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NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR GREG NEEDHAM

With all of the evolving changes in North Carolina state government, it will be perhaps more important than ever for library friends to communicate with our Legislators about the value of our community public libraries. The future is unfolding, and citizens need to speak out in support of whatever they value, so that the future is one we all can live with! So, thank you all very much in advance for any advocacy you undertake to help insure that strong public library service is available not only for us, but for generations to come! Personal communications from constituents matter most to our elected officials, whether in person or by phone, letter, email, or now even via social networking like Facebook. Contact information can be found at <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/> for our legislators:

Representative Brian Brown
Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield
Representative Susan Martin
and
Senator Don Davis
Senator Louis Pate

Enclosed is a message from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association that can help with some talking points to use in addition to your personal experiences.

Library Legislative Day
Library Legislative Day will be held this year on March 26th in Raleigh. Contact library director Greg Needham at gneedham@sheppardlibrary.org if you would be interested in attending to show support for North Carolina's public libraries to our state legislators!

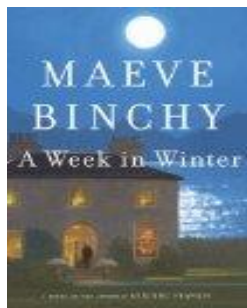
Statistical snapshot: February

36,161 items circulated

**723 new borrowers registered
(59,547 total borrowers)**

**Public computer/
Internet use
(including wi-fi/laptop use)
14,611 sessions**

What books are adult patrons requesting?



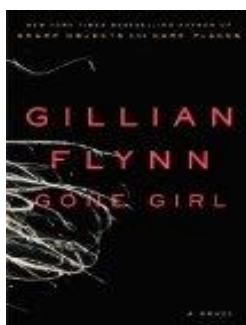
A WEEK IN WINTER
by Maeve Binchy



THE MAGIC
by Rhonda Byrne



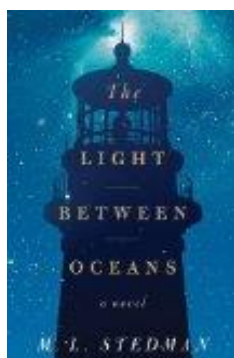
A WANTED MAN
by Lee Child



GONE GIRL
by Gillian Flynn



REMEMBERING WHITNEY
by Cissy Houston



THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS
by M.L. Stedman



**Team from Ayden Middle School
2013 Black History Quiz Bowl Winners**

The George Washington Carver Library, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Kappa Omega Chapter, the City of Greenville, and 100 Black Men of Eastern NC held the 2013 Black History Quiz Bowl at the Lakeforest Elementary School auditorium. **The first place winners were from Ayden Middle School**; second place, H.Y.P.E. Team from Holy Temple Church; and third place winners were Young Historians of the Greenville Housing Authority. The first-place winners received a \$300.00 scholarship and a rotating trophy; the second-place winners received a \$200.00 scholarship; third-place winners received a \$100.00 scholarship; and those teams that didn't place received a \$50.00 scholarship.

We thank the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library and Sara Lee for their monetary and food donations. We also thank the parents, captains, moderators, scorekeepers, timekeepers, team members, and Lakeforest Elementary School for the use of their facility.

Holiday Closing
Friday March 29
through
Sunday, March 31

REGIONAL QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION

2013 Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl winners from D.H. Conley High School were runners-up in the 2013 Regional Public Library Quiz Bowl competition hosted by Halifax County Library on Saturday, March 16. The team from Arendell Parrott Academy won the regional championship. Teams from KIPP Pride High School and Southern Lee High School also participated in the regional competition.

Congratulations to coaches Greg Lewis and Kurt Garner and the D.H. Conley Quiz Bowl team for their successful Quiz Bowl season.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

Check out one of our new DVD releases at the East Branch Library. We have recently received *TED*; *THE ODD LIFE OF TIMOTHY GREEN*; *BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD*; *TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE*; *CALL THE MIDWIFE, SEASON ONE*; *DUCK DYNASTY, SEASON ONE*; and *THE WORDS*. We are always happy to receive donations of gently used DVDs to add to our collection.

Weekly story times for children ages 2–kindergarten is **every Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m.** We always do a craft based on the theme of the week. What do pigs, music and gardening have in common? That's what we'll be reading about in April!

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story time is a "must" for preschoolers at the Winterville Library **every Wednesday, at 10:30 a.m.** In April we will be reading books for National Library Week. We will also be focusing on music, pigs and gardening.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

March blows in with story hours about kites, toes and feet, the color green, bunny rabbits and eggs. To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, approximately twenty children made hats and listened to stories.

Children from Ayden Head Start will listen to stories and learn about libraries later this month. In April, eighty kindergarteners from Wahl-Coates Elementary School will visit to learn about community helpers.

The warm days remind us that summer is coming. Librarians are planning for the 2013 Summer Reading Program, **"Dig into Reading!"** Gaye Kurmas, Mildred Elliott, Shelley Leicht, Carol Lundegard, and Phyllis Conner traveled to Durham on March 8 to gather ideas and materials.

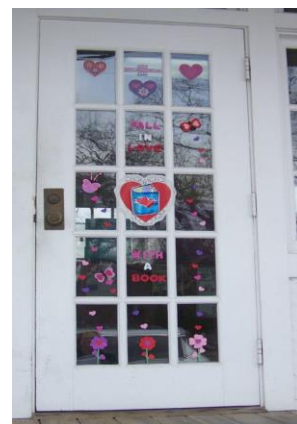
This is the last month for students to vote for the N.C. Children's Book Award. It is exciting for children to be a part of a statewide event. The picture and chapter books nominated are available to check out in the Children's Library and branch facilities. The winners will be announced during **National Library Week, April 14–20, 2013.**

Special Program in the Children's Library

Bedtime Story Hour
Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.
for families with children ages 10 and under

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

Kudos to Susan Hall at the Bethel library for her beautiful Valentine door decoration for the Hometown Bethel Door Contest. It is always easy to "fall in love" with a good book at the library. We didn't win but we'll be ready for next year!



Save The Date!



Saturday, April 27, 2013

10 am – 2 pm

Parking Lot of the Greenville Mall

Presented by the Junior Women's Association of Greenville



***Bookmobile at the 2011
Touch A Truck***