

The Bookmark

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STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Circulation for the library system totaled 64,700 items in July. One thousand ninety-six new library cards were issued, bringing the total number of registered borrowers in our system to 55,991.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR



When Willie Nelms finished his last day as director of Sheppard Memorial Library, he left a legacy of terrific achievements behind. Every day I come into the library and am impressed by the results of his three

decades of hard work here. We have beautiful facilities, wonderful staff, and all kinds of library resources which benefit the people of Greenville and Pitt County every day. Our libraries are teeming with people using every bit of service we can provide—traditional print resources like books, magazines, and newspapers, plus computer and internet resources—you name it. People also rely on our librarians as information experts, and libraries are now more important than ever, here in the midst of the information age and in the knowledge-based economy in which we live. I have spent the last decade doing what I

love to do for a living, serving as a public library director, first at the Farmville Public Library from 2000-2006, and most recently at the Wilson County Public Library from 2006-2010. Greenville has been my home for all of that time and more—since 1991, and I am truly thankful to be here now as director, tasked with making sure that Sheppard Memorial Library provides you with the best possible library service and experience! As we go forward, I will share details with you about what we are doing to make your library the best it can be. In the meantime, try the main library's self checkout; you will find it to be the easiest, most-intuitive self checkout you have ever used! And don't miss the paperback book sale coming up in September.

50¢ BOOK SALE

Sponsored by the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library



**Saturday, September 11
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Room
Sheppard Memorial Library
530 S. Evans Street**

All paperbacks, records, and audio, music, and video tapes are 50¢ each.

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

THIS TIME TOGETHER
by Carol Burnett

SPOKEN FROM THE HEART
by Laura Bush

61 HOURS
by Lee Child

WHIPLASH
by Catherine Coulter

SIZZLING SIXTEEN
by Janet Evanovich

HEART OF THE MATTER
by Emily Giffin

BULLET
by Laurell K. Hamilton

DEAD IN THE FAMILY
by Charlaine Harris

THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST
by Stieg Larsson

THE 9TH JUDGMENT
by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

SAVOR THE MOMENT
by Nora Roberts

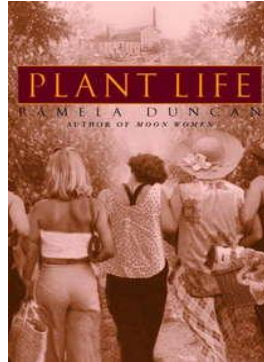
THE HELP
by Kathryn Stockett



Holiday Closing
Saturday, September 4
through
Monday, September 6

BOOK DISCUSSION TO BE HELD AT SHEPPARD

On Tuesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m., Sheppard Memorial Library will host a book discussion of *PLANT LIFE* by Pamela Duncan. A



North Carolina textile mill serves as the unifying element in this novel about rural southern women bound by hard work and trouble. Dr. Margaret Bauer will lead the discussion. She is professor of English at East Carolina University and editor of *The North Carolina Literary Review*. She also serves as president of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association.

Pamela Duncan, who has won many literary awards, will be coming to Greenville to participate in the Seventh Eastern North Carolina Literary Homecoming at East Carolina's Joyner Library. On Saturday, September 18, she will talk there about eastern North Carolina culture at 9:00 a.m., and will read from her writings at the luncheon at 1:00 p.m.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

Large print books are a favorite at East Branch. Most of the current bestsellers as well as copies of popular series such as those by Janet Evanovich, Sue Grafton, and Karen Kingsbury are available in large print.

Young adult novels are also requested. The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney, the Vampire Academy series by Richelle Mead, the Twilight series by Stephanie Meyer, and the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan are popular with all age groups.

Story hour will resume on Tuesday, September 14, at 10:30 a.m.



The Sheppard Memorial Library 2010 summer reading program was a great success with more than 1,500 children participating and reading approximately 82,300 books. A special thanks to Abbott Dees, owner of the Greenville Mall Chick-Fil-A, and Nikki Scott, owner of Bladez on Ice, for their generous donations. We also thank Krispy Kreme, Texas Roadhouse, Salsaritas Fresh Cantina, and the Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library for contributing prizes.

The culmination of the summer reading program was a party at River Park North on Tuesday, August 3. There were various activities for everyone to enjoy.

CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

Congratulations to all of our summer reading participants. Many children enjoyed the program Howard Vainright from River Park North presented about animals we see around the river, and they also enjoyed movies, games, and stories.

We thank our volunteers for their hard work this summer. The volunteers assisted with teen programs and performed various clerical duties.

Preschool story hour will resume, Thursday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Adult patrons are requesting *THE TRUTH IS THE LIGHT* by Vanessa Davis Griggs, *WHO DO I LEAN ON?* by Neta Jackson, *SAMSON* by Jacquelin Thomas, and *GONE TOO FAR* by Angela Winters.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Children's Library staff worked as a cooperative team to produce an outstanding summer reading program. There were 524 Daring Divers and 329 Super Surfers in the Children's Library summer reading clubs. Together, the 853 children read or listened to more than 39,362 books. The staff remained cheerful and efficient while registering children for the summer reading clubs, awarding hundreds of prizes, assisting with story programs, helping children find books, and shelving thousands of books.



Programs in the Children's Library

Weekly Preschool Story Hour

(ages 3-5)

every Wednesday

begins Wednesday, September 8

11:00 a.m.

Toddler Story Hour

(ages 18 months - 3 years)

every first and third Tuesday

begins Tuesday, September 14

10:30 a.m.

Bedtime Story Hour

(families with children ages 10 and under)

once a month

begins Thursday, September 23

7:00 p.m.

JUVENILE OUTREACH

The Juvenile Outreach librarian visited several summer camps with story times based on the summer reading theme. Book boxes continue to be distributed to centers, and the new book box schedule will begin in late August. The start of story programs for the school year will also begin in late August.

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

We had 272 participants in the summer reading program, our biggest turnout ever, and more than 12,000 books were read. Anyone who has not yet picked up his or her reading record should do so as soon as possible.

Beginning Thursday, September 9, at 10:30 a.m., preschool/toddler storytime will resume.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF BARTHOLOMEW FORTUNO by Ellen Bryson, *HEARTSTOPPER* by Joy Fielding, *THE HELP* by Kathryn Stockett, and *ONE GOOD DOG* by Susan Wilson are some of the books adult patrons are reading.

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

Fourteen children and one teen participated in the summer reading clubs. Thanks to all.

There are no regular programs scheduled at the Bethel library. Requests may be made if groups are working on a particular topic and need to find information or have a presentation.

Adult patrons are requesting *THE BURNING WIRE* by Jeffery Deaver, *DAMAGED* by Alex Kava, *HANGMAN* by Faye Kellerman, and *SHOOT TO THRILL* by P.J. Tracy.

Staff Birthdays

Matthew Veneski - August 7

Kim Averette - August 19

Charlene Thomas - August 22

Amber Winstead - September 13