Dear Friends,

Summer is in full swing at your public library, with lots happening on all fronts and heavy use of all library services and resources. It was fantastic to see the tremendous turnout for the Summer Reading Program (SRP) kickoff, and participation in this summer’s program is high. It’s not too late to register, so please do spread the word. There will be lots of reading for kids of all ages this summer through the SRP. We currently have over one-third (and counting!) of Pitt County children under five years old registered for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, a program initiated in Greenville and Pitt County by Books From Birth, the Early Literacy Coalition of Eastern North Carolina. Every participating child will receive a developmentally appropriate book of their very own each month, delivered to their home, and at no cost to them or their family - thanks to support from wonderful local individuals and entities. The goal is 100% enrollment (we may reach that by a year from now with your help!), so please do make sure to register your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and spread the word far and wide so that as many children and families as possible - and all of our community and society over time - will benefit.

Information on the Summer Reading Program and Imagination Library registration appears later in this newsletter, as well as at all SML locations, and on our web site, www.sheppardlibrary.org, as well as our social media.

On a bittersweet note, I am sorry to report that the current (1998 model) Bookmobile had a catastrophic engine failure in June and, consequently, Bookmobile service has for the present been reduced to what we are able to provide using a library van, to get books to as many Bookmobile patrons as Possible. There is currently no going aboard to browse while the old bus is sidelined! The good news is that the new Bookmobile was already in the works and due by the end of summer - thanks in part to the wonderful Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library for pitching in funding toward the replacement, as well as a grant from the James J. and Mamie Richardson Perkins Trust, and support from Pitt County, the local government entity that historically has always provided funds for bookmobile replacement. We are doing everything we can to expedite the process and with any luck the new Bookmobile may arrive sooner than promised - time will tell. The manufacturer knows that our old Bookmobile is dead in the water, and will do all it can. Thanks to everyone for your patience during this time of transition. The new Bookmobile will be a wonderful upgrade and a benefit to everyone for the next two decades - worth the wait!

I wish you all a safe and happy summer, and thank you for all you do in support of your public library, literacy, computer literacy and lifelong learning. One last note: be sure to put the Friends September Book Sale on your calendars - for details see the info later in this newsletter. The book sale will be here before we know it, and is always a great event and not to be missed! Happy Reading!
BRANCH LOCATIONS AND HOURS

Main Library/Children’s Library
530 Evans Street
Greenville, NC 27858
Main: 252-329-4580
Children’s: 252-329-4581
Mon-Thu 9am-9pm
Fri-Sat 9am-6pm
Sun 2pm-5pm

East Branch
2000 Cedar Lane
Greenville, NC 27858
252-329-4582
Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 11am-3pm

Carver Branch
618 W. 14th Avenue
Greenville, NC 27834
252-329-4583
Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 11am-3pm

Winterville Branch
2613 Railroad Street
Winterville, NC 28590
252-756-1786
Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 1pm-5pm

Bethel Branch
201 Ives Street
Bethel, NC 27812
252-329-0782
Tues-Thu 1pm-5pm

So Many BOOKS SO LITTLE Time

FREE RESOURCES AT SML
Access FREE online tools that bring learning to life both inside and outside the classroom with your library card! For more information visit:
Sheppardlibrary.org/studentresources

Meetings:

• The SML Board of Trustees: Wednesday, July 19, 2017
• The Friends of SML: Monday, August 14, 2017

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

Holiday Closings:

• Labor Day: September 2-4

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AT SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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For More information call 252-353-6578

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(All participants must take this class before Word)

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Summer 2017
Enroll your child (birth-5 years) to receive one FREE book per month. Each book will be delivered to your home. For more information, visit BooksFromBirthofENC.com

The new RBdigital app allows library patrons to access audio-books, magazines, and eBooks—all in one app!

This new app combines the OneClickdigital audiobook/eBook app with the Zinio for Libraries magazine app for a significantly improved user experience. User names and passwords will remain the same.

Check out the new NC Live website! NCLive.org

FREE access to Ebooks, audiobooks, videos, magazines, newspapers, journals, and language-learning tools are available through NC LIVE.

These resources are via sheppardlibrary.org

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STATISTICAL Snapshot

New Borrowers
Registered:
• February – 424
• March – 439
• April – 422
• May – 435

Public Computer Logins:
• February – 13,197
• March – 13,198
• April – 11,628
• May – 11,694

Patron Visits
• February – 34,603
• March – 42,222
• April – 39,687
• May – 31,310

Items Circulated:
• February – 35,082
• March – 40,459
• April – 38,060
• May – 36,362
2017 Summer Reading Program

JUNE 12 - AUG. 4, 2017

BUILD A BETTER WORLD

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 starting on June 12th and ending on August 4th.
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.
6. Mark off or color a numbered space on your building for every 30 minutes read.
7. After completing a building (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, as supplies are limited.

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Books and Items FOR SALE

Did you know there’s also a year-round Book Sale at the Main Library? All proceeds from the year-round sale go directly back to SML to help fund programming, new technology purchases, matching funds for federal grants, and other library enhancements! You’re guaranteed to find books for 25 cents and magazines for 10 cents each. What a steal!
The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library needs volunteers!
If you are interested in volunteering, call 252-329-4580 for more information.

Visit sheppardlibrary.org/friends to find out more information!

Children’s Library Programs
Weekly June 20 – August 4
School-age Story Hours (Grades 1-5)
    Tuesdays
    1 p.m.
    &
    Wednesdays
    10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Preschool Story Hours (Ages 3-6)
    Thursdays
    11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Kindergarten graduates are also welcome
Toddler Story Hours
    (18 months to 3-years-old)
    Tuesdays
    10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Carver Branch Programs
Weekly June 20 – August 4
Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5)
    Wednesdays & Thursdays
    10 a.m.
School-age Story Hours (Grades 1-5)
    Tuesdays & Thursdays
    11 a.m.
Create Station & Flixs
    Alternating Fridays
    1 p.m.

Winterville Branch Programs
Weekly June 20 – August 4
Preschool Story Hours (Ages 3-6)
    Wednesdays
    10:30 a.m.
School-age Story Hours (Grades 1-5)
    Tuesdays
    10:30 a.m.
Kindergarten graduates are also welcome

Summer Reading T-shirts
Summer Reading T-shirts can be ordered at any of the SML branches.
The shirts cost $6.50 each for children’s sizes, $8.50 for Adult S- XL, and $9.50 for 2X- 3X.
PATRON PICKS

One of the most unique books I've ever read!

- Peggy

Read any good books from our catalog lately? The library would love to hear about it! Check out our patron picks area in the library or send us your suggestions via Facebook & we will share your choices with the community.

PATRON PICKS

First Name: Monisha
Title: The Stand
Author: Stephen King
Why do you recommend this title? The stand pulls you into every chapter, captivates your mind along the twists and turns in a way that'll make you rethink life.

First Name: Peggy
Title: Lincoln in the Bardo
Author: George Saunders
Why do you recommend this title? It is a fascinating Historical Fiction. One of the most unique books I've ever read.

First Name: Holly
Title: All the Light We Cannot See
Author: Anthony Doerr
Why do you recommend this title? Moving, historical fiction, multi perspectives!

BRANCH HAPPENINGS

East Branch

Please join us at the East Branch Library as we continue the 2017 Summer Reading Program. This year’s theme is "Build A Better World". We have lots of books on hand to choose from! Fill your summer with fun activities and lots of reading! Preschool Story Hour is on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Carver Branch

We’re having fun Building A Better World at the Carver Branch. We encourage the children to join us as we use our minds to construct and visualize future changes to the world we live in. We offer incentives for participating in the Summer Reading Program, so don’t forget to collect the prizes and food coupons. Story hour and other programs at the branch will end on Friday August 4th and resume in September.

Winterville Branch

We invite you to stop by the Winterville Branch Library and pick up some great summer reads! Join us for story hour every Wednesday this summer. Our Preschool Story Hour is at 10:30 a.m. and School age Story Hour is at 1:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Bethel Branch

We’re excited about the Summer Reading Program “Build A Better World” at the Bethel Branch. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Bethel Branch browsing the shelves for some new books, read-along, CD’s and DVD’s. Don’t forget to stop by and catch up on some great reads. If you are interested in a special program, please call Mildred Elliott at 252-329-4583.

POPULAR REQUESTS: