

Service Highlights

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Growing Great Readers

NC Pathways Grant

During September and October of 2019, the Southern Pines Public Library conducted a series of surveys and interviews to collect feedback from parents who are residents of Southern Pines as part of a grant from NC Pathways. This feedback will now be used by NC Pathways to Grade Level Reading, which is developing a strategic plan to strengthen its early childhood system. Information was collected from a total of 52 participants who have children under the age of five; their numbers include library cardholders, residents, and parents whose children attend daycare centers in Southern Pines. Overall, parents agreed that they need opportunities to speak with other parents and expressed the collective desire for flexible, affordable, high-quality childcare. Participants also agreed that it would be helpful to have one source to find clear, concise information regarding child-development and services.

The results will be finalized soon, and the Library will refer to the report to ensure that we are providing the best services possible for in-house and outreach programs and services.

Entrepreneurial Summit

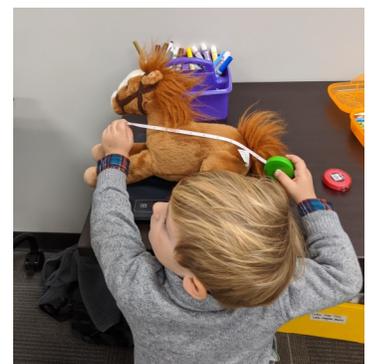
On November 18 and 19, staff representatives from the Library attended the 2019 Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Summit presented in Raleigh by the NC IDEA Foundation. A total of 471 representatives from a variety of backgrounds and organizations attended the summit, where over 50 speakers discussed the entrepreneurial potential of all citizens of North Carolina. Staff who attended will be using the energy and ideas from the summit to further the library's goal of becoming an entrepreneurial learning center and a valuable member of the North Carolina entrepreneurial ecosystem to help residents of Southern Pines unlock their creative potential.



Teddy Bear Care

November Family Tales at the new fire station featured a special Teddy Bear Care Clinic with community partners. After talking, reading, and singing about all the helpers that are in the community, kids measured and weighed their animals, and took turns visiting different stations featuring special guests. The Southern Pines

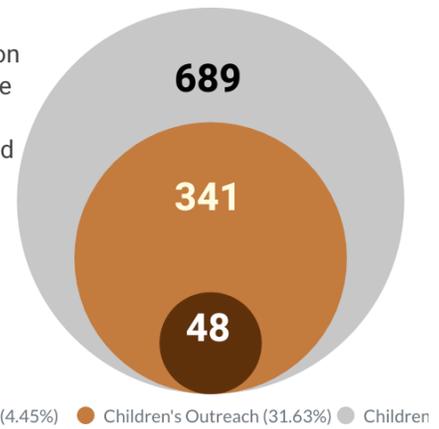
Fire Department helped children perform first aid on their furry friends and taught everyone not to be scared when doctors or EMT's are performing health checks. First Health Dental gave children the opportunity to pretend to be dentists and dental hygienists as they practiced brushing teeth with stuffed animals and dressed them up in face masks and gloves. Partners for Children and Families talked about why it is important to read 20 minutes a day. Thank you to our partners who provided such meaningful and fun activities for our families, as well as hats, books, and dental kits, for more fun at home!



Library Usage Report

Program attendance total for November was 1,078. Programs for adults included Conversation Café, the Sunday Afternoon Writers Group, an Ice House Student meet-up, and two book club meetings. Teen and children's programs included a book club meeting, craft day, Read for the Record, school tours, storytimes, and STEAM Saturday. Children's outreach included visits to Southern Pines Early Childcare Centers and Brookside.

Program Attendance



Usage of materials

In November 2019, patrons checked out or accessed 14,376 Library resources as compared to 10,926 in November 2018.

eCirculation

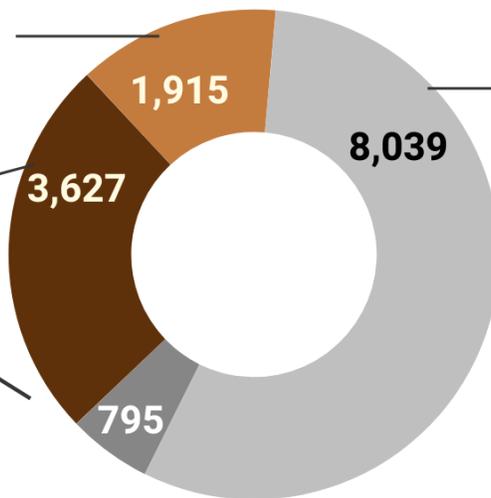
eBooks checked out by SPPL patrons, including through the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.

Electronic Resources

Includes all databases and reference resources.

Non-Print Circulation

Includes DVDs and CDs.

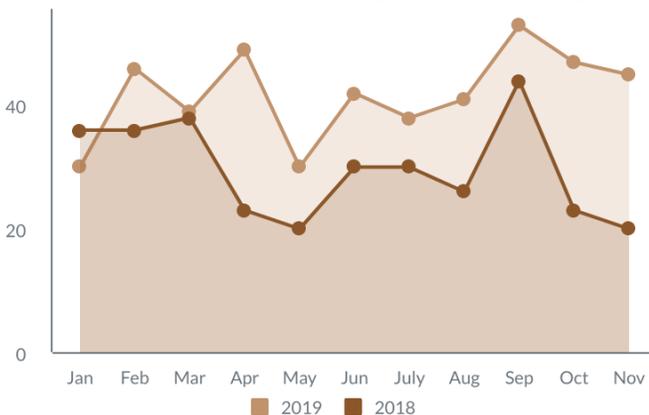


Print Circulation

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

Focus On: Library Resources InterLibrary Loan

When patrons need an item that the Library doesn't own, they can request InterLibrary Loan. Through this service, SPPL contacts other libraries in the state with a service called WorldShare and requests the book or material. Libraries that carry the item and have it in stock agree to send it for the patron to use. The patron then checks it out at SPPL. SPPL also loans materials out to other libraries in 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 November 5,979 people came to the Library.

