It feels good to be a Friend!

Here are some ways the Friends help support the Sheppard Memorial Library system:

- They purchase prizes and fund performers for the Summer Reading Program.
- The e-book collection is growing thanks to the Friends.
- They support the Public Library Quiz Bowl and the Black History Quiz Bowl.
- The Friends provided \$20,000 to help purchase a new bookmobile.
- They financially supported the addition of an outdoor chess park on the grounds of the main library.
- Friends financially support public library legislative efforts.

The annual used-book sales gross nearly \$30,000.

Volunteer opportunities exist for Friends members:

- Become a Book Sorter.
- Work at the used book sales.
- Manage selected Little Libraries/ Book Nooks
- Serve as a member of the Friends Board or on a committee.

The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and contributions are fully tax deductible as allowed by state and federal law.

Become a Friend today!

Membership year is January 1 - December 31

Check One: Member Renewal New Member Circle or Write Salutation Preference: Mrs. Ms.

Mr. & Mrs.

Dr.

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Name	
Mailing Address (Street or PO Box)	
City, State, Zip	
Phone/Cell Phone	
Email Address	

Membership Choice: (check membership type here)

Individual	\$15.00	
Family	\$25.00	
Benefactor	\$100.00	
Lifetime	\$1,000.00 & up	

Thanks for Being A Friend:

Friends members get first opportunity to shop at the **Members Only Sale Thursday**, at the Book Sale held at the Greenville Convention Center. **There are no purchase limits during the Members Only sale**.

Friends can purchase or renew a membership online and pay with a debit or credit card. Join via the Friends weblink at: <u>https://sheppardlibraryfriends.square.site/</u>

Mail your check with your membership form to:

The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library 530 Evans Street Greenville, NC 27858



Friends Book Sale February 29 - March 3, 2024

 Friends members get amazing deals and great first-choice selections at the Friends Members Only Sale held at the Greenville Convention Center, Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. No purchase limits!

"Sheppard Memorial Library is grateful to the Friends of the Library for the support they provide. Their financial and personal support has allowed us to enhance our programming, augment our book budget, purchase furnishings and equipment for our facilities, and provide greater public computing access.

Members are paid back in a thousand ways every year – with children's smiles, the sincere appreciation of the libraries' hardworking staff, and the pure satisfaction of knowing **YOU** make a difference in one of the most important institutions the citizens of Greenville and Pitt County have."

Greg Needham Director of Libraries



The Friends of the **Sheppard Memorial Library** helps keep the story alive!

Do you know . . .

The Sheppard Memorial Library system houses more than 272,000 materials.

Last year:

- More than 187,000 patrons visited our five library facilities and the bookmobile.
- \geq Circulation exceeded 405,000 library materials.
- Registered borrowers ≻ surpassed 65,000.
- ≻ Nearly 400 library programs were hosted with 11,400 people attending.
- ≻ Library staff answered nearly reference 65,000 questions.
- \geq Library website visits exceed 116,000.
- Database usage registered \triangleright over 132,000 uses of online products like NCLIVE, Ancestry, African American Heritage, Heritage Hub, Black life in America, and NewsBank.

The Friends of the **Sheppard Memorial** Library was founded because...

We take a passionate interest in helping the main library, four branch libraries, and the Pitt County Bookmobile serve the citizens of Bethel, Greenville, Winterville, and Pitt County. You don't have to be a regular library user to appreciate how vital the Friend's role is to the success of the library system.



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Help Our Library System Reach New Heights!