I am happy to report that good things are happening at your library as we work our way into 2014! Starting January 16th, library staff will be providing one-on-one instruction for patrons who would like assistance downloading the library’s 3M Cloud e-books and Zinio e-magazines. These sessions are by reservation only, either by stopping by or calling the reference desk at 329-4376. Also new for 2014, staff will be providing tours of the main library on a standing basis (not just upon request, though we will still do that as well), every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This will include orientation and walking tour of the main library, how to locate various types of materials and services, an introduction to the library catalog, and more. Even lifelong patrons usually don’t know everything about all of the resources the library provides. We expect the tours will help many people to make better use of the library. Please do come, and spread the word. I am excited about what our librarians in adult public services are doing to connect more people with the library services and resources they need!

I am also delighted to report that program attendance is up significantly at the library, especially participation in children’s programming. Even with all the excitement over e-books and e-magazines, we are very glad to see that parents and grandparents want the young ones to attend children’s programs.

I have highlighted and commended some of the departments at the main library that work directly with the public, but really I am proud of all of our staff for the great work they do. Some of those staff members you don’t see, like the technical services staff, without whose ceaseless efforts and striving for perfection you would not have the wonderful books you enjoy. Some you see all the time on the front lines, like our terrific circulation staff. Some staff members you may not see if you frequent one library location but not the others, and we have wonderful staff providing a great library experience at all of our locations. It takes a great staff to make a wonderful library. I am thankful for them and for you, our terrific patrons. We wish you all a happy 2014 and look forward to seeing you at the library! Be sure to attend the 23rd Annual Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library Used Book Sale February 7-9!
The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library will hold their annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2014, in the Copeland Board Room at the main library, 530 Evans Street, Greenville. An election will occur to fill board positions from February 2014 through January 2015. Nominees include the following individuals:

- Dr. Matt Stead, President
- Mr. Christopher Uffers, Vice President
- Ms. Gerry Case, Secretary
- Mr. Tony Parker, Treasurer
- Mrs. Patricia Rawls, Member-at-Large
- Mr. Joe Sullivan, Member-at-Large
- Mrs. Joyce Weldin, Member-at-Large

THE SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
PUBLIC LIBRARY QUIZ BOWL

will be held
Saturday, February 8
at 10:00 a.m.
in Meeting Room A
of the main library
530 Evans St., Greenville

Participating high school teams:
- Ayden-Grifton
- D.H. Conley
- North Pitt
- J.H. Rose
- South Central

For more information, call the library at 252-329-4376.

Statistical snapshot:

December

33,341 items circulated

474 new borrowers registered
(67,020 total borrowers)

Public computer/
Internet use
(including wi-fi/laptop use)
15,062 sessions
After a busy holiday season, children are back looking for good books to read. There are many new titles as well as replacements of worn copies of old favorites. The Children’s Library welcomes new patrons coming in to look for books, to answer research questions, or to join in the story hours.

During a library visit, help your child play a game on one of the five Early Literacy Station computers. Children are still excited about all the games and activities available. They do not realize that they are learning because they are having fun. Children of all ages can find games that they like. The littlest ones can listen to several interactive stories, such as GREEN EGGS AND HAM by Dr. Seuss or GRANDMA AND ME by Mercer Mayer. Adults are surprised to see the extent of the software programs covering math, reading, writing, science, music, research, art, history, language, and computer literacy.

**Special Events in the Children’s Library**

**Bedtime Story Hour**  
Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m.  
for families with children 10 and under

**Make & Take Craft**  
Thursday, February 13, at 3:30 p.m.  
for children 12 and younger

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**2014 Greenville Community Black History Quiz Bowl**

Sheppard Memorial Library’s George Washington Carver facility is partnering with the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, 100 Black Men of Eastern NC, and the City of Greenville to host the event at the Boys and Girls Club on Firetower Road on Saturday, February 15, at 3:00 p.m.

**Blount (Bethel) Library**

Books are on display in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We encourage you to stop by the branch, check out these materials, and learn about his contributions to society.

Books on valentines are also on display.

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**Story Times and Locations**

**Children’s Library**

**Toddler Story Hour**  
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
(for children 18 months through 3 years old)

**Preschool Story Hour**  
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.  
(for children 3 through 5 years old)

**East Branch Library**  
Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m.  
(for toddlers and preschool age children)

**Winterville Public Library**  
Wednesdays, at 10:30 a.m.  
(for toddlers and preschool age children)

**Carver Branch Library**  
Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m.  
(for children 3 through 5 years old)
Juvenile Outreach

During January, the Outreach Librarian is continuing the second series of story programs about winter weather. The children have enjoyed the book *WHEN THE SNOW COMES* by Jonathan Allen. They find out what several different animals do during the winter. *THE MITTEN*, retold by Jim Aylesworth, is also a favorite. The illustrations by Barbara McClintock show many different animals crowding into one mitten. For many children, the best part is when the bear climbs in!

Holiday Closing

Monday, January 20, 2014