

City Librarian's Report

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Two new computers were installed in the reference network, replacing slower machines. The Administrative Secretary and the Head of the Adult Division are also using new computers installed this month.

Generator problems on the small bookmobile forced the cancellation of several afternoon stops because the air conditioning could not be run. The purchase of a new generator has solved this problem.

Karen Anderson presented two story hours at the Macon County Health Department during July for 16 children.

The fall/winter/spring bookmobile schedule is set and printed (attached). Two new stops have been added for the small unit this school year--Garfield Estates and Butler Drive & Shadow Drive.

Donated books have been arriving faster than the volunteers can sort them. At this rate there will be plenty of books for the sale on September 3 and 4 at the Civic Center.

In July, 177 children signed up for the summer reading program, for a total of 1,769, which was down from the 1,984 signed up last year. The Children's Division received 90.5 hours of volunteer help, mostly working the summer reading desk. An additional 86 hours was provided by Manpower staff.

Twenty-five groups visited the Children's Division in July. Storytimes went well, with attendance ranging from 10 to 36 children. Eleven storytimes and eight lapsits were attended by 334. There were also 15 Baby TALK contacts.

As we suspected, our counter at the main entrance has not been working properly. A new counter installed last month recorded 6,713 more visitors in July than the old counter, or roughly 258 visitors per day.