

Service Highlights

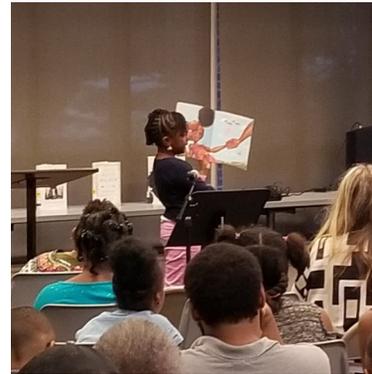
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Growing Great Readers

Fourth Annual African American Read-In

In celebration of African American History Month, 99 children and adults gathered at the Library on February 7th for the fourth annual African American Read-In. This international event was conceived by the National Council of Teachers of English and celebrated locally in collaboration with Moore County Schools. Readers of all ages each selected a short work or excerpt from a piece of literature by their favorite African American author to read aloud. Participants included members of the West Southern Pines Civic Club, area youth groups, and students and faculty from Southern Pines Primary and Elementary Schools.



Library Staff Join SPPS for Bookwalk

On February 26, Southern Pines Primary School hosted their annual Bookwalk, as part of Read Across America Week. This year, the book *Wolf!* by Becky Bloom was the subject of the walk. A teacher or volunteer led groups of students on the walk, following the pages of the book displayed around the auditorium. At each stop, the children read and interacted with the story. Library staff members were stationed at the page in the book where the wolf goes to the library to learn to read better. They gave children an invitation to come to the public library with their parents to get a library card, as the wolf in the story does.

“Forward Together”

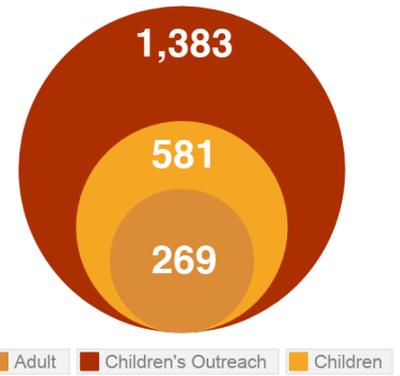
Communities Uniting Against Poverty

On February 27, two Library staff members – accompanied by community partner and Library Advisory Board member Kim Wade – travelled to Winston-Salem for the “Forward Together” three-day workshop addressing poverty and its effect on communities across the state. Sponsored by the State Library of North Carolina, the conference highlighted how libraries across the state and country have effected changes in their communities by: increasing staff and community awareness of the causes and consequences of poverty; understanding the barriers faced by people living in poverty; creating training designed to develop empathy in Library staff; and establishing partnerships to increase access to services for residents living in poverty. Several libraries across the state shared their successful program models and how they were making progress in their communities.

Library Usage Report

Program attendance total for February was 2,233. Programs for adults included The African American Read-In, AARP Tax Help, Explorations, the Sunday Film Series and bookclub meeting. Children's programs included the African American Read-In, storytimes, STEAM Saturday and a movie. Children's outreach included visits to Southern Pines Early Childcare Centers, RIF at SPPS and SPES, and a Book Walk at SPPS.

Program Attendance



Usage of materials

In February 2019, patrons checked out or accessed 10,952 Library resources as compared to 10,951 in February 2018.

NCDL and eBook Circulation

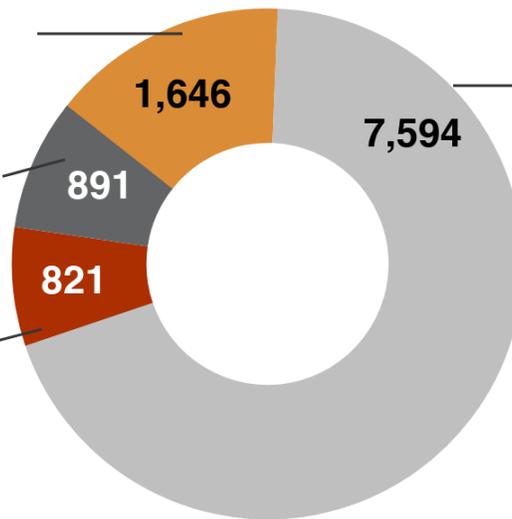
eBooks checked out by SPPL patrons, including through the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.

Electronic Resources

Includes all databases and reference resources.

Non-Print Circulation

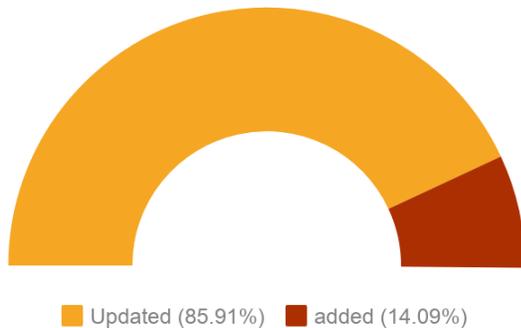
Includes DVDs and CDs.



Print Circulation

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

Focus On: Patrons Added and Cards Renewed



New patrons have never had a card with the Southern Pines Public Library. Accounts Updated includes patrons renewing their accounts, which is required yearly, as well as making changes such as address and phone number updates. In total for February, 579 accounts were updated and 95 new patrons joined the Library.

Library Attendance

Library attendance by month does vary throughout the year, with the summer months typically being the ones with the highest attendance. This February, 7,332 people came to the Library.

