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NEWS

Property buy clears front of library for parking; Friends bookshop to reopen downtown in May

♣ Visitors to the Asheboro library will have easier access, closer parking and an unobstructed view of the building's façade following the City of Asheboro's purchase of property at 146 N. Cox Street from the estate of Nettie White.

In a joint effort by the city and Randolph County, the former residence, along with the house next door now occupied by the Friends Book Store, will be demolished and a new approach to the library developed.

Parking will extend to the county-owned lot at the intersection of Cox and Salisbury streets. Landscaped areas near the library will provide closer handicapped parking, better traffic flow, two-way travel via the Cox Street driveway and easier reach for book drops.

Green areas will include benches and water fountains, and the flagpole will be moved into the new area in front of the library.

The Friends will hold the final book sale in the Cox Street house on March 29 and reopen in May with expanded hours at 226 Sunset Ave., a city-owned building near the Sunset Theatre (see the accompanying story and From the Director, page 2, for more about the book sale).

The property acquisition in essence completes the 1994 expansion of the library, which required the front of the building face the interior of the block. Previously, it had fronted Worth Street.

The closeness of the neighboring property left room only for a one-way driveway into the parking lot from Cox Street, no convenient place for library book drops and an awkward traffic pattern both for vehicles and pedestrians.

Work is expected to begin in April.



The Asheboro library lurks behind two houses and assorted outbuildings as seen from Salisbury Street. With the purchase of adjoining property, the building's façade will be visible, and visitors will have easier access and closer parking.

Book store to move to Sunset Avenue after March 29 sale

♣ The Friends of the Library book sale will relocate to downtown Asheboro, and expand hours of operation beginning in May.

The March 29 sale will be the last in the house at 152 N. Cox Street. The newly-minted Friends of the Library Bookshop will reopen with a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, at 226 Sunset Ave., two doors down from the Sunset Theatre.

After the grand opening, the bookshop will be open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month.

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Friends to host novelist John Hart in April ... see EXTRA

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Friends themselves are heart of sale

♣ **As the last book sale in the Friends Bookstore approaches on Saturday, March 29, we would like to honor the folks who have devoted their every Friday and their every last Saturday of every month to making it such a tremendous success.**

It would not be too presumptuous to say that the Book Sale Committee has cared for the charming and cozy house like a baby, guiding its every step and every book placement. As Friends Book Sales committee co-chair Janet Jones, who began her duty in 1996, noted, "It's the end of an era really." Fellow co-chairs Jim and Barbara Prestridge have been with the book sale since 1992 when the Friends first began holding once-a-year sales in the Whitley House that lasted for a week at a time.

Though all share that sentimental feeling about leaving a spot so cozy and familiar, where library patrons could readily "discover" the sale because of proximity to the library, all are excited about the prospects of introducing the sale and the library to a new clientele at the location at 226 Sunset Avenue, which the City of Asheboro has so generously made available to the Friends.



Friends Book Sale committee co-chairs Janet Jones, Jim Prestridge and Barbara Prestridge have put in countless hours at the Friends Book Store, in the background.

Et Hacskaylo and Blanche Keller, book lovers both, have sorted and categorized incoming books, going so far as putting together topical reading lists, such as the ever popular Oprah Book Club selections. Fellow co-sorter and avid reader Rusty Hammond has enjoyed working the Book Sale.

"It is truly amazing the selections we get in. I don't think people realize that a very small percentage of our books are library discards — most are gifts. Our selection is better than most used book stores," Hammond says.

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Book sale moves downtown in May

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The new hours coincide with those of the Asheboro Farmers Market, located around the corner on Church Street. No book sale will be held in April as the bookshop building is renovated.

The sales, held monthly since 1996 and annually before that, feature books, videos and like items given as gifts to the library that the library cannot use, and items withdrawn from the library collection. The sales always draw crowds, and all proceeds go to the library's book budget.

The first sale in the current location, the former Whitley House, was held on September 26, 1992, and lasted six days. Previous sales were held at Randolph Mall's Center Court and in the meeting room of the library.

"It's the end of an era, really," says Janet Jones, co-chair of the Friends of the Library Book Sale committee. "We've enjoyed



The Friends of the Library Bookshop will open in the right-most storefront, 226 Sunset Avenue, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27. The building, formerly the Keepers of Time clock shop, was purchased by the City of Asheboro as part of the Sunset Theatre renovation. The aluminum awning will be removed.

working in the little house with so much character, but we're looking forward to our new opportunity on Sunset Avenue and the added exposure it will afford the library."

The sale is staffed entirely by Friends of the Library volunteers (see From the Director, page 2).

Friends are heart of book sale

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He goes on to note that the prices are incredibly low, and the labor is, well, cheap — like zero! And all the money made goes, of course, directly to the library to purchase books, all thanks to the generosity of the reading public both near and far. Regular customers, especially collectors, come from all over the state.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to the committee and all the volunteers

who so graciously give of their time to staff the book store during those Saturday hours from 9 until 3. They can be counted on to assist patrons with selections, check patrons out, carry boxes of materials to patron's vehicles and be ever so reliable and helpful. As Arlene Smith, library liaison to the Friends, says "We could not do without our Friends! We appreciate what each and every one of you does for the library."

Friends, we salute you!

May events

Mark your calendars for vocalist Lane Ragsdale, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and social commentator Adam Shepard, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22.

Book Clubs

The Luna Book Club debuts at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Asheboro library with *A Golden Age* by Tahmima Anam. The group meets on the last Tuesday of each month.

Asheboro Reads continues at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 with a discussion of *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan.

Anyone who has read the books is invited to either or both groups. Refreshments are provided.

Spanish stories

Asheboro library storytimes presented in Spanish by Carolina Agüero 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 Agüero 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, March 29, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

Ramseur library, museum and post office to hold open house

The Ramseur Public Library will host an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 27, that also will show off the historic post office behind the library and the Ramseur

Community Museum on Main Street.

The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments at the library.

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