

The Bookmark

NEWSLETTER OF SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Circulation for the library system totaled 44,857 items in March. This is a 12.7% increase over the same month of last year and is a new record circulation for the library. The previous highest March circulation for the library system was 41,873. March 2009 circulation exceeded this mark by 7.1%.



EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL QUIZ BOWL

Congratulations to the coaches and team from Arendell Parrott Academy, winners of the 2009 Eastern North Carolina Regional Quiz Bowl. The Parrott team was sponsored by Neuse Regional Library. Ayden-Grifton High School, sponsored by Sheppard Memorial Library, also participated in the competition along with Parrott Academy, Central Davidson High School, Hobgood Academy, and Lee Christian School.

Thanks to all the teams and coaches for participating in the event, and thanks to the judges, scorekeepers, and Sheppard Library staff who assisted with the competition.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS

On March 19, 2009, we celebrated the opening of the Peace Garden on the southeast corner of the main library property. This beautiful area, located in a very visible spot in downtown Greenville, at the corner of Reade Circle and Evans Street, will be an asset to our community in many ways. The Peace Garden was a joint project of the library, the City of Greenville Public Works Department, and the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina. As a fundraiser for the organization, the Mediation Center raised the money to buy the bricks for the garden walkway as well as the plants for the garden. Bricks along the edge of the walkway bear the names of peacemakers in our community and were purchased by local citizens to honor these individuals. The Public Works Department supplied the planning and labor to set the bricks and plants, and the library provided the property. The result is a beautiful new community space that will be enjoyed by local citizens for years to come. The space also honors people in our community who have contributed to peace in our area. Additionally, the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina was able to use this as a fundraiser and call attention to its mission.

IN DEMAND

The following books have been among those most in demand among adult patrons at the main library during the past month.

SCARPETTA

by Patricia Cornwell

LAVENDER MORNING

by Jude Deveraux

PLUM SPOOKY

by Janet Evanovich

OUTLIERS

by Malcolm Gladwell

THE ASSOCIATE

by John Grisham

ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN

by Steve Harvey

BREAKING DAWN

by Stephenie Meyer

ECLIPSE

by Stephenie Meyer

NEW MOON

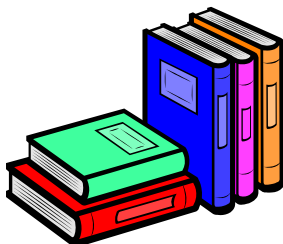
by Stephenie Meyer



TWILIGHT

by Stephenie Meyer

NIGHT AND DAY

by Robert B. Parker






From Rosie to Roosevelt

A Film History of
Americans in
World War II

Sheppard Memorial
Library
530 Evans Street
7:00 p.m.
April 21 & 28
May 5, 12 & 19

For more information
Call 329-4376

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Planning for the summer reading program has begun. This summer, the statewide theme is **Be Creative @ Your Library**. Registration for the summer reading program will begin in June. Summer reading is fun! There are summer reading clubs for children 3 to 12 years old and exciting story hours for toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children. In the summer reading program, children keep a personal reading record and earn prizes by reading or by listening to library books read aloud. A special certificate of achievement is also awarded.

Programs in the Children's Library

"It's Raining Cats and Dogs" Bedtime Story Hour

Thursday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m.
(for families with children 10 and younger)

"The Little Red Hen" Puppet Show

Monday, May 4 - Thursday, May 7,
10:45 a.m.
(children ages 2-5)

Toddler Story Hour

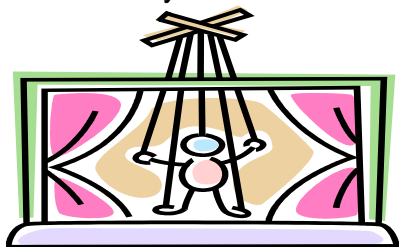
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
at 10:30 a.m.
(children ages 18 months - 3 years)

Preschool Story Hour

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
(children ages 3-5)

SPRING PUPPET SHOW

Preparations for the spring puppet show are being made. The show, "The Little Red Hen," is appropriate for children ages five and under. Story hour participants from all the branches and preschoolers in childcare centers served by the Juvenile Outreach librarian are invited to attend. The puppet show will be open to the public on Monday, May 4, through Thursday, May 7. The puppet show performances will be in the program room at the main library.



EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

The last story hour for the spring will be Tuesday, April 28. Story hours for preschoolers will resume on Tuesday, June 16, in conjunction with the 2009 summer reading program.

The branch has several new books that will be useful in today's troubling economy including *THE COMPLETE BOOK OF GRANT WRITING* by Nancy Burke Smith and E. Gabriel Works, *THE FORECLOSURE SURVIVAL GUIDE* by Stephen Elias, and *PIONEERING PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT* by David F. Swensen.

Adult patrons are requesting *HEART AND SOUL* by Maeve Binchy, *LONG LOST* by Harlan Coben, *TRUE DETECTIVES* by Jonathan Kellerman, and *THE SECOND OPINION* by Michael Palmer.

Staff News

We say goodbye to

Biff Hochschwender who has been working as a security guard at the main library.

We welcome

Jesus Rivera, Children's Library

Birthdays

Nathan Maxwell - April 17

Luke Harrington - April 20

Susan Hall - April 22

Pete Hickey - April 30

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

Favorite books among adult patrons include *BORDERLINE* by Nevada Barr and *FATALLY FLAKY* by Diane Mott Davidson.

JUVENILE OUTREACH

The third series of story programs, "Down on the Farm," has continued through the month of April. The children enjoy dancing, poems, and stories about different animals they might find on a farm. The younger children have especially enjoyed *CLUCK, CLUCK! WHO'S THERE?* by James Mayhew, where they get to discover who is in the hen's eggs. April also brings us National Library Week and The Week of the Young Child. The outreach librarian will be visiting classrooms to talk about the library and what librarians do, to participate in activities with classes, and to read to children of all ages.



WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are busy assisting patrons working on resumes and patrons looking for the latest book by a favorite author.

Child care facilities have requested programs during spring vacation and are also reserving times for programs during the summer reading program. Approximately 120 second graders from W.H. Robinson School will be visiting the Winterville Library in May.

Preschool/toddler story time will continue on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. until the summer reading program begins, and then it will be moved to Wednesdays.

Adult readers are requesting *THE ASSOCIATE* by John Grisham, *RUN FOR YOUR LIFE* by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge, and *HANDLE WITH CARE* by Jodi Picoult.