

The Bookmark

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Circulation for the library system totaled 38,758 items in December. This represents a 4.28% increase over the same month of 2008. This is another record month in terms of use for our libraries. The number of people registering for library cards continued to grow dramatically, and 865 new registrants were added. This brings the total number of residents with library cards to 49,488.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OFFICERS NOMINATED

The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library will hold their annual meeting on Monday, February 15, 2010, in the Elizabeth Copeland Board Room at the main library. Officers for 2010 will be elected at that meeting. The following officers have been nominated:

President, Chris Ulfers
Vice President, Mary Anne Pennington
Secretary, Gerry Case
Treasurer, Tony Parker

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

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

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS

The following is a reprint of a portion of this column from the February 2000 edition of *The Bookmark*. In it I made predictions for the library system for the next ten years. Next month I'll analyze how accurate I was in my predictions, and in a couple of months I'll make my predictions for the next ten years. Stay tuned.

- 1) The number of visitors to our libraries will exceed 400,000, a 40% increase over the current level of use.
- 2) The library will add at least two new service facilities.
- 3) Circulation of all library material will exceed 600,000 items per year.
- 4) The library will have an endowment to enhance services. Generated with private funds, the amount of this trust will exceed \$1,000,000.
- 5) Our videocassette collection will be replaced by digital video discs (DVDs).
- 6) The number of registered borrowers will exceed 42,000.
- 7) Although the library will circulate "electronic books," the book collection on paper will still form the basis of our holdings.
- 8) The library will receive at least two state or national awards for services and/or facilities.
- 9) Story hours for preschool children will be as popular in 2010 as they were in 2000.
- 10) Membership in the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library will exceed 300.

CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Carver Branch Librarian Mildred Elliott was recently named winner of the Emma Mizelle-Lucas Customer Service Award for 2009. In presenting the award at the January 2010 staff meeting, Library Director Willie Nelms noted that Mrs. Elliott was nominated for the award by members of the general public. She was recognized for her ability to work with library staff and patrons. Nelms noted her skill at maintaining a positive work attitude in her own work as well as a positive atmosphere at her branch.



This is the second time Mrs. Elliott has been selected for the award. The Emma Mizelle-Lucas Customer Service Award is given annually to a library staff member who has provided outstanding service to patrons, fellow workers, other departments of the library, businesses who deal with the library, or other agencies who have contact with the staff of Sheppard Memorial Library, its branches, and bookmobile.

The Sheppard Memorial Library Public Library Quiz Bowl

***will be held
Saturday, February 6***

***at 10:00 a.m.
in Meeting Room A
of the main library
530 Evans Street, Greenville***

Participating high school teams:

Ayden-Grifton

D.H. Conley

North Pitt

J.H. Rose

South Central

***For more information,
call the library at 329-4376.***

IN DEMAND

Following are some of the books that have been 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

PURSUIT OF HONOR
by Vince Flynn

SIZZLE
by Julie Garwood

U IS FOR UNDERTOW
by Sue Grafton

FORD COUNTY
by John Grisham

GOING ROGUE
by Sarah Palin

I, ALEX CROSS
by James Patterson

PUSH
by Sapphire

THE HELP
by Kathryn Stockett

JUVENILE OUTREACH

By the middle of January the outreach librarian will have visited half of the child care centers with the second series of story programs, What to Wear? The children enjoy helping the little bear get his clothes in the right place in *HOW DO I PUT IT ON?* by Shigeo Watanabe. They are also learning a poem, "Boots on My Feet," about how to get dressed for winter. A favorite activity is the flannel board story, *FROGGY GETS DRESSED* by Jonathan London, in which Froggy keeps forgetting his clothes when going to play in the snow.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

The staff has been busy assisting students needing books on Accelerated Reading lists and for papers and projects. Adult library users have been putting together job resumes, searching for employment, completing work for various courses, and finding books to read during this cold season.

Several new guides to adult fiction are available at the branch. Library users may request lists of Forthcoming Novels for 2010, North Carolina Fiction Writers, and Western Fiction.

The most popular books among adult patrons have included *THE LOST SYMBOL* by Dan Brown, *SOUTH OF BROAD* by Pat Conroy, *FORD COUNTY* by John Grisham, and *THE HELP* by Kathryn Stockett.

CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

We're gearing up for Black History Month in February. The theme for 2010 is "The History of Black Economic Empowerment: Celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the National Urban League." The National Urban League was organized in 1910 to address the needs of African Americans as they migrated to the cities of the United States.

Also during the month of February the George Washington Carver Library will partner with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Iota Kappa Omega Chapter and 100 Black Men of Eastern NC for the 2010 Annual Black History Quiz Bowl. This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 20, at Philippi Church of Christ, 3760 Philippi Drive, Greenville. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. The public is invited.

Preschool story hour continues on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for children ages 3-5.

Adult patrons at the Carver library have been requesting *FORSAKEN* by Vanessa Miller, *THE MORNING AFTER* by Kendra Norma-Bellamy, *PUSH* by Sapphire, and *THE IDEAL WIFE* by Jacquelin Thomas.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

After a busy holiday season, children are back looking for good books to read. The new bookshelf is full of new titles and replacements of many worn copies of old favorites. The Children's Library welcomes new patrons coming in to look for books, to answer research questions, or to join in the story hours.

Teachers of preschool and elementary students are invited to schedule their classes for visits to Sheppard Memorial Library. Children enjoy showing their parents around and seeing familiar faces when they return for a personal visit to the library after a class trip.

Programs in the Children's Library

Toddler Story Hour

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

(children ages 18 months to three years)

Weekly Preschool Story Hour

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

(children ages three to five years)

Bedtime Story Hour

Thursday, January 28, 7:00 p.m.

(families with children ages 10 and under)

Staff Birthdays

Thaddeus Best - January 26

Sharon Vaughn - January 30

Danielle Mitchell - February 1

Valeria Hoffman - February 4

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library program room is in use more often since the beginning of testing for census workers. Please sign up at the circulation desk to use it during the hours we are open.

R.E.A.D., the reading program for children who enjoy reading to specially-trained dogs, will continue one Saturday a month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call 756-1786 to sign up your child or stop at the circulation desk when you visit the library.

Preschool/toddler storytime continues on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. throughout the school year.

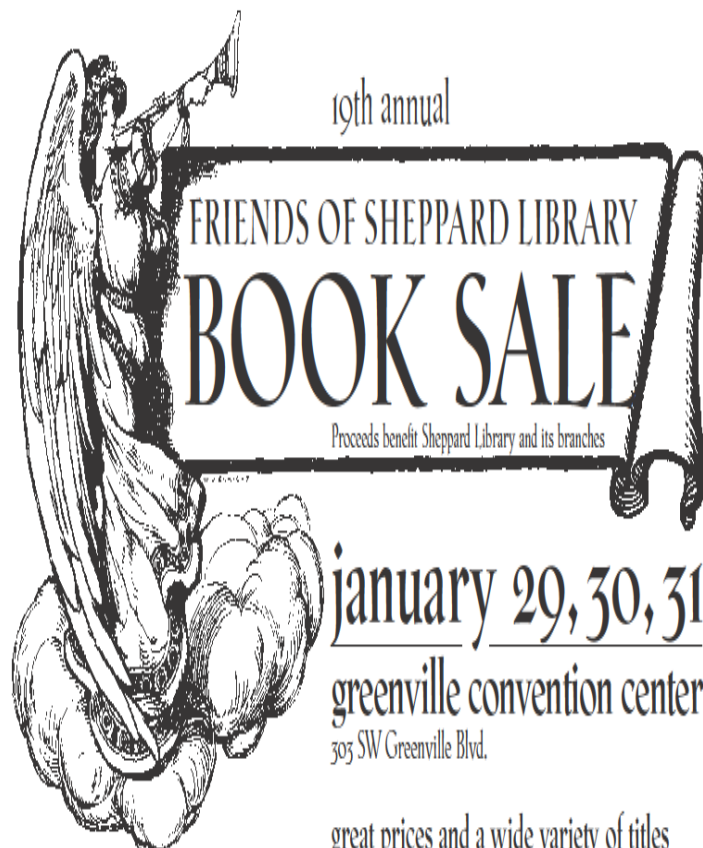
Adult readers are enjoying *TRUE BLUE* by David Baldacci, *THE LOST SYMBOL* by Dan Brown, and *THE HELP* by Kathryn Stockett.

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

Requests for programs may be made by calling 825-0782.

The library sends a special thanks to North Carolina author, Dakota Lee, for an autographed copy of her novel for young teens, *FLASH OF FREEDOM*.

Adult patrons are asking for *RAINWATER* by Sandra Brown, *FORD COUNTY* by John Grisham, *FIRED UP* by Jayne Ann Krentz, and *SAND SHARKS* by Margaret Maron.



● preview sale* January 28, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
FOR MEMBERS OF FRIENDS OF
SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY ONLY
*Per patron limit of 20 items, or \$40, whichever comes
first. Memberships may be purchased at the door.

● sunday bag sale
\$5.00 per paper grocery sack
www.sheppardlibrary.org

great prices and a wide variety of titles
popular fiction, classics, biographies, history, cookbooks, children's
books, mysteries, audio and video tapes, records, and more

- friday 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- sunday 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

***Holiday Closing
Monday, January 18***