

# ***The Bookmark***

## ***Newsletter of Sheppard Memorial Library***

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

The weekend of September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, I was able to enjoy some time at the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library Fall Book Sale at the main library. I know that many of you reading this were at the sale as well, and if you weren't, I would encourage you to make a point of it next fall, especially if you enjoy the Annual Used Book Sale in February. This year there were hardbacks as well as paperbacks.

The book sale experience is the end result of the work of the Friends volunteers all year long, and it really is wonderful! Through weekly sorting, the materials are screened for quality so the books and other materials that go to the sale are in good shape. They are also pre-sorted and organized to the point that it is easy to zero in on whatever may interest you. The above photo is from the sale; but if you would like to see more, visit [www.sheppardlibrary.org](http://www.sheppardlibrary.org). Follow the Pinterest link on the left, and you will find not only terrific reading lists, but also photos from the book sale. It occurred to me as I watched people enjoying themselves going through books, looking for (and finding) treasure, to put out a reminder that more Friends volunteers are needed to help make the

sales happen and to make them as fabulous as they are. If you love handling books, looking at them, organizing and sorting them (you know who you are) please consider volunteering to be a book sorter! If you are as impressed as I am at how well-



thought-out and carefully staged and executed the sales are, please consider volunteering to be a book sale helper. Since you love books and your public library, you may know other people who have not joined the Friends. Please encourage them to join the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library and get involved. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Used Book Sale

is set for February 6–9, 2014, at the Greenville Convention Center. So mark your calendar and be sure not to miss the event. If you want to help the sales to continue to be a success please volunteer, and beyond that, let us know if you have interest in serving as a Friends board member or committee chair. To learn more, stop by to see me when you are at the library, or contact me at 252-329-4585 or at [gneedham@sheppardlibrary.org](mailto:gneedham@sheppardlibrary.org). I have yet to meet a more hard-working, dedicated group of bibliophiles than our Friends volunteers. The results of their work in support of the library helps our community in many powerful ways!



*A look back in time at the history of Sheppard Memorial Library.*



*Sheppard Memorial Library  
(Present building)*

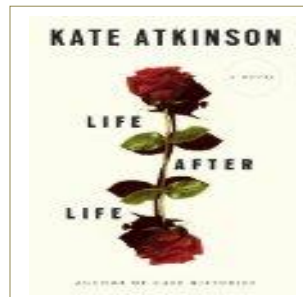
## Statistical snapshot: August

**43,557 items circulated**

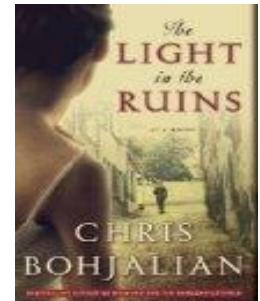
**869 new borrowers  
registered  
(64,488 total borrowers)**

**Public computer/  
Internet use  
(including wi-fi/laptop use)  
17,708 sessions**

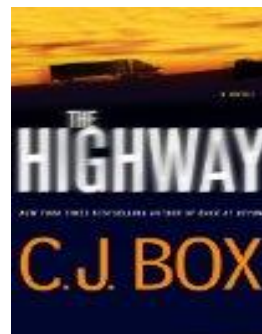
### *Adult patrons are requesting ...*



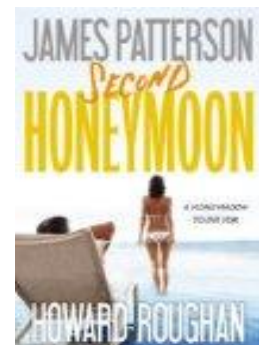
**LIFE AFTER LIFE**  
by Kate Atkinson



**THE LIGHT IN THE RUINS**  
by Chris Bohjalian



**THE HIGHWAY**  
by C.J. Box



**SECOND HONEYMOON**  
by James Patterson &  
Howard Roughan



## What's happening at our branch libraries?

We welcome story hour leader Kristin Hill who will be presenting stories at the **East Branch Library** on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and at the **Winterville Public Library** on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. She is excited and loves working with children.

The **Blount (Bethel) Library** currently has no scheduled programs. If a group would like to schedule a program, please call 252-825-0782.

Lots of students have visited the **Carver Library** during the first few weeks of school. They are searching for information for reports and required reading assignments. We have computers available to assist students with their homework needs and a staff member ready to assist with computer issues.

Carver Library story hour is on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., for preschoolers ages 3-5. We ask that you call to reserve space for groups. For more information call 252-329-4583.

***September Is National Library Card Sign-Up Month!***

Children who are at least five years old and enrolled in kindergarten are eligible for a Sheppard Memorial Library borrower's card. When a child signs up for a library card, he or she may receive a "Very Best Place to Start" sticker from the Children's Library. To celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month, our Facebook page will feature photos of new library card holders. If you already have a card, pose with a favorite library book the first time you use your card in September.



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## CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Families are invited to a game night on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Come dance with us and have fun playing games.







If you are preparing to participate in the Battle of the Books at your school, you can find the books in the Children's Library. There you will find a bookmark listing the titles for the elementary and middle school Battle of the Books. Also, you can start reading the books nominated for the NC Children's Book Award. All of the books are displayed on top of the shelf designated for new books.



# Children's Library

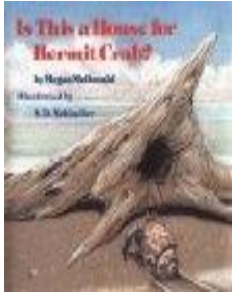
## October 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Toddler</b> Story Hour 18 mo - 3 yrs 10:30 a.m.	2 <b>Preschool</b> Story Hour 3 - 5 yrs 11:00 a.m.	3	4  World Smile Day	5
6	7	8 <b>Toddler</b> Story Hour 18 mo - 3 yrs 10:30 a.m.	9 <b>Preschool</b> Story Hour 3 - 5 yrs 11:00 a.m.	10 <b>Make &amp; Take Craft</b> 12 yrs & under 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14  Columbus Day	15 <b>Toddler</b> Story Hour 18 mo - 3 yrs 10:30 a.m.	16 <b>Preschool</b> Story Hour 3 - 5 yrs 11:00 a.m.	17 <b>Puppet Lady</b> 7 p.m. Family Program	18  <b>The Puppet Lady</b> Anna Pridden 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17 Children's Library Program Room Families are welcome. Sponsored by Raising a Reader and Sheppard Memorial Library	
20 <div>Costume Party on October 28! Get a Special Prize for dressing like a character from a book! 4th-7th grade</div>		22 <b>Toddler</b> Story Hour 18 mo - 3 yrs 10:30 a.m.	23 <b>Preschool</b> Story Hour 3 - 5 yrs 11:00 a.m.	24	25	26
27 	28 <b>Costume Party &amp; Scary Movie Night</b> 6 p.m. 4th-7th grade	29 <b>Toddler</b> Story Hour 18 mo - 3 yrs 10:30 a.m. <b>Spooktacular Stories</b> 7 p.m.	30 <b>Preschool</b> Story Hour 3 - 5 yrs 11:00 a.m.	31 	<div> <b>Spooktacular Stories</b>            Tuesday, October 29 at 7pm            For ages 6 and under            Wear a costume and bring a treat bag!         </div> <div>           Sheppard Memorial Library            530 Evans Street * Greenville, NC 27858            252-329-4581 * www.sheppardlibrary.org         </div>	

## JUVENILE OUTREACH

The Juvenile Outreach librarian has started her visits to preschool and daycare centers throughout the county. In our new program we are reading books about the ocean. The book, "I Spy Under The Sea" by Edward Gibbs, shows part of the illustration through a



hole in the page. The children try to figure out which sea animal is on the next page. One of the favorites is the shark! The children are also learning about hermit crabs in the book, "Is This A House For Hermit Crab?" by Megan McDonald.

***It's not too late for summer  
reading participants to pick up  
their reading folders.***

***Please pick them up by  
Monday, September 30.***

