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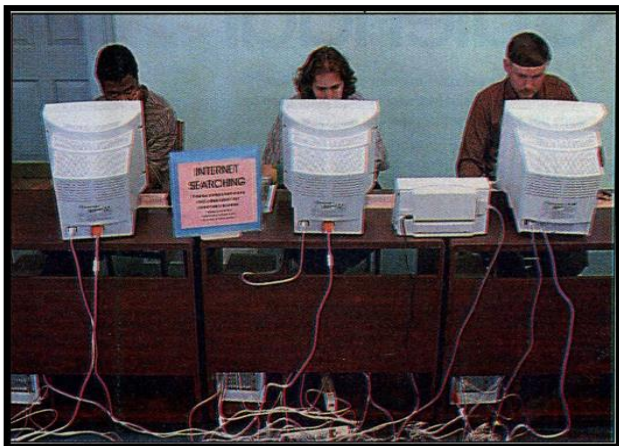
Newsletter of Sheppard Memorial Library

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NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR GREG NEEDHAM

As September progresses, our IT department has been removing the old public computers from the main library technology center and replacing them with new ones. Our first priority in this project is the new computer lab itself, which is located in the central technology area between the reference and circulation departments. This is also the “quiet computer area,” where talking and cell phones are not permitted. In addition to the public computer workstations being installed there, we will have an instructor’s station set up to include a large screen TV on a rolling cart, plus an instructor’s laptop to use in teaching the classes. Once the lab installation is completed and tested, we will begin registering people for the very first free basic computer skills class. We are very excited about our partnership with the Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County, who will provide instructors for computer classes in the lab. We are also planning some other classes, to be conducted by library staff. These may cover a range of topics including using the library catalog, virtual tours of library resources, and how to use NCLIVE to access online newspapers, magazines, and journals. Stay tuned for more information on the new lab and instructional offerings. We have come a long way since the 1990s! In 1996, the main library offered three computer workstations (shown in the photo below) to the public for searching the new “World Wide Web.” The Sheppard Memorial Library system now offers over 100 computer workstations for public use, which see over a quarter million uses per year.



Now we offer over 100 public computers systemwide...



FRIENDS OF THE SML 50¢ BOOK SALE

Thanks to everyone who came out for great book deals at the Friends 50¢ Book Sale on September 6th and 7th. Thanks also to the many wonderful Friends volunteers who made the event a success! For the first time in our book sale history, we were able to offer credit and debit payment capability, and many people took advantage of this addition. The annual used book sale in February will be here before we know it; we expect that credit and debit use will soar at that event.

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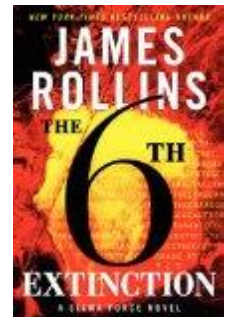
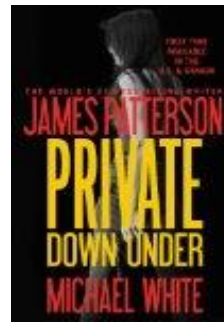
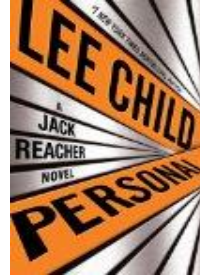


Notes and observations cont'd . . .

WINTERVILLE LIBRARY UPDATE

I am delighted to report that the Winterville Town Council, acting on a motion by council member Veronica Roberson, restored full funding for the Winterville Library through the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends June 30th. We are extremely grateful to all of the council members for this decision. If the 40% funding reduction had remained in place, beginning October 1st the Winterville Library would have had to be closed for half of the current operating hours and their book budget would have been cut in half! We also appreciate the Winterville residents who contacted their elected officials and shared what the library means to them. Going forward, Sheppard Memorial Library will continue to honor and work to strengthen the partnership with the Town of Winterville that has made excellent library service a reality for the Winterville community for nearly 25 years. It has now been a decade since the beautiful new Winterville Library opened its doors, and the coming decade will hold all kinds of exciting improvements in library service. We are glad that Winterville will be with us to experience the benefits of cutting edge library service into the future!

Adult patrons are requesting



Statistical snapshot: August

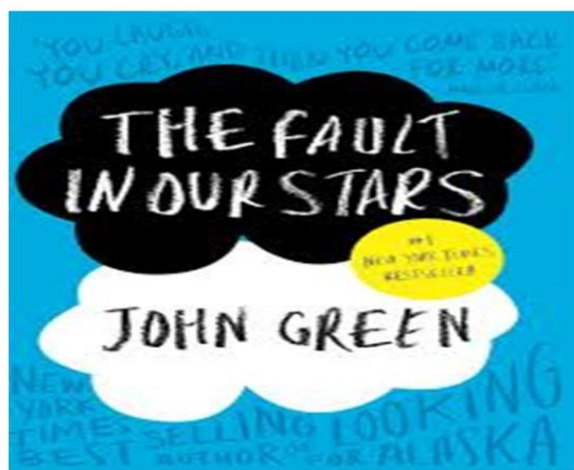
41,087 items circulated

**749 new borrowers registered
(69,893 total borrowers)**

**Public computer/
Internet use
(including wi-fi/laptop use)
17,763 sessions**



In October, the Sheppard Memorial Library
YA Book Club will now have 2 groups!

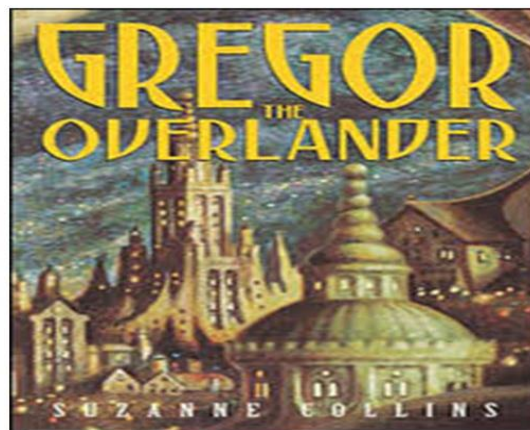


October 11, 11-12

Teen Book Lovers:
Gregor the Overlander
by Suzanne Collins
(There will be treats)

Any questions? Email Casandria Crane:
ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org

October 4, 12-1:30
YA Booked for Lunch:
The Fault in Our Stars
by John Green
We will have lunch provided
for our first meeting!



Sheppard Memorial library Anime & Manga Club!

Grades 6-12

The first 7
kids to email
me get to
pick what
we watch!



Saturday.
October 4, 2-6 pm
We'll watch
episodes of your
favorite shows
again!

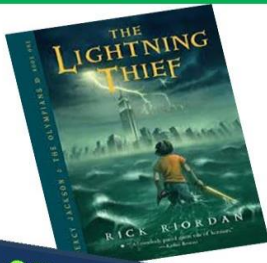
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Bring a treat to share & we'll provide the drinks!

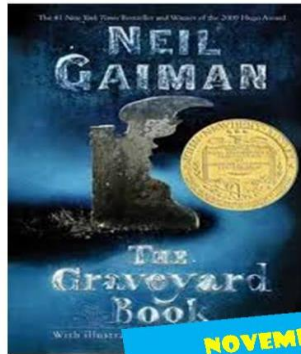
JOIN OUR PAGE TURNER BOOK CLUB THIS FALL!

**WE MEET THE
FIRST THURSDAY
OF EACH MONTH @
6:30 PM**

**READERS AGES 8-12
ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!**



**OCTOBER:
THE LIGHTNING THIEF
BY RICK RIORDAN**

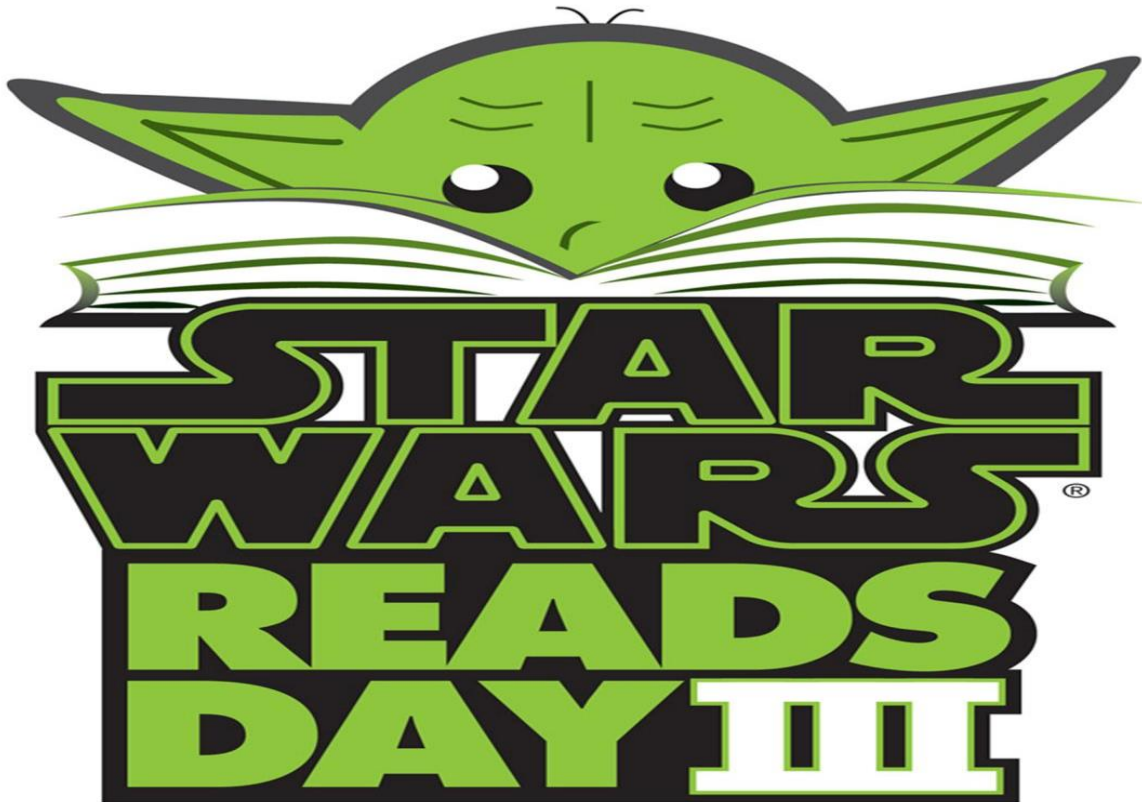


**NOVEMBER:
THE GRAVEYARD BOOK
BY NEIL GAIMAN**



**DECEMBER :
THE BEST CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT EVER
BY BARBARA ROBINSON**

**SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
530 EVANS ST. GREENVILLE, 329-4581**



Join us, you will! Dress up as Star Wars characters, you may.

All ages of Star Wars fans, welcome you are!

Saturday, October 11, 1-3pm @ Sheppard Memorial Library

FALL STORY HOURS

Children's Library

Toddler Story Hour
(ages 18 months–3 years)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Hour
(ages 3–5)
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Bedtime Story Hour
(ages 10 and under)
One evening a month at 7:00 p.m.

East Branch Library
Weekly Story Time
(ages 2–kindergarten)
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Carver Branch Library
Preschool Story Hour
(ages 3–5)
Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Winterville Public Library
Weekly Story Time
(ages 2–kindergarten)
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Library

It is not too late for summer reading participants to pick up their reading folders. Teachers will be excited to see all the books students have read this summer.

Students preparing to participate in the Battle of the Books in their school can find the books in the Children's Library. There is a bookmark listing the book titles for the elementary and the middle school Battle of the Books. Also, students can begin reading the books nominated for the NC Children's Book Award. All of the books are displayed on top of the first shelf as you enter the Children's Library.



Special Programs in the Children's Library

Stuffed Animal Bedtime Story Hour

Tuesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m.

For families with children ages 10 and younger.

Wear your pajamas and bring your stuffed animal. When you go home after story time your stuffed animal can spend the night at the library! Come back on Saturday to pick up your stuffed animals and see all the fun they had while spending the night!

Make & Take Craft
Second Thursday of each month
(ages 12 years and younger)
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Carver Branch Library

We invite you to stop by and check out the many new books added to Carver's collection. The staff is ready to assist students with their homework needs. Public computers are also available for use.

During preschool story time we will share some exciting stories, finger plays, movies, and songs.

East Branch Library

Bringing your young children to story time is a great way to introduce them to books and strengthen early literacy skills. Story time consists of books read aloud, songs, movement activities, and crafts.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

One of the simplest ways a parent can improve a child's success in school is to get their child a library card. Children who are at least five years old and enrolled in kindergarten are eligible for a Sheppard Memorial Library borrower's card.



To celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month, our Children's Library Facebook Page will feature photos of new library card holders. If you already have a card, pose with your favorite library book during September.

Winterville Public Library

It's time for story time at the Winterville Library and we hope to see you there each Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. The themes are geared toward children ages 2 to kindergarten. It is designed to foster early literacy skills and prepare children for reading. We offer engaging songs, books and activities.

The Winterville Library has new titles for the 2014–2015 Battle of the Books for elementary and middle school students. Stop by and pick up one of the outstanding selections on this year's list and prepare for battle.



Blount (Bethel) Library

The Bethel Library is open Monday–Friday from 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. We invite you to come by and check out our great collection of books, DVDs, CDs, and read-alongs.

We welcome volunteers to help us with special projects. For more information please call Mildred Elliott, Branch Manager at 252-916-2834.

Juvenile Outreach

The Juvenile Outreach Librarian has resumed her visits to preschool and daycare centers throughout the county. In our new program we are going to the zoo! In the book, *THE VIEW AT THE ZOO*, by Kathleen Long Bostrom, the children are able to see the zoo from the animal's perspective. Those animals see some funny things at the zoo!