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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Circulation for the library system totaled 38,045 items during April. A total of 740 new library cards were issued during the month, bringing the total number of registered borrowers to 52,952.

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIO BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR IPODS AND MP3 PLAYERS

MyiLibrary Audio is a system the library offers for finding and checking out audio books. Sheppard Memorial Library now provides access to 750 downloadable audio books for patrons to download and listen to through MyiLibrary. These downloadable audio books can be played on a computer, an MP3 player, or an iPod. You can check out audio books from MyiLibrary Audio just like you check out printed books at the library.

More new audio books will be added to the collection in the near future. In the meantime, check out the classic titles we have available. Just visit the library webpage www.sheppardlibrary.org and click on the button labeled *Try Our NEW Downloadable Audio Books*. We are sure you will enjoy this new service.

NOTES AND OBSERATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS

NC LIVE is one of the greatest reference sources that I have seen in my career. Provided by funds from the State of North Carolina, it offers scores of online databases and research tools that could only have been imagined 35 years ago. Today, a brief online search through NC LIVE will produce more information than the normal person can use. Recent additions to this powerful resource, which is available through the library's website at www.sheppardlibrary.org, are especially useful at this time when many people are unemployed. New NC LIVE reference tools help people in writing resumes, researching new careers, or even starting a small business. Our library staff is always ready to help patrons explore the full variety of resources on NC LIVE, and we encourage everyone who has not tried it to check it out either at one of the public computers inside our libraries or through their home computers. If you are registered with the library system but have not yet used it, just call the reference department at 329-4376 and get the NC LIVE password so you can begin enjoying the benefits of this great tool.

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.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

by David Baldacci

THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE

by Mary Higgins Clark

CAUGHT

by Harlan Coben

SWEET LITTLE LIES

by Lauren Conrad

WINTER GARDEN

by Kristin Hannah

EIGHT DAYS TO LIVE

by Iris Johansen

SPLIT IMAGE

by Robert B. Parker

THE 9TH JUDGMENT

by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro



Holiday Closing

Saturday, May 29

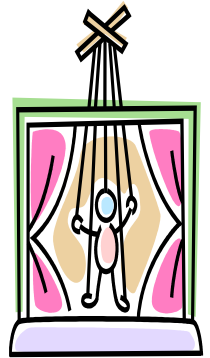
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Monday, May 31

SPRING PUPPET SHOW

Over 900 children, parents, and teachers attended our puppet show this month. Our production of *What's in Fox's Sack?* ran from May 3 through May 7 with a total of nine performances. Many people have helped to contribute to this year's puppet show. Mildred Elliott, June Parker, Phyllis Conner, and Amber Winstead were puppeteers or acted in the production. A special thank-you goes to Tony Dixon and Dirck Spencer for technical assistance.

Our twice-yearly puppet shows are put on at the main library. The demountable wall between the children's program room and meeting room A is removed to create a large open area where children can sit comfortably on the carpeted floor and enjoy the show.



Make a Splash Read!



The summer reading program will begin on Monday, June 7. Children will keep a personal reading record and earn prizes by reading or by listening to library books read aloud. A special certificate of achievement is also awarded. There are exciting story hours for toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children.

Staff Birthdays

Martha Bertsch - May 27

Becky Wood - May 28

Jennifer Myers - May 28

Jeanette Johnson - May 31

Peter Pagan - June 1

Scott James - June 7

Joan Jones - June 12

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Spring story hours are ending. On Wednesday, May 12, after a zoo parade and stories about a trip to the zoo, preschoolers celebrated the final spring preschool story hour, "Going to the Zoo," with a snack of animal crackers. The toddler story hour finale on Tuesday, May 18, will be "The Teddy Bear Picnic," where little ones share a picnic with their favorite teddy bears after listening to bear stories.

A Bedtime Story Hour program is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m., for families with children ages 10 and under.

The kick-off event for the summer reading program will be Thursday, June 10, in the Children's Library program room. Steve Somers will be performing at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. He will present "Set Sail! A High Seas Adventure in Search of Good Character!" Families, child care groups, and children ages 3-12 are invited to attend.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

Spring story hours have ended. Story hours during the summer reading program will be on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for the preschool story hour beginning June 15, and on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. for the school-age story hour beginning Thursday, June 17.

THE POSTMISTRESS by Sarah Blake, *ROSES* by Leila Meacham, and *THE HELP* by Kathryn Stockett continue to be popular titles among adult patrons. Karl Marlantes' *THE MATTERHORN*, a novel about the Marines in Vietnam in 1969 has also garnered much praise from readers.

CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

Preschool story hour will end Thursday, May 20, and resume during the summer on Wednesday, June 16, and Thursday, June 17, at 9:45 a.m.

Story hours will be offered for school-age children. There will also be special programs for teens.

As an early treat we will have Ronald McDonald pay us a visit on Saturday, June 5, at 1:00 p.m.

We thank the ECU students who volunteered this semester at the Carver Library helping children with their homework and also assisting staff with clerical duties.

Adult patrons are requesting *MY MOTHER'S CHILD* by Dwan Abrams, *FAITH* by Michelle Larks, and *A MILLION BLESSINGS* by Angela Benson, Marilyn Griffith, and Tia McCollors.

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool/toddler storytime will continue on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. through May. After a short break, preschool/toddler storytime will resume on Friday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m., and continue on Fridays through July 30.

Our "Reading to the Dogs" program will continue once a month during the summer on Saturdays. Dates and time will be announced.

A summer reading program kick-off event, "Movie Night," is scheduled on Wednesday, June 9, at 8:30 p.m., on the lawn behind the Winterville Public Library. The event is sponsored by the library and Winterville Parks and Recreation. Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase. Summer reading club brochures will also be available. Call 756-1786 for more information.

Other upcoming events at the Winterville Public Library include a "River Life" program presented by River Park North on Thursday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m., and Ronald McDonald's "Go Active" program on Wednesday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m.

Adult patrons are requesting *THE POKER BRIDE* by Christopher Corbett, *I, ALEX CROSS* by James Patterson, *WORST CASE* by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge, and *THE LAST SONG* by Nicholas Sparks.

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

Adult patrons visiting the Bethel library are requesting *THE LAST SURGEON* by Michael Palmer, *THINK TWICE* by Lisa Scottoline, and *BLOOD VINES* by Erica Spindler.