

# *The Bookmark*

NEWSLETTER OF SHEPPARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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## **STATISTICALLY SPEAKING**

Circulation for the library system totaled 38,459 items in May. Seven hundred thirty-six new library cards were issued, bringing the total number of registered borrowers in our system to 53,678.



## **GENEALOGY SECTION ADDED TO LIBRARY WEBPAGE**

Genealogical research is always popular at public libraries, and our library is certainly no exception. The library recently collected links to its online resources and organized them in a separate section entitled "Genealogical Resources" on the webpage [www.sheppardlibrary.org](http://www.sheppardlibrary.org). A new resource, **World Vital Records**, was also added to this section. Other powerful online resources, such as **HeritageQuest** and the **Sanborn Fire Maps** as well as a video describing the print and online genealogical resources at Sheppard, round out this portion of the website. We encourage patrons interested in genealogical research to explore this section of our webpage. It is not limited to Pitt County research but can be used to find information about ancestors around the world. Additionally, you can search it from your home computer as well as inside library buildings.

## **NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR WILLIE NELMS**

We now have the RFID self-check-out system fully functional at the main library. We encourage patrons to try the new self-check. It is extremely easy to use. If you have used self-check in retail businesses or grocery markets, you will find our self-check system even easier to use. In a retail business or grocery, customers must deal with a variety of sizes of objects when checking out. This requires finding the bar code which can be located in many different places on the item and may not be easy to scan. All of the materials we circulate are fairly uniform in shape, and the RFID system does not require the patrons to scan anything other than their library cards. Just scan your library card, place your material on the check out pad, and the items are checked out to you. Of course our staff will be glad to assist you in learning to use this new system. Early indications show that our patrons are taking readily to the self-check station, and we are confident the number of users will increase rapidly as people see how easy the system is to use. Give it a try. We know you will like it.

***Holiday Closing***  
***Saturday, July 3***  
***through***  
***Monday, July 5***

## **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

**SPOKEN FROM THE HEART**

by Laura Bush

**THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE**

by Mary Higgins Clark

**THE WALK**

by Richard Paul Evans

**WINTER GARDEN**

by Kristin Hannah

**DEAD IN THE FAMILY**

by Charlaine Harris

**EIGHT DAYS TO LIVE**

by Iris Johansen

**DECEPTION**

by Jonathan Kellerman

**OPRAH**

by Kitty Kelley

**THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST**

by Stieg Larsson

**THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JUDGMENT**

by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

**LUCID INTERVALS**

by Stuart Woods



## **JUVENILE OUTREACH**

The Juvenile Outreach librarian will not be visiting child care centers during the summer months. Instead she will be providing stories for the preschool story hour that is held in the Children's Library during the summer. She will also be visiting several camps to share stories about rain, rivers, the ocean, water, and more!

Boxes of books will continue to go out to participating preschools during the summer. The rotation schedule is shorter but will resume its regular schedule at the end of August.



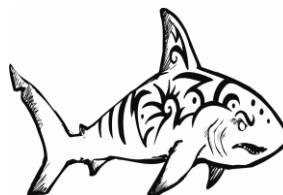
## **SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

The water-themed 2010 summer reading program began Monday, June 7, and ends Friday, July 30. Children, ages 3 to 12 years old, may travel by boat, surf the waves, go fishing, or walk in the rain as they make a splash at the library.

Children can join the reading clubs, Daring Divers for 3–7 year olds or Super Surfers for 8–12 year olds. Each participant keeps a personal reading record and earns prizes by reading or by listening to library books read aloud. Children set their own reading goals to earn a variety of prizes. The children like the water theme for this summer's reading prizes. Additional prizes include food coupons from Chick-Fil-A, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and Texas Roadhouse. The top prize is a pass to Bladez on Ice. A special certificate of achievement is also awarded. Children may participate at any branch, the Children's Library, or the Bookmobile.

On Thursday, July 1, Ron Jones will share stories at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This event will be held in the Children's Library program room.

The summer reading finale will be at River Park North on Tuesday, August 3. Come see the aquarium, splash and play games outdoors, and pick up your reading folder.



## **EAST BRANCH LIBRARY**

Preschool story hour is Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and a school-age program is presented every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Adult library users might want to check out the following new DVDs at the branch: *THE ADVENTURES OF MILO AND OTIS*, *ANNE OF GREEN GABLES: THE CONTINUING STORY*, *BALTO III*, *BEN HUR*, *JUMANJI*, *ROAD TO AVONLEA*, and *THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX*.

New books on CD include *61 HOURS* by Lee Child, *THE LION* by Nelson DeMille, *THIS BODY OF DEATH* by Elizabeth George, *THE BLACK CAT* by Martha Grimes, *HANNAH'S LIST* by Debbie Macomber, *206 BONES* by Kathy Reichs, and *THE 9TH JUDGMENT* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro.

## **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

The Children's Librarian visited South Greenville and Sadie Saulter elementary schools to encourage students to join the summer reading program. After a program of stories, songs, and a short video, the students enthusiastically asked questions about participating.

Children are also encouraged to attend age-appropriate story programs each week through Thursday, July 29.

### ***Programs in the Children's Library***

#### **Toddler Story Hour**

**(ages 18 months – 3 years)**

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

#### **Preschool Story Hour**

**(ages 3-5)**

**Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

#### **School-Age Story Hour**

**(rising first – fifth grade)**

**Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.**

## **SUMMER READING T-SHIRTS**

Summer reading T-shirts can be ordered at the Children's Library and all of the branches. The shirts cost **\$6.00** for children, **\$8.00** or **\$9.00** for adults. Shirts may be ordered and paid for throughout the summer. Patrons will be called when the shirts are available after each order.



## **CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY**

We're ready to have some fun at the library. There will be movies, stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, and special guests just for you. Call the library at 329-4583 for more information.

Children at the branch library enjoyed a visit from Ronald McDonald on Saturday, June 5. Ronald shared with the children the importance of reading and how he learned to do magic and juggling by reading a book he checked out from the library.

### ***Programs at Carver Library***

#### **Story Hour**

**(ages 3–5)**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays**

**at 9:45 a.m.**

#### **School-Age Story Hour**

**(ages 6–8)**

**Mondays at 10:45 a.m.**

**June 14–July 26**

**Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m.**

**June 15–July 27**

#### **School-Age Story Hour**

**(ages 9–12)**

**Mondays at 9:45 a.m.**

**June 14–July 26**

**Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m.**

**June 15–July 27**

**Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.**

**June 17–July 29**

## **WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

A walk-in summer program for school-age children will be offered Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Our preschool/toddler program will be on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Groups are scheduled for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Special water programs include "River Life" presented by the staff of River Park North on Thursday, June 24, at 2:00 p.m., and "Water Purification" presented by Greenville Public Works on Monday, July 19, at 11:00 a.m.

R.E.A.D. with the dogs meets Saturday, July 10, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. We have new reader books about dogs that may be used for the reading sessions.

Adult readers are enjoying *THIS TIME TOGETHER* by Carol Burnett, *THE SHADOW OF YOUR SMILE* by Mary Higgins Clark, and *HANNAH'S LIST* by Debbie Macomber.

## **BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY**

Preparations for the summer reading program have been made. Any groups wanting to schedule an activity/reading hour may call 825-0782 to make arrangements. All programs must be presented between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Please allow one week for preparation.

Adult patrons in the Bethel area are reading *LAST LIGHT* by Terri Blackstock, *THE BURNING WIRE* by Jeffery Deaver, *THE RULE OF NINE* by Steve Martini, and *WITCH & WIZARD* by James Patterson and Gabrielle Charbonnet.

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### ***Staff Birthdays***

***Phyllis Conner - June 20***

***Michael Sheppard - June 27***

***Claire Fields - July 1***

***Terry Claiborne - July 7***

***Kristin Hill - July 10***

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