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## *Charlesanna Fox: portrait of a librarian*

By Suzanne Tate

♣ **A portrait of Charlesanna Louise Fox, director of the Randolph County Public Library from 1949-1977, now hangs in the upstairs foyer of the Asheboro library, on public display.**

The portrait was presented to the library by the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc., the organization whose members originally founded the Asheboro Library in 1936. Formed in 1935 from a civic-minded bridge club to “procure, erect, build,

establish, maintain, conduct and operate one or more public libraries” in Asheboro, this organization continues to benefit the library by managing donations and bequests for library improvement.

Charlesanna Fox has so many accolades to her credit that it is difficult to include all of them here. A native of Asheboro, she began her working life as a teacher in Maxton. Following jobs in Washington, D.C., Winston-Salem and Knoxville, Charlesanna served her country and profession in a civilian capacity at Camp Lejeune and Pearl Harbor during WW II. She returned to Asheboro in 1949 as County Library

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*from  
the  
director*



## Portrait honors Charlesanna Fox

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Director on a mission to preserve the history of Randolph County and to serve those most in need of library services. During her tenure, the modern, seven-library system now in place was funded and implemented. She is fond of saying that she moved libraries for a living. The Randolph Room was established as an archive of Randolph County history and genealogy. Bookmobile service was extended to all corners of the county. Her dedication to adult education led her to establish workshops in the library for storytellers and childcare personnel working in Randolph County.

She was president of the North Carolina Library Association from 1953 to 1955 and presided over the first integrated biennial conference of library personnel in the state. She was the first county chairman of the Council on Aging, a United Way volunteer, an active board member of the Randolph County Historical Society, president of both the North Carolina and the **Southeastern** Adult Education Associations, receiving the first annual Grumman Award for outstanding North Carolina adult educator. She received the Alumni Service Award from UNCG, "Woman of the Month" from the county Council on the Status of Women and "Citizen of the Year" in 1999 from the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce.

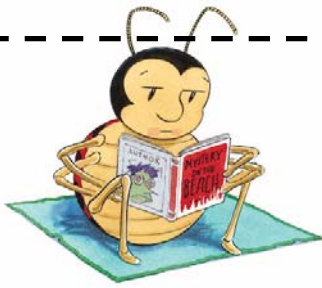
Charlesanna Fox is the consummate librarian, a public servant of the highest order, a keeper of the knowledge and

history of the community. She has devoted herself to the service of Randolph County, a job she continues to this day as she compiles memoirs and history of local institutions.

In 1963, she, along with the Randolph County Library Board of Trustees, formulated a set of objectives for the library. Though library service has changed in dramatic ways, these seven objectives still ring true. In brief, they are:

1. Collect and organize information for the communication of ideas to promote an enlightened citizenship and enrich personal lives;
2. Serve as a reliable source of information;
3. To provide a place where inquiring minds may encounter the original, sometimes unorthodox and critical ideas so necessary as correctives and stimulants in a society that depends for its survival on free competition of ideas;
4. Support educational, civic and cultural activities and organizations;
5. Provide opportunity and encouragement for all segments of the population to educate themselves continuously;
6. Seek always to identify and meet community needs; and
7. Provide opportunity for recreation through use of literature, music, film and arts.

We continue to be inspired by these ideals. Congratulations, Charlesanna!



# Catch the Reading Bug!

## Summer Reading Program 2008

[randolphlibrary.org/summerreadingkids.html](http://randolphlibrary.org/summerreadingkids.html)

Kids! Register at your local library. Every week that you read 30 minutes, you will receive a prize and add your name to the giant Reading Bug. All programs and events are free and the public is invited.

### Magical Storyteller Mark Daniel

Asheboro, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, Friends Church Fellowship Hall; Liberty, 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 29; Seagrove, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.

### Weekly Events

At Asheboro; check with your local library for more!

**Film Time**, 10 a.m. Tuesdays

**Storytimes**, 3:15 and 7 p.m. Tuesdays;

10:10 a.m. Thursdays (toddlers); 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

**School-age Programs**, 10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays

School age programs include demo by Macon Martial Arts; herbs with Beatrice Willet, herbs; and master gardener Connie Ulrich.

### Teens: Metamorphosis

Teens age 13-18: receive a ticket for each book you read; drawings for prizes at each summer reading event. Upcoming:

**Zoo Field Trip Finale**: 8:30 a.m. Thursday, July 31\*

\*registration and parental permission required; registration form & details at

[randolphlibrary.org/summerreadingteens.html](http://randolphlibrary.org/summerreadingteens.html)

### Adult Summer Reading

Submit a form for each library book/audiobook that you read. Participants will receive prizes, and two will win grand prizes in an end-of-summer drawing.

Readers can write reviews on their entry forms; selected reviews will be published in *The Courier-Tribune*. Forms are available at the library; register online at [randolphlibrary.org/summerreadingadults.html](http://randolphlibrary.org/summerreadingadults.html).

## Movie Mondays move into fall

♣ Free "Movie Monday" at the Asheboro library will continue into the fall with features for teens and adults.

Movie Mondays for teens will take place at 3:30 p.m. usually on the

second Monday of each month. The feature for August 11 is *Spider-Man 3*.

Movie Mondays for adults will take place at 2 p.m. usually on the third Monday; the feature for August 18 is *No Reservations*. More at [www.randolphlibrary.org/moviemonday.html](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/moviemonday.html).

## Lucille Allred Gurka, former librarian, dies

Lucille Caviness Cox Allred Gurka, a reference staff member at the Asheboro Public Library from 1974-1982, died June 21 in Pittsboro.

A Greensboro College graduate, she also worked as a reporter for *The Courier-Tribune* and as an editor for Funk & Wagnalls in Arlington, Va.

## Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *Summer at Tiffany* by Marjorie Hart, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. For August 26 it's *Water for Elephants* by Sara Green; and for September 30 it's *A Home on the Field* by Paul Cuadros in conjunction with Randolph Reads.

## Luna Book Club

The Luna Book Club will discuss *Otherwise Normal People: Inside the Thorny World of Competitive Rose Gardening* by Aurelia C. Scott, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.

The title for August 26 will be announced later; and for September 30 it's *A Home on the Field* by Paul Cuadros in conjunction with Randolph Reads.

## Computer class

Asheboro library computer classes take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 318-6803 to sign up.

## Book sale

The Friends of the Library Bookshop is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9-3 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month, at 226 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro.

The Friends accept donations of books at the bookshop during regular operating hours.

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**In Memory of: Gerald T. Barrett**  
 By: Charles and Juanita Kesler

**In Memory of: Adam W. "Jack" Beck**  
 By: Randolph Arts Guild

**In Memory of: Hazel Greer Blackwelder**  
 By: Chris and Gail Griffin  
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**In Memory of: Claudine Cox Bunch**  
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**In Memory of: T.D. "Dick" Gaddis**  
 By: Chris and Gail Griffin

**In Memory of: Lucille Allred Gurka**  
 By: Holly, Owen and Robert George

**In Memory of: Sarah Virginia McCallum King**  
 By: Ruth and Russell Walker

**In Memory of: Tracy J. Maness**  
 By: Diane and Jerry Luck

**In Memory of: Gladys Milam**  
 By: Children and Childcare Staff at Flag Springs

**In Memory of: Clara Neal**  
 By: Happy bookers Book Club

**In Honor of: Mrs. Peggy Jones**  
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