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Coming soon: get hold, overdue notices by text

♣ Choose to receive hold, overdue and other library notices by text, email or phone with a new notification system expected to begin operation by November 1.

Currently, notices are available only by phone or email.

The new system, Message Bee, also will make library email notices more attractive, and enable them to include information about upcoming events.

Over the next months, library staff will offer patrons the opportunity to update their notice options when they checkout items, and also to subscribe to weekly library e-newsletters, including:

- **Wowbrary**, arriving by email on Saturday mornings, featuring all the new items (books, DVDS and audio, as well as ebooks, e-audiobooks and e-magazines) that have arrived in the library's collections in the past week;
- **Randolph County Public Libraries E-News**, an email newsletter featuring events and activities in all libraries coming up in the next week.

If you want to alert us about your notification preference in advance, and/or immediately subscribe to either or both newsletters, visit **www.randolphlibrary.org/notices** and fill out a brief form.

Pick up Food Hub products at Archdale, Liberty

♣ The Archdale and Liberty libraries are now pick-up sites for the Randolph County Food Hub.

The Food Hub, operated by N.C. Rooted Community Agriculture at the Randolph County Agricultural Center, is a year-round online marketplace offering locally-grown, caught, raised and prepared products.

Customers can visit **randolphcountyfoodhub.localfoodmarketplace.com** to place orders from local producers, who upload products for sale and set prices. Inventory is updated weekly.

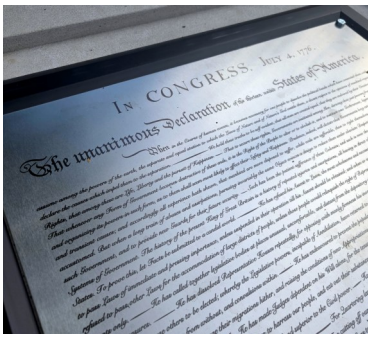
When placing orders, customers choose a pick-up location. Those locations now include:

- Randolph County Agricultural Center, Asheboro, noon-6 p.m. Wednesdays;
- Archdale Public Library, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays;
- Liberty Public Library, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Every order supports local farmers, keeps food dollars in the community, and helps increase access to fresh, local food throughout Randolph County and surrounding areas.

Charters of Freedom dedication slated for Veteran's Day

Join Randolph County's America 250 NC Committee and Randolph County Government for a ceremony dedicating the Charters of Freedom setting, 2 p.m. Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, at 147 Worth Street in Asheboro. The Charters of Freedom is a permanent outdoor display of America's founding documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and Civil Rights amendments to the Constitution. The charters are provided by Foundation Forward of Valdese, N.C., to bring the experience of viewing the nation's founding documents to places around the country. The ceremony will include placement of a time capsule into the setting and will feature keynote remarks by Dr. Bob Shackleford.



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from the director

Ross A. Holt

Parents as Teachers changes lives

♣ On June 10, Ashley O. became the first in her family to graduate from high school.

A participant in her school's JROTC program, Ashley enlisted in the Army and shipped off to boot camp after graduation.

Ashley's mother Gaby is a single mom who faced many obstacles including finances, depression and trauma. While pregnant with Ashley, Gaby was enrolled in the Randolph County Public Libraries Parents as Teachers (PAT) program.

Established in 2002 in partnership with the Randolph Partnership for Children, and still primarily funded by the Partnership, the PAT program sends parent educators twice-monthly into the homes of at-risk families to help parents develop the skills to prepare their young children to succeed in school. The program includes two parent educators, Amanda Wall and Alex Chavez, who in 2025-2026 served 58 families and 72 children.

Wall worked with Gaby, coaching her about reading with Ashley and responding effectively to Ashley's needs. When Ashley's three brothers came along, Wall was there to help Gaby with them.

Gaby worked hard to provide for her children. Under Wall's mentoring, Gaby read to them, talked to them and taught them the emotional skills they would need in the future.

When one of Gaby's sons was identified as having a speech delay, the PAT program was able to get him speech therapy before he started school.

Gaby's family is typical of those enrolled in the PAT program. Most of the families experience one or more stressors — young parenthood, low income, lack of a high school diploma or equivalent, a child with a disability or chronic health condition, or other difficult situations. In 2025-2026, 41 percent of PAT families had one stressor; 50 percent had two or three stressors, and 7 percent had four or more. Wall and Chavez often must help families deal with other life problems before the educational support can be effective.

Jose Martin and his mom also became a PAT family. His mom was very young when Wall encountered her while on a home visit with another family, and she immediately wanted to become part of the program.

"I remember she would push back the living room table and we would sit on the floor reading to Jose Martin," Wall says. "She did everything she could to ensure that he would have the best start in school possible."

Jose Martin, now in his early 20s and working in a trade, recently alerted Wall that his own daughter had been born. Wall made sure that he had books to read to her, and signed her up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Jose Martin sent Wall a picture of himself reading to his four-day-old daughter.

"He even read to her in the womb!" Wall says. "He told me that he remembers his mom reading to him and he wants to do the same for his newborn daughter. Jose and his wife are WELL on their way to being good parents and setting the stage for their daughters success in school and life."

Meanwhile, Gaby is seeing the fruits of her labor and sacrifices. Her older son also is in JROTC, her two youngest sons are prospering in school, and Ashely is serving in the Army.

It's an old slogan but true: Libraries (and Partnerships) Change Lives.

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Archdale, Seagrove to hold book sales

♣ Stock up on gently used books for your home library at the Archdale and Seagrove libraries in November.

Archdale's Fall Book Sale runs from Saturday, November 14, thru Wednesday, November 18.

Books are $1 except for mass market paperbacks, which go for 25 cents. Magazines are 10 cents. Fill a bag on Monday for $5, on Tuesday for $3, and on Wednesday for $1.

Seagrove's Fall Book Sale runs Tuesday, November 17, thru Saturday, December 5, and will feature books and DVDs for the whole family for $2 or less. Or, purchase a tote bag for $10 and fill it for free.

Paint a luminous wine bottle at Asheboro

...and other activities around the county

♣ Turn an ordinary bottle into a piece of seasonal magic in "Holiday Wine Bottle Painting," 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 16, at the Asheboro library.

With stencils provided, paint a clear or green wine bottle with charming holiday designs, from frosty snowmen and delicate snowflakes to ornaments, trees and more.

Each piece is unique and can be illuminated with a warm string of fairy lights inside. Whether used as a festive table centerpiece, cozy nightlight or a thoughtful, one-of-a-kind host gift, the upcycled painted bottle will bring a warm, handmade glow to your holiday season.

All materials, including wine bottles, will be provided.

Homeschool activities

Archdale, Liberty and Seagrove continue their offerings for homeschoolers.

Archdale's Homeschool Explorers will host a coding activity and take a field trip to a wildlife preserve. "Dash Robot Carnival: Launchers and Line Art" will let kids get hands-on with robotics, physics and art at 10 a.m. Friday, November 13.

Then on Friday, November 20, families can take a field trip to Tiger World in Rockwell, N.C., to learn about exotic animals and wildlife conservation. Call 336-431-3811 to register; entry fee $10 with 2 and under free.

Liberty's Homeschool Lab, 2 p.m. Thursday, November 19, will explore a fun science activity that uses a chemical reaction to create colorful, bubbling feathers. Ages K-5th grade; call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

Seagrove's Home School Adventures, 1 p.m. Tuesdays, will feature nature and animals. Uncover changing leaf colors, animal adaptation, turkeys, animal tracks, and more. Best for ages 7-11.

'Gobble Up a Good Book'

Ramseur's adult reading challenge, "Gobble Up A Good Book," invites readers to turn in an entry for each book they read from now until November 21. Each entry earns a chance at a $25 gift card from Carlie C's, awarded just in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

Get to know Google Docs

The Randleman library will offer "The Free and Easy Office: Google Drives and Docs" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, for adult learners ages 16 and up.

Anti-AI comes to Archdale

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is behind the scenes in so much of what you do online. In "AI in Secret," 2 p.m. Thursday, November 5, at the Archdale library, Digital Services Librarian Harris Mason will show you how you can identify it, and give you the tools to limit its impact on your daily life.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *A Pair of Aces* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 24.

Archdale Book Break: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhorn, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 17.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club. Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Monday, November 16.

Liberty Afternoon Book Club: *The Bookstore Diaries* by Susan Mallery, 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 17.

Liberty Brunch Book Club: *When Lemons Give You Life* by Anna Johnston, 11 a.m. Saturday, November 21.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale, Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 10.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 3.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, November 6.

Randleman Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, November 20.

Seagrove, Un-Book Club, 4 p.m. Friday, November 20.

Explore 'Pages from the Past' at Liberty museum

The Liberty library will join with the Liberty Heritage Museum to offer "Pages from the Past," 11 a.m. Saturday, November 14, for all ages. Visit stations on various aspects of 18th century life, including children's games, rifles and colonial currency. As part of the North Carolina Reads program, each family can take home a free copy of *Blue's March: An Overmountain Tale* by Katelynn A. Hatton.

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Do history on Saturdays with Randolph Room

♣ Collaborate with other researchers on your genealogy projects — and help preserve our local history — in two new opportunities from the Randolph Room.

On the first Saturday of each month beginning November 7, join the Family History Club, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Asheboro library.

Meet and greet your fellow researchers, learn about research resources or techniques in a brief presentation, and then go to work on your own project with mutual support available from your fellow researchers.

Volunteer Saturday will be the third Saturday of each month beginning November 21, same time and place.

Shed light on Randolph County history by helping with Randolph Room projects such as transcribing documents, organizing archival collections or maintaining the room's collection.

For more information, call the Randolph Room at 336-318-6815.