

Service Highlights

August
2016



Growing Great Readers

Summer Reading Wraps Up

Readers in Southern Pines had a very successful summer. A total of 416 people signed up for the summer reading program, which encouraged all participants to read at least 20 minutes a day for the duration of the summer (June 1st to August 31st).

“On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!” was the theme, capturing the spirit of the summer Olympics. Registrants recorded 359,861 minutes read this summer. Participants earned “Book Bucks” for their reading time and for participation in programs. These could then be cashed in for prizes.

Local businesses got involved by talking with children about their reading and giving out book bucks when the kids brought in miniature versions of the program’s mascot, Freddy the Frog, for a visit. This “Hop the Town” program, in its fourth year, had 236 children participating.



SPPL Reaches out to Teachers

On Friday, August 26, as local teachers at Southern Pines Primary School were gearing up for their students to arrive the following Monday, they took time out first thing in the morning for breakfast—provided by the Friends of the Library—and an information sharing session with Library staff.

After a presentation of Library services available to them and their students, teachers shared some of their ideas for ways to integrate Library resources in their classrooms. Library staff plan to implement several of the suggestions this fall and to increase collaboration and communication—working towards the goal of growing great readers in Southern Pines!

Library Olympics, Kid’s Yoga, Geocaching, and Kid’s Golf were all topics explored at Family Fun Nights on Thursdays during the summer.

Summer storytimes, craft days, maker programs, and movies also kept the fun going. Outreach to Brookside Apartments, Boys & Girls Club, Recreation Camps, and special events expanded access to books and reading.

Adults participated with their own special theme of “Exercise Your Mind, Read!” Programs for grown-ups include Accessing Library eBooks and eMagazines, Alzheimer’s Early Detection, and Zentangling. Total attendance for all summer programs was 3,816 children and adults. Thanks to the Friends for providing funding for performers, refreshments, supplies, and prizes.

Explorations: Zentangling

Twenty-five participants found a meditative, relaxing, and creative way to unwind during the Zentangling Explorations event on Sunday, Aug. 7. This program was offered as part of the the library’s Adult Summer Reading Program themed “Exercise Your Mind.”

A Zentangle® is a piece of abstract art created by drawing repeating structured patterns on square paper tiles. Even those who are not artistically inclined were able to have fun and make beautiful creations during the program.

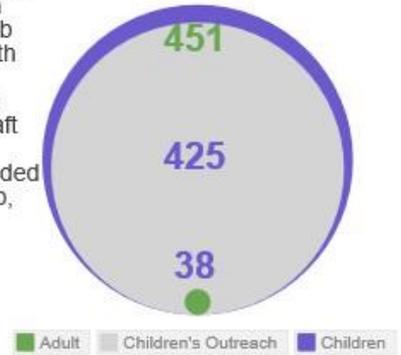
Laurel Holden, the Library staff member who led the program, said “It’s like doodling in your old spiral bound notebook, except with more of a sense of purpose.”

Library Usage Report

Program attendance total for August was 914. For adults, there was an Explorations program, a book club meeting, and a movie in the month of August.

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 August, patrons checked out or accessed 14,824 Library resources, as compared to August of 2015, when 13,712 items were used.

NCDL and eBook Circulation

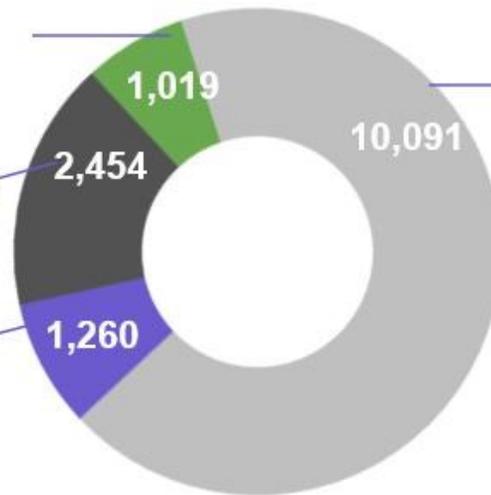
eBooks checked out by SPPL patrons, including through the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.

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.

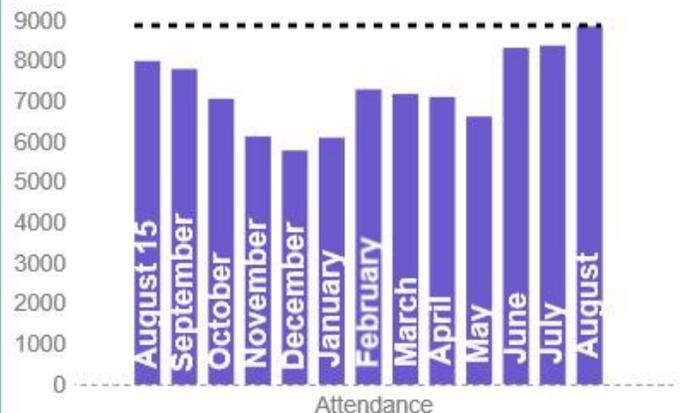
Focus On: Interlibrary Loan

One of the services the Library provides to its cardholders is the ability to borrow books from other libraries, if the Southern Pines Public Library does not have the book in its collection. Patrons simply pay the cost of postage to use this service. As part of this cooperative effort between Libraries, books from the SPPL collection are also loaned out to other libraries across the state.



Library Attendance

Library attendance by month does vary throughout the year, with the summer months typically being the ones with the highest attendance. This August 8,861 people came to the Library.



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