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Series ♦ 21-22*

'Breach of Peace'

Mike Wiley's performance honors 1961 Freedom Riders

♣ On May 24, 1961, 19-year-old Jean Thompson boarded a Trailways bus in Montgomery, Alabama, with 11 other young Freedom Riders bound for New Orleans — and history.

Actor, playwright and director Mike Wiley's one-man show, *Breach of Peace*, honors the courage of these young people — and some 300 more who took up the mantle to desegregate buses over the next three months, facing assault and arrest and shining a light on a brutal, segregated South.

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE
TO COVID 19 SAFETY CONCERNS.
RESCHEDULE DATE TBD.**

The series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Library. Attendees are requested to wear face coverings.

Wiley — creator and performer of multiple one-man documentary dramas and full-cast plays — is no stranger to Asheboro, having developed a staging of Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man* for Randolph Reads in 2014, and seeing his play *Leaving Eden* performed by RhinoLeap Productions.

His other works include *The Parchman Hour*, *Downrange: Stories from the Homefront*, *Dar He: The Story of Emmett Till*, the theatrical adaptation of *Blood Done Sign My Name* and more. The film adaptation of *Dar He*, in which Wiley portrayed 30-plus roles, received more than



Actor/playwright/director Mike Wiley in *Breach of Peace*.
(photo by Chris Charles for Creative Silence)

40 major film festival awards around the globe, and *The Parchman Hour* was selected as the closing event of the official 50th year anniversary commemoration of the Freedom Riders in Jackson, Mississippi.

For 20 years, Wiley has provided documentary theatre for young audiences, plus film, television and regional theatre. His overriding goal is expanding cultural awareness for audiences of all ages through dynamic portrayals based on pivotal moments in African-American history and, in doing so, helping to unveil a richer picture of the total American experience.

The final event of the 2021-22 series will be performance speed painter Tim Decker, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19.



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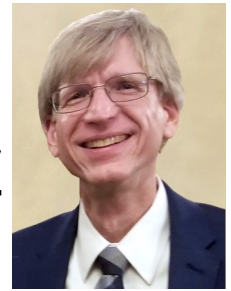
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The other epidemic rolls on

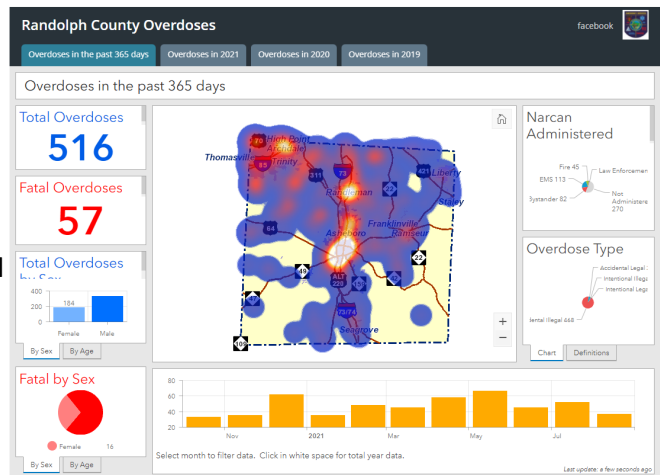
♣ **The library had a small role in an award honoring several Randolph County government agencies for the county's response to the opioid epidemic.**

Yes, the opioid epidemic is still with us, even in the midst of the pandemic, with overdose deaths remaining high and the burden on families, loved ones and the community significant.

Randolph County has been proactive in addressing the crisis, starting with its innovative Community Leadership Forum in August 2017 that served as a statewide model.

The county continues to raise awareness and provide information about the epidemic, and in doing so has received a 2021 Excellence in Innovation Award from the Local Government Employees Federal Credit Union.

The award recognizes the county's Opioid Epidemic Outreach initiative. From the county's homepage (randolphcountync.gov), viewers can link to an interactive resource page "that breaks down overdose data in nearly real-time, and also by year, month, type, age, sex [and other factors]. It also provides information on the number of times Narcan or Naloxone was used by bystanders and/or responders. It provides a heat map that illustrates areas of higher concentrations so that education and mitigation can be focused in the geographic areas."



The opioid statistical resource developed by Randolph County Emergency Services and IT/GIS Mapping departments.

The library's part is a multifaced carousel of books in the collection on all aspects of the epidemic. Viewers can click on the carousel links to find resources on public policy issues surrounding the epidemic; addiction, treatment and recovery; non-drug pain therapies; and personal experiences. Clicking on a book in a carousel finds it in the library catalog, where the viewer can place a hold on it.

The carousel, along with additional links and resources, also are featured on our website at randolphlibrary.org/opioid.htm.

I'm one of those named on the award, but real credit goes to the others:

- Jared Byrd, Emergency Services;
- Linda Smith, IT/GIS Mapping;
- Donovan Davis, Emergency Services;
- Pat Voncannon, Emergency Services;
- Susan Hayes, recently retired from Randolph County Public Health.



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Podcast to feature RhinoLeap's Skidmore

♣ This month's installment of the library's "Dave and the Borrowers" podcast will feature a one-on-one chat with Jeremy Skidmore, artistic director of RhinoLeap Productions.

The interview will be available by October 21 on your favorite podcast platforms and at Dave-and-the-borrowers.simplecast.com.

The discussion will focus on Skidmore's professional theatrical career, tracing a story arc from his high school and college experiences to the present, including insights about taking the hard roads,

knowing when a break is needed and being willing to adjust course when the unexpected occurs.

Skidmore will share anecdotes about his time abroad in Asia and Europe, and wisdom about finding and keeping a professional balance.

"Skidmore's life experience is an excellent encouragement to anyone seeking employment in the arts and entertainment field or for those who are just embarking on the strange seas of adulthood," says Dave (that is, Teen Services Librarian Dave Bare).

Take a Home School Hike on Ridges Mtn and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ Homeschoolers are invited to join Ms. Becky from the library and Ms. Kathy from the NC Zoo Kids Zone for a hike at the Ridges Mountain Preserve.

The hike will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 3. Call the Asheboro library Children's Room for information about the meet-up.

To be added to the Homeschool email list to learn about upcoming events, email bknorpp@randolphlibrary.org.

Learn quick pickling

In honor of National Pickle Day (November 14), learn the basics of quick pickling with the Franklinville library. You can pickle practically anything easily at home with some basic ingredients. The virtual event will be posted at randolphlibrary.org/Franklinville and [Facebook.com/fvlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/fvlibrary) at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 14.

Día de los Muertos in Liberty

Build a community altar for the week of November 4-9 to celebrate ancestors, family members, loved ones and lost pets as Liberty recognizes Día de los Muertos.

Help set up the altar on Saturday, October 30, by adding photographs and/or items relating to your lost loved one or pet. Items and photos may be brought throughout the week, and will be returned to owners on November 11.

Manga party at Liberty

Liberty teens are invited to a manga party at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 6. Watch a manga movie on the big screen, make your own bubble tea, meet other manga readers, and check out new additions to the library's collection.

Take home kits at Randleman

Take home kits are available at the Randleman library for all ages during November. Call 336-498-3141 to schedule a pick-up time. Those 16 and up can Take and Make a turkey pin and cloth pumpkin. Teens and tweens ages 11-15 can make a cloth pumpkin and cloth candle ring. School-age kids can pick up a kit that includes a book "bite" and a STEAM activity. Preschoolers can take home a storytime kit with a link to a virtual story and a craft.

There's more — see next page!



Book Discussions

Asheboro: *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 30

Liberty: *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by Victoria Schwab, 6 p.m. Thursday, November 18. Call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for a copy of the book.

Liberty fundraiser

Visitors to the Liberty library can contribute \$5 during November to commemorate a friend or loved one on a book spine tree ornament. The tree will debut during the last week of November, and be on display during December. Half the proceeds go to the library; half go to a local food bank.

Bilingual stories

Bilingual storytimes return to the Asheboro Children's Room for kids age 0-6 at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 30. Look for more in coming months.

Family Movie

The Asheboro Children's Room will host Family Movie Night at 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, featuring *Paw Patrol: The Movie*.

'Ready, Set Hatch' continues, moves to Seagrove

Baby chicks incubated at the Franklinville library will hatch at the Seagrove library, and you can visit them in a special event at 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 3.

Learn about heritage breed chickens, the life cycle of a chicken, and how chicks develop in the egg.

The heritage breed eggs were provided by Randolph County 4-H.



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By: Ogburn and Eleanor Yates

In Memory of: Sarah and David Stedman
By: Ogburn and Eleanor Yates

Events around the county (continued from page 3)

Autumn wreaths

Create an elegant wreath with objects found in nature: berries, twigs, leaves, grasses — whatever you have on hand. The virtual activity for adults and teens will be posted at 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, at randolphlibrary.org/franklinville and [Facebook.com/fvlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/fvlibrary).

Café con Conchas

Hang out with your Liberty neighbors on every second Sunday, 11 a.m. at the Liberty library's Café

con Conchas. Come practice your Spanish or English, meet new people and community members, and enjoy great treats.

Liberty movies

Liberty library's Fourth Friday Free Movie on November 19 will be Marvel's The Black Panther on the big screen outdoors. The area opens at 6:30 p.m., with the movie starting at 7:30 p.m. (or dark). Come early for crafts and games related to the movie; bring a picnic. Free popcorn!