

'Inflate Your Mind' with balloon magic

♣ The balloon art, magic and comedy talent of Asheboro native Clark Sides will be on display at the Asheboro and Randleman libraries in performances aimed at inspiring kids to read.

In Randleman it's "Happy Halloween" for kids in kindergarten and older, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 27.

In Asheboro, it's "Reading is Magic, Inflate Your Mind" for all ages, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 8. Asheboro's event is sponsored by Friends of the Library.



Clark Sides and his balloon art

In Randleman, it will be a scary good time as Sides morphs audience members into Halloween characters and goes "ghostbusting." In

Asheboro, he'll turn an audience member into a buccaneer and make it snow onstage.

All the while, he will talk up children's books and reading. In the finales of both performances, he'll work his whole body into a giant, six-foot balloon.

Sides began his entertainment career at age 9, performing magic and clowning with his older sister, January. In high school, he was mentored by Ringling Brothers clown Just Joey, learning how to juggle, perform magic tricks and display showmanship.

He added balloons to his repertoire in 2014, launching his Raleigh-based Capital Balloons Studios. He has performed throughout North Carolina.

Classical guitarist Jeff Bianchi to return

♣ Performing musical works spanning from Scotland and France to Argentina and Brazil, classical guitarist Jeff Bianchi will appear at the Asheboro library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 9.

Bianchi's concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.



Guitarist Jeff Bianchi

Bianchi will perform Scottish lute pieces from the 17th century; the Suite in F# Minor by Laurent de St. Luc, a Finnish composer of the Baroque era who was a court musician for Louis XIV of France; Five Songs of Love for the Guitar by Jose Luis Merlina, an Argentinian guitarist and composer; and works of Brazilian guitarist Heitor Villa-Lobos, one of that country's most treasured composers.

Born in Williamston, New York, Bianchi began performing at weddings and cafes while still in his teens. The attention he received playing concerts throughout western New York led to appearances in prestigious guitar festivals.

From 2005-2007, he toured with country acts Young Guns and Chace Roberts. He began solo classical tours in 2009, and has performed throughout the southeast, Texas and the mountain west, including his first performance here at the library last year.

He lives in Lanier Harbor near Buford, Ga., and is guitar instructor at Friendship Christian School in Suwanee, Ga.

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the
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Ross A. Holt



REAL²: breaking down barriers

♣ **School has been in session for a couple of months now, and things are getting real.**

REAL², that is.

Through Randolph Educational Access for Limitless Learning — REAL² — students in the Asheboro City Schools and at Uwharrie Charter Academy can check out books and log into library electronic resources, with their student IDs (a.k.a. their “lunch numbers”) substituting for a traditional library card. The students are exempt from overdue fees, and it doesn’t matter if they already have library cards.

Charlotte/Mecklenburg Library (CML) pioneered the student ID idea last school year, and it is being adopted by libraries around the state.

For us librarians, the REAL² concept is a paradigm shift from traditional thinking about the library card. As CML Associate Director of Lifelong Learning Dana Eure recently observed, it’s about “letting go.”

For as long as any of us can remember, we have touted the library card as your path to lifelong learning. A long-running American Library Association promotional campaign called it the “Smartest Card.”

As much as a library card is a gateway, however, it can also be a barrier. Public libraries must be good stewards of taxpayer money, so if we’re letting people walk out the door with books and DVDs, and use our computers and Internet connections, we have to exercise some degree of control to ensure that our lending and computer use

policies are observed.

Years ago when I first registered with the library, cards were kept behind the Circulation desk in a metal file. To become a cardholder, you had to provide not just your own information, including a workplace if applicable, but also a reference who did not live with you (I used my unimpeachable grandfather).

We don’t require that level of vetting now, and we have tried to keep barriers to a minimum. But we do ask for a government-issued photo ID and proof of address (if the address on the ID is not current).

Most adults can overcome such a modest barrier (and we make every effort to help them do that), but for children it can be a different story. Legally, only a parent/guardian can sign an agreement for a child. Often, however, it’s not the parent/guardian who can bring the child to the library, but a sibling or grandparent.

Overdue fines and lost material fees are another barrier — if they reach \$5, you can’t check out or use electronic resources. But are nine-year-olds really responsible for their own fines/fees?

That’s why REAL² is so innovative and important. If, as Asheboro City Schools Superintendent Dr. Terry Worrell says, the library is an extension of the classroom, then we owe it to the kids to break down as many barriers as possible to pave the road for their success.

Thinking outside the library card box is one way to explode a whole bunch of barriers.

Friends to host 'Author Talk' event

♣ Join three area writers at a Friends of the Library Author Talk, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, November 17, at the Asheboro library.

Meet and chat with authors Agnes Alexander, Dicy McCullough, and Donna Steel.



Agnes Alexander



Dicy McCullough



Donna Steel

Alexander pens western historical romance novels, and also has written romantic suspense and cozy mysteries.

McCullough is author of *Tired of Being Little* and five other children's books, and is also a published poet.

Donna Steel writes science fiction, paranormal and romances about women coming into their strength and having the courage to find and accept love.

The Author Talk is free and the public is invited.

Learn about home school resources

♣ How can the library assist parents who are homeschooling their children?

Find out in a "Homeschool Meet and Greet" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 2, at the Asheboro library.

Hear from children's librarians about the variety of homeschool resources available at the library for area families.

ARTS & CRAFTS, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, November 3, Asheboro library. Native American Heritage Month. All ages.



Decorative Bow & Arrow
Make a miniature working bow and arrow!
4 p.m. Wed., Nov. 3,
Asheboro library
Ages 8-12



PLAYFUL ACTIVITIES THAT
SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY!
Best for ages 0-5

Asheboro: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 9
"Color My World"

AT RANDLEMAN

*Call 498-3141 to sign up
SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

Nov. 1, 8 and 15 (Tuesdays): LEGO WeDo2 Robotics.* 3:30 p.m. LEGOS, iPads, coding software. 2nd-5th grades. November 15 is a catch-up class for participants in the first two sessions.

Nov. 17 (Thurs.): Kids in the Kitchen: Safe Fun for All.* Tips and hands-on ideas about safely preparing for the upcoming feast. 3:30 p.m. Ages K-5th grade.

Nov. 22 (Tues.): Let's Talk Turkey!* 3:30 p.m. Make a turkey centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table. Ages K-5th grade.

Nov. 29 (Tues.): Tie Dye Coaster Craft for Teens and Tweens. 3:30 p.m. Make coasters using white tiles and marbling techniques. Ages 6th-12th grades.

AGES 16 & UP

Nov. 3 (Thurs.): Making Decorative Wine Bottles for the Holidays* 3:30 pm. Festive wine bottle decorations. All supplies provided.

Discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Call of Cthulhu* by H.P. Lovecraft, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 29.

Book Break (Archdale): *See Me* by Nicholas Sparks, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 18.

Ladies Book Club (Randleman): *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner, 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 1 (call 498-3141 to sign up).

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:

Archdale: *A Nest for Celeste*, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, November 23;
Asheboro: *"The Life of Milton Bradley,"* 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 16;
Randleman: *"Pilgrims and Indians,"* 4 p.m. Thursday, November 17.

AT LIBERTY

GET CREATIVE!

The Liberty library's free "Get Creative" craft events for ages 12 and up continue on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; supplies provided.

November 3: Layered dried bean candle holder.
November 10: Deco-Podge Leaf Bowl. **November 17:** Pine cone door hangers.

CULINARY KIDS

"Culinary Kids" returns to Liberty with a month of all new programs for children in grades K-5 about eating healthy and staying fit. 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Learn how to preserve your family photographs

Join photographic archivist Stephen Fletcher from the North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives at UNC-Chapel Hill and learn techniques for preserving and storing

your cherished family photographs, at 6 p.m. Monday, November 7, at the Asheboro library.

Fletcher's talk is free and the public is invited.



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December 2: Prancer

BookSale

Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Monday, November 7, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesday, November 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

GREAT BARGAINS!
DONATIONS WELCOME!

TeenZone

Thursdays, Asheboro library; Free!

Video Game Club: 4 p.m. November 3. Take a break from homework and play video games on the library's Wii.

Teen Zone Jam Club: 5 p.m. November 10. Make some music!

Maker Crate Unboxing #2: 4:30 p.m. November 17. Open and build the surprise Maker project inside the crate.

Talk