

The Bookmark

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

The library system circulation totaled 48,651 items in August, a 17.86% increase over the same month of 2008. This was the busiest August in history for our library system.



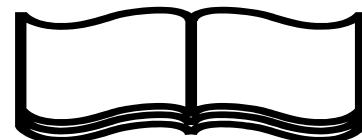
FRIENDS PAPERBACK BOOK SALE IS A SUCCESS

A special thank-you and congratulations to our Friends of the Library. Their paperback book sale on Saturday, September 12, generated about \$3,000, \$600 more than last year's sale. Thanks to all our Friends for their hard work in making this sale a success.

The main library at 530 Evans Street will close at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, to host an NCLA Conference event. The branches will be open their regular hours.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS

Our **One Book, One Community** program is off to a great start. With funds provided by the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library, we bought nearly 50 additional copies of *ROXANNA SLADE* for the program, and they are all in use by our patrons. It is safe to say if we had 100 copies of the book they would all be in circulation. The concept of as many people as possible reading and discussing the same book goes to the heart of the public library as an educational institution. The opportunity for the independent, self-guided individual to seek knowledge and to explore ideas is truly one of the beauties of the public library. To help people enjoy **One Book, One Community**, we offered a lecture and book discussion led by Barton College English Professor Rebecca Godwin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15. In addition there will be an interactive session with Reynolds Price, author of *ROXANNA SLADE*, at East Carolina University's Mendenhall Student Center at 7:30 p.m., Friday, September 25. All these sessions are open and free to the public.



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

SMASH CUT

by Sandra Brown

SOUTH OF BROAD

by Pat Conroy

KNOCKOUT

by Catherine Coulter

FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN

by Janet Evanovich

THE ELEVENTH VICTIM

by Nancy Grace

ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN

by Steve Harvey

SAND SHARKS

by Margaret Maron

THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE

by Audrey Niffenegger

JULIE AND JULIA

by Julie Powell

THE LAST SONG

by Nicholas Sparks

THE HELP

by Kathryn Stockett



New Staff

We welcome Jimmy Rogers, who is working as a page at the main library, and we also welcome work study student Morgan Perry who is also working at the main library.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

After a busy summer of reading, the bookshelves are no longer bare. The staff is ready to assist all the children who need help finding books and information for school assignments. We also look forward to the special visits of preschool and grade school classes. Teachers are welcome to contact the children's librarian to make arrangements for class visits throughout the year.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Children who are at least five years old or enrolled in kindergarten are eligible for a Sheppard Memorial Library borrower's card. Hurry to the main library or your nearest branch to register for a library card, and join in on the joy of reading.

Story Programs in the Children's Library

Weekly Preschool Story Hour

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
for ages 3-5

Toddler Story Hour

every first and third Tuesday
at 10:30 a.m.
for ages 18 months - 3 years

Bedtime Story Hour

Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m.
for families with children ages 10 and under

Home School Story Hour

Tuesday, September 29, at 2:00 p.m.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

Preschool story hour resumed on September 15, and will be held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Book clubs have been busily preparing book lists for the coming year. Some of the favorite choices for the year have been *THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE* by Diane Ackerman, *THE WHITE QUEEN* by Philippa Gregory, *HANDLE WITH CARE* by Jodi Picoult, *THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

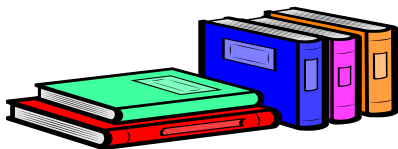
The most requested books among adult patrons at the branch during the past month have been *SMASH CUT* by Sandra Brown, *SOUTH OF BROAD* by Pat Conroy, and *THE LAST SONG* by Nicholas Sparks.

CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

We welcome the many parents and students who visited the library during the first couple weeks of school searching for information for reports or required reading assignments. The library has computers available for assisting students with their homework needs.

Preschool story hour for children ages 3-5 is held each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Books in demand among adult patrons include *MANEATER* by Mary B. Morrison, *'TIL DEBT DO US PART* by Michelle Larks, *SOMEONE TO LOVE ME* by Nicole S. Rouse, and *MICHAEL JACKSON, THE KING OF POP.*



JUVENILE OUTREACH

The Juvenile Outreach librarian has resumed her visits to preschool and daycare centers throughout the county. The children are enjoying stories about animals from the arctic. *WHEN THE NORTHERN LIGHTS COME OUT TO PLAY*, by Claudia Lively and Holly Olsen, is a story that introduces children to many types of animals that live in Alaska. They are also learning poems and songs about fish, birds, and other animals that populate the north.

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool/toddler story time has resumed. All programs will be on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Winterville Library is having a fall weeding festival so that our shelves will be less congested. The library has many new books that need shelf space. We have received a great number of paperback books that are like new to replace older novels. New romances are being processed.

Readers are wending their way through all the Charlene Harris books including *DEAD AND GONE*. Patrons are also requesting *SMASH CUT* by Sandra Brown, and *TED KENNEDY: THE DREAM THAT NEVER DIED* by Edward Klein.

Birthdays

Brad Moody - September 22

Joyce Bratton - September 23

Jimmy Rogers - September 28

Patty Crew - October 1

Olivia Bullock - October 9

Janet Hines - October 14

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

Teachers are invited to bring their classes to the library for a program. Students can take home an application for a library card. Parents are asked to accompany their children when ready to obtain the card.

Adult readers are requesting *RETURN TO SULLIVAN'S ISLAND* by Dorothea Benton Frank, *THE DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL* by Greg Iles, *THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE* by Audrey Niffenegger, and *THE LAST SONG* by Nicholas Sparks.