

Service Highlights

Oct.
2019



Growing Great Readers

Library Outreach at West Southern Pines Cultural Arts Festival

The second Annual West Southern Pines Cultural Arts Festival was held on Saturday, October 12 on the campus of Southern Pines Primary School. The event featured musical performances, arts and crafts vendors, and food trucks. The Southern Pines Public Library accepted an invitation to attend and provide opportunities for families to connect with the Library and its services and to offer some STEAM activities for children. While learning some basic print-making techniques, young attendees created art to take home. They also had the opportunity to choose a book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Approximately 44 children and adults interacted with Library staff during this event.



State Library of North Carolina: Giant Maps

To foster enthusiasm for geography, the State Library of North Carolina lends out giant floor maps of NC created by National Geographic along with activity packets and lesson ideas. SPPL borrowed the maps for the October Family Tales program at the new fire station. In addition, staff displayed the map and activity stations over a weekend at the Library for children and families to enjoy. A book display and compass craft provided avenues for further learning as kids used various forms of measurement to both calculate distance and to find Southern Pines. Twenty-one kids and nine adults attended the mapping programs in October.



Teen Day of Service

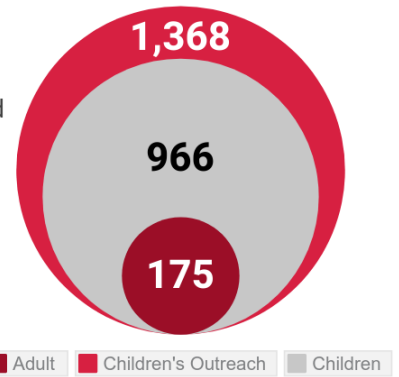
Ten teens gathered at the Library on Saturday, October 19 for the second Teen Day of Service. Attendees worked together to complete small projects for local nonprofit organizations. They made four Busy Kits for the Literacy Council, and created twenty painted pumpkins and notes of encouragement to be given as Halloween treats for children who reside at Family Promise and Friend to Friend.



Library Usage Report

Program attendance total for October was 2,509. Programs for adults included an Ice House Entrepreneurship Interest Program, the Sunday Afternoon Writers Group, and two book club meetings. Teen and children's programs included the Teen Day of Service, book club meeting, storytimes, and STEAM Saturday. Children's outreach included visits to Southern Pines Early Childcare Centers. SP Elementary and Primary Schools for RIF, and Brookside.

Program Attendance



Usage of materials

In October 2019, patrons checked out or accessed 15,196 Library resources as compared to 11,812 in October 2018.

eCirculation

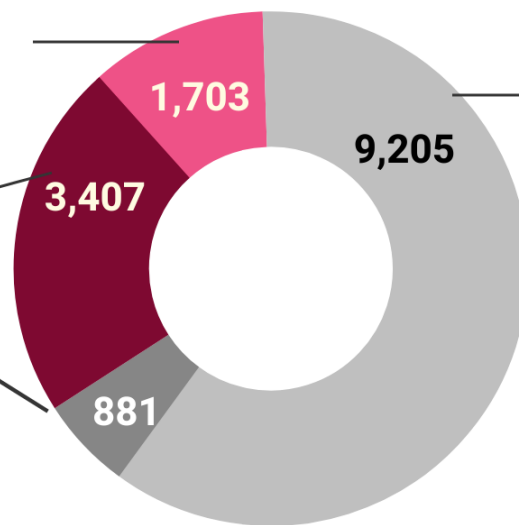
eBooks checked out by SPPL patrons, including through the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.

Electronic Resources

Includes all databases and reference resources.

Non-Print Circulation

Includes DVDs and CDs.

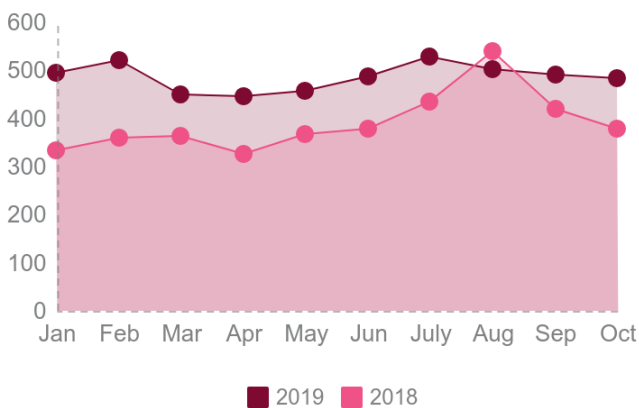


Print Circulation

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

Focus On: Library Resources WiFi

The Library provides free WiFi to anyone using the Library. On a typical day it is common to see most of the Library tables occupied by college students, patrons who work from home, or those working on other projects where they need a good quiet space to concentrate. In 2019, more people used the public WiFi than in 2018.



Library Attendance

Library attendance by month does vary throughout the year, with the summer months typically being the ones with the highest attendance. This October 6,834 people came to the Library.

