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Newsletter of Sheppard Memorial Library

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## Notes and Observations from Library Director, Greg Needham

As we make our way through the first quarter of 2015, I would like to remind you all what a positive difference the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library make every year for the library and for our entire community. Here are just a few of the improvements and enhancements being implemented at your library, which would not have been possible without the Friends of SML's support:

**1.** We started 2015 with the addition of self-check-out stations at the East, Winterville and Carver branches. This was part of a federal LSTA grant project, for which the Friends provided the matching funding. Each month, between 10 and 15 percent of total circulation of books and other materials are checkouts from the one self-check station at the main library. We are very excited to now be able to offer this option for our patrons at Carver, East and Winterville as well.

**2.** Lighting has been installed to illuminate the beautifully renovated aluminum sign outside the Evans Street entrance to the Main Library. The Friends of SML funded both the sign renovation and lighting. The enhancement really has dressed up the appearance of the original entrance.

**3.** The Main Library computer lab is installed, and we are replacing the remainder of the public computers at the Main Library, also through an LSTA grant with Friends matching funding. In addition, the Literacy Volunteers of Pitt County are now offering a variety of free computer classes in the lab, which would not have been possible without the lab setup.

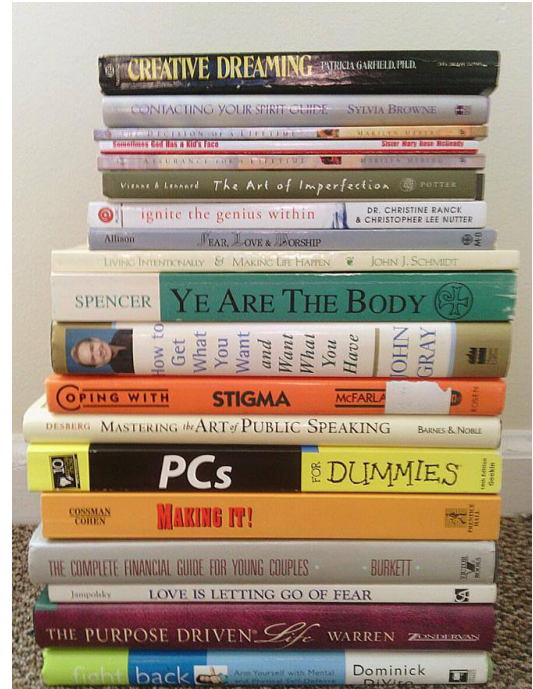
**4.** The list of Friends-supported enhancements goes on, including annual support of the Quiz Bowls, Summer Reading Program, additions to the book collection, and more!

The funding from the Friends of SML is vitally important and it takes countless volunteer hours to produce that funding, which comes directly from the book sales each year. This year's annual book sale, held February 5-8, raised more than \$32,000.

In addition to raising money for programs, computers self-check outs and more, the book sale helps to get more books back into the community and in the hands of readers. We are truly thankful for all of our Friends and for everything you do in support of your public library!

FRIENDS OF THE SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
**2015 USED BOOK SALE**  
**FEBRUARY 5-8**  
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER  
303 SW Greenville Blvd.

# Scene Around the 2015 Used Book Sale



Meghan Baskerville took a photo of the books she bought from the book sale and submitted it via SML's Facebook page

## Connect with SML!



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# Quiz Bowl Winners



Congratulations to coaches Greg Lewis and Kurt Garner and the team from D.H. Conley High School, winners of the 2015 Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl held Saturday, February 7, 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 D.H. Conley team advances to the Eastern North Carolina Regional Quiz Bowl competition, sponsored by Sheppard Memorial Library, on Saturday, March 28. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m., and it will be held in Meeting Room A at the main library, 530 Evans Street, Greenville. Contact Kim Averette at Sheppard Memorial Library (252-329-4376) for more information.

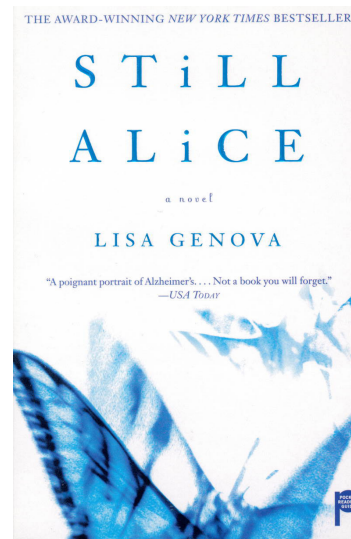
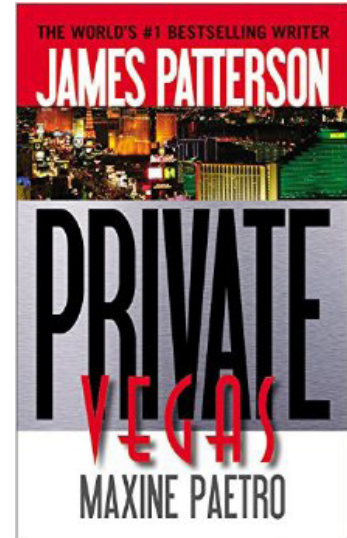
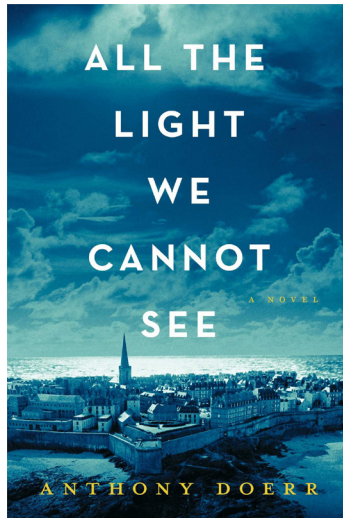
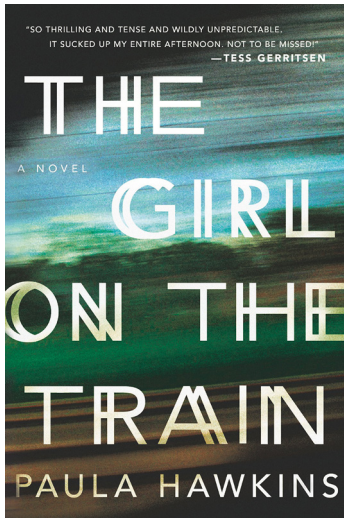
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Congratulations to Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, the winners of the Black History Quiz Bowl, that took place at the Holly Hill Church in Belvoir, NC. The Greenville 4 H Club came in second place and the GHA Young Historians came in third place





## Adult patrons are requesting:



## Holiday Closings:

Easter: Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 3, 4 & 5, 2015

Memorial Day: Saturday, Sunday, Monday May 23, 24 & 25, 2015

# YA at Sheppard Memorial Library

**Sheppard Memorial library**  
**Anime & Manga Club!**

**Grades 6-12**

**Join us on these Saturdays, 2-4 pm:**  
**March 14, April 18, & May 16**



**We'll be playing games  
& watching anime!**




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

Questions or Suggestions for anime to watch? Email Casandria Crane: [ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org](mailto:ccrane@sheppardlibrary.org)

**Sheppard Memorial Library**  
**YA Book Club Meetings**  
for March & April:



**\*March 14, 11-noon**  
*Life of Pi*  
by Yann Martel



**April 18, 11-noon**  
*The Testing*  
by Joelle Charbonneau

**\*There will be treats!**

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

**DO YOU WANT TO JOIN OUR  
TEEN READER  
ADVISORY?**

**Grades 6-12  
Newcomers  
welcome!**

**JOIN US FROM 10-11 AM  
THESE DAYS:**  
**JANUARY 17,  
FEBRUARY 14, MARCH 14,  
APRIL 18, & MAY 16**

**WE CHAT ABOUT BOOKS  
& PLAN AWESOME  
ACTIVITIES!**

**WE ALWAYS HAVE GAMES  
& TREATS & A GREAT TIME!**

**Sheppard  
Memorial  
Library  
Meeting Room A**

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

# Branch Happenings: March 2014

## **Bethel Library**

We invite you to stop by our Bethel Library and checkout the Women's History Month spotlights. The theme for 2015 is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives." If you need an item that isn't in the Bethel collection, just let the staff know so they can request it for you. If you would like a tour of the library or a special story hour, please call 252-916-2834.

## **Carver Library**

The George Washington Carver Library, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter, and the City of Greenville held the 2015 Black History Quiz Bowl at Holly Hill Church in Belvoir, NC. The first place winner was Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. The Greenville 4 H Club came in second place. GHA Young Historians came in third place. The first place winners received a rotating trophy and \$300 scholarship. The second place winners received a \$200 scholarship, and the third place winners received a \$100 scholarship. Those teams that didn't place received a \$50 scholarship.

Thanks to the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library, Chick Fila (Ben Dixon), and Olive Garden for their monetary and food contributions. Also thanks to the parents, captains, moderators, scorekeepers, timekeepers, team members, and Holy Hill Church for the use of their Life Center.

## **East Branch Library**

Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday during preschool story hour on March 3 at 10:30 a.m. at the East Branch Library. The children are welcome to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. Also on March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), don't forget to wear green on story hour day. We encourage you to bring a friend to share in the fun. Story Hour is also every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. (ages 2-5).

## Meetings:

- The Friends of SML will meet on Monday, April 13th, 2015.
- The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.

Both meetings are at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the Copeland Board Room at the Main Branch at 530 Evans Street in Greenville, NC.



# Computer Classes

## Computer Basics I Class

Sheppard Memorial Computer Lab

Monday & Wednesday

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Classes start Monday, February 23, 2015

Classes end Monday, March 18, 2015



Class space is limited and  
registration is required.

Call 252-329-4376 for space reservation.



## Social Media Basics

Sheppard Memorial Computer Lab

Fridays

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Classes start Friday, March 20, 2015

Classes end Friday, April 17, 2015



## Computer Basics II Class

Sheppard Memorial Computer Lab

Tuesdays & Thursdays

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Classes start Tuesday, February 24, 2015

Classes end Thursday, March 19, 2015



This class will focus on  
MS Excel and PowerPoint.  
Class size is limited. Call  
252-329-4376 to reserve  
your spot today.



## Computer Basics III Class

Sheppard Memorial Computer Lab

Saturdays

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Classes start Saturday, March 7, 2015

Classes end Saturday, March 28, 2015



This class will focus on setting  
up an email account, searching  
for job openings, completing  
applications and attaching  
documents. Call 252-329-4376 to  
reserve your spot today.

# Statistical Snapshot

## Items circulated:

- November 2014: 34,463,
- December 2014: 34,547
- January 2015: 37,291

## New borrowers registered:

- November 2014: 446
- December 2014: 428
- January 2015: 451

## Public computer/internet use:

- November 2014: 14,714
- December 2014: 16,370
- January 2015: 15,063

**Total borrowers as of January 31, 2015:** 71,577

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## Children's Library Story Hour Schedule

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### Toddler Story Hour:

Every Tuesday at 10 & 11 a.m.

For children ages 18 months - 3 yrs.

### Preschool Story Hour:

Every Wednesday at 11 a.m.

For children ages 3-5 yrs.

### Bedtime Story Hour:

Once a month at 7 p.m.

