

Service Highlights

July
2019

Southern Pines
Public Library

Growing Great Readers

Chapel Hill History touches down in Southern Pines



Michael G. Neece from the Moorehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill presented North Carolina Skies: Astronauts in Chapel Hill on Sunday, July 14th as part of the Explorations for Adults Series. From 1960 to 1975, sixty-two NASA astronauts came to Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill to learn celestial navigation and stellar identification, training that was used on every mission from Mercury through the early space shuttle program. In an engaging presentation, Neece explained how North Carolina won this amazing honor, who trained the astronauts, and why they kept coming back for 16 years. This program connected to the Summer Reading theme – *A Universe of*

Stories – and coincided with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. The next day, the Library screened a guided reenactment of the moon landing, to further engage patrons in space education.

Boys & Girls Club Summer Outreach



Library staff visited the Southern Pines Boys and Girls Club every week throughout the summer. The focus on the program was telling stories through

pictures. Club members in the youngest age group (5-7 years) looked at and read comic books and graphic novels, and talked about the elements that made the stories work.

They worked on a cumulative project – drawing their own graphic novel. Each week, after hearing a story to get ideas flowing, they added on to their booklet, using creative skills to produce drawings and accompanying captions. Average weekly attendance for July was around 50 children.

Nailed It! Cupcake Challenge

For the second teen program of the summer, ten participants paired up into teams to complete a cupcake decorating challenge based on the hit Netflix show, **Nailed It!**

This program required teamwork, critical thinking skills, and imagination as the teams attempted to recreate a design based on the theme of space. By the end, aliens, galaxies, rocket ships, and planets adorned the tasty treats.

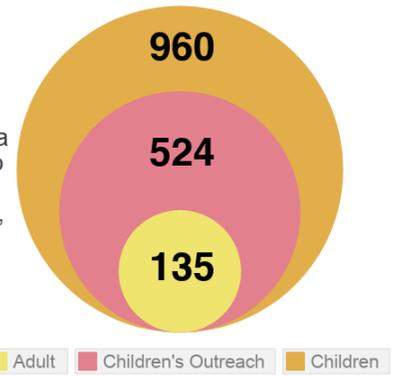
The program also provided an opportunity to showcase the Library's large collection of books on baking and cooking, so that the teens could take their enthusiasm and turn it into a new skill.



Library Usage Report

Program attendance total for July was 1,619. Programs for adults included Explorations, the Sunday Afternoon Writers Group, and a book club meeting. Teen events included a "Nailed it" challenge and book club meeting. Children's programs included storytimes, STEAM Saturday and a movie. Children's outreach included visits to Southern Pines Early Childcare Centers, Brookside, the Boys & Girls Club, Playdaze, and the Pool Park events.

Program Attendance



Usage of materials

In July 2019, patrons checked out or accessed 15,399 Library resources as compared to 14,980 in July 2018.

eCirculation

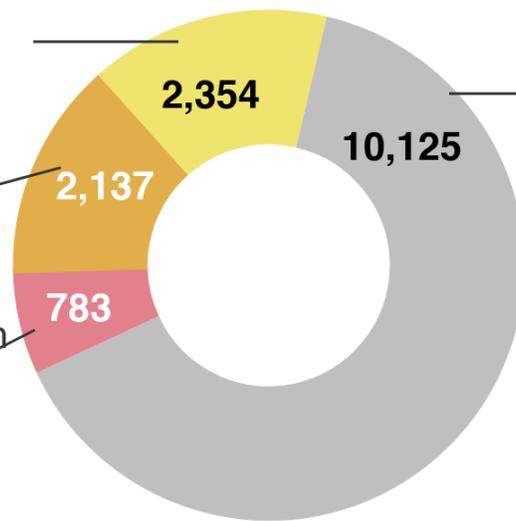
eBooks checked out by SPPL patrons, including through the North Carolina Digital Library consortium.

Electronic Resources

Includes all databases and reference resources.

Non-Print Circulation

Includes DVDs and CDs.

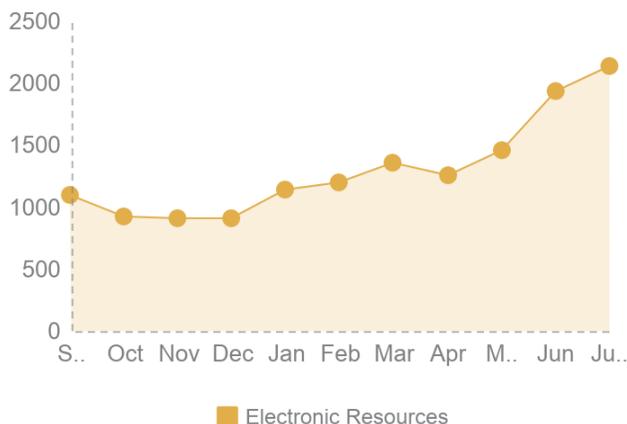


Print Circulation

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

Focus On: Electronic Resources

Electronic resources, which include all databases and reference resources, have seen a steady increase in use over the past year.



Library Attendance

Library attendance by month does vary throughout the year, with the summer months typically being the ones with the highest attendance. This July 8,889 people came to the Library.

