

The Bookmark

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Circulation for the library system totaled 44,099 items during September. This represents a 2.56% increase over the same month of 2008 and makes this the busiest September in the history of our library system.



NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS

We recently had company at our library. In fact we had over 300 visitors come to visit us as part of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) reception held at the main library on October 8. This was all part of the 58th biennial NCLA conference that was held in Greenville for the first time ever. We had a wonderful time hosting this event at our main library, and we are glad that our guests enjoyed themselves as well. We had been planning this special occasion for many months, and our staff worked hard to make this evening and the conference a success. Thanks to everyone who helped make this evening successful, and thanks to our NCLA friends for sharing the night with us.

IN DEMAND

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

THE LOST SYMBOL
by Dan Brown

SOUTH OF BROAD
by Pat Conroy

FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN
by Janet Evanovich

ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN
by Steve Harvey

TRUE COMPASS
by Edward M. Kennedy

THE LAST SONG
by Nicholas Sparks

THE HELP
by Kathryn Stockett

BEST FRIENDS FOREVER
by Jennifer Weiner



Holiday Closing

Wednesday, November 11

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

With people planning trips closer to home, books describing attractions in North Carolina have been in demand. Books with general information such as *FODOR'S THE CAROLINAS & GEORGIA* and the more specialized books such as *GARDENS OF NORTH CAROLINA: A TRAVELER'S GUIDE* by Peter Loewer, *A GUIDE TO NORTH CAROLINA'S WINERIES* by Joseph Mills and Danielle Tarmey, *HOMEGROWN HANDMADE: ART ROADS AND FARM TRAILS* by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension, *SCENIC DRIVING NORTH CAROLINA* by Laurence Parent, *NORTH CAROLINA: OFF THE BEATEN PATH* by Sara Pitzer, and *KIDS LOVE NORTH CAROLINA* by George and Michele Zavatsky draw the attention of both longtime North Carolinians and newcomers to the state.

The most popular fiction titles among adult patrons have included *THE SWEETNESS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PIE* by Alan Bradley, *THE LOST SYMBOL* by Dan Brown, *SOUTH OF BROAD* by Pat Conroy, *THE PROFESSIONAL* by Robert B. Parker, *ROUGH COUNTRY* by John Sandford, and *THE HELP* by Kathryn Stockett.



CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

We're leafing through new books at the Carver Library. Stop by and check out the new arrivals on the shelf. During the month of October, we will be stirring up some delightful tales for Thursday morning story hour and special school-age programs.

Adult patrons are requesting *ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN* by Steve Harvey, *HIS WOMAN, HIS WIFE, HIS WIDOW* by Janice Jones, *'TIL DEBT DO US PART* by Michelle Larks, and *A DEEP DARK SECRET* by Kimberla Lawson Roby.

Programs at the Carver Branch Library

Autumn Tales

Preschool Story Hour

children ages 3-5

Thursday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m.

Autumn Tales

School-Age Story Hour

children ages 6-12

Thursday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m.



Birthdays

Tony Dixon – October 27

Jane Lawrence – October 27

Dirck Spencer – October 29

Meredith Daniel – November 7

Lynn Branch – November 13

June Parker – November 13

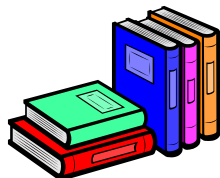
Lester Stocks – November 17

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The R.E.A.D. program begins on Saturday, October 24, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the library's program room. Three specially-trained dogs are waiting to have children read to them. They are an Old English sheepdog, a Wheaten terrier, and a white shepherd. Each child will have twenty minutes with the doggie listener. A sign-up sheet is at the circulation desk. Two spaces are available for the October 24 program. A sign-up sheet for the Saturday, November 14 program will be available after our first session. There is a limit of six participants for each session.

Regular preschool/toddler story time continues on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. On Thursday, October 22, there will be a program about some cute and non-scary monsters.

Adult patrons are requesting *THE LOST SYMBOL* by Dan Brown, *HOMER & LANGLEY* by E.L. Doctorow, *DEAD AND GONE* by Charlaine Harris, and *TRAVELING WITH POMEGRANATES* by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor.



CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Many children are visiting the Children's Library to gather books for homework assignments and special projects. Some need help to find accelerated reader titles. Children of all ages are enjoying using the computers to play educational games and listen to stories. ECU and PCC students are checking out books and interviewing the librarian for their assignments.

In September, Phyllis Conner and Amber Winstead represented the library at two events. Children listened to stories and met the Pout Pout Fish puppet during the Evening at the Park on September 10, sponsored by the Community Schools and Recreation. Also on September 19, library services were promoted during the Family Fun Day event on the Town Commons. Children got to decorate and glitter a circle stating their love to read.

On Wednesday, October 28, at 11:00 a.m., children are invited to wear their costumes for a holiday preschool story hour. Also, plans are being made for the annual fall holiday celebration "Spooktacular Stories" on Thursday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m., in the program room. Children six and under are invited to wear a costume and bring a treat bag. After a program of not-too-scary stories, songs, and finger plays, children are invited to trick-or-treat in the library. "Humbug Witch" will make her annual appearance. A special collection of holiday books is available for checkout.

Programs in Children's Library

Preschool Story Hour

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

children ages 3-5

Toddler Story Hour

first & third Tuesday of each month

10:30 a.m.

children ages 18 months - 3 years

JUVENILE OUTREACH

The Juvenile Outreach librarian has continued visiting childcare centers during the month of October with stories about animals. The children have enjoyed the book *THERE ONCE WAS A PUFFIN*, by Florence Page Jaques, in which we find out what happens when a puffin gets lonely. They are also learning about a very hungry moose in the book *MOOSE IN THE GARDEN* by Nancy White Carlstrom. Children have been jumping and moving to the song "Jump Down Turn Around" from the compact disc *READY...SET...MOVE!* by Greg and Steve. The filmstrip *WILD ANIMALS*, lets them see a variety of animals and hear sounds the different animals make.

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

The most requested books among adult patrons visiting the Blount (Bethel) Library include *206 BONES* by Kathy Reichs, *WICKED PREY* by John Sandford, and *A CHANGE IN ALTITUDE* by Anita Shreve.

