

The Bookmark

NEWSLETTER OF SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

The library system made a total of 41,024 loans during November. This is an 8.41% increase over the circulation of November 2008 and represents another record month for Sheppard Memorial Library.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE NEWS

The Library welcomes Ms. Patricia Rawls as the newest member of the Sheppard Memorial Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Rawls was appointed by the Greenville City Council to serve a three-year term. She replaces Mr. Al Muller who completed his second term in office. We thank Mr. Muller for his service and look forward to working with Ms. Rawls.

Holiday Closings

Thursday, December 24, 2009

through

Sunday, December 27, 2009

and

Friday, January 1, 2010

through

Sunday, January 3, 2010

and

Monday, January 18, 2010

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS

The RFID project is progressing at the main library as our staff is involved in the time-consuming and tedious process of tagging the entire collection of almost 200,000 items. I am glad to say that we are ahead of schedule in this process thanks to the hard work of staff from various departments who are helping with the tagging. Special recognition goes to the Technical Services staff members who have born the responsibility for tagging the majority of the books while keeping up with their other duties as well. If the tagging work continues as expected, we will be able to install the system in early February. We will train the staff on the new equipment and have it fully functional by March 1, 2010. I think our patrons will find this system—which allows self check-out by patrons—to be a major enhancement to our services. In my conversations with other public library directors, I find that they all agree that RFID is a major improvement in their libraries.

***The Friends of the
Sheppard Memorial Library
annual membership drive
is now underway.***

***Visit one of our library
facilities and join today!***

**FRIENDS OF THE
SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

BOOK SALE

Free Admission on:

Friday, Jan. 29, 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 1–3:30 p.m.*

*Bag Day - \$5 per paper grocery bag of books

GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
303 SW Greenville Blvd.

Preview Sale, Thursday, Jan. 28, 6–8 p.m.**

** Friends membership is required for entry to the Preview Sale. A membership may be purchased at the door. A family membership level or higher allows two individuals into the book sale. There is a Preview Sale limit of 20 items, not to exceed a total value of \$40.

All proceeds benefit Sheppard Memorial Library and its branches (www.sheppardlibrary.org).

Staff Changes

Jeanette Johnson and Bettie Tugwell have joined the staff as desk assistants in the Adult Public Services Department of the main library. Jeanette has been working as a desk assistant at the Winterville Public Library. Linda Carr has filled that position.

Birthday

Pam Way - January 4

IN DEMAND

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

TRUE BLUE

by David Baldacci

THE LOST SYMBOL

by Dan Brown

NINE DRAGONS

by Michael Connelly

SOUTH OF BROAD

by Pat Conroy

FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN

by Janet Evanovich

PURSUIT OF HONOR

by Vince Flynn

FORD COUNTY

by John Grisham

SAND SHARKS

by Margaret Maron

GOING ROGUE

by Sarah Palin

I, ALEX CROSS

by James Patterson

206 BONES

by Kathy Reichs

PUSH

by Sapphire

THE LAST SONG

by Nicholas Sparks

THE HELP

by Kathryn Stockett



EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

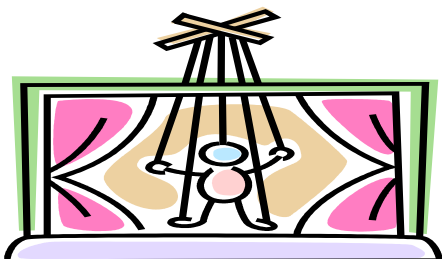
Story hour at the East Branch Library will resume on Tuesday, January 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Recent changes in the location of various children's materials will help patrons find what they need. Children's books-on-tape and compact discs are more visible now that they are on the wall near the children's new books section. The oversized books have been moved to the bookcase with the children's award books.

Fiction titles recently requested by adult patrons include *THE LOST SYMBOL* by Dan Brown, *SOUTH OF BROAD* by Pat Conway, *FORD COUNTY* by John Grisham, *I, ALEX CROSS* by James Patterson, *ROUGH COUNTRY* by John Sandford, *SOUTHERN LIGHTS* by Danielle Steel, and *THE HELP* by Kathryn Stockett.

PUPPET SHOW

Over 700 children, parents, and teachers attended the library's puppet show this month. Our production of *The Princess and the Pea* ran from December 7 through December 11 with a total of nine performances. Many people contributed to make the puppet show a success. Thank-yous go to Linda McGowan for providing musical accompaniment and special effects and to Tony Dixon and Dirck Spencer for technical assistance. Mildred Elliott, Phyllis Conner, June Parker, and Amber Winstead were puppeteers or acted in the production.



CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

We invite you to stop by and check out some good books to read after the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

The Carver staff would like to thank all the volunteers who worked this fall at the branch.

We are looking for groups to participate in the African-American Heritage Quiz Bowl scheduled for February 20, 2010. For more information, please call the Carver Library at 329-4583.

Story hour has ended for the fall and will resume Thursday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m.

Adult patrons are requesting *FORSAKEN* by Vanessa Miller, *A DEEP DARK SECRET* by Kimberla Lawson Roby, *THE LAST SONG* by Nicholas Sparks, and *IDEAL WIFE* by Jacquelin Thomas.

Programs in the Children's Library

Toddler Story Hour

*every first and third Tuesday
at 10:30 a.m.*

(for children ages 18 months – 3 years)

Weekly Preschool Story Hour

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

(children ages three to five years)

Holiday Bedtime Story Hour

Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.

(families with children up to age 10)

Make & Take Craft Program

Saturday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m.

*(children ages 3-5 accompanied by parent
and children ages 6-12)*

Home School Story Hour

Tuesday, January 26, at 2:00 p.m.

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

We are enjoying the "Reading to the Dogs" program that is held once a month on a Saturday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We have had three programs with Sophie, a lovely Old English sheepdog, and Ragtime, a sweet Wheaten terrier. In the future, there will be other dogs that have been trained and tested. The next meeting is January 9, 2010. We plan to meet on February 13, for a Valentine celebration.

Our preschool/toddler story time continues on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. We have programs in December that include winter weather and the many and varied winter celebrations.

Adult readers visiting the Winterville Public Library are requesting *PURSUIT OF HONOR* by Vince Flynn, *THE LAST SONG* by Nicholas Sparks, and *HALF BROKE HORSES* by Jeannette Walls.

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

We welcome back Susan (Hall) Briley who has been recovering from her surgery, and we thank Gladys Edwards who has been covering the desk hours at the Bethel library.

Adult readers are requesting *TRUE BLUE* by David Baldacci, *THE WRECKER* by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott, and *I, ALEX CROSS* by James Patterson.