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NEWS

START YOUR ENGINES!

...and 'Race to the Library' for your new library card

♣ The green flag waved on September 5, so now's the time to 'Race to the Library' for stock car memorabilia, author appearances and a chance to win the "Racing Library" featuring books autographed by racing legend Richard Petty.

September is library card registration month statewide, so the Randolph County Public Library and the Friends of the Library are putting the pedal to the metal to bring in new library users.

Racing souvenirs

All month, anyone who registers for a library card will receive a racing souvenir from the Richard Petty Museum. If you already have a library card, bring a friend or family member to get a library card and you, too, will receive a souvenir.

The memorabilia will be available while supplies last.

In addition, 28 collectible gold Richard Petty medallions will be given away at each library to randomly selected new registrants or those who bring their friends to register, and one ticket to the Richard Petty Museum will be given away each week at each library in the same fashion.

'Racing Library' drawings

If you check out a book, video or other library material, you can sign up for a drawing to

win the "Racing Library." The library includes Gail Gurley's *Red Dirt Tracks: The Forgotten Heroes of Early Stockcar Racing*; Jerry Bledsoe's *The World's Number One, Flat Out, All-Time Great, Stock Car Racing Book*; *The Petty Family Album* by Pattie Petty



The library is giving away a slew of racing souvenirs, collectibles and books.

and Kyle Petty; and *Pit Road Pets: NASCAR Stars and their Pets* by Laura Lacy and Karen Will Rogers.

The Petty Family Album and *Pit Road Pets* will be signed by Richard Petty.

Anyone who checks out also will have a chance at a NASCAR-licensed model race car.

One "Racing Library" set and one race car model will be given away at each library through drawings on Monday, October 2. Winners do not have to be present.

But wait... there's more!

Efforts to schedule race car appearances at various libraries and author visits are underway; those events will be announced as they are confirmed.

The Smartest Card

"Race to the Library" is a local tie-in to the statewide library card registration campaign, "The Smartest Card: Get it. Use It. @your library."



Friends to host novelist Susan Kelly; Archdale to host author breakfast

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**from
 the
 director**



by Suzanne Tate

Libraries get a good checkup

♣ **“Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century” published its findings recently.**

The survey, the first step in the development of a national agenda for libraries and library funding in the 21st century, was conducted by Public Agenda, a nonpartisan public opinion research organization, and sponsored by Americans for Libraries Council and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Seventy-eight percent of respondents said that they would feel “that something essential and important has been lost, affecting the whole community” if their public library had to close. More people polled rated libraries above any other public service including public schools and law enforcement. Seventy-one percent of those polled felt that libraries spend public money responsibly.

This endorsement was especially rewarding as, on the average, nearly 90 percent of library funding comes from local public dollars. Find the entire study at www.publicagenda.org.

Whereas libraries are generally immune to the distrust that is associated with other institutions, they are also held to high expectations by the public. In this report, libraries were charged with improving access to technology, emphasizing literacy and providing more

welcoming places for teens.

Toward this end, the library has received one of only two Library Services and Technology Act marketing grants awarded this year by the State Library of North Carolina for a project called “Teens: Discover the Endless Possibilities @ Your Library.” Kudos to George Taylor and Amy Keith, project coordinators, and committee members Ann McGlohon, Ross Holt, Arlene Smith, Lindsay Shore-Wright, Kari Baumann and Missy Rankin for their creativity and diligence in making the grant proposal successful. The grant will fund marketing efforts that will draw teens into the library and make them lifelong library users. A primary goal of this grant is to establish a Teen Advisory Council to advise us as to the informational and programming needs of this group. Stay tuned for more!

So the library is an example of your tax dollar doing good things. If you are reading this, you likely have a library card. Encourage a friend or neighbor to get one (see “incentives” throughout this newsletter). If you have one, use it. Anyone 16 or older with picture ID or anyone 6-15 with parent or guardian in North Carolina is eligible. The month of September has been designated annually by the Public Library Association as the “Smartest Card: Get It. Use It. @your library” campaign. Make your library card the most valuable card in your wallet or purse!

Novelist Susan Kelly to appear at Friends of the Library program

♣ Greensboro author Susan Kelly will present her new novel, *The Last of Something*, during a Friends of the Library program at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 26 at the Asheboro Public Library.



Susan Kelly

Both *How Close We Come* and Kelly's second novel, *Even Now*, published in 2001, explored close friendships between women. *The Last of Something* recounts a weekend get-together of three women who have been friends since college, and the decisions they make during the visit.

The program is free and the public is invited.

Kelly's first novel, *How Close We Come*, won the Carolina Novel Award in 1997. Republished by Warner Books in 1998, it was an alternate selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club.

The Raleigh *News and Observer* said of *How Close We Come* that Kelly "writes like there's an angel hiding in her pen."

A Rutherfordton native, Kelly holds a master of fine arts degree in creative writing from Warren Wilson College. She has been a fellow at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts and taught creative writing in the summer program at Woodberry Forest School. She lives in Greensboro with her husband, Sterling.

Find out more at www.susanskelly.com

Archdale's third Author's Breakfast to feature five area writers

♣ Five authors representing an eclectic array of genres and styles will highlight the Archdale Public Library's third annual Author Breakfast from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 7.



children's book *Noody Hooper and the Juducullah Rock*;

• Humorist and newspaper columnist **Warren Dixon**, author of *Tar Heel Hilarities*

and *Holiday Hilarities*;

• Mystery writer **Helen Goodman**, author of the novel *Toxic Waste*;

• **Pamela King Cable**, author of the short story collection *Southern Fried*; and

• **Clay Harvey**, author of the thrillers *Dwelling in Gray* and *A Whisper of Black*.

For more information, visit

www.archdale.blogspot.com.

The event will feature a continental breakfast, book signing and time to chat with the authors. It's free and the public is invited, but call the library at 431-3811 to register.

This year's lineup includes:

- Pam Poland, author of the

Asheboro library visitors are local traffic during road work

During road construction on Salisbury Street in Asheboro, library visitors can consider themselves "local traffic," and can bypass barricades on Cox and

Main streets at Worth Street to reach the library parking lot.

The road work is expected to continue through Christmas.

Book Break

The Archdale Public Library's Book Break afternoon reading and discussion series returns the fall with *Miss Julia Stands Her Ground* by Anne B. Ross on September 19.

The group meets from 2-3:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Anyone who has read the book up for discussion is invited; refreshments are served.

Titles for the coming months include *Susannah's Garden*, *Shem Creek*, *The Christmas Scrapbook* and *Two Little Girls in Blue*.

Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *The Tea-Olive Bird Watching Society* by Augusta Trobaugh 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26.

The title for October 31 is *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice. Asheboro Reads is the discussion group that meets at the Asheboro library on the last Tuesday of each month. Anyone who wants to talk about the month's book is invited.

Book sale

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

Friends of the Randolph Public Library

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