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# NEWS



## Iraq vet Cox to debut war memoir at library

♣ "What was it like?"

That often-asked question moved Asheboro native Eric J. Cox to return to journals he kept while serving as a U.S. Marine in Iraq in 2003, and shape them into *Cpl Cox*, a memoir about his experiences.

Cox will talk about his book and his time in Iraq at a Friends of the Library program, 7 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the Asheboro Public Library. The program is free and the public is invited.

The son of Jimmie and Cynthia Cox of Asheboro, Cox enlisted in the Marines after high school, and ultimately served four months in Iraq.



Eric J. Cox

## Students conduct book drive

South Asheboro Middle School seventh graders (l to r) Michael Howard, Alex Gimenez and Andrew Trogon present 200 donated books to Library Director Suzanne Tate. Led by Gimenez, the group carried out a book drive for the library as their G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) volunteer project. The collection included many recent best sellers and other titles that filled gaps in the library's collection.

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## Ongoing & Upcoming

### Monday, January 25

**Movie Monday:** *Taking Woodstock*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, January 26

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, January 26

**Luna Book Club:** *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Monday, February 8

**Movie Monday:** *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Monday, February 15

**Archdale Writers Group:** 6:30 p.m., Archdale library.

### Thursday, February 18

**Iraq War veteran and *Cpl Cox* author Eric Cox:** 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, February 23

**Asheboro Reads:** *American Adulterer* by Jed Mercurio, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, February 23

**Luna Book Club:** *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

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Sat 9-5

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*from  
the  
director*



## This department gets high marks

♣ **At a recent County Commissioners Meeting, Randolph County was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) with a Distinguished Budget Award for the sixth consecutive year.**

This awards program was established to recognize state and local governments for presenting budget documents of the highest quality that reflect the guidelines provided by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting as well as the GFOA's best practices. County Finance Officer Will Massie credits each county department's compliance with established budget practices for making this award possible.

The Business Office at the library, headed by Linda Shirley for 29 years, has a history of excellence in budgeting. Linda, Mae Auman and Donna Brown coordinate their efforts to find the best price and most economical solution to every need.

County Manager Richard Wells says, "The library's business office is operated with great efficiency, planning and care. The budget process for the library is quite complex: county, federal and seven municipalities are part of the budget, along



*Business Manager  
Linda Shirley, drawn  
by Chris Scott,  
shepherds the*

with LSTA and Gates grants. Meeting the requirements of all these entities is quite a task. Deadlines are always met. It is a professionally operated office that can serve as an example for any library system."

Linda prepares the library budget for Randolph County and Asheboro, the budgets for Archdale and Seagrove Libraries, as well as the budget for the Parents as Teachers program and Raising a Reader programs funded through the Randolph County Partnership

for Children (RCPC). She compiles annual reports required by the county, the State Library, RCPC and reports required for federal or Gates Foundation grants. She also maintains the personnel files and completes the Performance Measurement report.

Mae maintains library inventory, prepares statistics, keeps the libraries in supplies, maintains the memorial file, updates directories, prepares book billing for the libraries while cheerfully greeting visitors to the Business Office.

Donna handles overdue accounts, maintains job descriptions, does the weekly bank deposit, and prepares invoices to be entered into the county system. She also prepares the monthly reports for the RCPC programs.

The Business Department truly keeps the library in the pink — or more appropriately—in the black!

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# State of North Carolina to libraries: "No tax forms for you!"

♣ In an effort to cut costs and encourage online filing, the North Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR) will not provide tax forms or instruction booklets for distribution through libraries this year.

Anyone with Internet access can download and print forms from the DOR website, [www.dor.state.nc.us/downloads/individual.html](http://www.dor.state.nc.us/downloads/individual.html).

The library, meanwhile, will provide printouts of the D-400 form at a cost of 20

cents for the four page set (normally, printouts and photocopies at the library are 20 cents per page).

The reduced cost will help accommodate the many patrons who rely on the library for printed forms, while defraying the cost to the library of printing them.

All other state forms can be printed from the library's public computers or by library staff at the regular rate of 20 cents per page.

The libraries do have basic federal tax forms and instruction books to give away.

## Cpl Cox recounts time in Iraq war

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While *Cpl Cox* details Cox's experiences in the Marine Corps and in the war, it also depicts his personal struggle to come to terms with where he was and family and friends he left behind, especially his girlfriend, who he met shortly before deploying. It also sheds light on the challenges faced by members of the U.S. Armed Services worldwide, and their loved ones.

Now a Realtor in Charlotte, Cox also has opened his own publishing company and has begun work on a second memoir focusing on his difficult readjustment after returning home.



## Ongoing & Upcoming (continued from page 1)

### Monday, February 22

**Movie Monday:** *My Sister's Keeper*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Wednesday, March 24

**Gardening for Seniors:** Cooperative Extension, 3 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, March 30

**Asheboro Reads:** *A Short History of Women* by Kate Walbert, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Tuesday, March 30

**Luna Book Club:** *On a Moonless Night* by Sijie Dai, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

### Friday, April 2

### Saturday, April 3

Library closed for Easter.

### Thursday, April 29

**Holly George Warren:** Time and location TBD.

## Library offers computer classes in English, Spanish

The Asheboro library offers free computer classes at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and occasional Saturdays. Classes alternate among basic computing, Internet, email, advanced

Internet and Word. On Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. an online job application class is taught. Spanish language versions of the classes are available at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *American Adulterer* by Jed Mercurio, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 23.

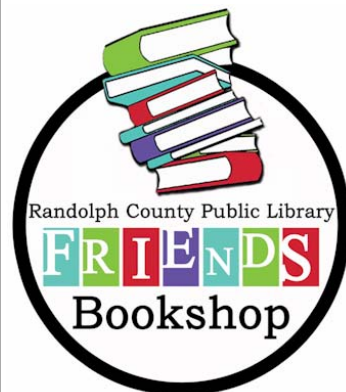
**Luna Book Club:** *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins, 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 23.

**Senior Book Club:** Senior Book Club meetings will resume in March or April.

**Library discussion groups** are free and open to all. Refreshments are served.

## Magazines out

Readers may notice gaps on the Asheboro library's magazine shelves. Several publications were dropped as of Jan. 1 for lack of funds. If you can't find one of your usual reads, please let library staff know.



10-2 Tues., Thurs., Sat.  
226 Sunset Ave., Asheboro  
Donations accepted

### Randleman Public Library

#### BOOK SALE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Third Saturday  
of each month  
124 Commerce Pl.  
next to the library.



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**YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year.**

Mail to: Friends of the Library  
 P.O. Box 2806  
 Asheboro, NC 27204  
*Memberships are tax deductible*

- Student ..... \$5
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- Family..... \$25
- Patron ..... \$100
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**In Memory of: Raeford Morgan**  
 By: Milton and Linda Redding

**In Memory of: Margaret O'Hare**  
 By: Mr. and Mrs. Pep Watkins

**In Memory of: Eugenia Lane Johnson**  
 By: Mr. and Mrs. Pep Watkins

**In Memory of: Martha Jean Jones**  
 By: Mr. and Mrs. Pep Watkins

**In Memory of: Daryl Cox**  
 By: Bobby and Denise Lowe Burgess  
 Phil and Karen Carmac  
 Thomas and Pam Coward  
 Elaine Curtis  
 Colton and Viletta Embree  
 Charlotte Feaster  
 Tom and Denny Harris  
 Susan Layton  
 Ramseur Second Grade and  
 Margie Crump  
 Dale and Susan Stevenson  
 Bob and Betty Stout  
 William L. Stout  
 Ronald W. Sullivan  
 C. Michael and Patricia Whitehead

**In Memory of: James Grady Lawson**  
 By: The Circle/Highway 22 Flower Fund

**In Memory of: Thelma Loflin**  
 By: Mr. and Mrs. Pep Watkins

**In Honor of: Elaine Curtis**  
 By: Sandra Livingston

**In Honor of: Phil and Alice Davis**  
 By: Wally and Sandy Jarrell

**In Honor of: Tony and Betty Leonard**  
 By: Elaine C. Curtis