Dear Friends,

I hope you all are staying cool and finding plenty to read- and judging by our statistics, you are indeed. Circulation over the past 12 months is up almost 6% over the year before, and that’s 481,950 books total, 26,147 more than last year! It’s really exciting that even in this age of technology, with e-books and all kinds of computer-based distractions and streaming video, people are actually reading MORE. Plus, we are putting tremendous effort into all of our reading-centered programming, so that children experience shared reading from the earliest ages and we raise up more readers. The library is at the heart of READ ENC, our community literacy coalition, and there is lots of terrific work and synergy coming out of that effort. The coalition partners have been thrilled to see Pitt County’s registration of children for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library reach nearly 60% of eligible children after several years of hard work- and we’re determined to reach all 13,000 of those children. Once enrolled, each child receives an age appropriate book with their name on it, delivered to their home, every month from birth to age five, and the cost is already covered. The North Carolina General Assembly is funding the project for all 100 NC counties now, which I call a bipartisan triumph for our State Legislature- one of the greatest and most impactful things they have accomplished. Visit the children’s library to learn more, or go to www.readenc.org.

Since the last edition of the Bookmark, we had another great Friends Annual Book Sale in February. Now it’s already June, and I know time is passing because the 10th Street Connector just opened. I give the City and especially Public Works Director Kevin Mulligan credit for managing to stagger projects in uptown all around the library in such a way that some roads and routes may have been impacted over the last couple of years but people have still been able to get to the library and even increase visits. The largest remaining road closure coming up isn’t scheduled until January 2020, as of this writing. At that time, the library will have ringside seats for the closure of Reade Circle and Evans Street as the Town Creek Culvert Project approaches its projected completion in the summer of 2020. We’ll keep you posted going forward.

At the end of 2017, we reached a major milestone in bookmobile service, with 70 years of bookmobile service completed, 1947-2017. Now we are approaching our 90th year of library service, once we pass October 15, 2019. Sheppard Memorial Library officially opened to the public on October 15, 1930. We’ll be looking for ways to commemorate our 90th year and celebrate it with you. In the meantime, thanks for all you do to support the library, and to share your love of reading and learning with everyone in our community.

Happy reading, have a wonderful summer, and see you at the library!

Greg Needham

Enroll your child birth-5 years to receive one FREE book per month.
Each book will be delivered to your home.
For more information, visit Readenc.org

Less than 1 week until the Summer Reading Kickoff!
Branch Locations & Hours

Main Library/Children’s Library
530 Evans Street
Greenville, NC 27858
Main: 252-329-4580
Children’s: 252-329-4581
Mon-Thu 9 am-9 pm
Fri-Sat 9 am-6 pm
Sun 2 pm-5 pm

East Branch
2000 Cedar Lane
Greenville, NC 27858
252-329-4582
Mon-Thu 9 am-8 pm
Fri 9 am-6 pm
Sat 11 am-3 pm

Carver Library
618 W. 14th Avenue
Greenville, NC 27834
252-329-4583
Mon-Thu 9 am-8 pm
Fri 9 am-6 pm
Sat 11 am-3 pm

Winterville Library
2613 Railroad Street
Winterville, NC 28590
252-756-1786
Mon-Thu 9 am-8 pm
Fri 9 am-6 pm
Sat 1 pm-5 pm

Blount Library
201 Ives Street
Bethel, NC 27812
252-825-0782
Tues-Thu 1 pm-5 pm

Meetings:
- The Friends of SML: Monday, August 12, 2019 @ 5:30 pm in the Copeland Board Room at the Main Library
- The SML Board of Trustees: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 @ 5:30 pm in the Copeland Board Room

Holiday Closings:
- Independence Day: July 4
- Labor Day: August 31 and September 1 - 2
- Veteran’s Day: November 12

Connect with SML...

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Instagram.com/sheppardlibrary
Twitter.com/SMLibrary
Pinterest.com/sheppardlibrary
This is the number of patrons that walk through our libraries’ doors each month!

**Total Circulations:**

- **January:** 39,958
- **February:** 38,145
- **March:** 39,368

**New Borrowers Registered:**

- **January:** 461
- **February:** 426
- **March:** 368

Each month we track the number of new borrowers signing up for library cards; this includes children and adult cards.

**Public Computer & Internet Use:**

Using the internet as an information resource, SML’s goals are to enhance its existing collection in size and depth, and, as a public access agency, to give opportunity to any citizen who wishes to participate in navigating the internet. The internet allows access to ideas, information, and commentary from around the globe!
Popular Requests

These are some popular titles that our Patrons are requesting!

GREG ILES
Cemetery Road

DAVID BALDACCI
Redemption

JAMES PATTERSON
The Chef

C. J. BOX
Wolf Pack

THE SILENT PATIENT
Alex Michaelides

JAMES PATTERSON
The 18th Abduction

HARLAN COBEN
Run Away

JOHN SANDFORD
Prey

Audiobooks, magazines, and eBooks—all in one app!
Download now to listen or read.

Prefer the downloadable version? Check out RBdigital or NCLive!
East Branch

Spring has finally "sprung" and the library is always in fashion! Head over to the East Branch to look at our latest collection! Our weekly Preschool Story Hour is on Tuesdays at 10:30 am, come and join us for these great events and Happy Spring!

Blount Library

We’re getting excited at the Bethel Library as we quickly approach the end of the school year and prepare for the 2019 Summer Reading program. The theme is A Universe of Stories and remember the sky is the limit. Let’s have some fun and share your story. Special programs will be available upon request during the summer, please call for more information, 252-916-2834

Carver Library

The Carver Library would like to congratulate the participants and winners in the 2019 Greenville Community Annual Black History Quiz Bowl sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Iota Kappa Omega Chapter, in partnership with Greenville NC Recreation & Parks, George Washington Carver Library, & Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library. We thank the families, friends and captains for their support. The students did a great job in preparing themselves for the event. The winner is The Pitt County School Early College High School team.

G. W. Carver Library staff is getting ready for 2019 summer reading and the theme this year is A Universe of Stories. We invite you to join us for this eight week adventure at the branch!

Winterville Library

The Winterville Library is getting ready for Summer Reading—A Universe of Stories—beginning in June. Our Preschool Story Hours have moved to Monday mornings at 10:30 am. Baby and Me is still every first and third Friday at 10:30 am.
Children’s Library Programs

Weekly Programs: **Summer Schedule**

**Baby & Me @ the Library**
*(Ages birth -18 months)*

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**Toddler Story Hour**
*(Ages 18 months to 3-years-old)*

**Tuesdays**
10 am & 11 am

**Preschool Story Hour (Ages 3-6)**

**Thursdays**
11 am & 1 pm

**School-Age Story Hour (Grades 1-5)**

**Wednesdays**
10 am & 1 pm

**Children’s Library Programs**

Monthly Programs
*(Check calendar for specific dates)*

**Bedtime Story Hour (for families)**

**Thursdays**
June 20, July 25, & Aug. 22
7 pm

**Craft Program**

**Thursdays**
June 6, July 11, & Aug. 8
3:30 pm

**Lego Program**

**Wednesdays**
June 26 & July 24
3:30 pm

**Carver Library Programs**

**Weekly**

**Preschool Story Hour (Ages 3-5)**

**Thursdays**
10 am

**Winterville Library Programs**

**Weekly**

**Preschool Story Hour (Ages 2-5)**

**Mondays**
10:30 am

**Baby & Me @ the Library**

1st & 3rd Fridays
10:30 am
NEW

♦ Read with Me Pet Partners
  Tuesdays
  3:30 - 4:30 pm
  Call for Reservation

UPCOMING

Summer Reading Program:
A Universe of Stories
June 10 - August 2
(Ages birth – 12)

Teen Summer Reading Program
Take Me To Your Reader
June 10 - August 2
(Ages 13 – 18)

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

JEFF JONES
MAGICIAN
Thursday, June 13th

Children’s Library Program Room
ONLY

Show Times:
9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., & 6:30 p.m.

Ticketed Event
Free tickets available in the Children’s Library beginning at 9 a.m. on the day of the show.
Read any good books from our catalog lately? The library would love to hear about it! Check out our Patron Picks area in the library or send us your suggestions via Facebook & we will share your choices with the community.

**Patron Picks**

- *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card
- *An American Sickness* by Elisabeth Rosenthal
- *The Afterlife of Billy Fingers* by Annie Kagan
- *Risk!* by Kevin Allison
- *The Diviners* by Libba Bray
- *The Wicker King* by Kayla Ancrum
- *The Color of Magic* by Terry Pratchett

**Touch A Truck**

The Bookmobile was invited to the 9th annual Touch A Truck Event hosted by the Junior League of Greenville, NC in April. Local businesses brought vehicles and rigs of all sizes for children to see, touch, and climb on board! Even a little rain couldn’t stop it from being a truly great family event!
The Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library needs volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering, call 252-329-4580 for more information.

Mark your calendars for the Fifty Cents Book Sale!

September 2019

Did you know there’s also a year-round Book Sale at the Main Library? All proceeds from this sale go directly back to SML to help fund programming, new technology purchases, matching funds for federal grants, and other library enhancements! You’re sure to find books for 25 cents and magazines for 10 cents each. What a steal!
Congratulations to coaches Will Tyer and Brian Saleeby and the team from Ayden-Grifton High School, winners of the 2019 Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl held Saturday, February 16, at Sheppard Memorial Library. Teams from D.H. Conley High School, John Paul II Catholic High School, J.H. Rose High School, and South Central High School also competed in this event.

Thank you to all the teams and coaches for participating in this event and to the moderator, judges, and Sheppard Memorial Library staff members who assisted with the competition. Thank you also to Krispy Kreme and Duck Donuts for providing our teams with coupons.

The 2019 Regional Quiz Bowl competition was held on March 23, 2019, at the Halifax County Agricultural Center Auditorium in Halifax, NC and was sponsored by the Halifax County Library. The Ayden-Grifton High School team represented Sheppard Memorial Library in the competition. Team members participating in this event were Caleb Benson, Sam Huxel, Ryan Baxter, Aiden Buck, Lauryn Arnold, Mary Frances Lutz, Anna Saulter, and John Ascencio. They were coached by Will Tyer and Brian Saleeby.

Additional competing teams were Alleghany High School, Arendell Parrott Academy, Gray Stone Day School, Halifax Academy, Lee County High School, and North Davidson High School. Gray Stone Day School won the 2019 Regional Quiz Bowl competition.

Congratulations to all the students and coaches who participated in this competition, and thank you to the Halifax County Library for sponsoring it.
Access **FREE** online tools that bring learning to life both inside and outside the classroom with your library card! For more information visit: sheppardlibrary.org/studentresources
Bookmobile

Check out the bookmobile schedule at sheppardlibrary.org