



Ongoing & Upcoming

Thursday, December 18

Lane Ragsdale Christmas Concert: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Monday, December 22

Movie Monday (adults): *A Christmas Story*, 2:15 p.m. Asheboro library.

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26

Libraries closed for Christmas.

Thursday, January 1

Libraries closed for New Year.

Monday, January 17

Movie Monday (Teens): *The Dark Knight*, 4 p.m., Asheboro library.

Saturday, January 17

Randleman library book sale: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 124 Commerce Place (beside the library).

Monday, January 19

Libraries closed MLK Birthday.

Monday, January 26

Movie Monday (adults): *Hancock*, 2:15 p.m. Asheboro library.

Tuesday, January 27

Asheboro Reads: *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck, 2 p.m. Asheboro library.

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Jones to spotlight Kenya visit in new travelogue

♣ A spectacular trip to Kenya will be the subject of a travelogue by Janet Jones at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 29 at the Asheboro library.

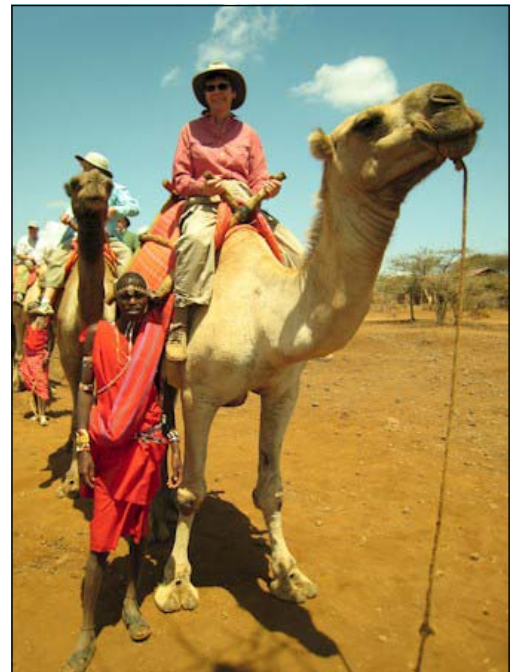
Jones's picture-filled talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Jones and her husband David, director of the North Carolina Zoological Park, took a Zoo Society group to the African country from August 28 to September 9.

"We landed in Nairobi and took in some of the sights before setting off to Lewa Downs, a private wildlife sanctuary in northern Kenya," Jones says. "The landscape was beautiful and alive with all sorts of African animals and birds and we even had a chance to ride a camel through the bush.

"We explored Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for the thousands of flamingos that edge the lake, giving it an amazing pink color. We journeyed on towards Lake Naivasha, staying at a ranch built during WWII with beautiful gardens sloping down to the water. Taking a boat out gave wonderful views of pelicans and hippo.

"Our last destination was the



Janet Jones takes a camel for a test drive at Lewa Downs, a private wildlife sanctuary in northern Kenya. Jones will present a travelogue recounting her trip at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 29, at the Asheboro library.

Maasai Mara in southern Kenya where we saw part of the wildebeest migration and had the opportunity to take a balloon ride over the Serengeti plains and the Mara river. The grasslands are home to lion, cheetah, elephant and vast herds of buffalo, among many other animals."

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*from
the
director*



Library projects win state awards

♣ **Three times a year the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA) meets in a not-so-exotic location.**

Plans for requesting state funding are formulated, ideas are exchanged and, in December, awards are given. This year, the library is recipient of two awards for medium sized libraries (budgets of \$1 million to \$2.49 million).

Our implementation of LibraryThing for Libraries, initiated by George Taylor and Ross Holt and integrated into the library's catalog in fall 2007, won for Outstanding Service Innovation. The service, available through LibraryThing.com, provides a terrific reader's advisory tool for patrons looking for a book in the library's collection "like the one I just read." Now patrons can check out other readers' reviews and add their own, much like Amazon.com.

The second award, for Outstanding Promotional Project, recognizes the library's email newsletter, a fully web-formatted version of this newsletter delivered monthly to subscribers. It also includes links to various library information and offerings.

The e-newsletter, distributed through the web-based service iContact.com, is designed by webmaster Amy Keith Barney. It tracks ongoing events and provides a constant feed of updates, such as upcoming programs, not available to the print subscriber. Anyone can sign up to receive the e-newsletter

and alerts at www.randolphlibrary.org.

The NCPLDA enables the state's 75 public library directors "to share professional knowledge and experience for the good of all members, to serve as advocates for public libraries with the state legislature, to give voice to the aspirations of the public library community, and to serve as the primary liaison between the state library agency and the public libraries."

Among the other business discussed at the December NCPLDA meeting was State Aid, a fund begun in 1941 to help local governments offset the cost of operating a public library, and to equalize library service across the state. The fund is distributed by a formula that favors smaller, poorer counties but all the public library systems receive state funding. Each year, a recurring amount is distributed according to this formula.

In each legislative session, the NCPLDA seeks increases in the fund to keep pace with inflation. The General Assembly approved \$1 million more in non-recurring funds for this fiscal year, but the fund has been reduced by five percent as per the Governor's request of all state agencies.

On advice from our library advocate in Raleigh, Theresa Kostrzewa, NCPLDA will wait until January to assess requesting a possible increase in State Aid for fiscal year 2009-10. State budget shortfalls are expected to be serious. We may be lucky to hang on to what we have!

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Calling all authors!

Randolph Writers Book Fair to celebrate county's published writers

♣ All Randolph County writers who have published at least one book are invited to participate in the Randolph Writers Book Fair, 10 a.m.-2 pm. Saturday, January 31 at the Asheboro library.



Local authors will sell and sign copies of their books, and will be available to chat with readers.

The fair is part of Randolph Writers Month sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is free and the public is invited.

Writers who wish to participate can call the library at 318-6814 to sign up. Any resident or native of Randolph County who has published a book can participate.

"Published" means commercially-printed, mass-produced book, whether self-published or released through a selective publishing company. Authors of hand-crafted or limited edition books

also are eligible.

Each author will be provided with a table and chairs in the library's Reading Room. The Friends will promote the event, invite the public and provide publicity.

Last year's event drew 15 local writers to what has become 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 Randolph writers and their works that now includes more than 160 names; it is 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 books as possible (though some books can be found only in the Randolph Room).

If you have published a book and are not on the list, please contact the Randolph Room at 318-6815.

Seagrove gets foundation grant

♣ The Seagrove Public Library has received \$1500 from The H. Clay and Wavie M. Presnell Foundation.

The money will be used to fund regularly scheduled showings of feature length films to the community.

The Presnell Foundation was established in 2004 by the Presnell

family to help "finance recreational and educational facilities such as museums, libraries and medical facilities open to public use within North Carolina" as well as many other charitable objectives.

This is the third time the Seagrove Library has been a recipient of the grant.

Book discussions

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 27. The Luna Book Club will discuss *Peace like a River* by Lee Enger at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 27. Library discussion groups are open to anyone who would like to participate.

Refreshments are served.

Computer class

The library is offering a basic computing class focusing on fundamental skills such as understanding Windows and using the mouse. Other classes include Internet, email, advanced Internet and Word. Classes are 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and occasional Saturdays. To sign up, call 318-6800 menu option 4.

Book sales

The Friends of the Library Bookshop is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 226 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro. The Friends accept donations of books at the bookshop during regular hours.

The Randleman Public Library Book Sale takes place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, next to the library at 124 Commerce Place.

Library to expand research resources January 1

New research databases will be available for library users on January 1, and many existing databases will be more accessible. In addition to resources added by

NC LIVE, the library will offer language-learning online via Mango Languages, and resume creation software. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

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Tuesday, January 27

Luna Book Club: *Peace Like a River* by Lee Enger, 7 p.m. Asheboro library.

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Liberty Public Library Book Club: *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen, 6:30 p.m. Liberty library.

Thursday, January 29

Kenya Travelogue with Janet Jones: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Saturday, January 31

Randolph Writers Book Fair: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Monday, February 9

Movie Monday (Adults): *Love in the Time of Cholera*, 4 p.m. Asheboro library.

Thursday, February 19

Brazil Travelogue with Marcio and Isabelita Peixoto: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.