



## Ongoing & Upcoming

### 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.

### Tuesday, February 24

Asheboro Reads: *The Widow's War* by Sally Gunning, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Luna Book Club: *Esther's Inheritance* by Sandor Marai, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Thursday, March 12

Seniors Book Club: *The Cat Who Smelled a Rat* by Lillian Jackson Braun, 2 p.m., Senior Adult Center.

### Tuesday, March 31

Asheboro Reads: *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Luna Book Club: *The House at Riverton* by Kate Morton, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

## Marcio and Isabelita Peixoto to present Brazil travelogue

♣ Brazil is much more than samba, soccer and Rio de Janeiro — as Isabelita (Isa) and Marcio Peixoto will demonstrate with pictures and food during a travelogue of their native country.

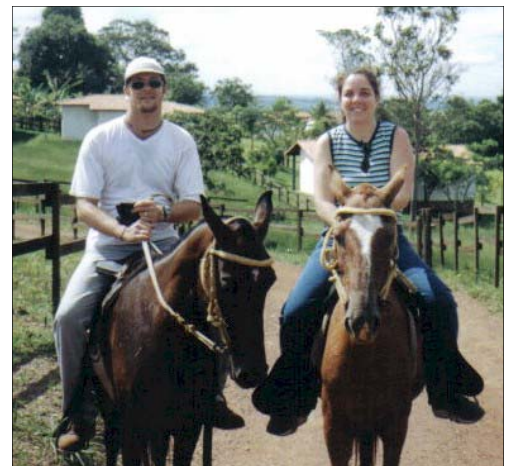
The Peixotos will share a little of Brazil's cultural variety at 7p.m. Thursday, February 19, at the Asheboro library. The program, sponsored by the Friends, is free and the public is invited.

Isa and Marcio are living "the adventure of a lifetime" in North Carolina until July 2010. Isa is taking part in an international exchange program for teachers and works at Siler City Elementary School.

While she learns about the American school system, Marcio is working on a master's degree in education and volunteers at the library. Together, with their 10-year-old daughter Marisa, the couple brought from Brazil many memories and images to share.

"Brazil goes far beyond the geographical heterogeneity, with sun-drenched beaches, scenic forests and modern cities," says Marcio, who, as a journalist, has participated in two presidential campaigns and has visited several regions of Brazil.

"It is a country such as America,



**Marcio and Isa Peixoto ride horses in the Cerrado area near Brasilia, Brazil's capital and the couple's home.**

with a great cultural diversity.

"It is important to stress that, as a developing country, Brazil is also marked by social inequality, which fortunately has started to soften. To sum up, it is a beautiful and complex country that deserves to be visited."

Isa, who has already lived in South Dakota as a high school senior, highlights the gastronomic differences between Brazil and the United States. "Brazil, as a tropical country, has a wide variety of products in nature, such as fruits and vegetables," she says. "On the other hand, in America, there is the practicality of semi-prepared foods that makes life easier."

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## Turning to libraries in tough times

♣ **On November 8, library liaison to the Friends of the Library Arlene Smith and I attended the annual Friends of the North Carolina Public Library meeting at the Mocksville Public Library.**

Awards were presented and volunteers of the year were recognized.

The most exciting part of the program was the presentation by Sally Gardner Reed, executive director of the Friends of the Library USA. She has been director of libraries in Virginia, Iowa, Vermont and New Hampshire, and has written numerous articles and books about libraries and the importance of Friends organizations.

With the downturn in the economy, libraries are more important than ever, she said. Many libraries are closing branches, cutting hours and laying off librarians at a time when their services are needed more than ever. She has been personally in touch with Mayor Nutter in Philadelphia on a number of occasions, urging him to maintain library services there as several branches are in danger of imminent closing.

Using the mantra, "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries," she reported that no libraries were closed during the Great Depression.

She urged the audience of librarians and Friends to remind folks what life

would be like without libraries. No free Internet connection, no free programming, storytimes, outreach services to the homebound, no free book and audio visual use, and all the other services offered by libraries.

In this community, we are indebted to the group of young women who organized the Asheboro Library Association in 1934-35. This bridge club rallied to the call of Dr. Frank P. Graham and the Public Library Campaign organized in 1927 to put a public library in every town.

This group went door to door (the little red wagon brigade) picking up donated books and funds to open a library in 1935 over the Standard Drug company on Sunset Avenue. This group became the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc. and the library became the Randolph/Asheboro Public Library.

Not forgetting the school libraries and their vital role in the county, we have the Women's Club of Asheboro who rallied to the call for libraries after World War I when it was reported that many recruits could not read. The Woman's Club worked with Superintendent R.J. Hilker to make plans to put a library in the Asheboro school on Fayetteville Street in 1927. Mrs. Elvira Worth Moffitt, Governor Worth's daughter, and a longtime historian and library supporter, gave generously to that cause. Some of the books and most of the clippings she saved through the years are now in the Randolph Room.

# Research starts here: library debuts RandQuest research portal

♣ Research starts at RandQuest.org ([www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org)), your one-stop location for all the library's online resources.

RandQuest.org collects the library's research databases, including those offered by NC LIVE, in one place, and makes them easily accessible via login by library card number. No more need for a NC LIVE password, or even a PIN.

Featured databases are presented in the center of the page, with all databases listed in scrolling categories on the left. Also available is an alphabetical list of resources.

On the right side, you can search the library catalog, find best sellers in the library's collection, and learn about weekly new arrivals at the library. There are also links to frequently-used websites, such as Google, Yahoo, maps and directions, city and county government, North Carolina sites and tax forms.



The new portal is an effort to make the rich trove of NC LIVE resources, and other databases to which the library subscribes, easier to find and access.

The databases provide in-depth information on everything from auto repair to GED and ASVAB practice — even access to hundred of PBS programs such as *The Civil War* and *The American Experience*.

Research resources for every need — literature, science, history, current issues, business, genealogy and more — can be found at RandQuest.org, as well age-appropriate research tools for children and middle-schoolers.

Coming soon: RandQuestKids!

## Randolph Writers to host 22 scribes

♣ The Randolph Writers Book Fair, scheduled for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, January 31 at the Asheboro library, will include 22 authors either from or residing in Randolph County.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the book fair is free and the public is invited. Writers will be on hand in the library's Reading Room to talk about, sign and sell their works.

As of this writing, participants include: George Bain, Randle Brim,

Bette Burgess, Lawrence Clark, Roger and Martha Crotty, Jim Dillinger, Warren Dixon, Ben Frazier, Jon Farlow, Joanne Hamilton, Wally Jarrell, Clara Leake, Paul Lucas, Elizabeth McDonald, Barron Mills, Rob Mitchell, Tim Routh, Kent Strickland, Joel Tuggle, Ralph Ward and Chip Womick.

The book fair is part of the library's recognition of local writers that takes place every January. The library maintains a list of local writers and their works at [www.randolphlibrary.org/authors1229.pdf](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/authors1229.pdf).

## Book discussions

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *The Widow's War* by Sally Gunning at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 24. The Luna Book Club will discuss *Esther's Inheritance* by Sandor Marai at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 24.

Library discussion groups are open to anyone who would like to participate. Refreshments are served.

## Senior book club

A new book club for seniors will meet from 2-3 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Randolph County Senior Adults Center, 133 W. Wainman Ave., Asheboro. The first book up for discussion is *The Cat Who Smelled a Rat* by Lillian Jackson Braun, March 12. Refreshments will be served.

## 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.

**Internet use at library spotlighted by *Wall Street Journal***

The Randolph County Public Library made an appearance in a January 15 *Wall Street Journal* article that focused on how people are turning to libraries during tough

economic times. See the article online via the library blog *In the Stacks*, <http://randolphpubliclibrary.blogspot.com>.

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