

## Franklinville gets cookin’

### Book of local recipes raises funds for new library

#### ♣ “Hey Grandpa — what’s for supper?”

“Cousin Barbara’s Tea, Routh’s Reunion Tossed Salad with Pecans and Noodles, Sweet Potatoes and Apples, Maw Maw’s Corn Casserole, Aunt Sissie’s Hot Rolls, Oak Island Seafood Boil, Cousin Ida’s Pumpkin Roll and Dawson’s Yummy Brownies!

“Yum Yum!”

These are just a few of the 200-plus delights you can whip up with *Recipes, Remembrances and Recollections*, a new cookbook published by supporters of Franklinville’s John W. Clark Library.

The community will celebrate publication of the cookbook — and sample many of the recipes — at “A Taste of *Recipes, Remembrances and Recollections*,” 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at the library. The open house is free and the public is invited.

Among the treats available for sampling will be the 25th Anniversary Cake made famous in the *Randolph Mills Cook Booklet* published in the 1960s. Two original prints by artist Louis Brady, whose work graces the cover of the cookbook, also will be available for purchase.

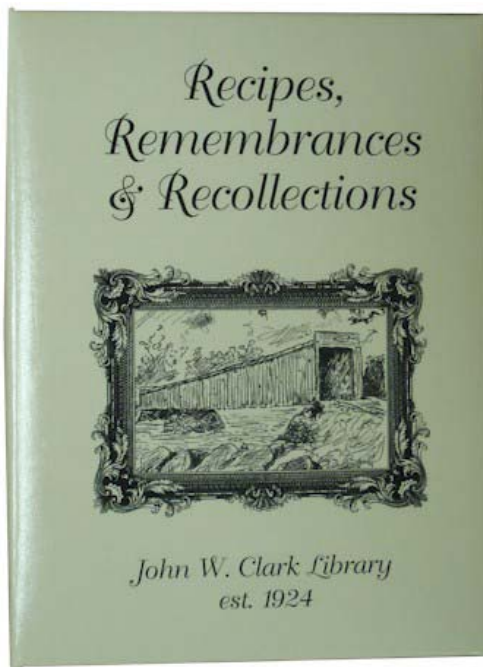
All proceeds from the event and the cookbook, which is on sale now at the library, Town Hall and other locations around town, will go toward the construction of a new, handicapped-accessible library building on donated land. Cost of the cookbook is \$20.

In addition to the recipes, the book also includes section dividers featuring portraits, work by local artists, historical articles and reminiscences.

The Cookbook Committee included Alein Blackburn, Mary Tate Blake, Dianne Brady, Bettina Busmire, Lydia Craven, Sheila Eddings, Cynthia Gallimore and Audrey McKinnon.

The John W. Clark Library is the county’s oldest public library. Clark, the Randolph Mills industrialist, donated his collection of books and raised donations of books from others for the benefit of his employees.

The library became a department of town government and moved into its present location above Town Hall in 1973. The town’s library board has been seeking a more modern, handicapped accessible facility for several years.



## Harry Potter and the speedy delivery

**The library won't be open when Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows officially becomes available at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, July 21, but the library's 30 copies will go immediately to borrowers on the waiting list when the Asheboro library opens at 9 a.m. Saturday. Special Saturday deliveries will be made to the branch libraries that are open, and readers whose copies are available will be notified by phone right away.**

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## Early libraries flourished in county

♣ **An article in *North Carolina Libraries* by librarian Patrick Valentine, "Useful Books: Community Libraries in Antebellum North Carolina," informs us that Randolph County had as many as four incorporated community libraries before 1850.**

They were among the 32 such libraries in the state, supported in part by the state Literary Society and in part locally. The local libraries were: New Salem Library Society, 1819; Carraway Library Society, 1820; Asheborough Library Society, 1820 and Ebenezer Library Society, 1826. They were incorporated by law, as the Allemance Library Society so eloquently stated, "for the purpose of procuring and establishing a circulating Library of Useful books..." Some charged a subscription fee and annual dues.

Before the 1850s, North Carolina had few bookstores and public reading rooms. People depended primarily on peddlers and printers for their reading material. Peddlers in North Carolina were charged a county tax for each cart of items they peddled unless they sold "books only." Some print shops also functioned as lending libraries. This lack of reading material caused a magazine editor to complain, "The listless indifference, idle hours, crimes, punishment, widows, and orphans of our land, call for books, Books, BOOKS."

An early bookmobile, a wagon with bookshelves and a waterproof top and operated by the book peddler Mason Locke Weems was known to make stops in Raleigh, Hillsborough and rural communities in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. As with many peddlers, "Parson Weems" was a source of information and sometimes "unorthodox opinions." Weems is said to be the source for many half-truths about George Washington — including the cherry tree, chronicled in his most famous work, *The Life of Washington*. Locally-printed almanacs, religious tracts and agricultural journals were some of the sought after publications.

Wealthy individuals maintained personal libraries, the best known of which was Archibald D. Murphey of Hillsborough with 2,000 titles. He was instrumental in the State Literary Fund which helped to finance the library societies. Known as the "Father of North Carolina Public Schools" for his efforts to start a public education system, he amassed a large estate then lost it. He spent time in a Greensboro debtor's prison in 1829, and died in 1832.

Our own John W. Clark, whose personal library became a free library, first for his employees and then for the Town of Franklinville in 1924, was a later example of a citizen using a private collection for the public good, believing that public literacy was key to a successful democracy.

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# Summer Reading continues in July



## Magical Storyteller MARK DANIEL

**Asheboro:** 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 25. **Archdale:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. **Franklinville:** 2 p.m. Thursday, July 26. **Liberty:** 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10. **Ramseur:** 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 26. **Randleman:** 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 19. **Seagrove:** 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 10.

**ONGOING AT ASHEBORO:** *Film Time*, 10 a.m. Tuesdays; *All-ages storytime*, 3 p.m. Tuesdays; *Family Storytime*, 7 p.m. Tuesdays; *Toddler Storytime*, 10:10, and *Preschool Storytime*, 10:30 Thursdays. **CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY FOR MORE EVENTS.**

**TEENS:** *Unlocking the Past*, 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, Ramseur; *A Mystery Unfolding*, 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, Ramseur; *Scavenger Hunt & Wrap-Up Party*, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, Asheboro; *Slices & Sleuths Teen Pizza Party*, 6 p.m. Friday, July 27, Seagrove.

**ADULTS:** Report on your reading! Earn "Library Bucks" for the Book Sale; chance for prizes.

Full details at [www.randolphlibrary.org/summerreading.html](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/summerreading.html)

## Archdale's Rietschel retires

By Linda Hurley

♣ Harriet Rietschel came to work at the Archdale library in November 1996.

She immediately won the hearts of the patrons with her quick smile and her willingness to help. If she did not know the answer to a question, she would not give up until she found it.

Harriet is an avid reader. In 1998, she started a monthly reading group called "Book Break," which still a very active part of the library. Participants enjoy reading the books Harriet chooses and they have lively discussions. As Harriet likes to say, "They always eat well."

She also wrote grants for a "Let's Talk About It" program, and led this group for several years through interesting discussions.

Two years ago, she started an annual Author's Breakfast. Four or five authors were invited to discuss their

books following a breakfast provided by the Friends. These programs have become popular and well attended.

Harriet always made sure the tax forms were ordered and ready by January 1, the fire extinguishers checked, safety alarm working, registration forms copied, supplies ordered, magazines were cataloged, the safety kit up to date, plants watered and a thousand other necessary tasks completed.

She has a real concern for patrons and is quick to send cards and offer words of encouragement.

More than anything, Harriet is a friend to her patrons and co-workers. Her intelligence, her attention to detail, her knowledge of library material and her kind ways will be greatly missed.

Harriet will now have time to travel with her husband Carl, spend more time with her grandson Andrew, and another grandchild due in the fall, and for the many other projects that interest her.

## Wizard Rock

Follow up on *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* with two Wizard Rock bands as The Remus Lupins and The Whomping Willows! perform, 2 p.m. Sunday, August 12, at the Asheboro library.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

## Reading lists

Students with summer reading assignments can check availability of reading list books at [www.randolphlibrary.org/schoolsummerreading.html](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/schoolsummerreading.html). The list is arranged by school; click on a title to link to the library catalog.

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## Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *The Faith Club : a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew — Three Women Search for Understanding* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver and Priscilla Warner, Tuesday, June 26; and for July 31, it's *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

## Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

## Lost your library card? Replace it for just a dollar

The library has lowered its fee for replacing lost library cards. Now, replacement of a lost or worn-out card will cost \$1 instead of \$5.

The new lower cost is good for one replacement — each replaced card thereafter will cost \$5. Teens can still trade their old library card for the new Teen card at no cost.

# Friends of the Randolph Public Library

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*Memberships are tax deductible*

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