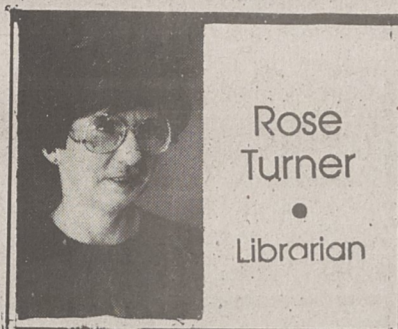


# Summer Reading Club planned at library

# Kings Mountain Weather Report

Summer is rapidly approaching, and in a little less than two months, the children will be out of school again. We at Mauney Library are preparing for a fantastic Summer Reading Club with the theme, "The Whole World in a Book." Mrs. Louise Sanders, Youth Services Coordinator, is planning programs and activities around different cultural groups.



Rose Turner  
Librarian

Summer Reading Club has become a tradition in libraries across the United States. The club has progressed from a simple listing of books to read to earn a certificate at the end of the summer, to a well developed program with a theme and weekly story times with crafts and activities.

As we prepare for this year's program, it may be a good time to access the value of the Summer Reading Club. What is the purpose of such a program? What are our goals and what do we hope to accomplish this year.

The benefits of participating in the Summer Reading Club are many, but I have identified five for the purpose of this article.

1. Summer Reading Club provides practice in reading. Children who do not participate in the summer program and who do not read on a regular basis during the two and a half months they are out of school tend to forget much of what they have learned during the year. The Summer Reading Club provides an opportunity for all children to practice reading at their own pace in a nonthreatening environment. The slow reader can take his time to get into a book while the good reader is free to sample many different books.

2. Summer Reading Club provides children with an opportunity to improve their reading skills. Reading skills are developed through practice. As a child reads more books on an increasingly difficult level, his skills and his comprehension will improve. It is especially important for the slow reader to work toward improving his

skills during the summer when he is not in the classroom situation with assignments, deadlines, and tests.

3. Summer Reading Club provides time to expose areas of personal interest. Although the program and activities focus on a theme, the child is not limited in his reading but can pursue any area of interest he chooses. There are no assignments in the summer reading club. A child who is interested in animals may spend his whole summer reading informational books about different kinds of animals, true stories about animals, and fictional stories about animals. Interests which must be pushed aside during the school year because of lessons and required reading can be developed and explored during the summer.

4. Summer Reading Club can help a child enlarge his horizons and develop new interests. The more relaxed schedule of the summer provides a perfect opportunity to range far in as many fields as the child's fancy might lead him. Browsing in different subject areas

and different kinds of literature can open up new worlds and enable the child to see things from different perspectives. There is time to develop new interests which may later become significant in the child's life.

5. Summer Reading Club promotes reading for fun. Much of the reading done during the school year is required by the curriculum. Many students dread book reports because they have to read books from a list. But during the Summer Reading Club, the child can pick and choose from a vast array of titles. He can decide for himself what he wants to read. What fun to immerse oneself in a story, a selection of poetry, or a topic of interest. Not until the child discovers that reading is fun will reading become a lifetime habit. Much required and uninteresting reading is necessary in the process of education, but it is the fun reading that keeps once coming back to books.

In preparing for the 1992 Summer Reading Club, we have established three measurable goals which we hope to accomplish.

1. We want to encourage more children to complete the program. Last year, 360 children enrolled in the summer program, but only 92 children received certificates. The low percentage of children who received certificates was probably due to the change in requirements. Children were asked to count the number of hours spent reading rather than the number of pages or the number of books. This year we will go back to counting books and pages. We hope that at least half of

the participants will complete the requirements for certificates.

2. We want to increase day camp participation in the program. For the last several years, the Day Camp has attended programs at the library on Tuesday morning. However, counselors did not encourage campers to check out books to read on their own. This year, we will encourage each camper to get a card of his own and to check out books every week. Library programs alone, without individual reading, do not fulfill the requirements for a certificate. Day campers will be given additional opportunities to participate fully in the program by selecting their own books and reading individually.

3. We hope to increase book circulation in the children's department. Last summer we circulated 6,035 items in the junior department. This includes not only books, but audio visual media such as kits and cassettes. Although other media provides a pleasant variation, we will concentrate on

books and reading as the major focus of the program. Without reading a child will find his school years very difficult, indeed. Summer Reading Club is an excellent opportunity to practice and improve reading skills and develop a love for books.

We are looking forward to an outstanding program this year, and hope that all the children in the Kings Mountain School District will enroll.

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	April 8-14	Last Year
Total precipitation	.72	2.03
Maximum one day	.72 (12th)	1.01 (8th)
Year to date	13.34	18.66
Minimum temperature	46 (8th)	49 (10th, 13th)
Maximum temperature	85 (12th)	80 (8th, 10th)
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Lamb said revised mobile home ordinances are in the works. He was also asked to draw up a privilege license ordinance and ordinances to restrict parking and abandoned cars. Residents complained of transfer trucks parking on downtown streets.

Authorized cutting of trees along the city's 20 foot right-of-ways to prevent roots growing in the sewer lines.

Authorized purchase of a gas pump for the lift station. "We can't have raw sewage running out when the pump is knocked out by a storm," said the mayor.

Agreed to allow the Rescue Squad to use the city's first fire truck for parades.

Changed the meeting night to first Mondays at 7 p.m.

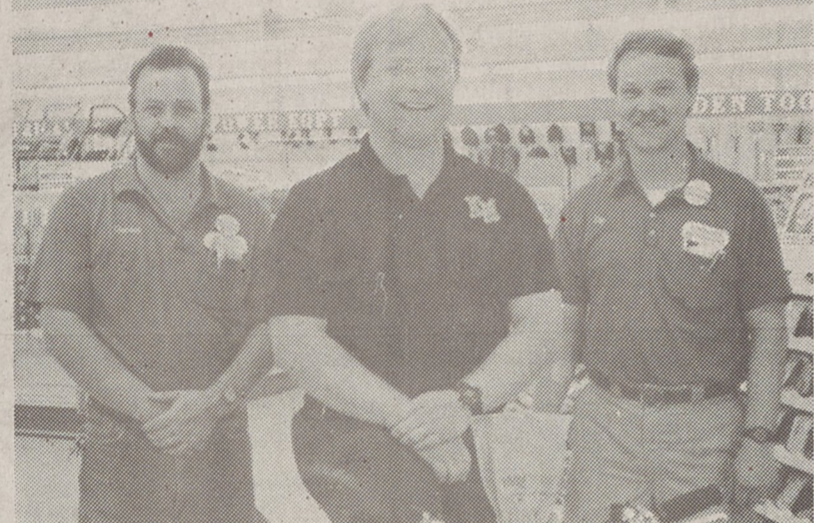
Authorized the mayor to get price quotes for purchase of a new copier and lawn mowers and hire a Class 2 clean water operator to test the wells.

Voted to purchase 14 barrels for the Grover Woman's Club to plant flowers in various areas in the city.

Adjusted a sewer bill after Bill Purvis, 906 Cleveland Ave., complained of leaks at rental property. The policy of the board is to forego a sewer charge one time. The bill was cut from \$500 to \$175.

Agreed to shop around for bank proposals following request by Carolina State Bank to handle the town's financial business.

Informed Bill Little that he would need to survey his lot for a mobile home there and comply with the 100x200 feet regulations before the city could hookup water and sewer.



GRAND REMODELING SALE - Mayor Scott Neisler, center, congratulates Charles Beachum, left, and Tim Miller at Bridges Hardware which celebrated a grand remodeling during the weekend. Neisler drew the winning ticket for a bicycle. Ben Welsh, the winner, guessed the mileage on the bike at 97.7. The correct mileage is 97.5.

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