookmobile Services) conference in St. Charles, Illinois. The bookmobile manager will also be attending. We spent much of the month of August substituting for Salem personnel to cover lunches for a couple of planned, and one unplanned, staff vacations and leave. We will be making a recommendation to the Board to ask that the Salem Branch be allowed to close for lunch from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., mirroring the town hall, which is also closed during that window of time. This will cut down on the number of times that we will have to cover for just a lunch, which can stretch into multiple days if we're covering a week-long vacation, for example. With only two staff members at Salem, and needing to provide coverage elsewhere at times, like the Bookmobile or another branch, it makes sense to give the Salem staff maximum flexibility to be self-sufficient. We are also planning for the fall staff training day on October 7, 2015. So far we have lined up a trainer from CERT, the county's emergency response team, to talk about disaster planning in and outside of the library, and a trainer from the University of South Carolina police department for personal safety training.

### Volunteers and Community Outreach

Our outreach program to the Oconee County Detention Center continues to hang in there, though we are seeing less people than when we first started visiting there. Once the new OCDC facility is completed (may be open by fall, 2015), we might be able to add to those numbers and increase circulation there.

We continue to maintain the Little Free Libraries in Mountain Rest. They seem to be popular. We also advised the Friends of the Library about maintaining a couple of new LFLs in Fair Play.

### Manager's Projects:

We are continuing to work on an Oral History project, having met with Leslie White and Jennifer Moss from the Oconee Heritage Center about partnering to collect, produce, and house the collected stories. We will also be exploring the addition of Content DM to provide a platform for making these stories accessible to the public.

### Issues:

One of our biggest issues system-wide is facilities maintenance. Since much of their staff is continuously tied up building a new store and headquarters at South Cove County Park, there are fewer staff members available to respond to maintenance requests. Also, cleaning and daily maintenance at a couple of our branches, particularly Westminster, is sub-par. We have addressed these issues in the past with Jim Bryant, the administrative assistant in Facilities Maintenance, as did our predecessor, K'Lani Green. But then we seem to be right back to square one shortly afterwards. We have also experienced a couple of major hiccups with our ILS provider, TLC. A backup failure in June caused us to lose a day and half of checkouts, check-ins, etc. And just recently we have been experiencing many problems with system slowness.

## **Outreach Services**

**July/August 2015**

**Brenda Lee, Bookmobile Manager**

**Collections:** Manager continues to order materials in various formats.

**Displays:** A small banner above the patron door shows upcoming events at the branches in chronological order.

**Manager's Projects:** I monitor all stops on our routes for activity, thus the changes to the website and the Bookmobile schedule almost always varies from one schedule to the next. Rotation and weeding is done as space is needed and/or time to do so. Some materials are relocated to other branches by Technical Services. I encouraged the patrons to sign up for our Adult Summer Reading Program. Putting together the end of 2015 schedule is quite a challenge since we cut back anyway!

**Volunteers:** I am in need of a couple of new volunteers. The ones I now have are travellers!! Cruise to Alaska, Virginia Beach, Baltimore...to name a few. I am very grateful for Blair Hinson and Philip Cheney helping me out as they could. Kudos to them!

**Comments:** I took a really hard fall on asphalt in July that kept me out of work and off the road for one week. Thankfully there were no broken bones! However, it took 20 days before the ribs stopped hurting. Blair and I are looking forward to a Bookmobile conference in Illinois in October! We hope we see some ideas for OCPL's new Bookmobile.

### **MANAGER'S PROJECTS:**

The friends have contributed a lot for the Salem Library from their wish list this year. Kayla has received a bubble making machine and mother goose for Family Story Time. Salem received a new manager's desk. We appreciate everything we can get from the Friends of the Library that will help make more room in the Salem Library and to make us more efficient. The new desk will provide enough room to add a new shelf. Plus the desk has additional storage space in it. When we get the new shelf, we will be able to move the holds closer to our main checkout computer thus making it faster for us to get holds for patrons.

Starting in August we have begun a big weeding project. We have weeded the adult non-fiction and fiction areas. We realized we needed more room in the Fiction section so we weeded the reference books down to one shelf and moved the Large Print section to where the reference books were. This has helped to provide a lot more room in the Fiction section. We also are looking at upgrading our non-fiction section with newer titles.

### **PROGRAMS:**

For July and August the Knit & Crochet Circle we had 17, the Time to Read book club had 10, and for the Family Story Time we had 81. We also had good attendance in the July Summer Reading programs we had Foam Paint Craft 18, Teen Gaming Night 3, and the Chad Crews Magic Show 38. In July we had 51 people attend the Conservation Theory Bluegrass Band concert. In August we had 3 people attend the basic computer class and 3 attend the Teen Book Club.

### **Outreach and PUBLIC RELATIONS**

For the Conservation Theory Bluegrass Band concert in July we had a good amount of publicity for that show. It was written for an article in the Daily Journal. The Salem Library also got featured on the Cody Sloan Bluegrass Music show on WFSBS the new local Salem radio station that Sunday after the concert. They mentioned the show and what the Salem library has to offer to the community. We also appreciate the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the show.

### **DISPLAYS:**

Kayla has decorated the library with Fall displays in the display case and she has a caterpillar display in the bulletin board in the children's area. We also have a reading at your library display which features fall leaves and services that the library offers to the public.

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

We have been appreciative of our new volunteer Melony Mack. She comes in and works one day a week. Nicole still helps out on a regular basis. She also helps Kayla with some of her programs. We had a total of 41.5 volunteer hours for July and August.

# **Technical Services**

**July / August 2015**

**Robena Barton, Librarian**

## **Narrative:**

### Collections:

Collections are proceeding normally. Weeding is continuing on a normal schedule now for all branches and new material is being added at a steady rate.

### TLC:

We are continuing to experience more and more problems from TLC. We had a brief lull after the June debacle, but system crashes and lag times are becoming a weekly, if not daily, event. Support is also becoming increasingly slow and uncommunicative. Customer Service has shown a significant decline in the past few weeks. I am not sure what is going on in Virginia but it seems to be affecting all aspects of our chosen ILS.

### Manager's Projects:

We are collaborating with Oconee Heritage center on a comprehensive digital collection project. More details will be forthcoming as the project continues, but several purchases have been made in anticipation of starting this new project, including a whisper room sound recording booth to take oral histories. It is hoped that the collection will include recorded interviews as well as digitized maps and photos and interactive web content. The heritage center will act as a repository and we will manage the website. We are very excited about both the project and the chance to partner with the Heritage Center on this.

### Staff Development:

We are very happy to welcome Leah Kelley back to collections and acquisitions after her maternity leave. She has a very healthy new baby boy, Jacob, to add to her wonderful family. Leah has taken over all of her duties and is back full-time.

### Volunteers:

Nancy Woods continues to be a valuable asset as we repair and discard items.

### Issues:

Other than TLC, we have not had any major issues.

### Other:

Summer reading is now over and we are entering the fall conference schedule. I hope to have exciting news to report for the next narrative from the Tech Services Exchange, GACOMO, and SCLA.

# Walhalla Library

July/August 2015

Emily Embry  
Branch Manager

## Narrative

**Walhalla Collections:** We continue to order materials based on professional reviews, patron requests, and "best sellers" lists. Weeding is continuing in order to withdraw items that are in poor condition and replace those that need to be updated.

**Overdrive Collection:** Emily Embry attended the bi-annual Digipalooza Conference hosted by Overdrive. The conference was held August 5-7, 2015 in Cleveland Ohio which is the location of the Overdrive headquarters. During the three day conference Emily learned about better collection development practices for Overdrive, the future of the ebooks market, and the new changes coming soon to the Overdrive website which is being designed to be more user friendly for all ages. Overdrive is currently in beta testing of the new site and plan to roll out the website later this year or early spring.

**Staff Development:** Several staff members have gone through informal training on the new digital microfilm reader housed in the South Carolina Room of the Walhalla branch. A more formal training of all Walhalla staff will take place later this fall. One of our part-time County positions transitioned to a Staffmark position with the resignation of Michael White who accepted a full-time teaching position with Daniel High School. We wish him all the best and will miss having him as he was our only staff member that could speak Spanish and was a real asset to have at OCPL. Our new Staffmark position was filled by Helaina Lefler who is a recent high school graduate who is attending Tri-County Tech for nursing.

**Volunteers:** We continue to have several regular volunteers that help us with various tasks, freeing up valuable staff time. This has been especially helpful during our busy schedules with Summer Reading.

**Programs:** We continue to provide *Tech Tuesday*, offering assistance to people needing help with their eReaders. In both July and August Walhalla hosted several programs including Family Story Time, Mother Goose on the Loose, Fandom Friday, and Sandwiches & Cinema. For the month of July Walhalla hosted STEAM Camp, Super Hero Photo Shoot, Books and Chocolate Book Club, Super Hero Lip Gloss, I Read to Animals, Wonder Dough Craft, and the Chad Crews Magic Show. During the month of August Walhalla hosted Adult Chess Club, Jackson Pollock Day, National Honey Bee Day, a Back to School Bash, an Ancestry.com class, and a Fandom Coffee Mug Craft Night.

**Meeting Room:** There were fewer outside groups that utilized the meeting space during the summer because of the amount of library programs that utilized the space during operating hours. For the month of July we had South Carolina Vocational Rehab, Friends of the Library, and Boys Camp Ghigau. For the month of August we had Waters Edge Home Owners Association, Walhalla Women's Club – 5K, Continuum of Care, Friends of the Library, Pointe Harbor Home Owners Association, Oconee County Third Option Group (Homeschoolers).

**Facilities:** During the month of July we were very excited to have our contract facilities worker, Stephanie Morgan, come back from maternity leave and were given full-time contract employment with the county. Because she spends most of her work time here at the library we designated our staff kitchen area as our room for her or any future library employee who is a new mom, to use for nursing purposes. We had a lock installed on the door and a small refrigerator for her to store her items as well. We continue to have some issues with two of our air conditioning units. We are waiting on facilities and maintenance to come and install parts to the units that are out that need to be fixed. The Dean Hunter Pest Control technician did stop by during the month of July for our quarterly treatment. We were also glad to get some materials from the Friends of the Library including a new multi-use board (6 x 4 Dry-erase, magnetic, projection board) that Blair and Philip installed in our meeting room which can be utilized for both library and public programming. At the end of August we received our Whisper room components which were installed on September 2<sup>nd</sup> by Blair and Philip. The Whisper room is a part of the Oral History Project that is a partnership between OCPL and the Oconee Heritage Museum.

## Other Issues:

**Narrative**

**Volunteers:** We are happy to welcome Donna as a new volunteer.

**Programs (hosted by Westminster Staff):**

<b>Operation Gratitude</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Chia Pets, Kids</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Chia Pets, Teens</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Maggie Movie</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Superhero Family Fun Night</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Jurassic Park Movie</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Christmas In July Hero Ornaments</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Paul Blart Mall Cop 2 Movie</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Bingo For Books</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>National Watermelon Day</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Minion Party</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Insurgent Movie</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Cookbook Club</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Concrete Creations</b>	<b>10</b>

As you can see we had some highs and lows for attendance this summer but overall it was good. The staff's favorite program was the Chia Pets. We had several on display this summer and there was lots of interest in just what these little things were and what they were made of. We also enjoyed having the Oconee Humane Society's I Read to Animals program twice this month. We had a marvelous turnout at our Minions Party. It's always great to be able to show people that reading can be fun and about something you are interested in. We also had a good turnout for our second meeting of the Cookbook Book Club. We have tried book clubs before and have not had success so this is really great.

**Meeting Room:** The meeting room was busy almost every day this month. We had lots of library programs and outside groups such as state agencies use it.

**Community Outreach:** Manager Leah participated in a webinar called Outside the Lines. This webinar showed different ways to get out in the community to change the perception of libraries and ways to reach out to areas to get the word out about libraries.

**Manager's Projects:** Manager Leah Price's proposal for the SCLA was accepted so she will be attending the SCLA conference in October in Columbia and presenting a presentation called Making Adult Summer Reading Possible @ Your Library.

**Adult Summer Reading:** We had 303 adults participate this year. 107 of those read four books with 74 of those reading even more. Attendance for the coinciding programs was at 300. Overall this was a good year.

# **Youth Services Dept.**

## **July / August 2015**

### **Stacie Powell, Librarian**

**Print Collections:** Collection development normally takes a backseat to other priorities during the busy months of summer reading. Once summer reading ended in early August things got back to normal on the end of ordering materials. The Youth Services department is now undergoing some much needed weeding at the Walhalla Library. A book donation to the Youth Services department was made by the Clemson MOMs club. Materials were ordered with book plates that gave recognition for this donation. Those books will be part of the Seneca collection. LSTA grant money for the STEAM project was also used to increase our STEM/STEAM collection. Numerous new titles dealing with this subject matter were ordered in July.

**Staff Development:** No significant staff training took place during the months of July and August due to busy summer reading schedules.

**Collaboration:** The Youth Services Department partnered with the Walhalla Junior Women's Club again this year to host a library 5K fundraiser. The event was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Walhalla Library. We had a wonderful turn-out. It was larger than last year's event. This community partnership helps draw recognition to the library and supports the Youth Services department. More than \$1000 was raised.

**Community Outreach:** Pet supplies for the Oconee County Humane Society were collected as part of the summer reading campaign this year.

#### **Programs:**

**July –** We had a busy month of summer reading programs for early literacy, children and teens during the month of July. We had a visit from Chad Crews magic at all the branch locations that were well attended. Science Saturday in July was held outdoors at the Seneca Library and featured science activities that dealt with M&Ms. We had a turn-out of over 30 kids at it. We had teen 'makerspace' programs in July at Salem and Westminster. The STEAM camps took place the last two weeks of July so story time programs were not held during those weeks.

**August -** Summer Reading officially ended on August 8<sup>th</sup> with the 5K and Fun Run event. After that, story times returned to their normal schedule and have been well-attended all month.

#### **Summer Reading:**

June attendance – 1322

July attendance – 972

Early Literacy Registrants: 172 (45 completing)

Elementary Age Registrants: 686 (158 completing)

Teen Registrants: 239 (39 completing)

**STEAM Grant:** A year's worth of preparation came to fruition in July when the two STEAM Driven camps took place. Camp one was held July 13-17<sup>th</sup> at the Walhalla Library. The theme for the week was Science and Exploration. We concentrated mostly on astronomy and biology themes for the week. Three fieldtrips were held - one at the Roper Mountain Science Center, one at the Law Enforcement Center, and one at Clemson University's DNA lab. We had 16 middle school students attend the camp all week. We had planned to only host 15 but we made an exception for one more student. Two SDOC teachers, Mark Fischer (Science) and Keith Harrison (Math) assisted with the camp for both weeks. SDOC school buses and school bus drivers were used for transportation to and from the library for the fieldtrips. The second STEAM Driven camp week took place July 20-24<sup>th</sup>. The theme for that week was Technology and Engineering. We had field trips to Borg Warner, Clemson University's Digital Computer Arts department, and the Law Enforcement Center's Crime Scene lab. We had 15 students attend the camp for this week. Both weeks were a phenomenal success. Student and parent survey feedback was very positive. It is the Youth Services department plan to continue the camps in a scaled-back version in

the coming year. The LSTA grant will officially end on September 30<sup>th</sup>. All money has been spent and receipts turned in to the State Library for reimbursement. A final report will be due in October.