Notes and Observations from Library Director, Greg Needham

In this spring 2015 edition of the Bookmark, I would like to highlight just a few of the improvements and enhancements being implemented at your library!

Thanks to support from the City of Greenville, the Carver Library’s carpet is being replaced during the month of June, which will be a terrific improvement enjoyed by all. We do anticipate approximately five days of closure of the branch while this work is being completed.

The City of Greenville has also replaced the flat roof at the East Branch Library. We appreciate everyone’s understanding while this work was being completed, as there was some disruption due to the noise level as well as restrictions on parking for a time.

The City of Greenville and Pitt County are helping to repair the Main Library’s exterior and it will soon once again look its best. We do not expect any interruption in service or inconvenience due to the work on the Main Library, which is also scheduled to begin in June.

The Main Library’s new computer lab is being utilized frequently. The Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County have partnered with Sheppard Memorial Library and are now offering free computer classes in the lab. These classes teach a variety of computer skills.

In an effort to improve the technology throughout the library, the remainder of the public computers at the Main Library will be replaced. Replacing the old computers will be made possible by a federal Library Services and Technology Act grant. The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library will provide matching funds. Thank you once again to all of the wonderful Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library for making a difference for our library and community.

Our library staff is working constantly to grow and improve the collection, including traditional paper books, eBooks, eMagazines, and audiobooks. For example, we have added more than 4,000 downloadable audiobooks to our OneClickDigital Library.

The Children’s Library staff continues to expand reading-centered programming. They are now averaging 100 participants per week in our toddler storytime programs! Catalog improvements continue to be implemented and we will soon have Accelerated Reader information incorporated into the kids catalog.

We look forward to sharing an exciting summer with you, and wish you all a summer of happy reading and enjoyment!
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Congratulations to the students of D.H. Conley High School who won first place in the 2015 Eastern North Carolina Regional Quiz Bowl held Saturday, March 28 at Sheppard Memorial Library! The score for the final game was D.H. Conley 100 points, South Lenoir High School 90 points.

Members of D.H. Conley’s Quiz Bowl team are Kassidy Blount, Allison Dixon, Sayan Dutta, Alex Lea, Lauren Lim, Tim Navarro, Nabeela Nujhat, and Kevin Wang. Their coaches are Greg Lewis and Kurt Garner.

Teams from Lee Christian School, East Surry High School, Davidson Early College High School, and Roanoke Rapids High School also participated in the competition.

Thanks to all the teams and coaches for participating in this event and to the moderator, judges, rotation

With the help of the Pitt County Literacy Volunteers, Sheppard Memorial Library is now offering free computer basics classes. These classes teach attendees Microsoft Excel and Powerpoint, social media skills, how to set up an email account, how to attach documents, how to search for jobs online, and more. Call 252-329-4376 for more information!
Adult patrons are requesting:

**Holiday Closings:**

- Independence Day: July 3-5
- Labor Day: September 5-7
UNMASK the hero inside of you!

2015 Teen Summer Program at Sheppard Memorial Library
FREE ACTIVITIES for Rising 6th-12 graders
Earn coupons for free food plus a chance to win gift cards to local businesses.

FAN-CON!!!
Saturday, JUNE 13
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
FREE event for teens!

COSTUME / TALENT CONTEST! MANGA DRAWING CLASSES!
Celebrate characters from Books, Comics, Anime, Manga, TV, Movies & Video Games!
Come in costume or as yourself. Free activities!
COSPLAY! TRIVIA! FOOD!
PANELS! SCREENINGS!
Zombie make-up! Face painting!
Artist alley—Bring your creations such as art or writing to display.

Anime and Manga activities
Fridays 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 19, July 17, Aug. 14
Bring snacks to share, we’ll provide drinks.

Book Clubs: Read It! Talk About It!!
Fridays: June 19: Prisoner B-3087 / July 17: “Everlost”

For more information call Casandria or Heather at 252-329-4581
email ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org or hharden@sheppardlibrary.org

YA at Sheppard Memorial Library
yareaders.tumblr.com
Branch Happenings

Bethel Library
It’s time to have some fun at the Bethel Branch. The Summer Reading program will start on June 15 and we’re excited about the new changes in earning prizes. We invite you to come check out our new arrivals. There is something for the entire family to enjoy at the library. For more information about story hour or volunteering at the library, please contact the Branch Manager, Mildred Elliott, at 252 329-4064.

Carver Library
School is out and now is the time to catch up on your pleasure reading. We are busy getting ready at Carver to share stories about heroes and we want you to checkout our other new arrivals. We will offer Pre-K and school age programs each week. On Fridays we will offer a popcorn theater and arts and crafts activities. We also invite parents and teens to stop by and check out all the new arrivals. Join us for story hour on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (ages 3-5)

Winterville and East Branch Libraries
We have been busy planning for our Summer Reading Program and are eagerly waiting for you at the Winterville and East Branch. The theme for this year is “Every Hero Has A Story” and we are ready to share games, activities, arts and crafts, movies, and books with you this summer. There are many new arrivals on heroes and don’t forget you are a hero, too. Story Hour at the East Branch is every Tuesday and every Wednesday at the Winterville Branch. See the calendar on page 10 for times for each location.

Meetings:

• The Friends of SML will meet on Monday, August 10, 2015.

• The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

Both meetings are at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the Copeland Board Room at the Main Branch at 530 Evans Street in Greenville, NC.
### Statistical Snapshot

**Items circulated:**  
- February - 34,434  
- March - 37,620  
- April - 35,414  

**Public Computer Logins:**  
- February - 13,281  
- March - 15,833  
- April - 14,313  

**New borrowers registered:**  
- February - 451  
- March - 511  
- April - 504  

**Patron visits:**  
- February - 34,988  
- March - 40,053  
- April - 36,960
Children’s Library

June 2015

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530 Evans Street * Greenville, NC 27858
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Children’s Library

Story Hour Schedule

**Toddler Story Hour:**
Every Tuesday at 10 & 11 a.m.
For children ages 18 months - 3 yrs.

**Preschool Story Hour:**
Every Wednesday at 11 a.m.
For children ages 3-5 yrs.

**Bedtime Story Hour:**
Once a month at 7 p.m.
A Financial Education Program offered by:

Module 1: Bank On It
January 26, 2015

Module 2: Borrowing Basics
February 23, 2015

Module 3: Check It Out (Part 1)
March 23, 2015

Module 3: Check It Out (Part 2)
April 20, 2015

Module 4: Money Matters
May 18, 2015

Module 5: Pay Yourself First
June 22, 2015

Module 6: Keep It Safe
July 20, 2015

Module 7: To Your Credit
August 24, 2015

Module 8: Charge It Right
September 28, 2015

Module 9: Loan To Own
October 26, 2015

Module 10: Your Own Home
November 23, 2015

Module 11: Financial Recovery
December 28, 2015

All Modules are FREE and will be taught 5:30PM – 7:30PM.
Sheppard Memorial Library (Room B)
530 Evans Street
Please call Sylvia D. Brown @ 252-329-4509 to register.

East Carolina University

A Healthier @
Sheppard Memorial Library

Learn how to find quality health information on the Internet
June 2015
East Branch and Winterville Library

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**Fan-Con 2015!**

JUNE 10 @ SHEPPARD LIBRARY.ORG/TEENZONE

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Contact us if you have any questions: corone@sheppardlibrary.org for Casandria or bharden@sheppardlibrary.org for Heather

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*Schedule Available June 10 @ Sheppard Library.**
The 2015 Summer Reading program starts June 15. This year’s theme is “Every Hero Has A Story.” Each SML branch is participating. Visit your local branch for more information!
Did you know the Pitt County Bookmobile makes more than 60 different stops? Visit www.sheppardlibrary.org to download the Bookmobile schedule today!

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