The weekend of September 7th and 8th, I was able to enjoy some time at the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library Fall Book Sale at the main library. I know that many of you reading this were at the sale as well, and if you weren’t, I would encourage you to make a point of it next fall, especially if you enjoy the Annual Used Book Sale in February. This year there were hardbacks as well as paperbacks.

The book sale experience is the end result of the work of the Friends volunteers all year long, and it really is wonderful! Through weekly sorting, the materials are screened for quality so the books and other materials that go to the sale are in good shape. They are also pre-sorted and organized to the point that it is easy to zero in on whatever may interest you. The above photo is from the sale; but if you would like to see more, visit www.sheppardlibrary.org. Follow the Pinterest link on the left, and you will find not only terrific reading lists, but also photos from the book sale. It occurred to me as I watched people enjoying themselves going through books, looking for (and finding) treasure, to put out a reminder that more Friends volunteers are needed to help make the sales happen and to make them as fabulous as they are. If you love handling books, looking at them, organizing and sorting them (you know who you are) please consider volunteering to be a book sorter! If you are as impressed as I am at how well-thought-out and carefully staged and executed the sales are, please consider volunteering to be a book sale helper. Since you love books and your public library, you may know other people who have not joined the Friends. Please encourage them to join the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library and get involved. The 23rd Annual Used Book Sale is set for February 6–9, 2014, at the Greenville Convention Center. So mark your calendar and be sure not to miss the event. If you want to help the sales to continue to be a success please volunteer, and beyond that, let us know if you have interest in serving as a Friends board member or committee chair. To learn more, stop by to see me when you are at the library, or contact me at 252-329-4585 or at gneedham@sheppardlibrary.org. I have yet to meet a more hard-working, dedicated group of bibliophiles than our Friends volunteers. The results of their work in support of the library helps our community in many powerful ways!
A look back in time at the history of Sheppard Memorial Library.

Statistical snapshot:

August

43,557 items circulated

869 new borrowers registered
(64,488 total borrowers)

Public computer/Internet use
(including wi-fi/laptop use)
17,708 sessions

Adult patrons are requesting ...

LIFE AFTER LIFE by Kate Atkinson
THE LIGHT IN THE RUINS by Chris Bohjalian

THE HIGHWAY by C.J. Box
SECOND HONEYMOON by James Patterson & Howard Roughan

Sheppard Memorial Library
(Present building)
What’s happening at our branch libraries?

We welcome story hour leader Kristin Hill who will be presenting stories at the East Branch Library on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and at the Winterville Public Library on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. She is excited and loves working with children.

The Blount (Bethel) Library currently has no scheduled programs. If a group would like to schedule a program, please call 252-825-0782.

September Is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Children who are at least five years old and enrolled in kindergarten are eligible for a Sheppard Memorial Library borrower’s card. When a child signs up for a library card, he or she may receive a “Very Best Place to Start” sticker from the Children’s Library. To celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month, our Facebook page will feature photos of new library card holders. If you already have a card, pose with a favorite library book the first time you use your card in September.

Lots of students have visited the Carver Library during the first few weeks of school. They are searching for information for reports and required reading assignments. We have computers available to assist students with their homework needs and a staff member ready to assist with computer issues.

Carver Library story hour is on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., for preschoolers ages 3-5. We ask that you call to reserve space for groups. For more information call 252-329-4583.

CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

Families are invited to a game night on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Come dance with us and have fun playing games.

If you are preparing to participate in the Battle of the Books at your school, you can find the books in the Children’s Library. There you will find a bookmark listing the titles for the elementary and middle school Battle of the Books. Also, you can start reading the books nominated for the NC Children’s Book Award. All of the books are displayed on top of the shelf designated for new books.

### Children’s Library

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JUVENILE OUTREACH

The Juvenile Outreach librarian has started her visits to preschool and daycare centers throughout the county. In our new program we are reading books about the ocean. The book, “I Spy Under The Sea” by Edward Gibbs, shows part of the illustration through a hole in the page. The children try to figure out which sea animal is on the next page. One of the favorites is the shark! The children are also learning about hermit crabs in the book, “Is This A House For Hermit Crab?” by Megan McDonald.

It’s not too late for summer reading participants to pick up their reading folders.

Please pick them up by Monday, September 30.