

The Bookmark

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

May 2009 was another record month for circulation at our libraries. A total of 41,469 items were borrowed. This is 7.67% higher than 2008, the previous record for the month of May.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS

As I write this column, we are gearing up for our annual children's summer reading program. This year should be a challenge for us as well as a time of record use. The struggling economy is bringing record levels of use in all areas of our service, and we expect this to continue during the summer. Past experience has shown that during times of economic downturn, many agencies that normally provide programs for children are strapped for funds, and they turn to the public library as a source of programming and resources for recreational use. This year should be the same. Our staff is busily preparing for a very active summer, and we will be ready to meet the challenges and opportunities for service that will face us.

Holiday Closing
Friday, July 3
through
Sunday, July 5

IN DEMAND

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

FIRST FAMILY

by David Baldacci

LOSING MUM AND PUP

by Christopher Buckley

JUST TAKE MY HEART

by Mary Higgins Clark

THE SCARECROW

by Michael Connelly

THE LAST CHILD

by John Hart

ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN

by Steve Harvey

DEADLOCK

by Iris Johansen

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE LAST STRAW

by Jeff Kinney

ECLIPSE

by Stephenie Meyer

NEW MOON

by Stephenie Meyer

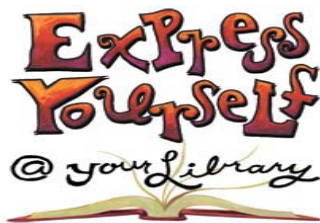
THE 8TH CONFESSION

by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

Teen Summer Reading Club

June 8 thru August 14

Call 329-4376 for more information.



Staff News

We say goodbye to

Sharon Boyce who has been working in the Children's Library.

We welcome

*Sharon Canosa
Children's Library*

*Colin Davis
Children's Library*

*Margie Fentress
Bookmobile*

*Claire Fields
Children's Library*

*Christina Hill
Children's Library*

*Eric Loftin
Children's Library*

*Brad Moody
Children's Library*

*Lester Ray Stocks
Main Library*

Birthdays

*Phyllis Conner - June 20
Michael Sheppard - June 27
Claire Fields - July 1
Terry Clay - July 7
Kristin Hill - July 10*

SUMMER READING PROGRAM Be Creative @ Your Library

Celebrate the arts at Sheppard Memorial Library this summer! Dance, sing, draw, paint, build, explore, and create! Everyone can be creative by participating in the summer reading program. We have summer reading clubs for children 3 to 12 years old and exciting story hours for toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children.

Children may join a reading club to become a Mini Mime or an Awesome Artist. They 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. The summer reading program runs from Monday, June 8, through Friday, July 31. Children may participate at any branch, the Children's Library, or the Bookmobile.



SUMMER READING T-SHIRTS

Summer Reading T-shirts can be ordered at the Children's Library and all of the branches. The shirts cost **\$6.00** for children, **\$8.00** or **\$9.00** for adults. Shirts may be ordered and paid for throughout the summer. Patrons will be called when the shirts are available after each order.



SUMMER STORY HOURS

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Toddler Story Hour

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Story Hour

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

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Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

School-Age Story Hour

Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.

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Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

Preschool Story Hour

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

School-Age Story Hour

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 9:45 a.m.

School-Age Story Hour (ages 6-8)

Mondays at 10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.

School-Age Story Hour (ages 9-12)

Mondays at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.

Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Movie Day/Craft Day

2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool/Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

School-Age Story Hour (grades K-2)

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

School-Age Story Hour (grades 3-6)

Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Join the summer reading program in the Children's Library. Children ages 3-7 can join the Mini Mime Club, and children ages 8-12 can join the Awesome Artist Club. Children set their own reading goals to earn a variety of prizes. Many of this summer's reading prizes are artistic or allow the children to use their imagination. Additional prizes include food coupons from Chick-fil-A, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and Texas Roadhouse. The top prize is a pass to Bladez on Ice.

Children may attend age-appropriate story programs each week through July 31.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

All the kindergarten classes at Eastern Elementary School visited the East Branch Library the last week of school for a story time and an introduction to the summer programs. Many children got their first library card.

Adult patrons are requesting *THE SCARECROW* by Michael Connelly, *BRIMSTONE* by Robert B. Parker, *CEMETERY DANCE* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child, *WICKED PREY* by John Sandford, and *LOITERING WITH INTENT* by Stuart Woods. *THE SWEET BY AND BY* by Todd Johnson, a North Carolina writer, is also a favorite.

CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

Join us this summer for some fun and exciting things as we use our artistic and musical talents during the summer reading program.

Teens, ages 13-18, can join the Teen Summer Reading Club. We will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, June 17, at 1:30 p.m., in the activity room of Carver Library. For more information, please call 329-4583.

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer programs have begun with an emphasis on parody, poetry, and puppetry. We will also have programs about musical instruments, as well as song, twirling, and art. Musicians are waiting to perform for the young people.

Ronald McDonald will present a book program at the library on Thursday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Adult patrons are enjoying *FIRST FAMILY* by David Baldacci, *TRUE COLORS* by Kristin Hannah, and *LOITERING WITH INTENT* by Stuart Woods.

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

Summer programs may be arranged by calling 825-0782 at least one week in advance. Programs may be scheduled between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Tuesdays - Fridays.

Bethel's adult patrons have been requesting *INTENT TO KILL* by James Grippando, *DEADLOCK* by Iris Johansen, and *NIGHT AND DAY* by Robert B. Parker.

JUVENILE OUTREACH

The Juvenile Outreach librarian will not be visiting child care centers during the summer months. Instead she will be providing programs in the Children's Library for the summer reading program and visiting several camps to share stories about art, music, dance, drama, and more!

Boxes of books will continue to go out to participating preschools during the summer. The rotation schedule is shorter, but will resume its regular schedule at the end of August.