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The Asheboro library's 'Teen Corner' will get a makeover with funds provided by the Asheboro Library Foundation.

Foundation funds new area for teens

♣ The Asheboro library's "Teen Corner" will take on new life thanks to funding from the Asheboro Library Foundation.

The Foundation also covered the cost of a much-needed reupholstering of library chairs.

The Teen Corner project will include the creation of comfortable seating areas in and around the library's current Young Adult book collection, the addition of contemporary steel display islands for magazines and books, and the addition of four computer stations with access to online research databases and productivity software such as word processing, PowerPoint and video editing.

The idea is to create an area where teens can read, study and collaborate on projects among teen-oriented library materials in an atmosphere that's as much "coffee house" as it is "library."

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Calling all authors!

Library to host book fair for published local writers

♣ Anyone from Randolph County who has published a book and wants to promote it is invited to participate in the Randolph Writers' Book Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, January 20, at the Asheboro Public Library.

The event is part of Randolph County Writers Month and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Snow date is Saturday, February 10.

Any resident or native of Randolph County who has published a book can participate. "Published" means any commercially printed, mass-produced book, whether self-published or released through a selective publishing company.

Authors of handcrafted or limited editions books are also eligible. To sign up, call 318-6801.

Each writer will be provided with a table and chairs in the library's downstairs meeting room. The library will promote the event, invite the public and provide publicity.

Light refreshments will be served.

The Friends hope to make the book fair an ongoing part of the library's annual recognition of local authors. From Mary Elizabeth Auman Adams to Ed Yowell and from the 1700s through the present, the library maintains a list of writers and their works that now includes some 160 names; it's available at www.randolphlibrary.org/randolphroom.htm.

The library also presents a display each January that includes photographs of as many of the authors as possible along with as many of the books as possible (although some books can be found only in the Randolph Room).

Catching up with the former library director

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**from
 the
 director**



Wells excels in spell at county helm

♣ **With the pressure off, we hear our former Director has regained his youthful appearance. We decided to investigate: where's Richard Wells and what's he doing?**



From his corner office on McDowell Road, Richard was asked after nearly eight months on the job what he had accomplished and of what he was most proud. His first priority was having a covered walkway installed at the rear of the building for staff on break on a beautiful day (or smoking). New benches were placed at the building's entrance and the walkway pressure-washed. "A facelift, if you will," he noted.

Interim County Manager Wells has instituted an annual evaluation for all department heads, himself included. He has lunch with the county's city and town managers once a month. Since he is treating, he says, the list of attendees continues to grow! For veterans' ease of access, Richard prompted a move of Veterans Services to the Shaw Building on Worth Street and hired an additional staff member. With renovation of the building, the Board of Elections gained additional space for early voting.

By spring 2007, the county will issue all building permits from the former Mental Health building. Richard often

comments that the county has for years been the best example of central permitting in the state. He is doubly proud of the plans underway for two new high schools. He helped secure the county's first major water transmission line, a needed component to these undertakings. The 8-mile line is formally known as the Ramseur-Franklinville Highway 22 water line. The spirited debate between the towns' leaders served as a good introduction to countywide politics! But an agreement was reached and the new line will serve a new school, residents and developers.

Speaking of development, Richard modestly suggests "he was given the great opportunity to aid in the welcoming of Malt-O-Meal" to Randolph County. The industry will provide 160-plus well paying jobs with benefits. He had to guarantee the leaders that every county employee would eat at least one bowl a day for the rest of their lives. Small price to pay! The cost of renovation, construction and equipment for the company alone totals over \$100 million!

Sadly, we must conclude that Richard has found gainful employment beyond the bounds of the public library. He has given a good accounting of himself. We will continue to update our readers!

Foundation supports new teen area

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Topping off the atmosphere will be color posters and displays provided by the library's teen marketing project, which is funded by a

federal Library Services and Technology Act grant. The grant project also includes the formation of a Teen Advisory Board, which held its second meeting this month, and monthly programming aimed at teens.

The Foundation's \$16,500 will go toward the purchase of eight upholstered arm chairs with tablet writing surfaces, three steel display islands with a variety of feature

shelving, and a large computer table designed so that several people can work comfortably together at a single computer.

Meanwhile, a \$1,900 Foundation gift has paid for the badly-needed reupholstering of 10 armchairs that make up seating groups around the library.

Interior designer Missy Rankin, a Foundation board member, has donated her services both for the upholstery project and for the Teen Corner project.

The Foundation traces its roots to the group of young women who, in 1935, got together to play bridge but ended up founding the Asheboro Public Library. The Foundation manages bequests and investments, makes gifts of lasting value to the library, and has provided scholarships for library school and music students.

Foley's book hits the shelves

♣ **An Englishman who served the Confederacy is the subject of a new book co-authored by Reference Librarian Brad Foley.**

Collett Leventhorpe: The English Confederate by Foley and J. Timothy Cole was released in November by McFarland & Company Inc. of

Jefferson, N.C.

The book documents the life Leventhorpe, a fortune-seeker who rose to the rank of colonel in the Confederate Army and served as a general in the North Carolina Home Guard after immigrating to America.

Find out more about the work at www.leventhorpe.blogspot.com.

Asheboro Reads announces titles

♣ **Asheboro Reads promises more lively book discussions on the last Tuesday of each month.**

The group, open to anyone who has read the book under consideration, will take a break in December but will resume from 2-3:30 p.m. January 30 with *Labyrinth* by Kate Mosse.

The February 27 discussion will explore Nora Ephron's *I Feel Bad About*

My Neck, and on March 27, the group will consider *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards.

The title for April 24 is *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg, and for May 29 is *A Three-Dog Life* by Abigail Thomas. Group participants select all titles.

Extra copies of each book will be available at the library in the weeks before it is discussed.

Quiz Bowl

Teams from six high schools will compete in the Randolph County Public Library Quiz Bowl, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 3 at RCC. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

Classes

The library's computer classes now will be offered from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The classes cover basic Internet, advanced Internet/NC LIVE, email and word processing. An afternoon PowerPoint class will be added soon.

There's no cost, but space is limited so registration is required. Call the Reference Desk at 318-6800, menu option 4, to sign up.

Holidays

The Asheboro library will be closed for Christmas on Saturday, December 23, Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26; and on New Years Day, Monday, January 1.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take a break during December, but will resume from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, January 27, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

State champ soccer coach to speak in February

Paul Cuadros, who led the Jordan Matthews Jets soccer team to a state championship and wrote about the experience in *A Home on the Field: How One Championship*

Team Inspires Hope for the Revival of Small Town America, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 8 at the Asheboro library. Look for details in next month's newsletter.

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