There will be an official ribbon cutting for the new bookmobile at 5:00pm on Monday, December 18th, 2017, at the Pitt County Office Building at 1717 W 5th Street in Greenville, just prior to the County Commissioners meeting. All Friends, patrons, and citizens are invited to come and join us for the official launch of the wonderful new bookmobile!

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving has just passed as I type these words, and I know that we at Sheppard Memorial Library have very much for which to be thankful. How blessed we are to have such wonderful staff and patrons, the fabulous Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library, a thriving community, terrific support from the City of Greenville, Pitt County, the Town of Winterville and Town of Bethel, and the great State of North Carolina. We are also seeing tremendous synergy continue as we work together with other organizations to achieve common goals—such as the Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County and Books From Birth, the Early Literacy Coalition of Eastern North Carolina, and many others. We also have the joy of working every day to share great books and the love of reading and lifelong learning with everyone in our community! Please know that we appreciate you all very much, and that we are giving our best to make sure the library has the greatest possible positive impact for all.

By the time you are reading this newsletter, the new bookmobile will be about to begin its 20-year career of service to all parts of Pitt County, with stops all over Greenville, plus north to south from Bethel to Grifton and east to west from Fountain to Grimesland, covering practically every nook and cranny of the county that can be reached by road. Library staff members have worked very hard to design the best possible bookmobile, and the new unit has been in production in Greensboro throughout the fall. Our thanks to all of the bookmobile patrons, who have had the patience of Job as we have worked to get the new bookmobile on the road after the old unit gave up the ghost mid-2017. Good things come to those who wait, and the waiting is finally over. Many thanks to Pitt County, the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library, and the James J. and Mamie Richardson Perkins Trust, for providing funding this year to make the new bookmobile a reality. Together with funds that were donated to the library by the Sarah Elizabeth Olschner estate back in the 1970s, earmarked long ago for eventual bookmobile replacement, the new bookmobile will be bought and paid for, with no debt. We look forward to introducing your new bookmobile to you as 2017 draws to a close. From all of us at your public library, we wish you a safe and wonderful holiday season and a great start to 2018!

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

Winterville Library
2613 Railroad Street
Winterville, NC 28590
252-756-1786
Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 11am-3pm

Blount Library
201 Ives Street
Bethel, NC 27812
252-825-0782
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 11am-3pm

Holiday Closings:
• Christmas: December 23-26, 2017
• New Year’s: Dec. 30-31, 2017 - Jan. 1, 2018
• Martin Luther King Day: January 15, 2018

Meetings:
• The Friends of SML: Monday, January 8, 2018
• The SML Board of Trustees: Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Both meetings are at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the Copeland Board Room at the Main Library at 530 Evans St., Greenville, NC.

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

Unite for Literacy
The Daily Reflector
North Carolina State News Sources
NC LIVE
Cypress Resume
North Carolina Pedia
NC Knows: Ask Us!
Sheppardlibrary.org/studentresources

Audiobooks, magazines, and eBooks—all in one app!
Download now to listen or read.
Have you seen the new Teen Zone?!

We have some exciting new things happening for our Young Adult readers. The new Teen Zone, located near the reference area, is a fun place to hang out, do homework, read books, and engage your creativity! Enjoy the funky furniture, chalk wall, cool art, and book displays!

Welcome to the Teen Zone

Statistical Snapshot

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Children’s Library Programs
Weekly Programs

Baby & Me @ the Library
1st & 3rd Mondays
10 am & 11 am

Preschool Story Hours (Ages 3-5)
Wednesdays
11 am & 1 pm

Toddler Story Hours (18 months to 3-years-old)
Tuesdays
10 am & 11 am

Preschool Story Hours (Ages 2-5)
Wednesdays
10:30 am

Winterville Library Programs
Weekly

Preschool Story Hours (Ages 2-5)
Wednesdays
10:30 am

Carver Library Programs
Weekly

Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5)
Thursdays
10 am

East Branch Programs
Weekly

Preschool Story Hours (Ages 2-5)
Tuesdays
10:30 am

Carver Library Programs
Weekly

Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5)
Thursdays
10 am

Children’s Library Programs
Monthly Programs

Bedtime Story Hour (for families)
Thursday
7 pm

Homeschool Story Hour (1st-3rd grade)
Wednesday
1:30 pm

Lego Program (Ages 6-12)
Last Wednesday of the month
3:30-4:30 pm

Make & Take Craft (Ages 12 and under)
Thursday
3:30-4:30 pm

Story Hours will be on break during the Holidays & will resume the second week of January 2018

Check the Children’s calendar for monthly program dates and special programs!

The Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library’s 27th Annual

USED BOOK SALE

February 1-4

Thursday Members only day 6 - 8 PM
(Memberhip can be purchased or renewed at the door)
Friday 9 AM - 8 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 6 PM
Sunday 1 - 3:30 PM ($5/bag)

Mark your calendars for the 27th Annual Friends of SML Used Book Sale in February!
There will be thousands of great items to choose from!

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 Sheppard Memorial Library Quiz Bowl will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 10 a.m. in Meeting Room A at SML, 530 Evans Street, Greenville. Everyone is welcome to attend this exciting question-and-answer academic event involving Pitt County high school teams. These teams field questions from such subject areas as math, science, social studies, sports, literature, language, the arts, and current events. This is a double elimination competition with teams working their way through brackets with the final two teams playing for the local Quiz Bowl championship.

If you would like more information about the Quiz Bowl program, please call Kim Averette at (252) 329-4376 or send an email to kaverette@sheppardlibrary.org. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2018 Sheppard Memorial Library Quiz Bowl.
PATRON PICKS
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.

First Name: Dylan
Title: Attack on Titan
Author: Hajime Isayama
Why do you recommend this title? An amazing story with a distinct art style documenting the survival of the human race in the face of giants.

First Name: Holly
Title: The Nightingale
Author: Kristin Hannah
Why do you recommend this title? Thought provoking!

First Name: John
Title: The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet
Author: Becky Chambers
Why do you recommend this title? Fantastic characters and an awesome world!

Branch Happenings

East Branch
The holidays are here and it’s “finally” getting cold outside! Come and warm up to our collection of new items and old favorites. Join us Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for our fun and educational Preschool Story Hour. The East Branch staff wish you joy throughout the season.

Carver Library
It’s time to have some fun and check out some good books at the Carver Library. So don’t forget to stop by and find your favorite author’s latest novels. It’s the time to be jolly and spread some holiday cheer.

Winterville Library
The Winterville library and staff are looking forward to the coming year. Plan to stop by to pick up the latest books and movies to help pass the long winter nights. Please join us on Wednesdays for Preschool Story Hour at 10:30am.

Blount Library
Complete your winter book haul with Blount Library this season. We have some great titles to warm up to on those cold winter nights.

The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library need volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, call 252-329-4580 for more information.

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

Become a FRIEND of SML.