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NEWS



Members of Earth Spirit Taiko drum at the North Carolina Zoological Park.

Bang the drum loudly with Earth Spirit Taiko

♣ A 2,500-year-old Japanese drumming style called Taiko will ring out at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, from the Asheboro library.

Earth Spirit Taiko, a performing group that sprang from a Randolph Community College course called Drum for Fun, will perform the choreographed, athletic — and loud — show.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

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Evening book group to join Asheboro Reads

♣ A second library-sponsored book discussion group will gear up in March — an evening complement to the afternoon Asheboro Reads

The Luna Book Club's inaugural meeting, a discussion of *A Golden Age* by Tahmima Anam, will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Asheboro Public Library. Subsequent discussions will be held at the same time on the last Tuesday of each month.

Reference librarian Jessica Gibson will lead the new group. It's free, and open to anyone who wants to talk about the book under consideration.

Refreshments will be provided.

Upcoming titles will include *Crow Lake* by Mary Lawson for April 29, and *The Commoner* by John Burnham Schwartz for May 27.

Asheboro Reads selects upcoming books

Meanwhile, Asheboro Reads, which continues to meet at 2 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month and is led by Circulation Department staff members Cathy Carter and Gail Swaringen, has selected titles through August.

They are: February 25, *Down River* by John Hart; March 25, *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan; April 29, *Recipes for a Perfect Marriage* by Morag Prunty; May 27, *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez; June 24, *Taking Lottie Home* by Terry Kay; July 29, *Summer at Tiffany* by Marjorie Hart; and August 26, *Water for Elephants* by Sara Green.

Anyone who has read the books up for discussion is invited to attend either or both groups.

Williams' arrowhead collection to return on March 1

The finest collection of American Indian arrowheads on the east coast — and one of the best anywhere — will be on display 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Asheboro library. Warner Williams, who has amassed the collection since he was a boy, will be on hand to answer questions. The exhibition is free and the public is invited.



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Find your ancestors here!

♣ **Did you hear the one about all blue eyed people being descended from one single, common ancestor?**

A team at the University of Copenhagen tracked down a genetic mutation which took place 6,000-10,000 years ago and is responsible for the eye color of all blue-eyed humans alive on the planet today. According to Professor Eiberg of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, all humans had brown eyes at one time. Variation in the color of eyes from brown to green can be explained by the amount of melanin in the iris, but blue-eyed people have but a small degree of variation in that amount leading researchers to conclude that they're all linked to the same ancestor.

Did you know the Randolph Room can aid in the exciting quest to find your ancestors? In addition to the many family files, census records, vital records, obituary index, estate records to name just a few sources, the Randolph Room subscribes to the marvelous online research tool Ancestry.com. In the database are over 4 billion names worldwide including access to immigration, military, vital, and census records for starters. This database will help you fill in that family tree with ease! Randolph Room Librarian Marsha Haithcock receives calls on a daily basis inquiring about the availability of

Ancestry.com as it is the premier genealogical database available today. It can be searched in the Randolph Room or at any of the branch locations in Randolph County with your invaluable library card. It is available to individual subscribers but the cost can be prohibitive.

The online database Heritage Quest, provided by the State Library of North Carolina's NC LIVE, contains census records, Revolutionary War records, a periodical source index and records from the Freedman's Bank, a financial institution founded to serve African Americans in the years following the Civil War. Researchers also have access to over 22,000 historical and genealogical books to view online, many of which are no longer in print. This database is available for remote as well as in-house use with your library card. Remote users will need a password, available at www.randolphlibrary.org/ncliveinfo.htm (you'll need your library card). In January alone, over 275 patrons visited Heritage Quest through the library's web page.

Marsha, Juanita Kesler or Adrian Whicker will be happy to assist in your quest to locate your ancestors. Be prepared — it can be addictive! The Randolph Room currently is undergoing a cataloging change designed to improve access to the collection. Family genealogies will be alphabetical as will county histories.

Happy searching!



Library Foundation purchases chairs, display shelves

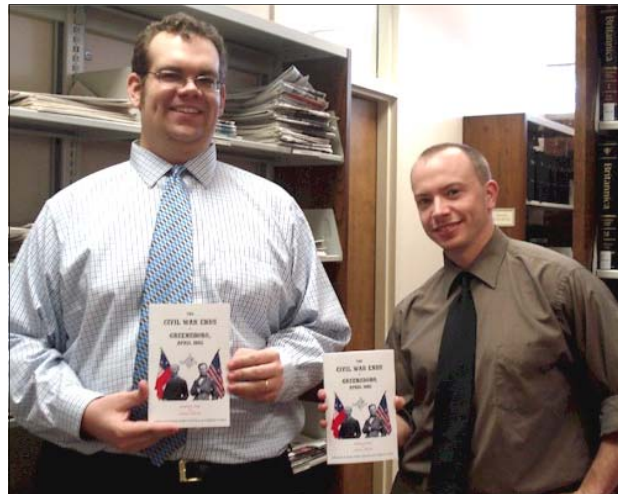
The Asheboro Public Library Foundation has purchased 30 Herman Miller Caper chairs for library Internet stations. The sturdy, comfortable chairs are the same as those in use in the library's Teen Corner (except they will be green), and will arrive in March. The foundation also purchased additional face-out display shelving for DVDs.

Foley, Whicker coauthor new book

♣ Librarians Brad Foley and Adrian Whicker trace the final days of the Civil War in Greensboro in a book released this month.

Published by the Guilford County Genealogical Society, *The Civil War Ends: Greensboro, April 1865 — A Historical Study of the Civil War in Guilford County* documents the county's contribution to the Confederate war effort and explores circumstances surrounding the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston's forces in Greensboro.

Foley is a reference and technical services librarian, and co-author of *Collett Leventhorpe, the English Confederate: the Life of a Civil War General, 1815-1889*. He's also editor of



Adrian Whicker and Brad Foley display hot-off-the-presses copies of their book *The Civil War Ends: Greensboro, April 1865*.

the *Guilford Genealogist*.

Whicker is a reference and genealogy librarian, and contributor to the *Guilford Genealogist*.

Drum group to perform at library

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The group, led by RCC instructor Jim Sink, consists of Asheboro and Greensboro music teachers, guitarists, and others with no previous musical training. Sink, a retired church organist and choir director, discovered Taiko about four years ago and studied with a

group in the Raleigh area.

"The drums are what make Taiko drumming special," Sink says. "They are really loud and have an incredible sound."

"They are often referred to as 'Thunder Drums' for a good reason. They have a huge sound that you can feel in your chest."

Rippin' Ts

Explore the art of how to upcycle using old t-shirts (provided by you!) during Rippin' Ts for Teens at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 21, at the Asheboro library. Bring 3 to 4 old t-shirts to transform by cutting, stitching and rippin' into new rock 'n' roll-worthy street gear. The program, for ages 13-18, is free. It's sponsored by the Friends of the Library and planned by the library's Teen Advisory Board.

All dolled up

The Archdale Public Library will host a presentation by High Point Doll & Miniature Museum Director Paul Sicheloff, 3 p.m. Thursday, March 6. Refreshments will be served.

Spanish stories

Asheboro library storytimes presented in Spanish by Carolina Aguero continue at 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, and by Victoria Alvarado at 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month. Alvarado and Aguero are teachers in the Randolph County Schools.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, February 23, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

PAT coordinator Amanda Ratliff wins national award

Franklinville Parents as Teachers coordinator Amanda Ratliff has received one of five Parent Educator of the Year awards from the Parents as

Teachers National Center. She will accept the award at the Center's national conference in St. Louis.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

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