



# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES **NEWS**

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## Company K returns, on film

***RhinoLeap to debut new screen version of tribute to Randolph County's WWI soldiers***



♣ The moving stage play *Company K: From Asheboro to the Fields of France* is now a film, and will have its world premiere in a Veteran's Day event at the Sunset Theatre, 7:30 p.m. **Saturday, November 11.**

A Q&A with the actors and playwright Barbara Presnell will follow the screening.

The presentation is part of the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series, sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Library.

Company K, Randolph County's unit of the State Militia (now the National Guard), was called into service and sent to fight in France during World War I. With the Randolph County soldiers in the vanguard, Allied forces attacked the German Hindenburg Line defensive position at Bellicourt on September 29, 1918, breaking the enemy line and hastening the end of the war.

In the single day of battle, Company K suffered over 60 percent casualties, with 23 young men killed.

The play was conceived by staff at the Randolph County Public Libraries and commissioned by the City of



***Randolph County soldiers come to grips with the end of the war in a scene from Company K: From Asheboro to the Fields of France.***

Asheboro to memorialize the 100th anniversary of the battle in 2018.

The production was directed by RhinoLeap Artistic Director Jeremy Skidmore and features original music by Christen Blanton Mack and Mark Dillon.

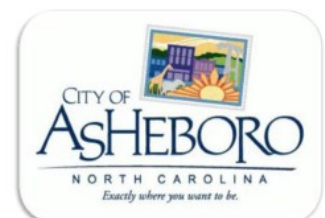
Presnell crafted the script using original documents and letters home from the troops, including those from her own grandfather, First

Sergeant Ernest E. Bunting.

RhinoLeap first produced the show as a one-time event on September 29, 2018. Since the original staging, it has been revived twice in Asheboro, and toured to Troy, N.C.

During the second revival in February 2023, RhinoLeap filmed the production on stage at the Sunset Theatre and at other Asheboro locations, including the theatre rooftop, the Historic Courthouse, the Old City Cemetery, Mill 133, Back to Earth Farm, Leo's Whiskey Bar, and on Worth Street. The film will be packaged with educational material about World War I for use in school classrooms.

Begun in 2018, the Sunset Signature Series brings high profile speakers and performers to the Sunset Theatre to showcase the theatre and downtown Asheboro.



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

*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



# Self-checkout goes live

♣ **In mid-September we deployed our first self-checkout station at the Asheboro library, and I decided I'd give it a try.**

I placed a book and a DVD on the tempered glass surface, and slid my phone, open to my library card barcode in the Randolph County Public Libraries mobile app, under the scanner. I followed a couple of quick prompts onscreen and like lightning, my items were checked out.

I could choose to receive a printed date due slip, an email slip, or no slip. And I was done.

The fast, efficient self-checkout stations are now in operation at all seven libraries. There's even one in the Asheboro library children's room, immediately popular among parents and kids laden with books to take home.

Asheboro's stations went into action on September 14, and accounted for 15 percent of checkouts for the entire month. The intrepid early adopters at the Ramseur library had their station installed on September 25, but still, 12 percent of their checkouts for the month were self-service.

We only expect those numbers to increase.

Self-checkout is part of a larger project to streamline our materials handling with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID). For example, a stack of books can be checked in or out all at once, with no need to scan each item.

We expect that the greater efficiency, in turn, will free staff for expanded service in

other areas, such as Mobile Library callouts.

Never fear, though — there always will be a friendly face at the front desk of each library.

RFID works through a radio frequency tag in each item, and readers — called antennas — at each self-checkout and circulation station. From March through August, our hardworking staff placed tags in some 275,000 items. It was more than just slapping a sticker on — once in place, the tag had to be associated with the item's barcode in our database.

The staff tackled this tedious task with dedication and enthusiasm.

In addition to more efficient handling of materials at all points, the RFID project also will make inventory of our collection a snap, allowing us to look at sections items on the shelf with a wand, rather than having to touch each item.

The RFID deployment is a two-year project developed and managed by Network Administration Ian Fletcher, who wrote and received two federal Library Services and Construction Act grants to fund it. Later this year, you'll see new security gates going up at each library — theft prevention is another capability of RFID (though we hope we find that theft is rare!).

Next time you're ready to take a book or movie home, give self-checkout a try.

*The RFID project is made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-252476-OLS-22).*

# Liberty seeks neurodiversity input

♣ **Drop in and tell Liberty library staff how the library can provide better service to neurodiverse people.**

The library will offer two “Neurodiversity in YOUR Library” sessions at which anyone can visit to take a short survey and explore kits being developed with resources for neurodiverse individuals, such as noise canceling headphones, light-dimming glasses and manipulatives.

The sessions are 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, and 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, November 7.

Participants can also make a sensory item to keep.

People who are neurodiverse may be on the autism spectrum or experience other atypical patterns of thought or behavior.

The library has received a grant from the American Library Association to initiate community conversations on how libraries can better serve these individuals.

## Archdale goes to the (therapy) dogs ...and more activities around the county

♣ **Kids in Archdale can read to therapy animals from 4-6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month beginning November 13.**

Licensed and insured therapy animals will be provided by volunteers from the Read with Me program, who will be present with their animals.

Call 336-431-3811 to register for a time slot.

Research has shown that children’s reading skills and confidence improves when they read to a friendly, non-judgmental therapy animal.

Asheboro’s Tails to Read therapy dog program is on hiatus while new therapy dogs and owners are being recruited.

### **DINovember!**

It’s DINovember at the Liberty library with two dinosaur-related events. First up is “Dueling Dinos with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences,” 3:30 p.m. Thursday, November 9. A museum educator will show how a Triceratops and a Tyrannosaurus Rex ended up fossilized together after what may have been a deadly duel. Best for ages six and up.

Then, attend a “TEA Rex Party” at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 11. A light treat, a craft, and dinosaur-related activities. Call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

### **Talking Turkey**

“Talk Turkey with 4-H” at the Seagrove library, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 15. School-agers are invited to learn all about turkeys with Randolph County 4-H.

### **Fall cooking**

The Liberty library will host “Fall Cooking with the NC Cooperative Extension” for adults, 2:30 p.m. Friday, November 3. Local Food Systems Agent Sophie Farlow will share recipes and techniques for making apple coleslaw, and tips for Thanksgiving cooking. Time permitting, a lightly sweetened pumpkin dip will be made.

### **Hot Wheels**

Build a race track to get your Hot Wheels car from one point to the other in a fun STEAM activity at the Asheboro library, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 7. Part of the weekly Kidventure Club, best for ages 7-up.

**There’s more: check with your local library for lots more activities for all ages!**



## **Book discussions**

**Asheboro Reads:** *Mexican Gothic* by Taylor Silvia Moreno-Garcia, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 31.

**Archdale Book Break:** *Marley* by John Clinch, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 21.

**Franklinville: Snippets Book Club**, 12:30 p.m. Monday, November 20.

**Liberty Book Club:** *All the Children are Home* by Patry Francis, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 16.

## **BYO book groups**

Talk about books that you’ve read recently.

**Archdale: Book Bites**, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 14.

**Liberty Readers Meet-Up**, 1 p.m. Monday, November 27, Liberty Senior Center, now located in the former Town Hall adjoining the library.

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

**Ramseur Page Turners**, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 7.

**Seagrove: Un-Book Club**, 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 28.

## **Tech classes**

Asheboro tech classes in November will answer the question, “What is Artificial Intelligence and How Does it Work,” in four repeated sessions at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 8; and 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 22.

## **Book clubs for kids & teens**

**Asheboro: Family Book Club and Game Night:** 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 28. Discuss your favorite book, play games!

**Liberty: Manga Meet-Up at the Library**, 1 p.m. Saturday, November 18, Ages 11 and up.

Crafts, activities, treats and videos related to manga and comic books.

**Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club**, 3:30 p.m. Friday, November 17, 6th-8th graders. Bring a book you’d like to share with others.



# Popular prof Smallwood to discuss American Revolution

♣ “North Carolina and Its People on the Eve of and During the Revolution, 1765-1783” is the topic of a talk by Dr. Arwin Smallwood, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 9, at the Asheboro library.



Dr. Arwin Smallwood

Smallwood is professor and chair of the Department of History and Political Science at N.C. A&T State University, and recipient of the Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service, one of the top two annual awards bestowed

Smallwood will discuss African Americans and Native Americans in North Carolina before, during and after the war, and how the experiences shaped their lives, as well as the lives of all North Carolinians.

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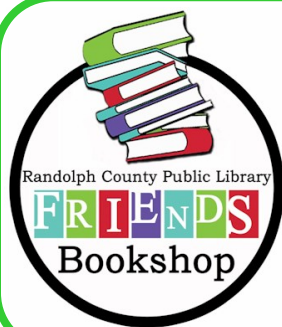
A native of Windsor, N.C., he holds a Ph.D. in early U.S. and African American History from Ohio State University.

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By: Sam and Missy Rankin

### *To the Friends of the Library*

To: Friends of the Library  
By: Charles and Susan Sweirs

In Memory of: Susan Noble McCrary  
By: Randy and Robin Moffitt

## Lumbee storytellers to share tribal lore

♣ Lumbee storytellers Raven Dial-Stanley and Stephen Bell will visit the Asheboro library in November

The TeenZone will present “Indigenous Storytelling with Raven” at 4 p.m. Monday, November 13. Dial-Stanley will share mythology and stories from the history of the



Raven Dial-Stanley

Lumbee people.

The Children’s Room will host “Native American Storytelling with Stephen Bell” at 4 p.m. Tuesday, November 14.

Bell, Guilford County Schools Lumbee American Indian Education Coordinator, will tell captivating stories from Lumbee history.