

# *The Bookmark*

## *Newsletter of Sheppard Memorial Library*

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### **NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR GREG NEEDHAM**

We have a lot of excitement to share as we transition into summer at your library. I am so proud of all of our children's staff and librarians, under the leadership of children's librarian Phyllis Conner, who are putting together fabulous programs. Some of the programs are supercharged by partnership with other organizations (for whom we are truly thankful!), so watch for those as well. The 2014 summer reading program looks to be as good as any we have ever provided, and the addition of teen programming is a fantastic addition for our community. We had 60 teens at the teen summer reading kick-off. I was truly impressed with the turnout and participation, as I have been with our teen reader advisory and other offerings. A special thanks to our teen librarian Casandria Crane. She has done a tremendous job of building the teen programming since last fall. Let's keep all of our young people reading through the summer, so they'll go back to school with the strongest reading and thinking skills, ready to succeed!

Also during the summer months, we will begin to replace all of the public computers at the main library at 530 Evans Street. This project is made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources. As with all of our grants, the matching funding for this grant was provided by the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library, so there is no funding burden for local government. In this same way, over the past four years, we have replaced all of the public computers at each of the branch library locations. The computers at

the main library are eight years old, and many are worn out from hard use over that time span. We have over 200,000 public computer sessions per year system-wide, so it is no surprise that the equipment wears out. We do our best to get the most mileage from the computers before replacement, but the time was definitely right for the main library, and computer users will notice a huge improvement once the installation is complete.

There is an additional positive element to this grant project that will make its effects much more powerful than just computer replacement. We will be partnering with the wonderful Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County (LVPC), as they supply their trained instructors to provide free basic computer skills classes on the new computers at the main library. Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin in either September or October, and we will keep you posted as the project goes forward. We are extremely grateful to have such a wonderful partner as the LVPC. Together, we can have a powerful positive effect in our community. This offering on the library's computers expands on what we have already been doing. We have had a very successful class, provided by the terrific outreach librarians from ECU's Laupus Health Sciences Library, called Healthier U. The librarians teach the participants how to locate trustworthy, useful information about their health, through sources like the National Library of Medicine, rather than Googling a topic and sorting through an unmanageable number of hits. We look forward to more Healthier U sessions in the fall, and to our expanded computer instruction offerings that will help patrons thrive and succeed in the information age and knowledge-based economy in which we live!

**Statistical snapshot:**  
**May**  
36,315 items circulated

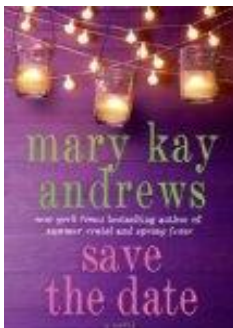
604 new borrowers  
registered  
(67,258 total borrowers)

Public computer/  
Internet use  
(including wi-fi/laptop use)  
15,378 sessions

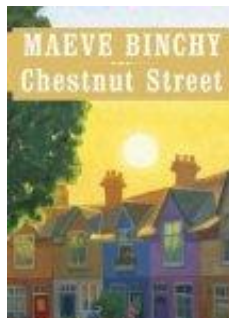
***Holiday  
Closing***

***Friday, July 4  
through  
Sunday, July 6***

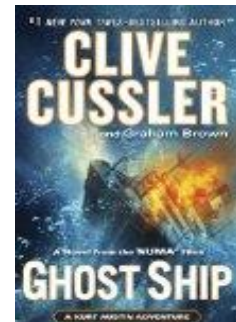
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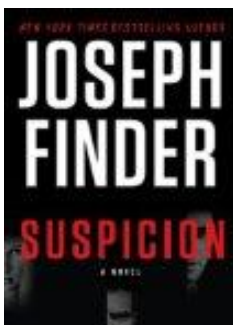
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by Mary Kay Andrews



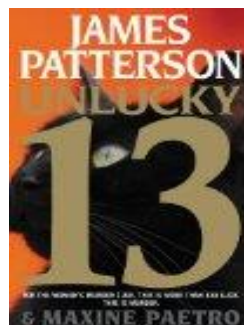
**CHESTNUT STREET**  
by Maeve Binchy



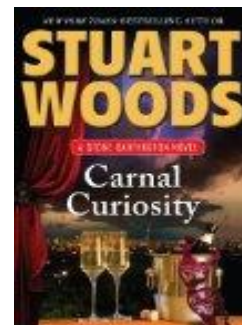
**GHOST SHIP**  
by Clive Cussler



**SUSPICION**  
by Joseph Finder



**UNLUCKY 13**  
by James Patterson  
& Maxine Paetro



**CARNAL CURIOSITY**  
by Stuart Woods

# Young Adult Programs

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How big of a  
NERD are you?  
Come join us for a  
**Nerd Contest!**

Grades 6-12  
July 12, noon to 2 pm

Dress up in your  
nerdiest outfit,  
bone up on brainy facts,  
and come prepared to  
**GET YOUR NERD ON!**

Any questions? Email me: [ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org](mailto:ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org)



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We have a special manga/anime edition of  
**Sheppard Memorial Library YA Book Club!**

Join us Saturday, July 19th for

***Attack on Titan*** by Hajime Isayama

We'll discuss the books from 3-4pm, then we'll watch the anime!

Come for the manga discussion or the anime series or both!

P.S. There will be treats P.P.S. If you'd like to cosplay, go ahead!



Any questions? Email Casandria Crane: [ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org](mailto:ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org)

***Sheppard Memorial Library***  
***invites you to have some fun this summer!***  
**Join the 2014 Summer Reading Program!**



**June 9 - August 1**  
**Ages 3 - 12**

Children keep a personal reading record and earn prizes by reading or by listening to library books read aloud.

Participate at each of our locations:

- *George Washington Carver Library*
- *Main—Children's Library*
- *East Branch Library*
- *Winterville Public Library*
- *Margaret Little Blount Library, Bethel*
- *Bookmobile*

**Summer Reading Kick-Off Event**  
**Magician, Rob Westcott,**  
**Monday, June 23, 2014**  
**11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.**  
**Children's Library Program Room**

**SUMMER READING T-SHIRTS**  
*Summer reading T-shirts can be ordered at the Children's Library and all of the branches. The shirts cost **\$6.00** for children, **\$8.00** or **\$9.00** for adults.*

Readers of all ages will discover scientific wonders this summer as Sheppard Memorial Library presents the 2014 Summer Reading Program, **Fizz, Boom, Read!** The reading program is for children 3 to 12 years old. There are story hours, reading clubs, special events, and prizes to earn.

The two reading clubs for children to join this summer are the Rockin Robots, ages 3-7, and the Mad Scientists, ages 8-12. Children set their own reading goals to earn a variety of prizes. In addition to stickers, toys, and a special certificate of achievement, children may earn food coupons donated from local businesses. Restaurant coupons were donated by Krispy Kreme Donuts, McDonald's, Big Bubba's Burgers, Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes & Fries, IHOP, and Texas Roadhouse. The top prize is a coupon for a bowling game from AMF East Carolina Lanes.

Registration for the summer reading program began Monday, June 9. Children keep a personal reading record and earn prizes by reading, or by listening to library books read aloud. Children may turn in a reading list through August 1, the last day of the summer reading program. Children should pick up their summer reading folder at the final event on August 4, or any time after.

Children are encouraged to attend age-appropriate story programs each week through August 1st. Story hours are offered in the Children's Library and the branches.



## Juvenile Outreach

The Juvenile Outreach librarian will not be visiting child care centers during the summer. Instead she will be providing stories for the preschool story hour program at the main library. She will also be visiting several camps and the Grady-White Boats/E.R. Lewis Family Unit Boys and Girls Club throughout the summer to bring children stories and songs.

Book boxes also continue to go out to participating preschools during the summer. The rotation schedule is shorter but will resume its regular schedule at the beginning of September.

## Children's Library

The Children's Library staff has planned many activities and special programs for children of all ages to enjoy this summer. Some of the activities are listed below.

## Weekly Story Hours (June 17–July 31)

### Toddler Story Hour

*For children ages 18 months to 3 years.  
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

### Preschool Story Hour

*For children ages 3–5 years.  
Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.*

### School-aged Story Hour

*For children in grades 1-5.  
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.  
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.*

## Special Programs In the Children's Library



### Angry Birds

*Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.  
For the entire family.*



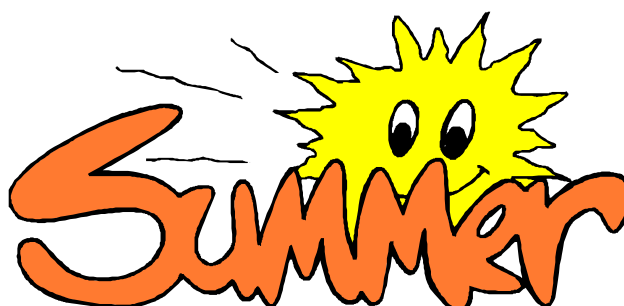
### Story Hour with Mouse from *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.*

*(with Barnes and Noble)  
Friday, June 20, at 11:00 a.m.  
For the entire family.*



### Page Turner Book Club: *How to Train Your Dragon*

*Friday, June 27, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
For children ages 8–12.*



**Saturday, June 21**

# ***Branch Happenings***

## ***East Branch Library***

We invite children ages 2–kindergarten to join us for story time each **Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.** Summer story time will be offered from June 17 through July 29. There will also be some special programs for all ages during the afternoon. Contact Kristin Hill at 252-756-1786 for information about these special programs.

## ***Winterville Public Library***

Children, ages 2–6, are invited to story hour on **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Summer story hour will be offered from June 18 through July 30. There will also be some special programs planned for all ages. For additional information about special programs, contact Kristin Hill at 252-756-1786.

## ***Blount (Bethel) Library***

The Bethel Library has many of the new releases and bestsellers. Come by and check out a good book to read.

## ***Carver Branch Library***

We encourage children, ages 3 to 12, to stop by the Carver Branch Library and join the summer reading program. We're putting together some science experiments for you to enjoy this summer.

### ***Weekly Programs at the Carver Library***

#### **Preschool Story Hour**

Each Wednesday & Thursday  
at 9:45 a.m.

#### **School Age Programs**

Each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday  
at 10:45 a.m.

#### **Movies, Arts, and Crafts**

Fridays at 1:30 p.m.