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NC women 'do their bit' in World War I

♣ When World War I broke out in 1914, North Carolina's women were poised to support war-torn Europe because they already were organized to help the needy and vulnerable at home.

Learn about their unique contributions in "North Carolina's Women 'Do Their Bit' During WWI," a talk by historian and educator Dr. Angela Robbins at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 5, at the Asheboro library.

Robbins' talk, a North Carolina Humanities Council Road Scholar event, is free and the public is invited.

When the U.S. entered the war in 1917, women encouraged one another to "do their bit," coordinating local groups with newly-formed state and national organizations to provide care packages for soldiers, grow and preserve food during shortages, conduct Liberty Bond drives, and collect supplies for the Red Cross.

After the war, their activism helped empower them to claim the right to vote and shape their own destinies.

Robbins, an assistant history professor at Meredith College, holds a Ph.D. in history from UNC-Greensboro.

Her visit is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Friends of the Library.



Dr. Angela Robbins

'Writing to Heal'

Community writing, reading workshop to address violence against women

♣ Join poets Melissa Hassard and Debra Kaufman for "Writing to Heal," a community writing and reading workshop addressing violence against women, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, November 17, at the Asheboro library.



The workshop, supported by the North Carolina Arts Council and the Regional Artist Project Grant program, is free and the public is invited.

Hassard and Kaufman will use selected poems from the anthology *Red Sky: Poetry on the Global Epidemic of Violence Against Women*, to explore ways to talk about abuse, how families and communities are affected, and how breaking the silence is the first step toward healing. Participants will have time to reflect and write.

Representatives from local family services organizations also are invited to share information and resources.



Hassard and Kaufman

The two poets received a 2018 Regional Artist Project Grant to co-facilitate workshops in each of the region's five counties, including Randolph. Hassard is managing editor of *Red Sky*, a poetry collection that includes work by internationally recognized poets such as Naomi Shihab Nye, Fady Joudah and North Carolina Poet Laureate Jackie Shelton Green, as well as new and emerging voices.

Friends event to feature NC Bookwatch host D.G. Martin

North Carolina Bookwatch host D.G. Martin will talk about his book *North Carolina Roadside Eateries: A Traveler's Guide to Local Restaurants, Diners, and Barbecue Joints* at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, during a Friends of the Library dessert reception at The Table Farmhouse Bakery. Tickets are \$10 and will go on sale October 29 at the Asheboro library. In addition to his hosting duties, Martin pens a weekly column on books, politics and related topics that appears in 40 North Carolina newspapers. Martin graduated from Davidson College, where he played basketball, and Yale Law School. He's also a former Green Beret. He practiced law in Charlotte before joining the University of North Carolina system, where he served as Vice President for Public Affairs and chief legislative liaison.

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WWI fallen newly memorialized

♣ The 46 Randolph County soldiers who perished in World War I, along with the 852 who served, will finally be recognized with the completion of a memorial plaque that was envisioned in 1944.

The refurbished plaque will hang in the lobby of the 1909 Historic Courthouse and will be in place by November 11 — the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the war.

Originally sponsored by the Asheboro Rotary Club and crafted by Lucas Industries, a major Asheboro furniture manufacturer, the 45" by 33" plaque first memorialized those who were dying in World War II with nameplates affixed to it. As casualty lists grew, however, a larger plaque was constructed to contain the names.

It was determined that the smaller plaque would be dedicated to the World War I soldiers, but this part of the project never came to fruition. Instead, the World War II plaque, which contained 75 names by the end of the war but which was never completed, hung in the courthouse until a renovation in 1964, when both plaques were returned to Rotary historian Joe Ross.

They remained in Ross's basement until 1998, when they were found by Mac Whatley, who moved them to storage in the courthouse basement.

When discussions surrounding the Confederate monument brought renewed focus to war memorials in general, we dug the two plaques out of storage and brought them to the Randolph Room.



Randolph Room librarians Roberta Gavin and Mac Whatley display the World War I memorial plaque that they researched and refurbished.

With the 100th anniversary of U.S. involvement in World War I underway, and the anniversary of the end of the war approaching, Mac — now county history librarian — and Randolph Room librarian Roberta Gavin set to work identifying each soldier from the county who died in the war. The results of that careful research now appear on the plaque in gold letters on black plates with gold trim. Atop sits a gold eagle bearing the letters "U.S."

The two librarians also are creating a booklet featuring a profile of each fallen soldier.

Now that restoration of the World War I plaque is complete, Mac and Roberta will focus on refurbishing the World War II plaque. By war's end, the plaque had ceased being updated, but at least another 60 soldiers had died. Their names will be added, too.

The goal is to complete the World War II plaque by Memorial Day, 2019, and return it to its spot in the Historic Courthouse.

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Asheboro revamps children's activities

...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ Kids at Asheboro library can learn and have fun in weekly events on Mondays and Wednesdays as the Children's Room revamps its schedule of activities.

Special guests and programs also will be offered.

Monday mornings will alternate between **Kinder Prep** and **Music and Movement** at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5. Kinder Prep focuses on early-learning concepts in preparation for Kindergarten. Music and Movement encourages kids to stretch, sing, dance and explore music with rhythm instruments.

Monday afternoons will feature **Learn and Play** at 4 p.m. for ages 0-5, with stories, songs and play time. The last event of each month will include an interactive group time for parents and caregivers, with refreshments.

On Wednesdays, each week of the month will feature a different type of event at 3 p.m. for children 6 and older. First week: **Crafternoons** — art projects. Second week: **Movie**. Third week: **LEGO Day** — a monthly LEGO challenge. Fourth week: Hands-on **STEM Event** involving science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The new schedule replaces the previous storytime schedule starting in November.

ALSO AT ASHEBORO

Healthy Happy Kids, 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 6, ages 12 and under. Diabetes awareness for kids with hands-on activities.

Junior Book Club, 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, ages 8 and up. Book discussion, activities, refreshments.

Homeschool Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 7. "Pollinators at the Library."

ARCHDALE

Family Film Nights: 7 p.m. Fridays. October 26:

Cinderella (live action); November 2: Beauty and the Beast (live action). Free refreshments! **Halloween Party**, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, children and families.

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*requires sign-up; call 336-498-3141

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls, * 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays thru November 28. Free workshop on fall awareness and mobility confidence building for adults.

Full STEAM Ahead: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 1, ages K-5th grade. Code & Go Robot Mouse activity.

Connie's Crafting Corner, * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 6, ages 16 and up. Winter Wonderland Wine Glass Candle Holder.

Full STEAM Ahead: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 1, ages 3rd-8th grade. Electronic Snap Circuits.

Teens & Tweens: Take A Note: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, ages 11-15. Recycle a DVD case into a notepad holder; make a sun print and a UV color changing bead bracelet.

Big & Little Thanksgiving Tea: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 20, ages K-5th grade. Thanksgiving Tea for children and caregivers.

Mystery Science: How Can the Sun Tell You the Season? * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, ages K-5th grade.

Laptops for Learning: HeritageQuest: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, ages 16-up. With librarian/genealogist Ann Palmer.

FRANKLINVILLE

Family Storytime, 4 p.m. Thursdays except November 22. Sail the high seas during pirate-themed storytimes in November. Songs, stories, crafts, fun! For more info, call the library at 336-685-3100.

LIBERTY

Kids Can Create, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. November 1: Robots Rule. November 8 and 29: LEGO Free Build. November 15: 3D printing hands-on instruction; assemble a printed object.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly countywide. Find schedules at www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 30.

Book Break (Archdale): *Any Dream Will Do* by Debbie Macomber, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 20.



Elephant, Piggie thrill at Fall Fest

Elephant and Piggie from the Mo Willems book series thrilled children and parents alike at Asheboro's Fall Festival on Saturday, October 6, at the library's booth outside the Friends of the Library Bookshop.


Children's librarians offered kids a chance to win a prize (everyone won), and surveyed parents about library services. They engaged some 925 kids during the day.

Teen Yoga continues

"Stress-Buster Yoga for Students" continues with instructor jacquie Reininger at 6 p.m. Thursdays, October 25, November 1 and 8. The classes are free; call 336-318-6803 to sign up. The classes focus on Yoga basics and stress management.

Teen Zone Talk

Embark on a fantasy journey with a fearless crew of warriors, mages, elves and orcs in **Intro to Dungeons and Dragons**, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, November 15, ages 12 and up. All skill levels welcome. At 4 p.m. Thursday, November 29, It's time to yell "YAAS!" for YA books in the **YAAS Book Club**, featuring empowering literature for teens. First up: *The Philosopher's Flight* by Tom Miller.



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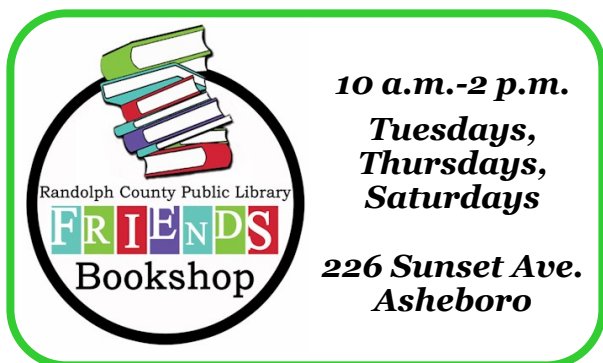
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Asheboro library automatic sliding doors to be installed on October 31

♣ **Automatic sliding doors will be installed at the Asheboro library beginning Wednesday, October 31.**

Installation is likely to take one and one-half days. The main entrance is expected to be closed for part of the day on Wednesday. When the entrance is closed,

library visitors can use the emergency doors on the Cox Street side of the library. Those with mobility impairments can enter through the Extension Services Department on the east side of the building; library staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist.

Funding for the new doors was provided by the City of Asheboro in its 2018-2019 library budget.