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NEWS

Journey to the Middle Ages in July

Creative Anachronism group to stage Archdale medieval fair

♣ The Canton of Hindscroft, the area chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will host a free demonstration of the music, dance, arts, crafts and martial activities of the Renaissance and the Middle Ages from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Creekside Park beside the Archdale Public Library.

The event is part of the “Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds” Summer Reading Program.

A highlight of the day will be a tournament among armored knights. The knights use weapons made of rattan — much safer than the real thing, says Mistress Alinor atte Red Swan, a.k.a. Jean Wagner of Greensboro, the group’s Chatelaine.

Learn more about the Canton of Hindscroft at <http://hindscroft.atlantia.sca.org>.

The SCA is a non-profit organization devoted to



Knights battle it out at a Society for Creative Anachronism event

the study of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Its activities allow participants to take a first-hand look at various aspects of the era’s life, culture and technology.

The SCA sponsors events such as tournaments and feasts where members dress in clothing styles worn in the Middle Ages and

the Renaissance, and participate in activities based on the civil and martial skills of pre-17th century landed nobility of Europe. Learn more at www.sca.org.



Jester Jonathan, Sir Ty Of Trogdon, Princess Sara Farlow and Cinderella’s Ugly Stepsister Anastasia get ready for the Medieval ball.

Festive Medieval Ball to enliven Asheboro library

♣ Folderol frivolity will overtake the Asheboro library from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 22, as a colorful cast hosts a Medieval Ball for all ages.

The event is free and the public is invited. A light menu will feature treats with the flavor of the era.

The Ball will feature storyteller/musician Bobbie Pell, as well as Cinderella’s Ugly Stepsisters and Stepmother, and a Royal Court that includes King Charles and Queen Ann, the court jester, princes and princesses.

Pell, from Weaverville, goes by the title Moonstone Minstrel. She’s an accomplished musician and storyteller who specializes in Celtic tales, Appalachian stories, Jack Tales and more.

King Charles, a.k.a. Doug Nixon and Queen Ann, a.k.a. Ann Pike, will preside over the festivities, while Jonathan Farlow makes light of the situation as court jester. Meanwhile, Susan Coltrane and Kelly Bunting will turn into Cinderella’s Ugly Stepsisters, with Betty Bunting as her Stepmother.

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**from
 the
 director**

by Richard Wells



Kids opt for library in summer

♣ **Summertime is generally viewed as a time so slow down a bit.**

School is out, and everyone is somehow affected when school is not in session. People plan vacations: around here, that's easy to do as the coast and the mountains are only a few hours away. Even though it is sometimes quite hot and humid, one can still find some shade and possibly a breeze. It's no wonder that book publishers plan some of their more anticipated releases for the summer.

The staff of the seven public libraries in Randolph County, however, do not slow down! If anything, they are in high gear. The Summer Reading Program for children is a countywide effort that is planned for an entire year. We aim to have a good diversity of programs and events, and the creativity of this staff never fails in that regard.

I find it both amazing and rewarding that so many children participate. Coming to your local public library requires a bit of planning ahead and a small commitment. There is much competing for children's attention these days: television, electronic games, sports, the swimming pool, outdoor games. It would be easy for parent and child to opt for the more "flashy" endeavors. But they still come to the Summer Reading Program!

The Liberty Public Library's first day of events saw 267 children attend.

Ramseur had 140 children. The numbers were just as impressive at all the libraries. In many cases, it was not even "standing room only." There was no room!

And yes, they love to check out books. We can accommodate the younger set's reading needs better this summer. The Randolph County Public Library received a \$100,000 grant from the Randolph County Partnership for Children (Smart Start) and the vast majority of these books are now on the shelves for children to enjoy. How many books can you buy for \$100,000 when you factor in the library discount? I will give you a scientific answer: truckloads! And they are leaving the library by armloads.

This response to the Summer Reading Program would not be possible without the planning and preparation of the staff, and the skill and talent they possess in their fields. The books purchased by the grant would not be on the shelves without the organization and simple determination to do so by the staff. They meet important deadlines regularly and cooperate with each other, each department and each library in order to provide good service to our citizens.

Right now, many of those citizens being served are quite young, but they seem to really enjoy the results of the planning and hard work.

Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds

MAGICIAN MARK DANIEL



Asheboro: 7 p.m. Wed., July 27
Archdale: 7 p.m. Tues., July 19
Franklinville: 2 p.m. Thurs., July 21
Liberty: 11 a.m. Tues., July 26
Ramseur: 10:30 a.m. Thurs., July 21
Randleman: 2 p.m. Wed., July 20

Seagrove: 2 p.m. Tues., July 26



THE MANY FACES OF TALES

Storytellers Betty Foust and Janet Harlee, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 14,

Asheboro Public Library.

SHIRE OF HINDSCROFT FAIR

Medieval reenactors from the local Canton of Hindscroft chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, July 16, Creekside Park at Archdale library.



MEDIEVAL BALL
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SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

(Wednesdays at the Asheboro library)

June 29: Jack Gorham, Collectors Antique Mall, 10 a.m.; Asheboro Police Department K-9 unit, 1:30 p.m.

July 6: Programs led by Asheboro library staff, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

July 13: Ed Rich, American Classic Motorcycle Museum, 10 a.m.; TBD, 1:30 p.m.

July 20: Martial arts instruction Patrick Macon, leadership lesson, 10 a.m.; Ed Rich, American Classic Motorcycle Museum, 1:30 p.m.

July 27: TBD.

WEEKLY EVENTS

At the Asheboro library, weekly events will take place as follows:

- **Film Time**, 10 a.m. Tuesdays;
- **Family storytime**, 7 p.m. Tuesdays;
- **School-age programs**, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays;
- **Toddler storytime**, 10:10 a.m. Thursdays;
- **Pre-school storytime**, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

Similar events will take place at all libraries; contact your library for details or go to

www.randolphlibrary.org/libraryevents.htm

Asheboro Reads

Asheboro Reads continues through the summer with more thought-provoking discussions, which take place from 2- 3:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the Asheboro library.

Upcoming titles include: **June 28:** *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel; **July 26:** Confessions of a Pagan Nun by Kate Horsley; **August 30:** *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd; **September 27:** *Blessed are the Cheesemakers* by Sarah-Kate Lynch; **October 25:** *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris; **November 29:** *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.

Computer classes

Asheboro library computer classes take place Mondays 2-3 p.m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:30-10:30 p.m. They alternate among Internet, advanced Internet, email and word processing.

There's no charge but space is limited, so call 318-6800 menu option 4 to sign up.

Book sale

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

Luria landscapes for Friends store

♣ **The house that's home to Friends of the Library bookstore has a refreshed look thanks to the Eagle Scout project of Josh Luria.**

As his Eagle project, Luria planned and managed new landscaping of the house, which sits off the Asheboro library's parking lot.

Luria's mom and avid gardener, Jackie, suggested the project. Luria



Josh Luria

worked with Friends of the Library President Janet Jones, Sues Baltes and his mom on a site evaluation, and solicited donations of mulch and plants.

Then he led a group of scouts and other volunteers to landscape the site.

Luria, a member of Scout Troop 525, graduated from Asheboro High School this year. He'll tend to the landscaping until he leaves in

the fall to attend New York University's Tisch School of the Arts to study acting.

Friends choose *Wolf Whistle* for next Randolph Reads

The next Randolph Reads, beginning in August, will focus on Lewis Nordan's *Wolf Whistle*, a novel based on the 1955 lynching of African-American teenager

Emmett Till for allegedly whistling at a white woman. The book is a recipient of the Southern Book Critics Circle Award. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

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