

The Bookmark

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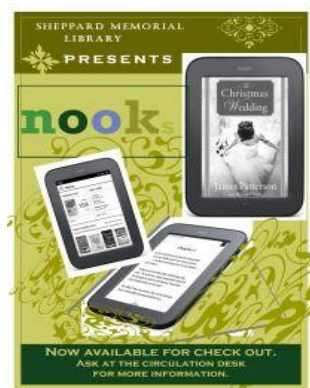
NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR GREG NEEDHAM

In the December issue of *The Bookmark*, I shared information about the new library catalog with you and mentioned that more improvements would be on the way. One of those is the unveiling of our catalog's new mobile app for Apple and Android devices. Now people can download the appropriate app; there is an easy link on our website at www.sheppardlibrary.org.



Then it is a simple matter to easily search the new catalog and place requests from an iPhone/iPod or Android phone. It is actually possible to stand in the stacks, browsing the shelves and searching the catalog with the device from your pocket. I think the new app will be very

much appreciated, and we look forward to your feedback!



Nooks are now circulating from all of our library locations! We have loaded them with what amounts to a miniature library of a variety of wonderful e-books, including popular new fiction, and we'll be adding more popular fiction titles to our Nooks over time. This will be a great

way for people to try out an e-reader without having to purchase one first. Enjoy!

The 21st Annual Friends Book Sale is less than one month away! If you have friends who should be Friends, encourage them to join and come out to the Preview Sale; memberships can be purchased at the door!

We continue to work to bring you a fabulous collection of downloadable e-books, and we are getting closer all the time. We will be there soon, and I am sure you will not be disappointed! Sorry to leave this in the form of a teaser, but I may be able to give you a date for going live in the February *Bookmark*. Stay tuned, and while you wait, NCLIVE E-Audio Books are back, and with an improved platform and user experience provided by Recorded Books: the One-Click Digital platform!



We hope you enjoy the new catalog and look forward to bringing you more improvements going forward that will make your library experience better still!



Sheppard Memorial Library
on Facebook

Check us out!

The Sheppard Memorial Library
Public Library Quiz Bowl

will be held
Saturday, February 11

at 10:00 a.m.
in Meeting Room A

of the main library
530 Evans St., Greenville

Participating high school teams:

Ayden-Grifton

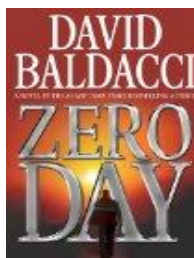
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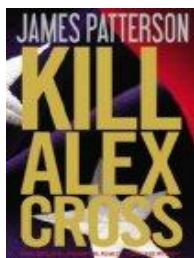
J.H. Rose

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

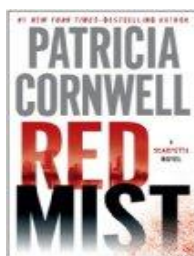
**What books are
adult patrons requesting?**



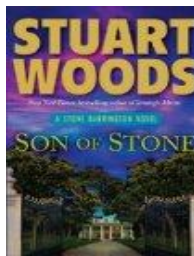
ZERO DAY
by David Baldacci



KILL ALEX CROSS
by James Patterson



RED MIST
by Patricia Cornwell



SON OF STONE
by Stuart Woods

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Sheppard Memorial Library will hold their annual meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2012, in the Elizabeth Copeland Board Room. Officers for 2012 will be elected. Nominations include Mary Anne Pennington, President; Chris Ulffers, Vice President; Gerry Case, Secretary; and Tony Parker, Treasurer.

An amendment to the by-laws will be considered. If the by-laws are amended as written below, two additional at-large members will be voted on at this meeting. Nominees for those positions are Dr. Matt Stead and Mr. Jesse Hinton.

Article VI. Executive Board (Current By-law)

Section 1. The executive board shall consist of the officers of the organization, the chairs of all the standing committees and a liaison appointed by the library Board of Trustees. The library director shall serve as ex-officio member of the executive board. Between meetings, the executive board conducts the business of the organization.

Article VI. Executive Board (Proposed Amended By-law)

Section 1. The executive board shall consist of the officers of the organization, the chairs of all the standing committees, three members-at-large, and a liaison appointed by the library Board of Trustees. The members-at-large shall be nominated, their names submitted in writing to the membership with the consent of the nominees at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting, and elected at the annual meeting.

Statistical snapshot:
December

32,489 items circulated

617 new borrowers registered
(56,256 total borrowers)

Public computer/
Internet use
(including wi-fi/laptop use)
14,922 sessions



JUVENILE OUTREACH

The Outreach Librarian has been visiting child care centers with a program all about snow. In the book *SNOWMEN AT NIGHT*, by Caralyn Buehner, we find out what snowmen like to do while we are sleeping. The children are also enjoying a book about a little frog in *FROGGY GETS DRESSED* by Jonathan London. Froggy forgets to wear some important clothing for playing in the snow, and the children are able to help point out what he is missing!

WINTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Story time begins **Wednesday, January 18, at 10:30 a.m.**

Staff and patrons say goodbye to desk assistant, Rosemary Loomis who has taken a position as assistant director at the public library in Goldsboro. Kelley Thomas, who has been working as a library page, will move into the position of desk assistant.

This month preschool classes from Ayden Headstart will visit the Winterville Library. We are thrilled to have over 80 students come to hear stories and learn about how to use the library. If your class would like to visit the library for a special library instruction program, contact us at the Winterville Library at 252-756-1786.

BLOUNT (BETHEL) LIBRARY

The library is looking for a volunteer who would be interested in planning and reading at an afternoon story time for toddlers either weekly or every other week. If you are a retired teacher or have experience working with toddlers, it would be wonderful to start this essential early literacy program at the Bethel branch.

The library is also looking for an adult volunteer interested in working with teens for one to two afternoons a week. If you have experience working with teens and enjoy playing board games, facilitating a book discussion or organizing some art projects, we would love to have your help.

Please email Gaye Kurmas, Branch Manager, at gkurmas@sheppardlibrary.org if you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities at the library.

EAST BRANCH LIBRARY

Weekly story times for children ages 2–kindergarten resumed **Tuesday, January 10, at 10:30 a.m.** Kids are having fun doing a craft based on the theme of the day.

We are looking for gently used children's tea sets. We would like to start having special-occasion tea parties and need tea sets to make this happen. Can you help us?

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

During your next visit to the library, try a game on one of the five Early Literacy Station computers. Children are still excited about all the games and activities available. Adults are surprised to see the breadth of the software programs covering math, reading, writing, science, music, research, art, history, language, and computer literacy.

Special Events in the Children's Library

Make and Take Craft

Thursday, January 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
for children ages 6-10

Bedtime Story hour

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.
for families with children 10 and under

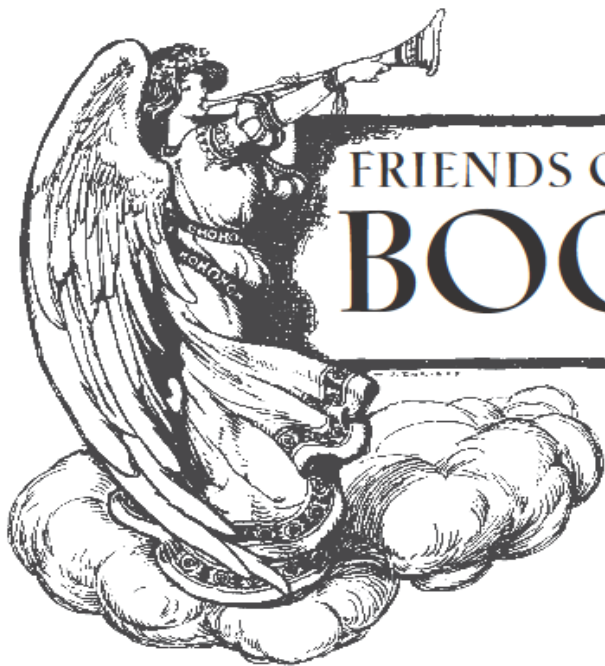
ECU Circle K Story Hour

Wednesday, January 25, 3:30 p.m.
for children ages 6-10
After the story, there is an art activity

CARVER BRANCH LIBRARY

The Carver Library is gearing up for Black History Month. The **2012 National Black History theme, "Black Women in American Culture and History,"** focuses on the many important roles African American women have played in our society and their contributions.

During February we will host the **2012 Annual Greenville Community Black History Quiz Bowl** which is sponsored by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's Iota Kappa Omega Chapter along with the George Washington Carver Library, the Friends of Sheppard Memorial Library, 100 Black Men of Eastern NC, and the City of Greenville. The quiz bowl will be held on **February 18, at 9:00 a.m.,** in the Pitt County Agricultural Extension Auditorium, Pitt County Office Park, 403 Government Circle, Greenville, NC. We invite you to this event.



21st annual

FRIENDS OF SHEPPARD LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Proceeds benefit Sheppard Library and its branches

february 3, 4, 5
greenville convention center
303 SW Greenville Blvd.

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

- **preview sale*** February 2, 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

- **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.**