

Service Highlights

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Growing Great Readers

Southern Pines StoryWalk Opens

On Saturday, September 10, members of the community celebrated the Library's annual Dedication Day, which marked 21 years at its Connecticut Avenue location, by participating in its inaugural StoryWalk™—a free, interactive outdoor storytelling experience. This new installation—with its fusion of reading and exercise—also kicked off a year-long theme of Health Matters @ Your Library.

The StoryWalk is a literary exhibit that integrates reading a story with a short walk outside, so that the experience of storytelling is combined with observations of the environment beyond a book's pages. Participants follow the markers along a newly forged path around the Library building as they walk their way through a story. On Dedication Day, a guided

reading with Library staff and volunteers for the 60 participants began at 10:30 a.m. after a short dedication ceremony, with a ribbon cutting by Southern Pines Mayor David McNeill.



After-Dinner Storytimes provide programs for working families

Starting this September, Southern Pines Public Library added a new type of storytime, conducted in the evening and geared toward working families.

The After-Dinner Storytime is open to families with children from birth to Grade 2. The storytime focus is on mindfulness and providing ways for parents to connect with their children in deliberate and constructive ways. Nutrition, along with physical and spiritual children's health have all been topics, with a large dose of fun included. These storytimes are held at 6 p.m. on Monday evenings twice a month.



Located at the end of the StoryWalk, reading benches in memory of Library advocate Clemm Shankle were also dedicated, with his family in attendance.

The StoryWalk exhibit is part of a larger StoryWalk™ program, which was first established in Montpelier, Vermont, and has since expanded throughout the United States and to 11 countries.

In Southern Pines, the StoryWalk installation will be permanent, but the books will change over time. The first book in the series is *Tap the Magic Tree*, by Christie Matheson.

Walking Book Club kicks off!

A new type of book club started up in September at the Library. Led by a staff member, participants take a walk through downtown Southern Pines. Along the way, they discuss books they have read in casual conversations.

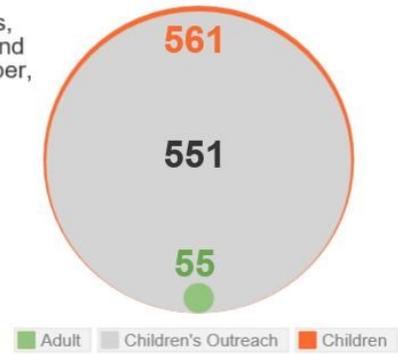
The book club meets monthly on the third Saturday of the month.



Library Usage Report

Program attendance total for September was 1,167. For adults, there was a book club meeting and a movie in the month of September, in addition to the Dedication Day celebration held for everyone. Children's programs included storytimes, Family Days, and movies. Children's outreach included visits to 19 childcare centers in Southern Pines.

Program Attendance



Usage of materials

In September, patrons checked out or accessed 11,996 Library resources.

NCDL and eBook Circulation

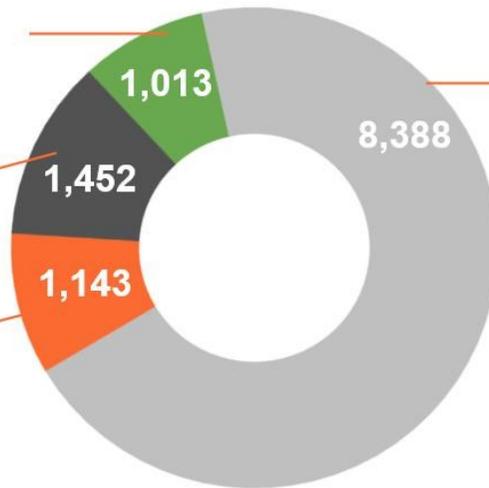
eBooks checked out by SPPL patrons, including through the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.

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.

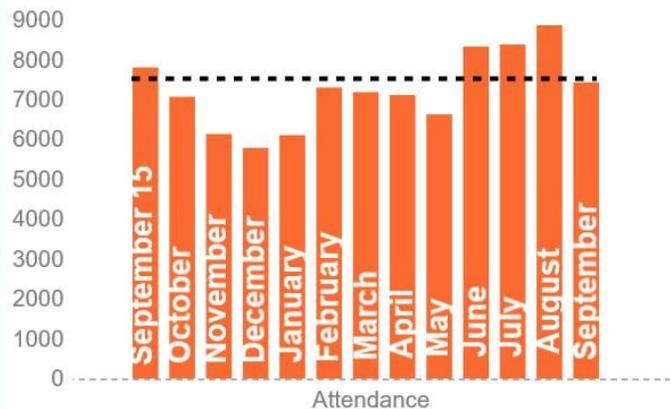
Focus On: WiFi Use

One of the services the Library provides to its cardholders is the use of free public WiFi. Since September 2015, WiFi usage has increase approximately 22%. A new service offered by the Library, Mobile Printing, now allows users of the WiFi to also print from their personal devices, increasing the versatility and usefulness of this service.



Library Attendance

Library attendance by month does vary throughout the year, with the summer months typically being the ones with the highest attendance. This September 7,428 people came to the Library.



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