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Authors to feature food, werewolves and weasels

♣ ...and bloodthirsty weasels, no less, as the three writers read from and sign their work, howl at the moon, and cook like a mountain MeMa.

The Friends of the Library will present Gina Farago, Theresa (Terry) Bane and Lois Sutphin at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9. The program is free and the public is invited.

Farago, from Greensboro, is the author of *Ivy Cole and the Moon*, about a Blue Ridge werewolf whose selection of victims is motivated by a sense of justice.

In *Making Do: How to Cook Like a Mountain MeMa*, Lois Sutphin presents tasty, from-scratch Appalachian recipes ranging from fried green tomatoes to apple butter cake, along with authentic stories of mountain living.

Bane, meanwhile, “draws them as she sees them” in *The Bloodthirsty Weasels: On the Loose and Buck Wild*, a collection wickedly sarcastic and ferociously funny cartoons wherein the irritating creatures bedevil unsuspecting humans.

The evening will feature a wolf howling demonstration, and treats from the mountain cookbook will be provided.

Film reveals forgotten textile baseball league

♣ A documentary featuring textile league baseball players and spectators will be screened at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Asheboro Public Library.

Created by Asheboro native Zack Underwood, *The Forgotten League* uses interviews with participants and fans to explore the importance of the game to communities like Asheboro from the 1930s to the 1950s. The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.



◀ Zack Underwood

‘Randolph is Talking’ about blogs and blogging

♣ Local blogger Rob Ainbinder will talk about blogs and blogging at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Asheboro Public Library.

Presented by the library’s K&A Programming and sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the program is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Blogs— weblogs for short—are individuals’ diaries, reflections and commentaries posted on the World Wide Web.

Nationally and internationally, blogs have significantly influenced political debate and are presenting a challenge to the established media. Locally, Aindinber has created *Randolph Is Talking*

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Spectacular arrowheads to return March 2-4

Warner Williams’ arrowhead collection — accumulated over 59 years and widely regarded as the best the east coast — will be on display during regular library hours, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, March 2; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, March 3; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 4. Williams will be on hand to answer questions and talk with visitors.

Warner Williams ▶



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**from
 the
 director**

by Suzanne Tate



The library looks out for you

♣ **Patron satisfaction and safety are foremost considerations at the library.**

The number one goal of the library staff is to meet our patrons informational needs. In April, we will be conducting a patron satisfaction survey. Please take a moment to register your thoughts on this important issue.

Security for patrons and staff is also a critical concern. For the past three years, a sworn Randolph County Sheriff's deputy has been on duty from 6-9 p.m. each weekday evening.

We have had few if any incidents to warrant this action. However, the deputies' presence alone acts as a deterrent to any unruly behavior. They check interior and exterior doors, remote stacks, the parking lot, etc. Officers are more than happy to escort patrons to their vehicles. At closing, they walk out with staff.

Those security staff members include: **Lt. Jerry Brower, Cpl. Charles Nixon, Deputy Jeremy S. Lanier and Cpl. Lisa Butler.** We appreciate the



Lt. Jerry Brower of the Randolph County Sheriff's Department covers the waterfront as one of the library's evening security staff.

steps they take to make the library a safe and secure environment!

Other safety measures include a provision that children age 10 and under be escorted by a parent during their entire library visit. The restrooms are locked for patron safety, security and privacy. An extra measure of cleanliness was also a goal in the formulation of this policy.

For staff and patron safety in terms of medical emergencies, the library is now equipped with an AED, or automated external defibrillator. Ron Williams, "Safety Sarge" for

Randolph County, was instrumental in securing the device through a grant from the American Red Cross and Progress Energy in 2005. Five staff members were trained to use the AED, which is the most critical step in restoring cardiac rhythm and resuscitating a victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

Plans call for a sidewalk leading from the front door into the parking lot, facilitating patron access to and egress from the library.

If you have safety concerns about your library visit, please let the staff know!

Friends' 'We the People' project explores meaning of freedom

♣ Students can find age-appropriate library material about the idea of freedom through a new collection of books, and a website that promotes the collection.

The Friends of the Library have added to the collection 15 titles provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities' *We the People* Bookshelf, with four also offered in Spanish. Information about the books and links to the library catalog can be found at www.randolphlibrary.org/

wethepeople.html.

With different titles appropriate for students in grades k-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12, the books prompt students to ponder the concept of freedom from all angles. Titles include books about U.S. history as well as time-honored classics such as *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* for younger students, *Fahrenheit 451* for students in the middle grades and *1984* for high school students.

The NEH *We the People* initiative supports projects that strengthen the teaching, study and understanding of American history.

Eastern Randolph takes Quiz Bowl

♣ Eastern Randolph High School buzzed in to capture top honors in the 14th annual Randolph Public Library Quiz Bowl, held February 4 at Randolph Community College.

The Eastern team, comprised of Kevin Macon, Devin Routh, Scott Hudson, Matthew Swaim, Rosa Anderson, James Martin, Allen Burgett

and John Brown, with coaches Elton Caviness, Justin Burton and Joy Collins, defeated the team from Trinity High School in the finals. It was the second consecutive year that Eastern has won the local competition.

The team will compete in the District Quiz Bowl on Saturday, March 25 in Lexington. Quiz Bowl is a statewide annual competition, sponsored locally by the Friends of the Library and First National Bank.

Ainbinder to talk about blogging

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(www.randolphistalking.blogspot.com), which reports area news and collects links to other Randolph County blogs.

He's also author of a personal blog, *The Blog and Nothing But the Blog* (www.deeprivercommunication.com/ainbinder/rob/weblog).

During his presentation, Ainbinder will

trace the history of blogs and how they developed into an influential community of commentators.

He also will show potential bloggers how to get started and perform basic blog functions, with on-the-spot sign-up available.



Rob Ainbinder

Antarctica

Janet Jones will present a travelogue of a recent North Carolina Zoological Society trek to Antarctica at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

Food for Thought

Save the date: this year's Food for Thought, featuring a menu of cuisine from area restaurants, appearances by celebrated authors and live music performances, will take place Saturday evening, April 29, at Asheboro Country Club.

Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett, 2-3:30 Tuesday, February 28.

The title for March 28 is *True Believer* by Nicholas Sparks.

Asheboro Reads is the discussion group that meets at the Asheboro library on the last Tuesday of each month. Anyone who wants to talk about the month's book is invited.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, February 25, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

Neal, Bledsoe to appear at Liberty library

RF Micro Devices founder Jerry Neal and author Jerry Bledsoe will talk about their latest collaboration, *Built on a Rock: A Memoir of Family, Faith and Place*

at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Liberty Public Library.

The program is free and the public is invited; call 622-4605 for further information.

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