

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUES

City of Greenville	\$ 1,080,417.00
County of Pitt	\$ 534,806.00
Town of Bethel	\$ 25,528.00
Town of Winterville	\$ 124,809.00
State Aid	\$ 194,272.00
Desk and Copier Receipts	\$ 113,848.08
Interest Income	\$ 22,055.46
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 42,976.25
Greenville Housing Authority	\$ 10,494.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,149,205.79

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$ 1,405,572.15
Operations	\$ 716,112.14
Greenville Housing Authority	\$ 10,259.78
Capital Expense	\$ 8,900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,140,844.07



Library Director, Willie E. Nelms

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SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2008-2009

Annual Report

Fiscal 2008–2009 was a year of economic challenges and increases in use for Sheppard Memorial Library, its branches, and bookmobile. In terms of use, it was a record year for patron visits and circulation. At the same time, the library faced many economic challenges as revenue from state and local sources were reduced during the year. Despite these difficulties, the library did not have to reduce hours of operation or furlough staff.

A new record for book circulation was set as patrons borrowed 486,559 volumes, exceeding the previous year by 5.3%. The use of audiovisual material continued to be an important part of library service. In all, 54,284 audiovisual items were borrowed. The East Branch Library led the system with the largest percentage increase in circulation with a growth of 23%. In all, 542,637 print and nonprint loans were made in 2008-09.

The library exceeded all previous years in the number of patron visits, as 508,965 people came through the doors of the various facilities. This represented a 4.25% increase over the previous record year set in 2007-08. This was also the first time the library exceeded one-half-million visitors in a year.

The decline in the economy spurred increased use of public libraries. As is the usual case in hard economic times, patrons turned to the public library as a valuable source of information, recreation, and job enhancement. The availability of public-access computers was a key to this use as patrons sought help preparing resumes, applied for jobs online, and took online college courses. In all, 228,400 computer sessions were held during the year, exceeding the previous year by 7.5%. This was a new record for computer use at the library.

The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library were an integral part of the library's continued progress. The Friends helped fund many library programs, and added \$10,000 to the library book budget. The Friends' major fund-raiser, the annual used book sale in February, again set a new record. More than \$33,000 was raised by the popular event which was held for the fourth consecutive year in the Greenville Convention Center.

Programs for children continued to be a popular part of library service, and the summer reading club was a highlight of the year. A reading-incentive program was also provided for teenagers. Other special programs for children included weekly story hours, puppet shows, and special events designed to encourage youngsters to visit the library.

For adult readers, the library sponsored a **One Book, One Community** reading program in September for the third year. This program focused on getting the entire community to read and discuss the same book—*WALKING ACROSS EGYPT*, by Clyde Edgerton. **One Book, One Community** was offered in conjunction with East Carolina University's Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming which featured a personal appearance and lecture by Clyde Edgerton. In the spring the main library conducted a **Let's Talk About It** film/discussion series on World War II. This series was popular among older patrons and regularly drew large crowds.

Book Stock, cataloged

Number of volumes, July 1, 2008	230,142
Volumes added	12,428
Volumes withdrawn	<u>6,549</u>
Total, June 30, 2009	236,021

Other Library Materials

Book stock, uncataloged	44,084
Newspapers	30
Magazines	360
Audiocassettes	4,119
Compact discs	5,702
Videocassettes	2,156
Digital video discs (DVDs)	4,718
Filmstrips	309
Microforms	9,336

Book Circulation

Sheppard Memorial Library (adult)	171,787
Sheppard Memorial Library (juvenile)	143,179
Juvenile Outreach	5,958
East Branch Library	73,520
Carver Branch Library	18,068
Pitt County Bookmobile	21,719
Blount Library, Bethel	3,757
Winterville Public Library	<u>48,571</u>
Total book circulation	486,559
Total magazine circulation	1,794
Total nonprint circulation	<u>54,284</u>
Grand total circulation	542,637

Registrations

Registered borrowers, June 30, 2009	46,354
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Programs

Library sponsored	762	Audience	21,881
Nonlibrary sponsored	<u>1,456</u>	Audience	<u>9,754</u>
Total	2,218		31,635

Reference and Information Services

In person	128,403
By telephone/mail	<u>37,854</u>
Total	166,257

