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Trace your family history from home with library's new online resource

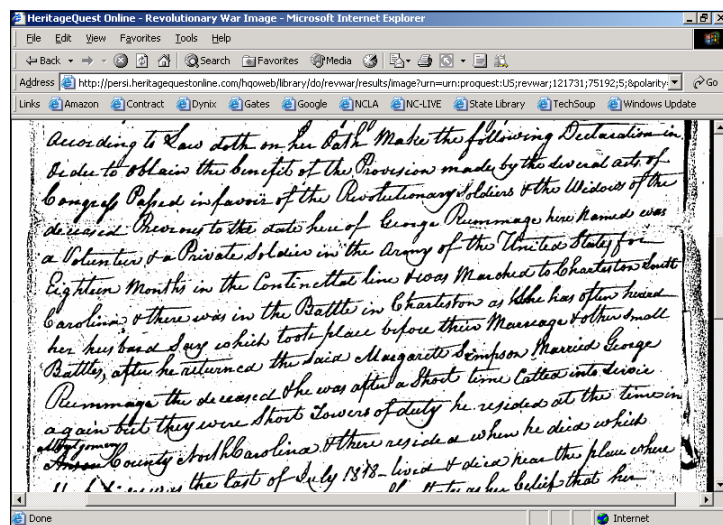
♣ Whether you're in the library, at home or anywhere there's an Internet connection, you can use a new genealogy database to track down your ancestors.

The library recently added *HeritageQuest Online* to its electronic resources, along with a license that allows library cardholders to use the database remotely. A second genealogy database, *Ancestry Library Edition*, is now available for use in-house at any of the seven libraries.

HeritageQuest Online, available at www.randolphlibrary.org/randolphroom/HeritageQuest.html, includes: a collection of 25,000 family and local history books, with the full text of each book searchable; U.S. federal censuses from 1790 to 1930, indexes and page images; PERSI, an index covering more than 6,500 English and French-Canadian genealogy and local history periodical containing 1.6 million articles; Revolutionary War pension applications from more than 80,000 individuals; continuously expanding content, which soon will include Freedman's bank records for more than 70,000 freed slaves from 1865-1874 and more than 480,000 of their dependents.

Randolph Room Librarian Marsha Haithcock says the database will be highly valuable for library patrons, especially the Census information. "In the past we have rented census microfilm for states other than North Carolina from National Archives," she says.

"This caused patrons to wait weeks for the film to arrive at our library plus it would cost the patron money to rent the film. With *HeritageQuest*, they can access the census at any public Internet computer in the headquarters and branch libraries or at home with



This screen capture from *HeritageQuest Online* shows the 1836 claim by Margaret Rummage for the Revolutionary War pension owed to her late husband George, who was a private in one of North Carolina's Continental army regiments.

their personal computers."

Ancestry Library Edition provides instant access to unique resources for genealogical and historical research, and contains more than 1.5 billion names in over 4,000 databases. It includes U.S. Census records; military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; passenger lists and more, with new content added continuously.

Ancestry Library Edition also provides a collection of downloadable forms, such as ancestry charts, family group sheets and record-keeping forms, to assist with genealogical research.

Library offers special card for pre-schoolers ...see page 2

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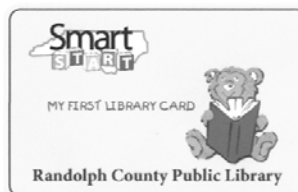
**from
the
director**

by Richard Wells



New card lets kids start early

♣ We go to great lengths at all seven public libraries in Randolph County to encourage parents of young children to bring them to the library for storytimes and programs.



We also encourage parents to read to their young children, as do many others involved in early childhood development. Nourishing a love of reading in a young child can have enormous life long benefits.

Many parents respond; the use of children's books from our libraries is tremendous! Children's books, more so than others, tend to wear out more quickly. This is no surprise! They have to be replaced more often and this is another reason the grant from the Randolph County Partnership for Children (RCPC) has been so beneficial. Not only can we purchase the newly-released books, but we can replace the ones that are torn, worn and tired.

So, everything we do for young children is looking good so far: we have storytimes, the Summer Reading Program, many new books, new copies of old favorites. We provide colorful and entertaining areas just for children.

If you are three or four years old, and your parent brings you to the library, you are very pleased. You are

entertained and enlightened by a wonderful story time. You and your peers are enthralled by the "live entertainment" provided by the animated librarian! You do not even realize we are

including a sublime lesson on some worthy subject. Afterwards, you go to the children's area and are allowed to pick out an armload of bright, colorful, new books to take home and enjoy for weeks. What a great place!

Then you go to the main desk to check out your very own books and they tell you that you must be six years old to have your very own library card. Wait a minute! This is not fair! My sister has her own card; my mother has her own card, why can't I have one? This is not such a great place after all!

We have had those who are under the age of six years leave in tears because they could not have their own card. This is not the impression we want to make with our youngest patrons!

So now, through the graces of the RCPC grant, we are making available "My First Library Card" for those less than six years. No ID is required! It has no barcode and does not really serve as a library card, but that is not the point. The point is that if you are three or four and you want a library card like everyone else, then you can have your very own.

What a great place!

Library adds word processing to ongoing computer classes

♣ In addition to learning basic Internet, e-mail and advanced Internet/NC LIVE skills at the library, you now can tackle word processing.

Beginning in May, the Asheboro library will add a class in Microsoft Word to its schedule of free, one-hour computer classes that up until now have included only Internet-related topics.

The class schedule will change, too—the library likes to adjust class

days and times to accommodate as many people as possible.

After May 1, classes will take place from 2-3 pm. Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturdays. The Monday class is the first afternoon slot the library has offered.

Classes rotate among the four topics, depending on demand, and are limited to six people at a time. Call the Reference Desk at 318-6800 menu option 4 to find out what class is scheduled for each day and to sign up.

Reference librarians Irene Smith and Jonathan Farlow teach the classes.

Local reading group continues

♣ Asheboro Reads, the Asheboro Public Library's afternoon book discussion group, moves into spring with more thought-provoking reading.

All discussions take place from 2-3:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the Asheboro Public Library; anyone who has read the book to be discussed is invited.

Upcoming titles include;

- **April 26:** *Prodigal Summer* by

Barbara Kingsolver;

- **May 31:** *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns;
- **June 28:** *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel;
- **July 26:** *Confessions of a Pagan Nun* by Kate Horsley;
- **August 30:** *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd;
- **September 27:** *Blessed are the Cheesemakers* by Sarah-Kate Lynch;
- **October 25:** *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris;
- **November 29:** *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.

New Seagrove library takes shape

♣ As of this writing, the Seagrove library project is on time, on budget and headed for an October opening.

A mild winter has allowed much work to be accomplished. Grading is mostly complete, and the foundation and floor slab are in place.

Masons are at work on the block walls and the brick façade.

Brooks General Contractors expect to have a roof on the building by mid-May; weather will no longer be a factor on the building aspect when this phase is completed.

Dry weather is needed for landscaping and parking lot grading.

New shelving

New shelving for the Asheboro library will relieve crowded stacks in the adult fiction, North Carolina and biography collections, and in the Young Adult non-fiction collection. The shelving was purchased for the library by Asheboro Public Library Foundation, a non-profit library support group.

Daring dreams

"Dragons, Deeds and Daring Dreams" is the theme for the 2005 Summer Reading Program, which will begin as the school year ends and run through July.

In addition to storytimes, film programs and other local events, Storyteller Sylvia Payne will appear at each library in June, and perennial favorite Mark Daniel will appear in July.

Payne, from Hickory, specializes in folk and historical tales and North Carolina legends. Daniel's blend of magic, storytelling and puppetry always delights.

Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

NC LIVE users now can get password via library's website

Need the NC LIVE remote access password when the library's closed — or any other time? With your library card, you now can obtain it on the library's website at

www.randolphlibrary.org/ncliveinfo.htm.

When you click on the remote access link, you'll be asked for your library card number.

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