Notes and Observations from Library Director, Greg Needham

In this summer 2015 edition of the Bookmark, I would like to highlight just a few of the improvements and enhancements that were implemented at your library system this summer.

First, thanks to the support from the City of Greenville, the Carver Library’s carpet was replaced during the month of June, and the results are tremendous. Carver really does look like a new library now! In addition, thanks to the City of Greenville and also Pitt County, the Main Library has been undergoing vital exterior maintenance and repairs and is looking truly beautiful.

As for technological advances, the library has now upgraded our Wi-Fi service in all of our locations, which allows patrons to experience a faster and better wireless connectivity. This will allow patrons to access the library’s catalog, website, social media, and download e-books and audiobooks from their smartphones or tablets at a much faster speed.

In collection development, staff members continue to work diligently to grow and improve the collection, including traditional paper books, e-books, e-magazines, and audiobooks. Be sure to keep sharing requests with us as we work to make the collection the best it can be for our community. Of course, it has also been a very exciting time of summer reading, with numerous programs all summer and terrific participation.

Lastly, I would like to say hats off to the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library, volunteers, and to the staff members who helped with the 50 Cents Book Sale on September 12 and 13. The book sale raised $2,719.00. More than 1,000 books were available at the sale. The proceeds go to The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library. This allows us to enhance library programs and services. The next book sale will take place from February 4 to 7, 2016 at the Greenville Convention Center.

Make sure to stop by the freshly painted and repaired Main Library. Whichever location you choose, we want you to have a terrific library experience. As always, thanks to each of you for all you do in support of your library system. We look forward to seeing you soon.
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2015 Summer Reading Program Recap

The Sheppard Memorial Library would like to thank everyone who made our 2015 Summer Reading Program, “Every Hero Has a Story,” a success. More than 800 children read more than 9,700 hours this summer. We also had many families and camps visit the Children’s Library to participate in our weekly Story Hour programs for toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children.

Children’s Library Events:

**Toddler Story Hour:** Tuesdays, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.
(ages 18 months-age 3)

**Preschool Story Hour:** Wednesdays, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. (ages 3-5)

**Make & Take Craft:** 2nd Thursday of each month 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (ages 12 and younger)

**Bedtime Story Hour:** Once a month, 7 p.m.
For families with children ages 10 and younger
Wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed animal!
*Upcoming: September 24 and Thursday, November 19.*

**Spooktacular Stories:** Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m. (ages 6 and under)
Wear a costume and bring a treat bag!

**Puppet Show:**
The Gingerbread Man (ages 2-5)
Tuesday – Thursday, November 17 -19
Children’s Library Program Room

**Family Programs (all ages)**

**Star Wars Read Day**
Saturday, October 10
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**International Game Day**
Saturday, November 21
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Thanks to our partnership with the Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County, a variety of free computer classes are now available at the Sheppard Memorial Library.
Call 252-329-4376 for more information!
Adult patrons are requesting:

- Luckiest Girl Alive by Jessica Knoll
- Sue Grafton
- Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
- Paper Towns by John Green
- Silver Linings by Debbie Macomber
- Naked Greed by Stuart Woods
- Friction by Sandra Brown
- Truth or Die by James Patterson & Howard Roughan

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www.sheppardlibrary.org

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A FREE SERVICE OF THE LIBRARY
Available on library computers, or at home through the library website
Winterville Library

The Winterville staff gives a big shout out to the many 2015 Summer Reading participants and supporters. The youth did a wonderful job this summer. We would like to thank the volunteers and Federal Work Study students this summer for their hard work at the Winterville Branch. Weekly Story Hour (ages 2-Kindergarten) resumed on Wednesday, September 3 at 10:30 a.m. We encourage all to invite a friend! If you have a large group, please call to make a reservation at 252-756-1786.

Blount (Bethel) Library

The Bethel Library has new hours of operation, now including Saturday hours. The library will be closed on Mondays and open Tuesday through Saturday. The Tuesday through Friday hours will remain 1-5 p.m. The library will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We would like to thank the 2015 Summer Reading participants and supporters for encouraging the youth to read this summer. Special thanks goes out to our volunteers at Bethel Library for helping with the program. If you wish to have a special story hour, please call 252-916-2834 to make a reservation.

Carver Library

Join us for our Weekly Story Hour (ages 3-5) at the Carver Library at 10:30 a.m. Groups are welcome to attend and share in the fun. We would also like to thank the Health Science Academy volunteers and Federal Work Study students for all of their hard work this summer.

Meetings:

• The Friends of SML will meet on Monday, October 12, 2015.

• The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

Both meetings are at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the Elizabeth H. Copeland Board Room at the Main Library at 530 Evans Street in Greenville, NC.
The Greenville NC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, in partnership with First Book (www.firstbook.org), the United Way of Pitt County, and Taylor Made Books, brought 20,000 free children’s books to our community at the end of August! Many of the books were donated to Sheppard Memorial Library and will be available for our children for years to come. We are so very grateful for the donation and partnership as we all work together to provide books for children and nurture literacy and the love of reading!

**Statistical Snapshot**

**Items circulated:**
- May - 35,101
- June - 49,149
- July - 52,626

**New borrowers registered:**
- May - 468
- June - 890
- July - 872

**Public Computer Logins:**
- May - 14,519
- June - 16,400
- July - 16,924

**Patron visits:**
- May - 34,736
- June - 44,311
- July - 45,660
Sheppard Memorial Library

FREE
HOMEWORK HELP
for
K-12th graders
EVERY TUESDAY
3-6 P.M.

Drop-by-for help with Science, Math, Reading, Writing, and other subjects from ECU students.

530 Evans St.
Phone: 329-4581
www.SheppardLibrary.org/teenzone

Volunteers Wanted

Tuesdays
3-6 P.M.

You may come for a portion or all of the time.

Assist 4th-12th graders with Homework
Math | Science | Writing / Reading | Spanish | History

Begins Sept. 15

Sheppard Memorial Library
To volunteer, please contact Heather in advance

Located within walking distance of ECU, across from The Boundary
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Thank You

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**Bring any materials that you need to work on your assignment.**

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Sheppard Memorial Library

Anime & Manga Club!

Grades 6-12
Bring a treat to share & we’ll provide the drinks!

Fall Meetings:
Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m

Questions or Suggestions for anime to watch? Email Heather: hharden@sheppardlibrary.org

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Teen Zone Crew
Help plan programs
6th-12th graders

Bring Your Ideas

We'll bring the food

Saturday
Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19
Volunteer
11 A.M.-12 P.M.
Connect with SML’s Teen Zone

sheppardlibrary.org/teenzone

Holiday Closings:
Veteran’s Day: Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving: Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, 2015
Did you know the Pitt County Bookmobile makes more than 60 different stops throughout Pitt County? Visit www.sheppardlibrary.org to download the Bookmobile schedule today!

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