



ANDERSON COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM
SOUTH CAROLINA



About Us

For 117 years, the Anderson County Library System has been an essential and dynamic institution whose dedicated staff provides outstanding service, meaningful collections, and impactful programs in welcoming and inspiring spaces for the residents of Anderson County.



Message From the Library Director



Dear Anderson County Library Patrons and Supporters,

2025 was a big year for the Library, and we are super proud of everything we've accomplished!

Some of the highlights include:

- Iva Branch Library opening – what a wonderful space for the community to gather!
- Book vending machine at the Hwy 24 Food Lion - books in a library desert!
- New LEAP Stations at several locations – more nontraditional items for checkout!

- Reading programs for all ages including a year-long adult reading challenge!
- A world champion teen Vex Robotic Team!
- Various outreach events, programs, campaigns and much more!

And all of these innovative projects are important, because in the end they keep you coming to the library and using the library resources, which is what we want for our community. At our September board meeting this year, I presented statistics that showed more people are using the library than they were 10 years ago! This is largely due to the ability of libraries to offer digital eBooks and audiobooks to patrons. The way people read has evolved over the years, and so have we. I'm thankful that we have been able to do that, and I appreciate my team that continues to think outside the box so we can remain relevant to the community. Because at the end of the day, your support and use of the library is what matters the most. So if you will, please tell a friend how much the library means to you. Encourage a neighbor to get their library card. Tell your coworker about story time. Libraries are so much more than books; we are community spaces made for everyone.

Hope I see you here in 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annie".

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Our Vision

The library is community-driven and innovative, providing essential resources, services, and spaces.



Our Strategic Goals



OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY

We will grow our community impact by engaging nonusers, reinforcing the library's relevance, and deepening relationships across the community.



PATRON EXPERIENCE

We will strive to ensure every patron experiences consistent, high-quality service, a sense of belonging, and access to the materials they want, in the formats that best meet their needs.



INNOVATION

We will identify and develop innovative opportunities to deliver unique services, programs, and materials that meet evolving community needs.



ENGAGE OUR TEAM

We will attract and retain a diverse, engaged staff by investing in training, resources, and transparent, consistent communication.

Serving Anderson County with 9 Library Locations and a Bookmobile



Anderson



Belton



Iva



Honea Path



Williamston



Pendleton



Piedmont



Powdersville



Westside



After 22 years and miles of smiles, our beloved Bookmobile will be  retiring. We'll be introducing our new Community Outreach Van in early 2026!



OUR INCREDIBLE PATRONS

We love issuing and renewing library cards!



82,151
Total Library
Cardholders
(Awesome!)



10,296
New Library
Cards Issued
(Woohoo!)



9,372
Library
Cards Renewed
(Welcome back!)



Know someone who doesn't have a library card?

We'd love to get them signed up! Every branch location and the Bookmobile can issue a library card.

DID YOU KNOW?

Library cards expire!
Your library card is good for 2 years — then it's time to renew. Stop by any library location to make sure your card is ready to check out your next great read!

By the Numbers



Library Visits You visited us **376,822** times in 2025. Thanks for coming in!



Item Checkout You checked out **909,548** items in 2025.



Public computer use stayed strong in 2025, with **28,647** sessions.

Computer Use



You asked, we answered! Our team answered **95,251** reference questions last year.

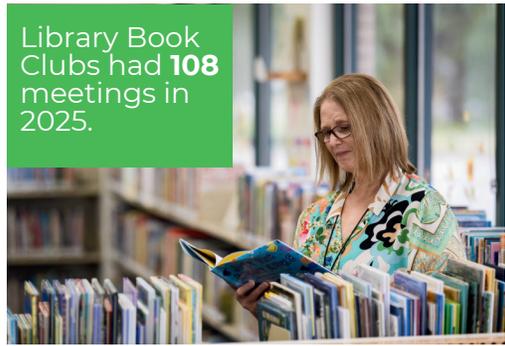
Reference Questions



Groups used our Main Library meeting spaces **3,337** times.

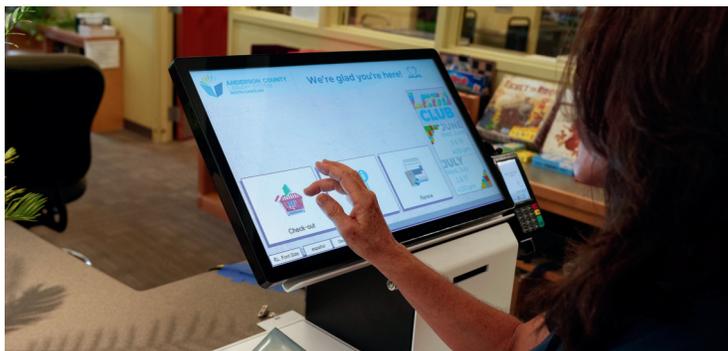


1,340 documents were notarized last year.



Library Book Clubs had **108** meetings in 2025.

By the Numbers



Self-Checkout

68,681 of you checked out 98,231 items on our self-checkout stations.

Bookmobile

Bringing the library to you is our favorite thing to do! There were **175** Bookmobile stops in 2025.



Our innovative Makerspace served **2,867** patrons in 2025.

ECC Makerspace



542,418 of you visited our website in 2025.

Website



Our youngest readers attended **435** storytimes in 2025.



Our Book-a-Librarian service remained popular with **53** appointments.

We can't wait to see how much we grow in 2026!

\$ Savings



It's no secret that life's expensive; that's why borrowing items from the Library is a great way to save your hard-earned dollars!

In 2025, our community saved a whopping **\$7,377,897** by borrowing items from the Library instead of buying them.

Books

\$2,664,811 was saved by borrowing books in 2025



eBooks & Audiobooks

\$3,309,156 was saved by borrowing ebooks and audiobooks in 2025

DVDs

\$171,565 was saved by borrowing DVDs in 2025



Streaming Movies/TV

\$24,282 was saved by streaming from our digital collection in 2025



\$87,900 was saved by borrowing Wi-Fi hotspots in 2025



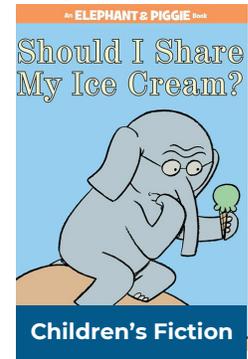
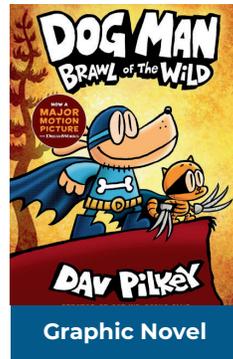
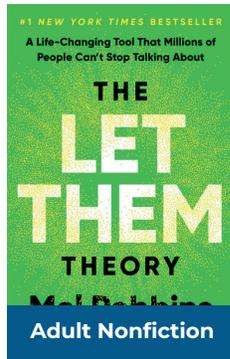
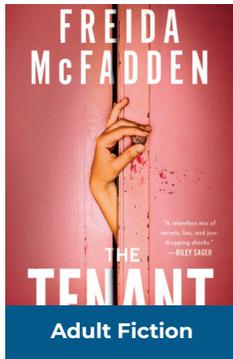
\$40,487 was saved by borrowing LEAP Station items in 2025



\$184,190 was saved by borrowing magazines in 2025

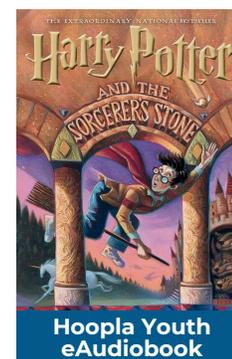
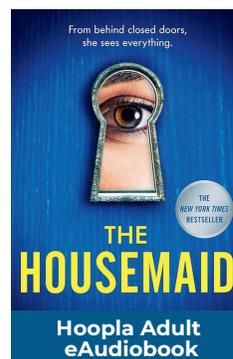
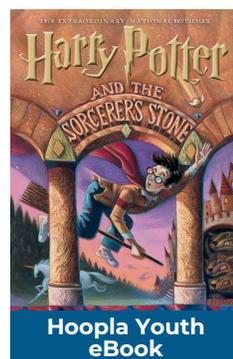
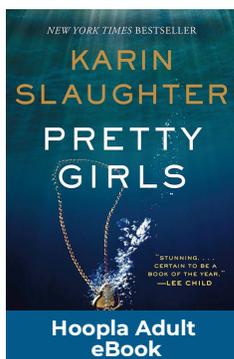
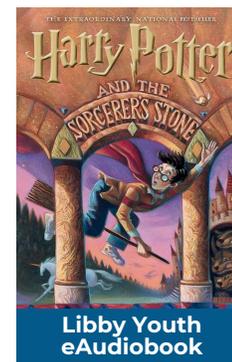
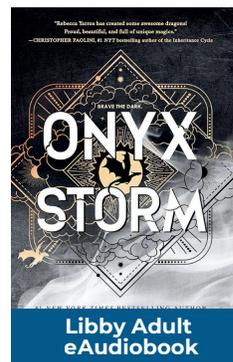
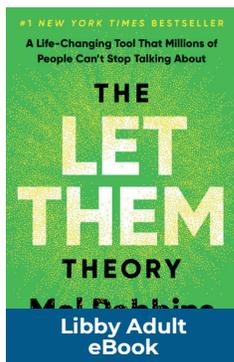
Most Popular: Physical Collection

You borrowed both traditional and non-traditional items in 2025. We'll continue to add to both collections and keep you coming back for more of what you like!



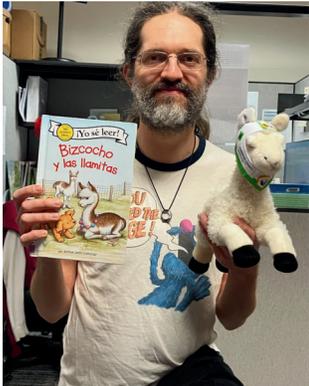
Most Popular: Digital Collection

Our digital collection continues to rise, with an impressive **368,534** digital checkouts in 2025. See what was popular below!



Library Programs

From Summer Reading to our annual Books and Community read, programs were a huge part of 2025! We welcomed **38,170** of you to **1,713** engaging library events and programs, and can't wait to welcome even more of you in 2026!



See y'all in 2026!



Community Outreach

From festivals and school literacy nights, to library card signup events and senior care center visits, we enjoyed getting out in the community and connecting with you at **57 events** in 2025!



Library Improvements



New Iva Branch Library!

Our new Iva Library opened for patrons on May 30th, 2025 with a grand opening ceremony! Over 100 patrons braved the rain and showed up to see our beautiful new space.



Since opening, the Iva Library has seen a 133% increase in visits, a 105% increase in item checkouts, and added a weekly family storytime for kids ages 0-5!



The LEAP Station



Powdersville LEAP Station



Anderson Main LEAP Station



Iva LEAP Station



Pendleton LEAP Station



Belton LEAP Station

We opened three new LEAP Stations in 2025! Belton, Iva, and Powdersville now have their very own LEAP Stations, raising our total to five.

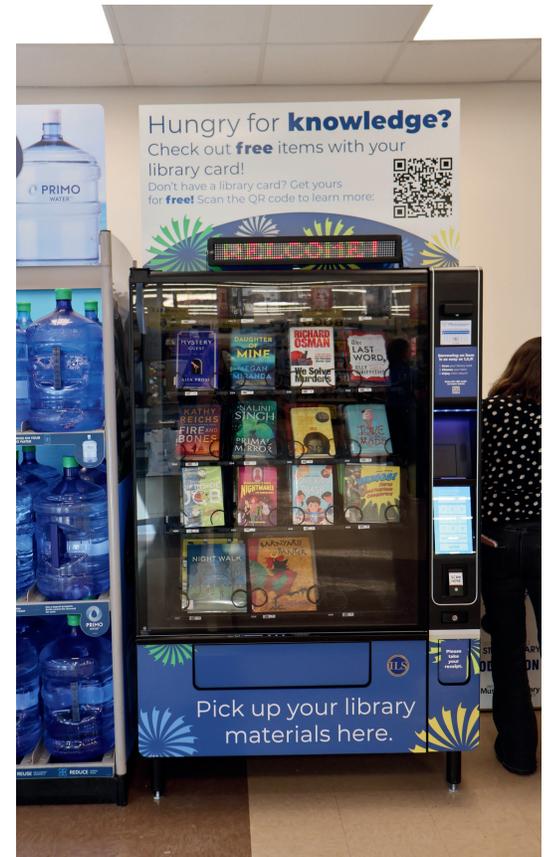
Patrons continue to be enthusiastic borrowers of non-traditional items like sports equipment, puzzles and games, park and museum passes and more.

We'll keep expanding our LEAP Stations and improving our current ones in 2026!



Vending Machine

In partnership with Anderson County, South Carolina State Library, The Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Food Lion, the library opened our brand-new Library Book Vending Machine on Friday, June 20. Attendees were dazzled by this innovative machine and how easy it is to use. We hope this new vending machine will expand library access in the county and bring library joy to patrons for years to come!





Connecting Online

From fun social media initiatives to a brand new website, we upped our online presence in 2025. See some highlights below!



Digital Event Guide

Our digital Event Guide made gains in online readership with each quarterly issue in 2025! 4,487 of you read it online. Haven't seen our digital guide yet? Check it out at <https://issuu.com/andersonlibrarysc>

Print copies are always available at your library!

Social Media

Our social media presence continues to grow! Our **Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Nextdoor** accounts hosted engaging content, ranging from book reviews to silly videos that our community *loved*. Also, our Facebook and Instagram following grew!



8,104 followers
30,963 page visits
720,088 content views



62,097 members
365 neighborhoods
42 posts in 2025



2,895 followers
9,622 people reached
54,870 content views



349 subscribers
119 videos
147,519 lifetime views



Weekly Emails

Subscribers to our email are always in the know about our latest library programs and events! Since their creation last year, our weekly emails have been read **over 1.2 million times**. Want to join the club?

Visit andersonlibrary.org/email-updates to sign up!



Friends of the Library



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of the Anderson County
LIBRARY

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The Friends of the Anderson County Library is a nonprofit organization that supports the growth, development, and greatest possible use of the Library. Membership is open to everyone, and membership cost goes directly towards funding important library programs, such as Summer Reading, literacy initiatives, and more.

Some of the projects our Friends helped fund in 2025 are:

Sonic Lunch Partnership with GAMAC | Adult Services

Youth Summer Reading Program | Youth Services

Magic Desktop Computers | Youth Services

VEX IQ Robotics Team Travel Expenses | Teen Services

Teen & Adult Author Visits | Teen Services, Adult Services

Storywalk Updates at KidVenture, Belton Bubble Gum Trail, and Mineral Springs Park | Outreach Services

Chapter Chasers Adult Reading Challenge Prizes | Adult Services

Friends Online Shop



Thank You for Being a Friend!

For more information on becoming a member, volunteering, or shopping in the Friends of the Anderson County Library used bookstore and gift shop, visit andersonlibrary.org/friends.



Support the library you love at the **Friends of the Library Online Shop!** From stylish apparel to cozy home & living items, the Friends Shop offers something for everyone. The best part? All proceeds support learning and discovery at the Anderson County Library!

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Serving our community
is our story.



From all of us,
Thanks for loving your library!



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