Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting start to 2017 at your public library. Even though we had some icy wintry weather in January, library use actually increased, so thanks to all of our intrepid library patrons who braved the cold, wind, and ice to get to the library to find books, take free computer classes, or participate in reading-centered programming for kids of all ages.

In February, the Friends Annual Book Sale was tremendously successful, with a final bag day that by all accounts was the best-attended yet. This Annual Sale was actually the second-highest earning of all time too, only falling just barely below the 2011 all-time-high sale. So cheers to the many wonderful Friends who volunteered to make it happen.

There is no way to overstate the positive impact our Friends volunteers have for the library and in the community. They put more books in the hands of eager readers, and the proceeds support and enhance library services and resources for everyone.

This is the perfect time to put out the call for more Friends Volunteers, so I will, as more help is needed. Many hands make light work, they say, and it takes many hands to sort the donated books that come in all year, box up 1,000 boxes of pre-sorted books, set up the sales, and make them successful. So please do spread the word to potential volunteers you know, or volunteer yourself if you haven’t yet. Whether you are able to make a small time commitment or a large one, they all help make the difference!

I wish you all a safe and happy spring season, and thank you for all you do. See you at the library!

Greg Needham

The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library need volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering, call 252-329-4580 for more information.
Kids in North Carolina now have access to free digital books through the new NC Kids Digital Library.

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**STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT**

- **Items circulated:**
  - Nov. - 36,899
  - Dec. - 31,990
  - Jan. - 38,828

- **New borrowers registered:**
  - Nov. - 411
  - Dec. - 300
  - Jan. - 507

- **Patron visits:**
  - Nov. - 31,979
  - Dec. - 28,527
  - Jan. - 32,745

- **Public Computer Logins:**
  - Nov. - 12,066
  - Dec. - 10,521
  - Jan. - 12,918

Spring 2017
BRANCH HAPPENINGS

EAST BRANCH
The month of March is chocked full of wonderful things to celebrate. Join us at the East Branch Library to celebrate the following: Dr. Seuss’s Birthday, Saint Patrick’s Day and Women’s History! Also, Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12 and the 1st day of Spring is on March 20. It’s a wonderful time to visit your local theater to see the many film adaptations based off best sellers you may have borrowed from the library. Take a friend and enjoy!

BLOUNT LIBRARY
We invite you to stop by the Blount Library and check out the new arrivals and to catch up on your favorite author books. Federal tax forms are available at the Blount Library. If you do not see the forms you need, please ask for the reproducible forms at the circulation desk. Patrons may also print state and federal tax forms from the computer.

CARVER BRANCH
The Carver Library would like to congratulate the participants in the 2017 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority: City of Greenville and George Washington Carver Library/Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library Annual Black History Quiz Bowl. We thank their family, friends and captains for their support. The students did an outstanding job in preparing themselves for the event. The first place winner is Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church Warriors; the 2nd place winner is Pitt County 4-H Allstars, and the 3rd place winner is the Omega Scholars.

Preschool Story Hour is also every Thursday at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5.

WINTERVILLE BRANCH
Spring forward with the Winterville Branch Library! Join us for Preschool Story Hour every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-5.

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**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

- **Easter**: April 14-16
- **Memorial Day**: May 27-29

**MEETINGS**

- **The Friends of SML**: April 3, 2017
- **The SML Board of Trustees**: March 15, 2017

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

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**BRANCH LOCATIONS**

**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

**East Branch**

- **2000 Cedar Lane**
  - Greenville, NC 27858
- 252.329.4582
  - 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

**Blount Library**

- **201 Ives Street**
  - Bethel, NC 27812
- P: 252.825.0782
  - Tues-Thurs. 1-5pm

**Carver Branch**

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

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Congratulations to coaches Will Tyer and Brian Saleeby and the team from Ayden-Grifton High School, winners of the 2017 Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl held Saturday, February 18, at Sheppard Memorial Library. Teams from D. H. Conley, John Paul II Catholic High School, and J. H. Rose High School also competed in this event.

Thank you to all the teams and coaches for participating in this event and to the moderator, judges, rotation authority, and Sheppard Memorial Library staff members who assisted with the competition. Thank you also to Wade Dixon from Dixon Foods Group, Inc. and McDonald's for providing our teams with McDonald's coupons.

The Ayden-Grifton team advances to the 2017 Regional Quiz Bowl competition on Saturday, April 29 in Sanford, NC. The regional competition will be hosted by the Lee County Public Library. For more information, please call Sheppard Memorial Library at (252) 329-4376.
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Visit sheppardlibrary.org/friends to find out more information!
Did you know there’s 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!

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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Elementary and Middle School “Battle of The Books” titles are available in the Children’s Library to check out!

Spring 2017
The Pitt County Bookmobile makes more than 60 different stops throughout Pitt County.

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