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Friends bookshop reopens on Saturdays

♣ The Friends of the Library Bookshop, closed since March due to the pandemic, has reopened from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays.

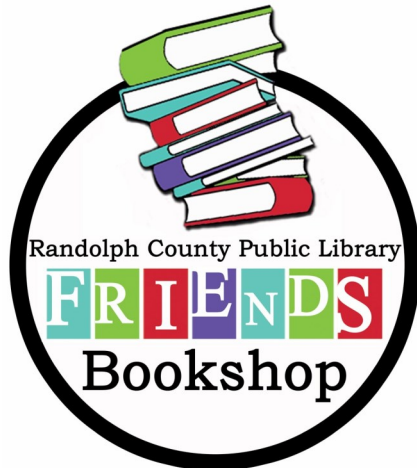
To keep Friends volunteers and customers safe, capacity is limited to six shoppers at one time, and all visitors must wear face coverings.

With a limited number of people allowed in the building, customers are encouraged to make their selections in a timely fashion.

All visitors must remain six feet from others at all times.

The bookshop also will resume receiving donations of books in good condition. Due to the pandemic, the Friends are limiting donations to two grocery bags of books per donor.

The shop is located at 226 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro. All proceeds from sales go to library book budgets.



Asheboro Children's Room staffers Becky Knorpp, Emily Ledbetter, Alexis Spencer and Samantha Colwell get musical with ukuleles from the library's new collection.

Learn to play ukulele with library's new kits

♣ You too can tiptoe through the tulips just like Tiny Tim with a ukulele kit from the Asheboro library Children's Room.

Each kit includes a ukulele, a tuner, a chord chart and a case, and can be checked out for three weeks at a time. Beginner books also are available for checkout.

When a kit is returned, it is sanitized before the next use. Although the kits were developed with children in mind, they are available for all ages six and up.

To checkout one of the five kits, call the library or look up "ukulele kit" in the library catalog to place one on hold.

Libraries to maintain current level of service for now

The Randolph County Public Library will maintain its current level of service for the time being, rather than reopen its buildings further to the public. Based on an assessment by the county government Crisis Management Team, and taking into account a spike in COVID-19 case numbers and positive test rates in the county, we have made the decision to delay opening the buildings to the public out of an abundance of caution and for the health and safety of the community. Please continue to take advantage of our curbside services, telephone assistance, virtual programming, digital media and parking lot WiFi.

Archdale
336-431-3811
Fax 336-431-4619
10433 S. Main St.
Mon-Thur 9-8;
Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

Asheboro
336-318-6800
Fax 336-318-6823
201 Worth St.
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-5

Randolph Room
336-318-6815
Mon-Tues 9-8
Wed-Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

John W. Clark
(Franklinville)
336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 2-6;
Wed 10-2; Sun. 2-5

Liberty
336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-2665
239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon, Wed-Fri 9-5;
Tues 9-7; Sat 9-1

Ramseur
336-824-2232
Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 8:30-5

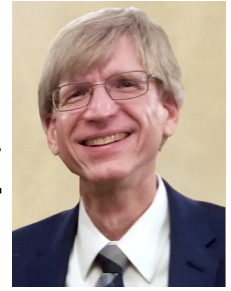
Randleman
336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
142 W. Academy St.
Mon-Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-1

Seagrove
336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;
Sat 10-3

Extension Service
336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Just when you thought it was safe...

♣ **In the good ol' days of late September, we were putting the finishing touches on our plans to reopen library buildings to the public.**

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the county was trending downward and the percentage of positive test results was low.

We were expecting to open for browsing and checkout, desktop computing and Internet, and, at Asheboro and Archdale, indoor WiFi/study table use.

Our priorities would be to reduce risk to the health and safety of patrons and staff by limiting the number of people in the libraries at any one time and limiting the time people would spend inside.

Because the concept of libraries and library buildings themselves are designed to do none of the above, we had developed a workable, if imperfect, system at each library to accommodate as many people as possible for as long a time as seemed reasonable at the particular library.

You would check in at a welcome station, undergo a no-contact, hand-scan temperature check, be offered a face covering if you were not wearing one, and — if spaces were available — proceed into the library.

From everything we heard from our patrons, you were willing to put up with the complexities to get back to some semblance of normal library use.

Now, for the time being, everything is on hold as COVID-19 cases spike again in Randolph County, and county government is retrenching for the health and safety of the

community. We are as eager to increase access for you as you are to visit us, but we must act in a deliberate and careful fashion.

While the library's glass may seem half-empty to some, let's look at the half-full aspect. Our gallant staff continues to provide exceptional service to the community under difficult circumstances.

Here are the services we are currently offering:

- Curbside pick-up of requested items;
- Curbside pick-up of computer printouts, and curbside faxing;
- Telephone reference services;
- Expanded ebook, e-audiobook and e-magazine collections;
- Virtual children's and some virtual adult programming;
- Curbside pick-up of activity kits for children;
- Limited in-person outdoor children's activities;
- No-contact delivery and pick-up of materials for Extension Services clients;
- Parents as Teachers virtual home visits;
- Randolph Room researchers by appointment; and
- Parking lot WiFi.

The unusual circumstances also have given our staff the opportunity to innovate — just give a listen to the insightful new "Dave and the Borrowers" podcast, or learn to play ukulele by checking out one of the Children's Room's new kits, to get an idea of the concepts we're putting into practice.

Nevertheless, we long for the time we meet again in person, when, like the song says, "the skies will seem more blue."

Charity Neave Johnson named manager of Franklinville and Seagrove libraries

♣ Charity Neave Johnson, formerly manager of the Liberty Public Library, has been named branch manager of the Seagrove and Franklinville libraries.

Current Liberty children's specialist Brenda Hornsby-Heindl took over as Liberty manager on October 9.

Johnson joined the Liberty library in 2018 after 13 years with the Greensboro Public Library.

Previously, both libraries had part-time managers. When both managers departed within a few months of each other, the part-time manager positions were converted into one full-time position.

Neave Johnson will divide her time between the libraries, while in the short term supporting Hornsby-Heindl through the transition in Liberty.

Additional part-time hours also have been added at the Seagrove and Franklinville libraries.

Podcast to feature health director Hayes

♣ "Dave and the Borrowers" continue their library podcast in October with a discussion featuring Randolph County Public Health Director Susan Hayes.

Hayes will talk about her role as public health director and how her perspectives on the pandemic have changed over the last eight months.

The podcast is expected to be posted by October 22. It can be found at Dave-and-

the-borrowers.simplecast.com, or via your favorite podcast service. Keep an eye out at Facebook.com/randolphlibrary and Twitter (@RCPL) for new installments.

The September podcast featured County History Librarian Mac Whatley on the importance of local history.

Dave and the Borrowers will go on hiatus for November and December, and return in January.

Build a birdfeeder at Randleman library

♣ Teens and tweens can "Create and Explore: The Birds!" in November by building a birdfeeder with a free take-home kit supplied by the Randleman library.

Then, use the provided book *What Bird is This?* To do a little birdwatching and identify the birds in your backyard. Participants will have a chance to win an Origami Birds kit.

Kids ages 11-15 can call the library at 336-498-3141 to register and pick up supplies.

Also at Randleman during November:

Connie's Make and Take: Scrabble Canvas Art. Adults and teens age 16 and up can use Scrabble letters, vinyl and a key to create a beautiful keepsake for their family.

Call the library to register and pick up supplies.

The **November Activity Pack: Signs of the Season** for children K-8th grade includes pumpkin moon pie sand, crunchy fall leaf pictures, "Turkey on the Run," a fall leaf graph and nature symmetry prints, and a turkey trap.

Call the library to register for the STEAM activity and pick up a kit.



Virtual Book Clubs

Asheboro: Join us for a book club using the library's Go-To-Meeting online conference tool, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, October 29. Talk about 1-2 books you've read recently, and join a free-for-all discussion at the end. You will need a computer with sound and a microphone to participate; you can also join by phone.

To sign up, contact Meghan Carter, mcarter@randolphlibrary.org. You will receive a link to the conference.

Liberty: *A Land More Kind than Home* by Wiley Cash at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 19. Email library@townoflibertync.org for a link to the live, interactive discussion, and call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for a copy of the book.

Barbershop books

The Liberty library is placing books for children in barbershops in the community, so kids can read while they wait. The project is sponsored by a grant from the Youth Services Section of the North Carolina Library Association.

Free Ancestry.com access extended thru December 31

Free remote access to Ancestry Library Edition, the library version of Ancestry.com, has been extended through December 31. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/randrm> to log in with your

library card/REAL2 student ID and PIN.

Ancestry Library Edition is usually available only at the library, but Ancestry.com is offering access from anywhere during the pandemic.

Grab a Thanksgiving craft bag at Asheboro in November

...and other events at libraries around the county

♣ It's turkey time, friends and families!

Stop by the Asheboro library anytime during the week of November 16-25 and pick up a Thanksgiving Craft Bag while supplies last. Crafts include weaving mats and turkey decorations; and hands-on activities for strength, early literacy and mindfulness.

Best for ages three and up; call 336-318-6804 for further information.

Happy Halloween Goody Bags

The Archdale library is offering Happy Halloween Goody Bags for children from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, October

30. Parents can call the library to reserve a bag for curbside pick-up.

Sidewalk Book Sale

The Franklinville library will host a Sidewalk Book Sale November 2-9 during library hours. Pick up an old favorite or a new classic outside the library. Call 336-685-3100 for details and hours.

Festive Wreaths and Bows

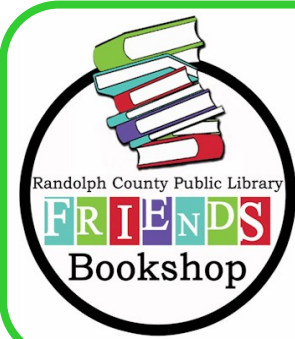
Also at Franklinville, learn how to make simple bows and wreaths with ribbons in an outdoor event at 3 p.m. Monday, November 9, weather permitting. Reserve your spot by calling the library.

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Asheboro, NC 27203

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Saturdays
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Asheboro
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In Memory of: Chee Chee Brown
By: Reviewers Book Club

In Memory of: Tony Goldston
By: Lynne R. Qualls

In Memory of: Hannah Marie James
By: Brenda Lance
Gail Swaringen

Picnic tables ease use of WiFi in the Asheboro library parking lot

During sunny fall days, enjoy the Asheboro library's free WiFi from the comfort of picnic tables in the parking lot. Five tables have been placed in parking lot islands or on the lawn of the library building to accommodate those who need Internet access. Free WiFi is available from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week. Parking lot WiFi is generally available at all seven libraries.

