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"I like the large-print books" for ease of reading, she said.

She has also received books as a homebound following two surgeries, Hood said.

"It's a misconception that all seniors are interested in 'sedate reading,'" Armstrong said.

Some older seniors have requested books with "a little zing to them" after being offered only more conventional or conservative books, she said.

Although she's stopped to talk with Armstrong while at the Senior Center before, Dorothy Nichols checked out her first book through the S.O.S. program at the center this week.

"I love good murder mysteries" but not the "mushy junk" in most romances, she said.

"It's a great service," Nichols said of the opportunity to check books out at the center.

Nichols is also a volunteer with the Senior Companion Program and reads each week to two blind seniors, she said.

Some seniors stop to ask questions about the library, request books for the following month, or apply for a library card, Armstrong said.

Joyce Konkel has been checking books out at the center for several years.

She likes romantic mysteries but not the "wild ones."

Because she comes to the center Wednesdays to eat lunch, it is convenient for her to check books out that day, Konkel said.

Other services for seniors that Armstrong offers are bringing books and other library-related material to retirement communities, assisted-living facilities, other senior-based organizations, and Sheridan Memorial Hospital and the VA Medical Center.

All a senior or facility employee has to do is call the library with a request, and Armstrong said she will add the stop to her schedule.

She will also arrange for a computer class or organize a "reminiscence program," such as one held for people to discuss their memories during World War II.

People brought memorabilia such as photos and letters and shared "amazing" stories about working for the Red Cross and serving in the military, she said.

To request books or ask questions about homebound and senior services, call Armstrong at 674-8585, ext. 23, or speak to anyone at the front desk.

"It's a team effort," Armstrong said. All Fulmer Library employees "are alert to the needs of patrons who might have difficulty getting to the library."