Dear Friends,

Fall is just beginning as you are reading this latest edition of the Bookmark, and it’s always an exciting season at your public library. School is back in session, the students are back at Pitt Community College and ECU, and Uptown Greenville continues to flourish all around us. There really is a feeling of growth and progress from the library’s perspective at the heart of the community. All sorts of positive things are happening and your library is busy! Circulation of books and other materials was up almost 9% in July and almost 3% in August! Also, we continue to expand our Baby and Me at the Library programming to reach more and more of our youngest patrons and their families with a shared reading experience. There now are multiple sessions, plus a Saturday session of Baby and Me at the main library, as well as sessions at the Winterville Library and soon at the Carver Library. We’ll keep growing the programming until everyone has access to this wonderful jump start in reading and learning for their kids!

I know many of you enjoyed the Friends September Book Sale, and I always marvel at the tremendous volunteer effort it takes to make the sales happen, and at how wonderful the volunteers are. Many thanks to all who contributed time and energy so our whole community would benefit. Of course, Hurricane Florence came the week after the sale, and I am very happy to report that the library came away with no damage. That’s largely thanks to upgrades that were made to the facilities after Hurricane Matthew, with expert guidance and support from the terrific professionals in the City of Greenville Public Works Department. We had water intrusion during Matthew, but none during Florence, so we have a lot to be thankful for! It’s also great to see the new Pitt County Bookmobile out on the road all over Greenville and going into every nook and cranny of Pitt County, taking library service and great books to everyone. Believe it or not, in December the new bookmobile will have been with us for an entire year - how time flies! We keep adding more stops all the time, and the feedback from patrons on the new bookmobile has been overwhelmingly positive. Our thanks to the Friends for providing extra funding to help us buy not just a good, but a truly great replacement for the 1998 bus, and to Pitt County for providing the lion’s share of the funding for the replacement. Our community loves its library, including the rolling library that is the bookmobile!

Happy reading everyone, and see you at the library!

Greg Needham
## Branch Locations & Hours

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### Holiday Closings:
- **Veteran’s Day**: November 12
- **Thanksgiving**: November 22-23
- **Christmas**: December 22-26
- **New Year’s**: December 31 close at 6 pm - January 1, 2019

### Meetings:
- **The Friends of SML**: Monday, January 16, 2019 @ 5:30 pm in the Copeland Board Room at the Main Library
- **The SML Board of Trustees**: Wednesday, January 14, 2019 @ 5:30 pm in the Copeland Board Room

### Connect with SML...<br>
- [Facebook.com/sheppardlibrary](http://Facebook.com/sheppardlibrary)
- [Instagram.com/sheppardlibrary](http://Instagram.com/sheppardlibrary)
- [Twitter.com/SMLibrary](http://Twitter.com/SMLibrary)
- [Pinterest.com/sheppardlibrary](http://Pinterest.com/sheppardlibrary)
**Patron Visits:**

This is the number of patrons that walk through our libraries’ doors each month!

**Total Circulations:**

That’s a lot of books!

**New Borrowers Registered:**

Each month we track the number of new borrowers signing up for library cards; this includes children and adult cards!

**Public Computer & Internet Use:**

Using the internet as an information resource, SML’s goals are to enhance its existing collection in size and depth, and, as a public access agency, to give opportunity to any citizen who wishes to participate in navigating the internet. The internet allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe!
Popular Requests

These are some popular titles that our Patrons are requesting!

- J.D. Robb: Leverage in Death
- Tara Westover: Educated
- Clive Cussler: Shadow Tyrants
- Delia Owens: Where the Crawdads Sing
- J.R.R. Tolkien: The Fall of Gondolin
- Neil deGrasse Tyson: Astrophysics for People in a Hurry
- James Patterson: Texas Ranger
- Stephen King: The Outsider

Audiobooks, magazines, and eBooks—all in one app!
Download now to listen or read.

Prefer the downloadable version? Check out RBdigital or NCLive!
**East Branch**

We are grateful to all of the participants and supporters of the 2018 Summer Reading Program: Libraries Rock. Wow, where did the summer go? We hope all of you will "fall into reading" this season! Come and see all that the library has to offer.

**Please join us for the following upcoming event:**

The Greenville Fire/Rescue Department will be having a Fire Safety Station presentation at East Branch on Tuesday, October 23 at 10:30 am. Lastly, you are encouraged to join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am for our Weekly Story Hour (Ages 2 -5).

**Carver Library**

Carver Library will host the Fire Safety Stations program this year during Fire Prevention Month in October. The program will be held on Thursday, October 18th during Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5). Join us for Bingo for Adults, every third Wednesday at 2:00 pm at the Carver Library. We have prizes for the winners.

Preschool Story Hour is also held every Thursday at 10 am for ages 3-5.

**Blount Library**

Bethel Library will continue the Career Ready Training Series this Fall at the branch. Pat Harris with NCWorks is offering a free program to help job seekers access employment resources, learn career ready skills, develop resumes, prepare for job interviews and start on the path to a successful career. The program is offered on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Bethel Library needs volunteers! Health Science Academy students are encouraged to apply. For more information about library visits, please call Mildred Elliott, Branch Manager, at 252-916-2834.

**Winterville Library**

The Winterville Library is gearing up for fall with all the latest new releases. Stop by to place your hold today. Our two Story Hour programs are still running strong with Preschool Story Hour every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am and Baby and Me on the first and third Fridays of the month also at 10:30 am.
**Children’s Library Programs**

**Weekly Programs**

- **Baby & Me @ the Library**
  
  *Ages birth - 18 months*
  
  1st & 3rd Mondays
  
  10 am & 11 am

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

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

**Carver Library Programs**

**Weekly**

- **Preschool Story Hour (Ages 3-5)**
  
  Thursdays
  
  10 am

**Winterville Library Programs**

**Weekly**

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

- **Baby & Me @ the Library**
  
  1st & 3rd Fridays
  
  10:30 am

**East Branch Programs**

**Weekly**

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

**Children’s Library presents:**

**Rumpelstiltskin Puppet Show**

**SHOWTIMES**

- **Tuesday, Nov. 27** at 10:45 am
- **Wednesday, Nov. 28** at 9:45 am & 10:45 am
- **Thursday, Nov. 29** at 9:45 am & 10:45 am

Children ages 5 and younger

Groups Welcome—Call for reservation 329-4581

**Children’s Library Programs**

**Monthly Programs**

*(Check calendar for specific dates)*

- **Bedtime Story Hour (for families)**
  
  Tuesday, Nov. 20 & Thursday, Dec. 20
  
  7 pm

- **Homeschool Story Hour (1st-3rd grade)**
  
  Wednesday, Nov. 14 & Dec. 19
  
  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)**
  
  Second Thursday of the month
  
  3:30-4:30 pm
NEW Baby & Me @ the Library 
Now on SATURDAY
(at the Children’s Library)
Ages birth -18 months
November 3 @ 10:30 am
December 1 @10:30 am

♦ Read with Me Pet Partners 
Tuesdays
3:30 - 4:30 pm between
November 20 - December 18, 2018
Call for Reservation

♦ Toddler Story Hour
Now on Wednesdays
(at the Children’s Library)
Ages 18 months to 3-years-old
10 am

Paws & Relax
with Pet Partners 
Registered Team
Bonnie G. Mani, Ph.D. and
Sophia Saint Rocce Mani
Sophia loves listening
to children read to her!
She is a registered therapy dog.

To sign-up or for more questions: Visit or call the Children's Library.

UPCOMING

Winter Reading Program
Dec. 17, 2018 - March 1, 2019
Ages 3-12
Read a book, Get a book!

Spooktacular Stories
Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 7 pm
For ages 6 and under
Wear a costume and bring a treat bag!

Children’s Library will be hosting a
Reading Fair
April 6, 2019
For grades K-6
Registration opens November 1, 2018
For more information please contact the
Children’s Library at 252-329-4581
or message us on Facebook!
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**

The Hate U Give
Angie Thomas

How Not to Die
Michael Greger, MD

The Women in the Castle
Jessica Shattuck

Vox
Christina Dalcher

Black Girl in Paris
Stay Youngblood

The Wrong Sister
T.E. Woods

The Long Earth
Terry Pratchett

**Summer Reading Program Stats**

**Children’s Library:**

Signed up: 1000+ children

Reached 1st level: 800+ children

**Teens:**

Signed up: 110+ teens

Reached 1st level: 45 teens

This was the first Teen SRP in a few years. We expected a low turn out but we were blown away with the amount of teens who participated! These teens read a total of 64,665 minutes.
The Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library needs volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering, call 252-329-4580 for more information.

Friends of SML Annual Membership Drive

Purchase or renew a membership to be a Friends Member for 2019!
You can find a membership brochure online or at SML.
Sheppardlibrary.org/home/friends

Mark your calendars for the 28th Annual Friends of SML Used Book Sale!

Preview Sale (Members only): January 31, 2019
Public Sale: February 1-3, 2019

Did you know there’s also a year-round Book Sale at the Main Library? All proceeds from this sale go directly back to SML to help fund programming, new technology purchases, matching funds for federal grants, and other library enhancements! You’re sure to find books for 25 cents and magazines for 10 cents each. What a steal!
The 2018 Regional Quiz Bowl competition was held on April 14, 2018 at the Andy Griffith Playhouse in Mount Airy, NC and was sponsored by Northwestern Regional Library.

The D. H. Conley High School team represented Sheppard Memorial Library in the competition, and those pictured participated: (l-r) Coach Scott Haddock, Lexi Tamvakis, William Finelli, Campbell Bratton, Kassidy Blount, and Coach Greg Lewis. Kurt Garner also coached the team. Additional participating teams were Arendell Parrott Academy, East Surry High School, Gray Stone Day School, Halifax Academy, Ledford Senior High School, and Lee County High School. Ledford Senior High School won the 2018 Regional Quiz Bowl competition.

Congratulations to all the students and coaches who participated in this competition, and thank you to Northwestern Regional Library for sponsoring it.

The Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 10 am in Meeting Room A at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 Evans St., Greenville. Everyone is welcome to attend this exciting question-and-answer 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 2019 Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl!
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Sheppardlibrary.org/studentresources
Check out the bookmobile schedule at sheppardlibrary.org