Notes and Observations from Library Director, Greg Needham

Exciting things are happening at your library as we transition from spring into summer, and I am glad to be able to share some highlights that I believe you will enjoy. As we have been working with the Pitt County School system to simplify access to the library’s online resources for students, their families, and teachers, I have been reminded that we need to get the word out about those resources to all of you!

There are tremendous online resources available through your library that can be a real benefit for all ages, and not everyone is aware of what those resources are. What we have done together with the school system is register each of the PCS students for access to our online resources using their student ID numbers. However, any library patron has the same access— you just need to know what we have for you and make use of it. In this edition of The Bookmark you will see many of these resources, and the same information is linked under the student resources tab on the library’s website, www.sheppardlibrary.org. These resources include: e-books, downloadable audiobooks, e-magazines, SML’s catalog, Novelist Plus, SelectReads, and Goodreads, NCPEDIA, the Daily Reflector Newsbank Archive, and Literature Criticism Online. NCLIVE is there, including Learning Express Library, and really NCLIVE is a world of resources by itself! But the list goes on, including NCKnows, Cypress Resume, Free NC DMV Permit Practice, Unite For Literacy early literacy books available in multiple languages………you get the picture. Be sure to check out www.sheppardlibrary.org/studentresources, and don’t hesitate to contact us or talk to a librarian for more information— you’ll be glad you did!

As we strive to provide the best of leading-edge offerings for our patrons, here at Sheppard Memorial Library we are also determined to provide the very best traditional library materials and experience. We are very excited that circulation is increasing month-by-month, even from the already high historical levels. Part of this is due to the fantastic programing our children’s staff put on for young readers. We are so glad to be a part of the newly developing early literacy coalition, Books From Birth Of ENC, which will help ensure that all children start off on the road to reading and learning from the earliest age, and so succeed and thrive all their lives. Our new Baby and Me program has also been a dramatic success! More information on the early literacy coalition will be coming soon.

In the meantime, we are gearing up for the Summer Reading Program, which I expect may be our best yet, and during the summer reading program the new Baby and Me program will take a pause, but then start back up afterwards. I hope that each of our patrons of all ages will have a wonderful summer of reading. Thank you all for everything you do in support of your public library, literacy, and lifelong learning. See you at the library!
On May 31, 2016, SML will be moving ALL of our e-books to OneClickDigital. The 3M Cloud website will be inaccessible until the entire collection is moved.

During this downtime, select e-book titles will be available through OneClickDigital.

Use the OneClickDigital mobile app to download directly to your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch or Android powered mobile device (including Kindle Fire and Nook tablet).

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The 2016 Regional Quiz Bowl competition was held on April 16, 2016 at Memorial United Methodist Church in Thomasville, NC and was sponsored by the Davidson County Public Library.

The Ayden-Grifton team represented Sheppard Memorial Library in the competition. These students from Ayden-Grifton High School participated in the 2016 Regional Quiz Bowl: Joseph Lutz, Claire McCrea, Justin Saulter, Anna Saulter, Vanessa King, Caleb Benson, Reid Shackelford and Mark Pecina. The team’s coaches are Will Tyer and Brian Saleeby.

Participating teams were Ayden-Grifton High School, Ledford High School, Roanoke Rapids High School, Lee County High School, Arendell Parrott Academy, South Stokes High School, and Graystone Day School.

South Stokes High School won the 2016 Regional Quiz Bowl competition, and the team from Arendell Parrott Academy placed second at the event. Congratulations to all the students and coaches who participated in this competition, and thank you to the Davidson County Public Library for sponsoring it.
Adult patrons are requesting:

CHECK OUT DIGITAL MAGAZINES ON YOUR LIBRARY’S WEBSITE!
Winterville Branch Events

Preschool Story hour
June 22 – Aug. 3
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Ages 2-5

School-age Story hour
June 22 – Aug. 3
3–4 p.m.
Ages 6-12

MOVIE DAYS

Zootopia - June 30
4 – 6 p.m.
Come exercise your mind and help uncover a conspiracy in the city of Zootopia.

Kung Fu Panda 3 - July 28
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Continuing his “legendary adventures of awesomeness,” Po must face two hugely epic, but different threats: one supernatural and the other a little closer to his home.

Reading Ninja Warrior Course
August 4
4-5:30 p.m. (ages 2-12)
Test your mental and physical strength on our backyard course. There will be a course for ages 2-5 and a course for ages 6-12.
Rain check date: Aug. 6th from 2-3:30 p.m.

Just Dance: Rated E
July 8
(ages 6 -12)
Session 1 – 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Session 2 – 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Get up and dance and shake those sillies out!
Remember to bring your comfortable dance gear and a bottle of water! Space is limited.

Cize It Up: Rated PG-13
July 15
(ages 13 – 17)
Session 1 – 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Session 2 – 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Come Dance with us and Cize It Up! Remember to bring your comfortable dance gear and a bottle of water! Space is limited.
Meetings:

The Friends of SML will meet on Monday, August 8, 2016.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

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.

Holiday Closings:

Memorial Day: May 28-30, 2016

Independence Day: July 2-4, 2016

Labor Day: September 3-5, 2016

Main Library/Children's Library
530 Evans Street
Greenville, NC 27858
Main Library: 252.329.4580
Children's Library: 252.329.4581
Mon-Thu 9am-9pm
Fri-Sat 9am-6pm
Sun. 2pm-5pm

Winterville Branch
2613 Railroad Street
Winterville, NC 28590
P: 252.756.1786
Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri. 9am-6pm
Sat. 1pm-5pm

Carver Branch
618 W. 14th Avenue
Greenville, NC 27834
252.329.4583
Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri. 9am-6pm
Sat. 11am-3pm

East Branch
2000 Cedar Lane
Greenville, NC 27858
252.329.4582
Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri. 9am-6pm
Sat. 11am-3pm

Bethel Branch
201 ives Street
Bethel, NC 27812
P: 252.825.0782
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Tues-Fri 1-5pm
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Books From Birth: Early Literacy Coalition of Eastern North Carolina is a new early literacy coalition created in Pitt County, focusing on improving childhood literacy.

The Early Literacy Coalition is working with an executive committee composed of representatives from the United Way, East Carolina University, Vidant Health, the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, Pitt County Development Commission, Greenville Utilities Commission, Mayne Pharma and Sheppard Memorial Library. Books From Birth is taking steps to improve literacy from the time a child is born, including development of the Imagination Library program.

Visit BooksFromBirthofENC.com

Statistical Snapshot

Items circulated:
• January - 37,220
• February - 36,359
• March - 39,761
• April - 38,506

New borrowers registered:
• January - 490
• February - 449
• March - 497
• April - 381

Public Computer Logins:
• January - 11,248
• February - 10,825
• March - 11,196
• April - 11,390

Patron visits:
• January - 34,738
• February - 34,221
• March - 37,650
• April - 37,797
The purpose of a summer reading program is to encourage reading and to foster a lifelong love of books. Children who join the summer library program keep their minds active and enter school in the fall ready to learn.

Make summer reading a family affair. Read to your children and ask them to read to you. Even though children may be reading well on their own, parents should continue reading aloud. Children enjoy hearing what they may not be ready to read themselves. They especially like stories in which characters deal with feelings similar to those they may be feeling.

Reading aloud also offers opportunities to introduce children to books they might not discover on their own, such as classic stories, folktales, mythology, and nonfiction.

Summer reading is fun! In the Summer Reading Program, children keep a reading record on a game board and earn prizes by reading or by listening to library books read aloud. A special certificate of achievement is also awarded.

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**Summer Reading Guidelines**

1. Children ages 3-12 may register to participate in the Summer Reading Program.

2. Children who can’t read may still participate by having someone read library books to them.

3. We ask that you read library books for the Summer Reading Program. You may also listen to recorded books from the library. Board books do not count towards the reading goal.

4. Each child will receive a bookmark and game board when registering for the Summer Reading Program.

5. Prizes are earned based on the time read starting on June 1st and ending on August 5th.

6. Mark off a space on your game board for every 30 minutes read.

7. At the end of each lap on your game board (14 spaces filled in), return to the library to receive a prize. Please collect your prizes as you earn them, NOT at the end of the Summer Reading Program.
SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

JUNE 20 (ages 3-12)

On June 20, Magician, Rob Westcott, will perform at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. in the Children’s Library Program Room, 530 Evans Street, Greenville, NC 27858

2016 Summer Reading Program

Children’s Library Programs

School-Age Story Hour (Grades 1-5)
  Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
  June 22 – August 3
  Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
  June 23 – August 4

Preschool Story Hour (Ages 3-6)
  Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
  June 21 – August 2
  Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
  June 22 – August 3
  Kindergarten graduates are also welcome

Toddler Story Hours
  (18 months to 3-years-old)
  Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
  June 21 – August 2

Carver Branch Programs

Weekly June 21 - August 5

School-Age Story Hours (ages 6-12)
  Mondays at 10 a.m.

School-Age Story Hours (ages 6-8)
  Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.
  Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m.

School-Age Story Hours (ages 9-12)
  Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.
  Thursdays at 9:45 a.m.

Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5)
  Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m.

Make Arts & Crafts/Movies
  Fridays at 1 p.m

East Branch Programs

Preschool Story Hour (ages 2-5)
  Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
  June 21st – August 2nd
  Kindergarten graduates are also welcome

Summer Reading T-shirts

Summer Reading T-shirts can be ordered at any of the SML branches. Children’s sizes are $6.50 each, $8.50 for Adult Small-XL, and $9.50 for 2X-3X.

Prize List

Lap 1: Stickers and Certificate
Lap 2: Sports Toy and Food Prize
Lap 3: Champion Medal and Food Prize
Lap 4: Choose Your Own Book and Food Prize

On Your Mark, Get Set... READ
HOW TO ADULT: TEEN SERIES

LEARN REAL WORLD SKILLS FROM LOCAL PROFESSIONALS

I WANT A CAR!
Learn to save and manage your money

FIRST AID/CPR CLASS
Get certified in lifesaving skills

I'M SO STRESSED!
Yoga Class. Tips for a healthy mind and body

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?
Cooking and grocery shopping tips that don't involve Ramen Noodles

WHAT DO I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP?
Career and college advice

FREE for 6th-12th graders
THURSDAYS IN JUNE AND JULY
Sheppard Memorial Library
Access **FREE** online tools that bring learning to life both inside and outside the classroom with your library card!

sheppardlibrary.org/studentresources

**NCpedia**

NCpedia is an online encyclopedia about NC.

**NCknows**

With NCknows, you can connect to a librarian through your computer at any time. By typing messages back and forth, we will be able to give you answers, articles and more. It’s easy and safe. We are open 24/7 except for Saturday and Sunday from midnight-8am.

**NewsBank**

Searchable online access to news articles for the last ten years in the Greenville Daily Reflector. Also includes access to America’s News magazines which includes over 27 publications.

**NovelList Plus**

NovelList Plus is the premiere database of reading recommendations, available through libraries around the world. It is a comprehensive source of information about books that includes expert recommendations, reviews, articles, lists and more.

**Literature Criticism Online**

Need critiques for your English class? Literature Criticism Online offers a range of modern and historical views on authors and their works across regions, eras and genres. Multiple search and browse options are included.

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Cypress Resume is the online resume builder that lets you create professional-quality resumes in three quick and simple steps.

**Unite for Literacy**

Great non-fiction picture e-books are now available for beginning readers. There is also an audio narration feature that can speak different languages and these books are read by native speakers. A huge thanks to Unite for Literacy for making this free service accessible for patrons!
Did you know the Pitt County Bookmobile makes more than 60 different stops throughout Pitt County?

Visit [www.sheppardlibrary.org](http://www.sheppardlibrary.org) to download the schedule today!

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