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# NEWS

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## Ongoing & Upcoming

### Monday, November 24

**Movie Monday (adults):**  
*Becoming Jane*, 2:15 p.m.,  
Asheboro library (free).

### Tuesday, November 25

**Asheboro Reads:** *Belong to Me*,  
2 p.m., Asheboro library.

**Luna Book Club:** *Prince of  
Frogtown*, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Thursday, November 27

### Friday, November 28

### Saturday, November 29

Libraries Closed for Thanksgiving

### Monday, December 1

**Movie Monday (adults)** 2:15 p.m.  
Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, December 2

**Pretty Packages:** 6 p.m., Liberty  
library.

### Thursday, December 4

**Applewhite Family Christmas  
Concert:** 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Saturday, December 6

**"Arctic Express: A Magical Train  
Ride Celebrating the Power of  
Giving and Sharing,"** 10 a.m.,  
Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, December 9

**"Arctic Express: A Magical Train  
Ride Celebrating the Power of  
Giving and Sharing,"** 7 p.m.,  
Archdale library.

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## RING IN THE SEASON! Friends present a variety of musical events

### *Applewhite Family Christmas Concert*

Join the multi-talented musical  
Applewhites — (right to left)  
Lauren Beck, Jewel  
Applewhite, Sharon  
Applewhite Wiley, Marlo  
Applewhite Peddycord



Francis, Donna Applewhite Beck, Nick Wiley, Ben Peddycord and Stephen Wiley — for a Christmas blend of sacred, Celtic, folk and contemporary tunes at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 4 at the Asheboro library.



### *Adrienne Bailey & Joy Menius Christmas Concert*

Organists Adrienne Bailey and Joy Menius will present a Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 14, at Central United Methodist Church, 300 S. Main St., Asheboro. Bailey, who holds a doctor of music degree from Indiana University, and Menius, who holds a master of music in organ performance, will perform hymns, traditional songs, works by Bach and Brahms, and more. Both are music teachers and have served as organist or choir director at area churches.

◀ **Adrienne Bailey, above; Joy Menius, below.**



### *A Greeting Card from Lane and Friends*

Lane Ragsdale will present "A Greeting Card from Lane and Friends" at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 18, at the Asheboro library. Joining Ragsdale to perform some of the most beautiful Christmas songs ever written will be Patrick Osteen, Bethany Jennings and Emmi Bulla. Lisa Johnson will serve as accompanist and musical arranger.



*All programs are free and the public is invited • Sponsored by the Friends of the Library*

**All aboard for a magical ride on the Arctic Express**— see page 3

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## ALA seeks library stimulus package

♣ **The American Library Association (ALA) is asking the federal government for stimulus funding.**

Libraries across the nation are facing critical cutbacks as local funding declines due to decreased revenues. The proposed stimulus funding would assist libraries in maintaining critical services to working families such as job searches, small business development, financial literacy and other vital assistance in these tough economic times.

Many libraries are cutting hours, personnel and services due to lost revenue. Some branches are being forced to close, causing patrons to drive further for services or do without completely.

ALA President Jim Rettig notes that 73 percent of libraries nationwide provide the only free Internet access in their communities. In rural areas that number rises to 83 percent according to a 2008 report on public library funding and technology access. Libraries reported double digit growth in computer use this past fiscal year including Internet and word processing.

Funds are being requested to: expand employment activities like resume assistance and job searching; reinstate lost hours or supplement evening hours for better patron access; promote financial literacy and business development services; and acquire

additional resources for economic services being requested by patrons.

Now the good news: Randolph County is financially sound thanks to good leadership at the county and city level. No library services or hours are threatened. Computer use is up substantially. Patrons are checking email, applying for jobs, taking online classes, developing resumes, and more. Some users have reported dropping their local Internet service for financial reasons.

At this time, and thanks in part to a new round of Gates Grants, public libraries in Randolph County are planning to add more Internet stations in order to give patrons better access to those services. Look for more about that later.

The price tag for the ALA stimulus package: \$100 million. But, according to economic studies, once the multiplier effect is figured, for every dollar invested in the public library, the community receives a return of from "7 to 11 times the initial investment" says Joe Matthews, an internationally recognized expert on library management.

That return includes wages paid to staff, construction costs, library purchases, etc. But it also includes enhanced services to job seekers, students and small business developers which in turn pump dollars back into the community.

How could Uncle Sam reject this win/win deal?

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# ALL ABOARD!

## A magical train ride will take kids worldwide

♣ **Get on board for a trainload of fun for children when the library becomes a stop on the Arctic Express.**



Steve Somers, AKA "The Amazing Teacher," will bring "Arctic Express: A Magical Train Ride Celebrating the Power of Giving and Sharing," to the Asheboro Public Library at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 6, and the Archdale Public Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 9.

The program is free and all children are invited.

During the imaginary train ride, Conductor Somers uses books from his Arctic Express Reading List to provide an educational and entertaining look at winter festivals around the world, including Diwali,

Kwanzaa, Solstice, Lunar New Year, Ramadan, Hannukah and Christmas.

The program emphasizes how these events share common themes, while providing distinct cultural perspectives.

Throughout the presentation,

Somers identifies and defines important words and concepts, which helps the audience assimilate the information.

Somers is a performer and educator who has presented more than 2,700 hundred programs to kids, teachers and parents over 30 years. He is founder of Amazing Productions, a company that produces educational presentations designed to train, and inspire young and old alike.

## Book discussions

Next up for **Asheboro Reads** is *Belong to Me* by Marisa de los Santos at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 25.

The **Luna Book Club** will discuss *The Prince of Frogtown* by Rick Bragg at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 25. The club will have a holiday get-together and discussion of a book to be announced at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 16.

Library discussion groups are open to anyone who has read the book being considered. Refreshments are served.

## Computer class

The library would like to add a basic computing class focusing on fundamental skills such as using the mouse and understanding Windows. If you are interested, call 318-6800 menu option 4.

## 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.

## Reader reviews added to catalog

♣ **Want to find out what other readers are saying about a book you may want to read? Want to review a book yourself?**

You now can do both in the library catalog with a new feature provided by LibraryThing for Libraries (LTFL).

The LTFL reviews link can be found on the catalog record for a book. Click the link and you'll see a window that digests reviews from the LibraryThing

community. There's also a link that lets you add your own reviews.

LibraryThing.com is a social networking site that lets readers describe and review books. Currently 542,166 members have cataloged 32 million books.

The LTFL function places this collective wisdom in library catalogs, using the power of LibraryThing to recommend similar books in the library's collection.

## Librarians Foley, Whicker receive history award

Bradley R. Foley and Adrian L. Whicker recently received the prestigious Willie Parker Peace History Book Award for *The Civil War Ends: Greensboro, April*

1865. The Peace Award is given annually by the North Carolina Society of Historians for excellence in the scholarly publication of North Carolina history since 1958.

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Arlene and Tony Smith  
Reviewer's Book Club

**In Memory of: Marvin "Doc" Routh**  
By: Milton and Linda Redding

## Ongoing & Upcoming

### Sunday, December 14

**Adrienne Bailey, Joy Menius Christmas Concert:** 3 p.m., Central United Methodist Church, Asheboro.

### Monday, December 15

**Movie Monday (teens):** 4 p.m. Asheboro library (free).

### Tuesday, December 16

**Luna Book Club holiday get-together:** 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Thursday, December 18

**"A Greeting Card from Lane and Friends":** 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Monday, December 22

**Movie Monday (adults),** 2:15 p.m. Asheboro library.

### Wednesday, December 24

### Thursday, December 25

### Friday, December 26

**Libraries closed** for Christmas.

### *Pretty Packages*

Make bows, decorate packages during *Pretty Packages* (teens, adults), 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, at the Liberty library. Bring up to 3 average size packages to wrap. \$5 for supplies; space is limited — call 622-4605 to register.