



Pughs pen definitive Naomi Wise account

New Salem couple to debut book at Randleman library

♣ No Randolph County legend is better known — locally and nationally — than the murder of Naomi Wise by Jonathan Lewis.

Now, Randleman area historians Hal Pugh and Eleanor Minnock-Pugh have separated history from myth in their book *Naomi 'Omie' Wise: Her Life, Death and Legend*, published in September by McFarland.

The Pughs will talk about their book and sign copies at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 15, at the Randleman library. Books will be available for purchase.

On the night of April 5, 1807, Wise was drowned in the Deep River below present-day Randleman by Lewis, whose child she was said to be carrying. Arrested for the crime, Lewis escaped the Randolph County jail and fled to the rugged Indiana Territory, where he had family.

Seized by bounty hunters five years later and turned over to Randolph County authorities, Lewis was tried and, owing to the passage of time and memory, acquitted.

On his deathbed, allegedly tormented by his deed, he is said to have confessed to Wise's murder.

The legend was expressed in a murder ballad that penetrated the national consciousness to the degree that



Hal Pugh and Eleanor Minnock-Pugh

several other places claim the story. The song has been recorded many times over, by among others Bob Dylan and Doc Watson.

In the book, the Pughs, whose families have lived in the area since the 18th century and are descendants of people who knew Naomi Wise or were involved in the murder investigation, delve into public records, written accounts and oral traditions from North Carolina to Indiana.

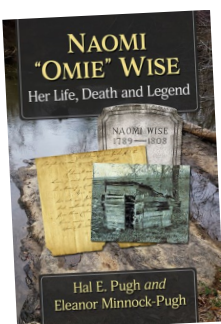
In doing so, they bring life and light to the story of a young woman betrayed, and how her death gave way to the folk traditions by which she is remembered today. They also shed light on the plight of

impoverished young women in early American, and detail the fascinating inner workings of the Piedmont North Carolina Quaker community that cared for Naomi in her final years and kept her memory alive.

Both Hal and Eleanor are graduates of Appalachian State University, Hal with a degree in anthropology, and Eleanor with a degree in education. Hal's research on Quaker history and ceramics has been published in *The Southern Friend* journal of the North Carolina Friends Historical Society and in *Ceramics in America*.

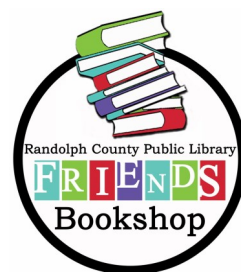
Eleanor's research on Quaker history and ceramics has been published in *Ceramics in America*.

They are owners and operators of New Salem Pottery, located outside Randleman in the environs where Naomi Wise's story unfolded.



Mark your calendars for big Friends book sale

It's not exactly "everything must go," but everything will go for 50 percent off during a special sale at the Friends of the Library Bookshop, December 9-15. The sale will kick off from 6-9 p.m. Friday, December 9, during Asheboro's Christmas Downtown (formerly Christmas on Sunset), and will continue the following week during regular bookshop hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, December 10; Tuesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 15. The sale will enable the bookshop to make space for ongoing donations. The bookshop is located at 226 Sunset Ave.



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Ross A. Holt



What are we printing today?

♣ **Need a frog? Or a ghost? A "Paw Patrol" badge? Or perhaps a Millennium Falcon?**

Make them, or something from your imagination, on the 3D printers in the Asheboro library's Children's Room.

Mid-pandemic, the Children's Room, as part of virtual activities available while the library was closed to the public, began offering 3D-printed items from designs uploaded by kids to the library website.

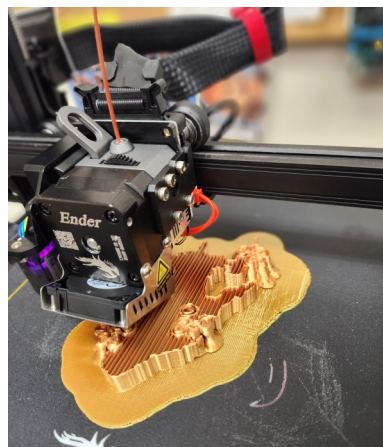
The initiative continues, and has proven to be popular not just with children but their parents as well.

"Our mission is to help close technology gaps and keep kids curious about advancements in technology that could

potentially become second nature in their future fields," says Samantha Martin, head of Youth Services.

"Familiarity with technology such as 3D printing also builds self-esteem, promotes confidence and encourages a sense of wonder as children see their 3D designs come to life layer by layer."

Kids can visit www.randolphlibrary.org/



One of the library's 3D printers makes a Halloween monster.

3Dprinting to request a print job and upload a design. The design can be one of their own, one found on an Internet site like Thingiverse, or one that they create through Tinkercad, an online design tool for beginners and experts alike that is linked to from the library page.

A video developed by Martin showing how to print a personalized keychain using Tinkercad

provides instructions.

Favorite designs have included toys, animals and creatures. One girl worked with her father to build a robot for a school project — uploading the design six times until all the parts worked together correctly.

Something that impresses Martin is that many children use the 3D printers to show kindness by printing items to give to friends.

Adults like it too — parents inspired by their children's activities are sending in their designs for printing. A mom created a medicine organizer, and a dad made a bracket to replace damaged cupboard hardware.

Another aspect of the 3D printing service is social media engagement. Martin says kids love to guess "what are we printing now" when photos of in-the-works projects are uploaded to the library's Instagram.

Want to find out more? Visit www.randolphlibrary.org/3Dprinting.



Some of the items noted at the top of this article.

Explore Lumbee culture at Asheboro

♣ Learn about the culture of the Lumbee and other indigenous peoples in two events in November at the Asheboro library.

Dial-Stanley to talk about pinecone craft

Delve into the importance of the pinecone for the Lumbee with heritage leader Henrietta Raven Dial-Stanley, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 10.

The Lumbee tribe is the largest Native American tribe in North Carolina. Dial-Stanley, an enrolled member, will lead a free textile pinecone craft activity and provide a short history lesson.

"I use my artistry to tell the story of my people and our presence," she says.

An activist with Missing and Murdered



Henrietta Raven Dial-Stanley

Indigenous Women, Dial-Stanley is a 2021 graduate of UNC-Greensboro. She has a degree in consumer, apparel and retail studies with a concentration in apparel product design.

Storytime to feature storyteller Bell

Join the Children's Room for an "Indigenous Peoples Storytime," 10 a.m.

Wednesday, November 2, with Lumbee storyteller Stephen Bell.

The event will include stories, activities and crafts. It will be recorded and posted on the library's YouTube account for anyone unable to attend in person.

Bell is an American Indian Education coordinator with the Guilford County Schools.

Cook, eat healthy at Liberty library

...and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ Adults and teens can learn about "Healthy Eating and Cooking on a Budget" at 4 p.m. Friday, November 4, at the Liberty library.

Join Jeannie Leonard of Randolph County Cooperative Extensions to learn about how to cook healthy on a budget, and how to use tools like a crockpot/slow cooker for delicious, simple meals.

EcoEXPLORE in Asheboro

Greensboro Science Center educator Kelsey Hughes will visit the Asheboro library to share cool facts about different kinds of mammals, 4 p.m. Thursday, November 17. School age.

Mug cakes in the TeenZone

Cook up some mug cakes in the ALTZ

(Asheboro Library Teen Zone) at 4 p.m. Monday, November 21. Bring your decorated mug from the October event, or one will be provided. Ages 12 and up.

Seagrove sidewalk book sale

Pick up a classic or a new favorite at the Seagrove library's "Sidewalk Book Sale," Tuesday-Saturday, November 15-19, during regular library hours. Paperbacks are \$0.50; hardbacks are \$1.

Talk turkey with 4-H

Just in time for Thanksgiving, learn all about turkeys with Randolph County 4-H at Franklinville, Liberty and Seagrove. School age. Franklinville, 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 15. Liberty: 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 16. Seagrove, 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 8.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Nine Lives* by Peter Swanson, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 29.

Archdale Book Break: *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 15.

Liberty Book Club: *This A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 17.

BYO Book groups

At these book discussion groups, talk about a book or two that you've read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 8;

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, November 21.

Discuss short stories and essays.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up, 1 p.m. Monday, November 28, Liberty Senior Center, 128 S. Fayetteville Street.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, November 4;


Ramseur Book Club, 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 1;

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 17.

Liberty library to tell Latin American spooky tales

To end the week celebrating Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), listen to spooky stories from Latin America, including the tale of La Llorona, at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 5, at the

Liberty library. During the week of October 31-November 5, bring mementos to place on the library's Community Altar to celebrate ancestors, lost loved ones and pets.



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

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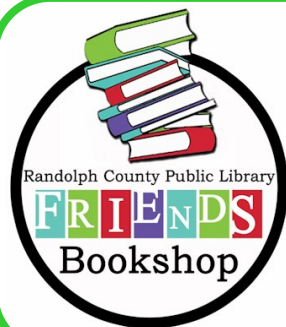
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Podcast to feature local hauntings

♣ **Join Dave and the Borrowers for "Scary (Podcast) Stories to Listen to in the Dark!" — a spooky storytelling episode just in time for Halloween.**

The podcast will feature Mary Murkin, owner of The Brightside Gallery in Asheboro, who will share some scary tales centered in downtown Asheboro and central

Randolph County. Gather your friends, warm up the pumpkin spice lattes and light some candles as Murkin chills listeners with spine-tingling stories and eerie epics.

The podcast will be available by October 27 on your favorite platform, and at dave-and-the-borrowers@simplecast.com.