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nents: red blood cells, platelets and plasma. Each component has specific uses:

Red blood cells carry oxygen from the lungs to every cell in the body. They are needed by patients in surgery or those who have lost blood in an accident or who have anemia.

Platelets help blood clot. Cancer patients need a lot of platelets to offset the effects of chemotherapy.

Plasma is used to control bleeding in certain patients and to make a variety of products, such as antihemophilic factor. More than half of blood is plasma.

Blood is needed for organ transplants, gastrointestinal disease, treatment of cancer, trauma, aneurysms, anemia, clotting disorders, premature babies, accident victims, open heart surgeries, and burns.

While only 5% of eligible people actually donate, it is estimated that 95% of us will need blood or a blood product during our lifetime. In our area, more than 1600 units of blood are needed each day for patients in local hospitals. You can donate blood every 56 days.

(Info obtained from Red Cross Brochure: Blood Donation - From Donor to Patient)

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Library Update

Students and personnel, if you need to have an ID/library card made, now is the time. Come to the library from 9-12 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 4-6 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

NCLIVE requires a new password. Come by the library or email fay.byrd@wilkescc.edu

Great news! The library has received a LSTA grant to purchase multi-cultural and/or ESL books. Many should be available in April 2004.

Students attending Ashe and Alleghany campuses are reminded that the public libraries serve our students. Ms. Pam Horton will be providing library orientations. For the additional distance learners, please go to the college web site library and view our virtual orientation. Call 336-838-6114 for additional instructions.

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