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NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR GREG NEEDHAM



The winter of 2014 will surely be one we will remember for a long while! At this writing, we have had two significant winter weather events, one in January and one in February, which

impacted access to the library through reduction of normal operating hours. Our goal is to keep everyone safe while providing the best library services and resources. We are very grateful to the City of Greenville work crews for terrific

support during the snow and ice conditions. They worked hard to keep the library entrances cleared and salted, and also did a tremendous job clearing the parking lots at the main library, the Carver Branch, and the



East Branch. Thanks to their efforts, we had safe entryways and parking lots during the snow and ice periods. We have also been pleased that the heating systems are now optimized and keeping the library facilities more comfortable in all kinds of weather. Please stay safe; we are not out of

winter yet! If ever we have a late opening, early closure, or closure for the day, that information will be on our web site at www.sheppardlibrary.org, on the outgoing phone message at 329-4580, and on all of our social media outlets including

Facebook and Twitter. Also know that we do adjust due dates in the event of weather closure, so patrons are not penalized for not being able to reach the library.

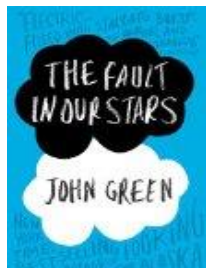


Starting January 16th, library staff began providing one-on-one instruction on downloading the library's 3M Cloud e-books and Zinio e-magazines. We have had a steady stream of patrons availing themselves of this assistance and beginning to enjoy some wonderful e-materials. Don't miss the opportunity to reserve a session, either by stopping by or calling the reference desk at 329-4376. Speaking of e-services and e-resources, through partnership with ECU we have a very helpful survey running that will provide us with valuable feedback to assist us in serving you better. The survey is accessible online by clicking on the button on the web site, and hard copies are also available at the main library and branches. Please do complete the survey, and tell your friends and family!

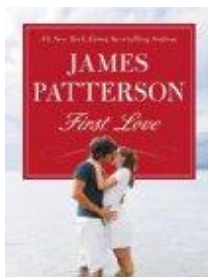


Finally, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the wonderful Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library for putting on another fantastic annual used book sale. I was at the sale on several different days and times, and it was really a terrific event and very busy. It takes a small army of highly-dedicated volunteers to prepare all through the year for the sales, and to make the events themselves great. Thanks to all of you! This was the 23rd Annual Sale, and the last to be managed by book sale co-founder Joanne Kollar, who is stepping down from that position after this sale. **Twenty-three years** of total commitment to the sale is more than could be asked of anyone, and Joanne has set the bar extremely high for exemplary volunteer contributions to the library and community. We are very thankful that she will still be active in the Friends and still involved with the book sale operation. We are also very thankful that the sale fell perfectly between the two winter weather events. Last but not least, we would like to thank everyone who came out to the sale to buy books. At its heart, the book sale promotes reading—and the benefit of reading on our community and society is profoundly positive!

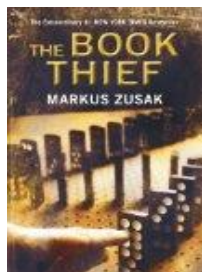
Adult patrons are requesting ...



THE FAULT IN OUR STARS
by John Green



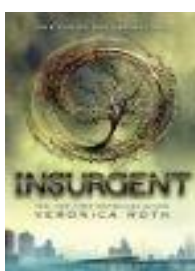
FIRST LOVE
by James Patterson



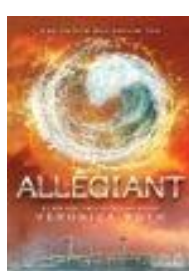
THE BOOK THIEF
by Markus Zusak



DIVERGENT



INSURGENT



ALLEGIAN

(Divergent Trilogy by Veronica Roth)

Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl




Team from Ayden-Grifton High School

Congratulations to coaches Will Tyer and Brian Saleeby and the team from Ayden-Grifton High School, winners of the 2014 Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl held Saturday, February 8, at Sheppard Memorial Library.


Thanks 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.

The Ayden-Grifton team advances to the Eastern North Carolina Regional Quiz Bowl competition, sponsored by the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library, on Saturday, March 22. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m., and it will be held in the Schechter Auditorium at the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library. Contact Kim Averette at Sheppard Memorial Library (329-4376) for more information.



TEENS, WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE


LIBRARY ON MARCH 8:



TEEN READER ADVISORY

WILL BE MEETING FROM 10-11 AM

OUR DIVERGENT PARTY




GOES FROM NOON-2PM COME SEE IF YOU

HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE

SELFLESS, BRAVE, SMART, FRIENDLY,

& HONEST



Any questions? Email me:
ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org

Statistical snapshot: January

36,418 items circulated

580 new borrowers registered
(**67,581** total borrowers)

Public computer/
Internet use
(including wi-fi/laptop use)
15,063 sessions

Children's Library

The Children's Library has spotlighted books of special interest during the month of February. Included are books in honor of African American History Month. The 2014 theme is **"Civil Rights in America."** We are assisting students and adults looking for biographies of famous African Americans and other information for assignments. Preschool story hour featured favorite books and poems about friendship and love. A collection of valentine books is also on display.

Students throughout North Carolina are preparing to vote for their favorite picture or chapter book for the N.C. Children's Book Award. All of the nominated titles are available in the Children's Library. Any kindergarten through sixth-grade student who has read at least five of the nominated titles can vote during March. The winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 13-19. The theme for National Library Week is **"Lives change @ your library®."**

Librarians who work in children's services are planning for the 2014 Summer Reading Program, **"Fizz, Boom, Read!"** Several staff members will travel to the 2014 Summer Reading Workshop in early March to learn more about the science based theme. Also, they will share ideas and learn from other N.C. librarians.

Special Programs in the Children's Library

Bedtime Story Hour

Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

for families with children up to age 10

Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed animal.

Celebrate Read Across America! and Dr. Seuss's Birthday

Dr. Seuss Movie and Craft

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.

K – 5th graders



Make and Take Craft

Thursday, March 13, 3:30 p.m.

ages 12 and younger

East Branch Library

We're getting ready for our St. Patrick's Day story hour on Tuesday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m., for toddlers and preschool age children. We will read some stories, do finger plays, a craft, and possibly see a movie. Don't forget to wear something green or you might get a little pinch. Invite a friend to come to story hour.

The 2014 Greenville Community Black History Quiz Bowl



Alpha Pharaohs

The 2014 Greenville Community Black History Quiz Bowl was held at the Boys and Girls Club on Firetower Road on Saturday, February 15. The first place winners were the Alpha Pharaohs; second place, Ayden Middle School (AMS) Pride team; and third place, Delta Academy/GEMS team.

We thank the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library, Hillshire Brands Company, Ben Dixon of Chick-Fil-A, and McAlister's Deli for their monetary and food donations. We also thank the parents and coaches; moderators, Angela Green and Dontae Jones of WNCT-TV; Senior Pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Chance D. Lynch; and the Boys and Girls Club for the use of their facility.

Carver Branch Library

Do you wonder who could have invented certain items we use daily? Why are certain people's names mentioned all the time? Where can you find the answers? You can find the answers at the George Washington Carver Library. We have a great collection of books to share with you during National Women's History Month in March. The 2014 theme is **"Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment."**

Winterville Public Library

Toddlers and preschool age children are invited to come to the Winterville Library and celebrate St. Patrick's Day during story hour on Wednesday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. We are looking forward to seeing you, and I hope you can bring a friend with you. Let's have some fun reading books, doing finger plays, a craft, and possibly a movie.

Juvenile Outreach

The month of February will be busy making up story times missed due to snow days, and making a special Valentine's Day visit to Children's Campus.

The outreach librarian will also be making her regularly scheduled visits to child care centers and preparing for the next series of story times to begin in March. She will begin preparing for the Pitt County Making Pitt's Babies Fit Maternity Fair that will be held on Sunday, March 30, at the Greenville Convention Center.

Blount (Bethel) Library

Stop by the Bethel branch and browse through the collection of books that are displayed in honor of women.

If you would like a tour of the library or a special story hour, please call 252-916-2834.