

Service Highlights

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Growing Great Readers

Summer Tutoring Continues

Southern Pines Public Library, Boys & Girls Club of the Sandhills, Rotary Club of the Sandhills, and Southern Pines Primary and Elementary Schools have teamed up again this summer to give children a boost in reading skills. The project was developed four years ago as a part of Southern Pines Grows Great Readers—now Moore County Campaign for Grade-Level Reading—to provide extra help for students to keep them from falling far behind their peers.

In addition to the regular daily schedule of recreational and experiential learning at the Boys & Girls Club, the twenty-five children in the program travel to the Library three mornings a week. There,



they work on reading skills in small groups

and individually. They also learn to use the library and practice other social skills. The Boys & Girls Club provides transportation and tutors, through a grant from the Rotary Club. The schools provide levelled readers for the sessions, the Library provides space and coordination of the program, and Friends of Southern Pines Public Library fund incentives to encourage attendance and reward positive behavior.

Summer Feeding and Library Outreach

During the long summer days while school is out of session, some children have difficulty getting regular meals when school breakfast and lunch are no longer options. To help meet this need in Southern Pines, Brookside Park Apartments management offers a Summer Feeding Program through the NC Food Bank 4 days a week.

Library staff attend the sessions twice a week, reading books, doing activities, and getting to know the children. Thanks to the Friends, children are able to choose free books to take home and keep each week. The goal is to nurture a love of reading and connect children to their Library.

Explorations: Alzheimer's Association "The Basics"

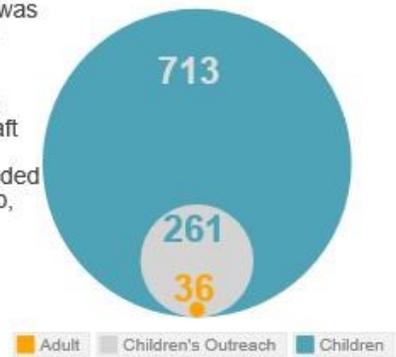
On Sunday, July 10, the Alzheimer's Association presented "The Basics: An Orientation to Dementia and Memory Loss" at the Southern Pines Public Library. Eighteen people attended the event, part of the library's Explorations Series and the Adult Summer Reading Program.

Attendees learned that most Americans will be impacted by Alzheimer's disease in their lifetime, either personally or through a family member or friend. This program provided information on symptoms, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, and ways the Alzheimer's Association can help. The Friends of the Library generously provided refreshments for the program.

Library Usage Report

Program attendance total for July was 1,010. For adults, there was an Explorations program, a book club meeting, and a movie in the month of June. Children's programs included the storytimes, Maker Saturdays, Craft days, Family Fun Nights and movies. Children's outreach included visits to camps, Boys & Girls Club, and Brookside Park Apartments Summer Feeding Program.

Program Attendance



Usage of materials

In July, patrons checked out or accessed 12,482 Library resources.

NCDL and eBook Circulation

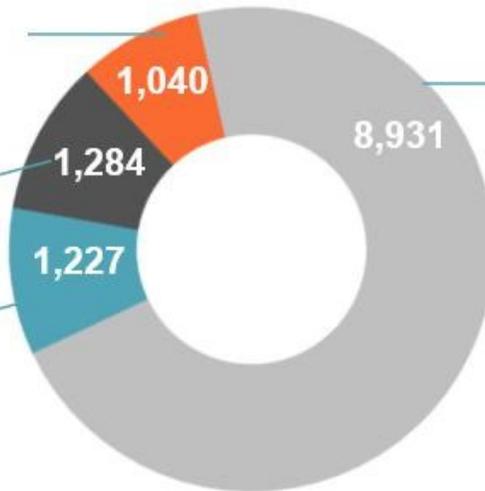
eBooks checked out by SPPL patrons, including through the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.

Electronic Resources

Includes all databases and reference resources.

Non-Print Circulation

Includes DVDs and CDs.



Print Circulation

All of the Library's print materials, including fiction and nonfiction holdings in adult, juvenile, and large print collections.

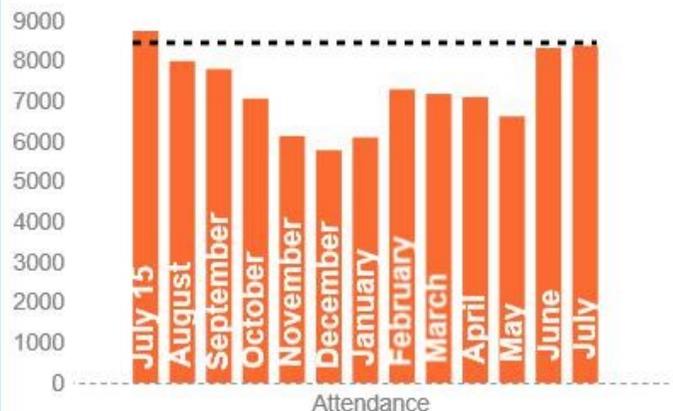
Focus On: New Patrons

The Library is always registering new cardholders. Many are new residents to Southern Pines, or long time residents who find the Library fulfills one of their needs. Some are out-of-town, and decide to pay for a card in order to have access to the resources of the Library. Each month the number of new cards issued varies, with summer tending to have the highest rates of registration.



Library Attendance

Library attendance by month does vary throughout the year, with the summer months typically being the ones with the highest attendance. This July 8,378 people came to the Library.



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