

# *The Bookmark*

**NEWSLETTER OF SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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## **NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS**

June and July are always our busiest months of the year, and 2009 is certainly set to follow the usual pattern. To give you an idea of the use of our collection, in June we made 64,109 loans. During the entire year of 1979-80, our library system made 202,840 loans. This means that during June 2009, we lent nearly as many books in one month as we lent in four months during 1979-80. While the population of Greenville and Pitt County has definitely grown in the past 30 years, the use of the library system has far exceeded the population increases. Think about this the next time you hear anyone wonder if people use public libraries like they did in the past.

## **LIBRARY WINS \$100,000 FEDERAL GRANT**

Sheppard Memorial Library has won a \$100,000 Library Services and Technology (LSTA) grant for 2009-10. This grant will be used to install an RFID system at the main library. This system will replace the outdated security system at the main library, allow patrons self checkout, and will be the first step in installing RFID technology for all the public libraries in the Sheppard system. Such steps will be needed to help the library keep up with its continued expected growth in circulation.

## **FRIENDS PAPERBACK BOOK SALE**

The fifth annual paperback book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library will be held on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., in the meeting rooms at the main library, 530 S. Evans Street, Greenville. Along with hundreds of good quality paperbacks on a variety of topics, assorted videos, audiotapes, and records will be for sale. All items will be priced at 50¢ each.

## **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

By participating in the **Be Creative @ Your Library** summer reading program, children use their imagination and learn about the arts. Throughout the branches of Sheppard Memorial Library, children ages three through twelve read and listen to books about the multitude of ways to be creative. They are encouraged to set their own reading goals and have successfully completed the reading program when they reach the 10-point level to receive an official summer reading certificate. Many children are excited about earning prizes this year, working toward the 100-point prize, an Incredible Medal. Some want to earn the 125-point prize of magical maracas and a Texas Roadhouse kid's meal. Super-ambitious children aim for the top prize level of 150 points to receive a pass to Bladex On Ice.

## **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

### **GONE TOMORROW**

by Lee Child

### **JUST TAKE MY HEART**

by Mary Higgins Clark

### **KNOCKOUT**

by Catherine Coulter

### **RESILIENCE**

by Elizabeth Edwards

### **FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN**

by Janet Evanovich

### **DEAD AND GONE**

by Charlaine Harris

### **ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN**

by Steve Harvey

### **THE 8<sup>TH</sup> CONFESSION**

by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

### **SWIMSUIT**

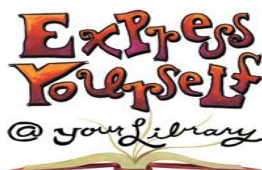
by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

### **MY SISTER'S KEEPER**

by Jodi Picoult



**Teen Summer Reading Club**  
June 8 thru August 14  
Call 329-4376 for more information.



## **SUMMER READING T-SHIRTS**

Children's T-shirts with the summer reading logo can be purchased at the Children's Library and all branches at a cost of **\$6.00**. They will be ordered about every 2 weeks until the end of the summer reading program on July 31. Anyone is welcome to order a summer reading T-shirt, and many adults are ordering shirts at a cost of **\$8.00 or \$9.00**.



## **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

Children can still join a summer reading club. Mini Mimes and Awesome Artists are the two summer reading clubs children ages 3 through 12 may join. Club members are busy dancing, painting, acting, playing music, and reading. Stop by and see all the bulletin boards covered with more than 1300 colorful nametags that represent the children who have joined the summer reading program so far.

Even though toddler and preschool story hours are offered twice a week this summer, many story hours are crowded. New groups are still registering for the school-age programs, which are offered three times a week.

Cheick Sissoko and the Soko African Dance Ensemble from Wilmington, NC, performed on Saturday, June 27, in the Children's Library. The children were enthralled with the drums and dancing. Then the audience was divided into groups to learn a dance and perform for the rest of the audience.



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## SUMMER STORY HOURS

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### 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

(June 15 – July 30)

#### **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**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **EAST BRANCH LIBRARY**

In addition to the story programs, the Homeschool Ensemble presented a program at the library for the children on June 23 and 25. The ensemble featured Alina Suedbeck, Cecelia Suedbeck, Rebecca Weidner, and Sarah Weidner.

In addition to reading lists for adults and children, the library has created a list of authors and books of interest especially to boys. For school and pleasure reading, boys have traditionally found it harder to unearth books suited to their interests. This list should enable boys and their parents to find books to their liking more easily.

*THE FIXER UPPER* by Mary Kay Andrews, *FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN* by Janet Evanovich, *SWIMSUIT* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro, and *BROOKLYN* by Colm Toibin have been popular with adult patrons.

### **CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY**

Story hours are filled with children having fun listening to stories, singing songs, and participating in activities such as finger plays and crafts. Teens are busy reading books by their favorite authors.

Adult patrons are requesting *WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS* by Stacy Hawkins Adams, *SINSATIABLE* by Shelia E. Lipsey, and *ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN* by Steve Harvey.

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### **SUMMER READING FINALE**

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The final event for the summer reading program will feature Jef the Mime from Lumberton, NC. After the show, the audience can learn some mime techniques. The performance will be on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Library program room.

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## **WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Preschool/toddler storytime is well-attended this summer. Keeping the summer reading theme **Be Creative @ Your Library** in mind, there have been sleepovers, campouts, tea parties, and pool parties, all with appropriate props.

School-age programs have included poetry, parody, and puppets. On-the-spot, unrehearsed goofy puppet shows are in the works for upcoming programs.

The June 25 Ronald McDonald show was a grand success and enjoyed by all ages.

Adult patrons are enjoying our collection of gardening books this summer. Other popular titles are *SKIN TRADE* by Laurell K. Hamilton, *DEAD AND GONE* by Charlaine Harris, and *LIBERTY AND TYRANNY* by Mark R. Levin.

## **BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY**

Although there are no programs scheduled, we will be happy to reserve a time for groups. Just call 825-0782 to schedule. Adult patrons are requesting *LAVENDER MORNING* by Jude Deveraux, *BAD THINGS* by Michael Marshall, and *HEARTLESS* by Diana Palmer.

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## ***Birthdays***

***Gladys Edwards - July 24***

***Danisha Williams - July 25***

***Lisa Williams - August 1***

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