

# *The Bookmark*

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## **STATISTICALLY SPEAKING**

July 2009 was the busiest month in history in terms of circulation for our library system. A total of 68,265 books and audiovisual items were borrowed during the month. This is a 2.4% increase over July 2008, which was previously the busiest month on record.



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

As you can tell from the statistical report above, we were busy in July. Our children's summer reading program accounted for much of this use. But we do not get a chance to relax. The start of the school year and the advent of fall also signal our **One Book, One Community** program and a series of lectures and discussion groups that are part of the Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming as well as the North Carolina Literary Festival's Authors on the Road series. Additionally, our Friends of the Library are planning their annual paperback book sale in mid-September. In sum, there is always something exciting happening at the public library and something for people of all ages. Check us out. You are sure to find something that will appeal to you.

## **ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY IS COMING**

For the fourth year we will sponsor our **One Book, One Community** reading program. The title chosen for this year is *ROXANNA SLADE* by Reynolds Price. The library has purchased additional copies of the book, and we encourage all our patrons to read this title, discuss it with others, and take advantage of the events planned as part of the program. Planned group activities will include:

**September 15, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Main Library, Meeting Room A**

Lecture and discussion of Reynolds Price's *ROXANNA SLADE* by Dr. Rebecca Godwin, Professor of English at Barton College. This interactive session will provide insights into the book and give readers a chance to discuss the ideas in the book.

**Friday, September 25, 2009**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Mendenhall Student Center  
East Carolina University campus**

Presentation of the Roberts Award for Literary Inspiration to Reynolds Price, followed by A Theatre Piece based on the works of Reynolds Price—performed by ECU School of Theatre and Dance students, compiled and directed by Tracy Donohue. This event is part of the Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming.

## **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

### **KNOCKOUT**

by Catherine Coulter

### **RESILIENCE**

by Elizabeth Edwards

### **FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN**

by Janet Evanovich

### **RETURN TO SULLIVAN'S ISLAND**

by Dorothea Benton Frank

### **OUTLIERS**

by Malcolm Gladwell

### **DEFINITELY DEAD**

by Charlaine Harris

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

by Steve Harvey

### **THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE**

by Audrey Niffenegger

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

by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

### **SWIMSUIT**

by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

### **BLACK HILLS**

by Nora Roberts



***Holiday Closing***  
*Saturday, September 5*  
*through*  
*Monday, September 7*

## **ALLAN GURGANUS TO VISIT SHEPPARD**

Sheppard Memorial Library invites you to an evening with Allan Gurganus, author of *THE OLDEST LIVING CONFEDERATE WIDOW TELLS ALL*. On August 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Gurganus will deliver a lecture, and a book signing will follow. Books will be available for purchase. This event is made possible by the 2009 North Carolina Literary Festival's Authors on the Road series.

## **SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY NOW ON FACEBOOK**

Check out the latest happenings at the library and sign up to be one of our friends on FACEBOOK. It is free, and it is a great place to find out about library happenings.

## **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

The 2009 summer reading program **Be Creative @ Your Library** was a great success with more than 1,500 children participating. We thank the parents and adults who helped the children read a total of 83,000 books. A special thanks to Abbott Dees, owner of the Greenville Mall Chick-Fil-A, and Susan Wilkerson, owner of Bladez on Ice. We also thank Krispy Kreme, Texas Roadhouse, and the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library for contributing summer reading prizes. Many parents shared that the incentives provide much-needed encouragement for their children to read more during the summer.

The summer reading finale on August 4 was a performance by Jef the Mime. After the silent portion of the program, the audience was taught some tricks of the trade. Also, summer reading participants picked up their previously ordered T-shirts and their reading records.

## **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

The Children's Library staff worked as a cooperative team to produce an outstanding summer reading program. There were 554 Mini Mimes and 329 Awesome Artists in the Children's Library summer reading clubs. Together, the 883 children read or listened to more than 40,700 books. The staff remained cheerful while registering children for the summer reading clubs, awarding hundreds of prizes, assisting with story programs, helping children find books, and shelving thousands of books. Amber Winstead, Sharon Canosa, and Phyllis Conner presented stories to inspire creativity which kept audiences returning week after week.

### ***Programs in the Children's Library***

#### ***Weekly Preschool Story Hour***

*begins Wednesday, September 9*

*11:00 a.m.*

*for ages 3-5*

#### ***Toddler Story Hour***

*every first and third Tuesday*

*begins Tuesday, September 15*

*10:30 a.m.*

*for ages 18 months - 3 years*

#### ***Bedtime Story Hour***

*Tuesday, September 22*

*7:00 p.m.*

*for families with children ages 10 and under*

***Thanks to all staff  
members who worked  
so diligently to make the  
summer reading program  
a success!***

## **EAST BRANCH LIBRARY**

Children of all ages enjoyed participating in the summer reading program. Children brought their own creative work to the library for display. Some of the older children participated in a readers' theater of *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Summer preschool story hours have ended and will resume on Tuesday, September 15.

What's playing at the movies is influencing library users' summer reading. *THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE*, *MY SISTER'S KEEPER*, books about Julia Child, and the Harry Potter series have all been popular this summer.

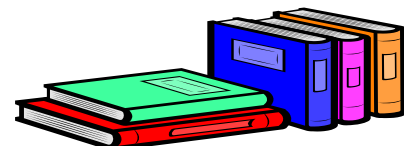
## **CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY**

We congratulate our summer reading program participants and thank the parents, mentors and volunteers who encouraged the children to read. The children enjoyed programs of music, stories, movies, and arts and crafts.

We also thank our summer youth workers for their many hours of planning programs for the teens and assisting with the preparation of activities for the younger children. Hats off to Chanqua Daniels, Phylcia Lucas, and Shavon Whichard.

Preschool story hour will resume on Thursday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Adult patrons are requesting *THE DEVIL IS A LIE* by Reshonda Tate Billingsley, *PRACTICING WHAT YOU PREACH* by Vanessa Davis Griggs, and *ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN* by Steve Harvey.



## **WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Congratulations to all participants in the summer reading program. Approximately 8,000 books were read during June and July.

Preschool/toddler story time will resume on Thursday, September 10, at 10:30 a.m.

Some summer groups have made arrangements to continue meeting until school starts. The Winterville Parks & Recreation Department will have a program this month to coincide with its outdoor education about nature.

Adults are requesting *RETURN TO SULLIVAN'S ISLAND* by Dorothea Benton Frank, *LIBERTY AND TYRANNY* by Mark R. Levin, and *THE SHIMMER* by David Morrell.

## **BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY**

We are looking for adult volunteers who would like to help put the library back in order after the summer reading program. Please call 825-0782 if you can volunteer.

Adult patrons are requesting *THE HORSE BOY* by Rupert Isaacson, *MR. AND MISS ANONYMOUS* by Fern Michaels, *KILLER SUMMER* by Ridley Pearson, and *DEEP BLUE SEA FOR BEGINNERS* by Luanne Rice.

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## ***Birthdays***

***Kim Averette - August 19***

***Charlene Thomas - August 22***

***Willie Nelms - August 30***

***Amber Carins - September 7***

***Amber Winstead - September 13***

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# **50¢ BOOK SALE**

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library*



**Saturday, September 12**  
**9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Meeting Room  
Sheppard Memorial Library  
530 S. Evans St.

*All paperbacks, records, audio and video tapes 50¢ each.*