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Take the Superintendent's Reading Challenge!

♣ Dr. Seuss once said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

With that in mind, Asheboro City Schools Superintendent Dr. Terry Worrell is challenging the community to read 100,000 books now through summer 2016. "Reading is one of the foundational building blocks for developing sharp cognitive skills," Dr. Worrell says. "We know by partnering with our students and their families, we can achieve the goal of reading 100,000 books throughout this school year and over the summer. With this challenge, we hope to increase and enhance the love of reading in our students."

The library invites all reader to take up the challenge, and to track and report the number of book you read. Simply fill out and submit the form at www.randolphlibrary.org/100k, and also consider sharing any comments you have about the importance to you of reading. You also can submit forms on paper at the Asheboro library.



Dr. Terry Worrell
Asheboro City Schools Superintendent



BLUEGRASS & BARBERSHOP

...make for a tuneful Yule at the Asheboro library

♣ Holiday tunes along with bluegrass and barbershop standards will fill the air at the Asheboro library during December.

First up, two renowned bluegrass artists will present a program of holiday music at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 10. LaNelle Davis, formerly of the band Big Medicine, joins The Bluegrass Experience's frontman Tommy Edwards to entertain with a selection of seasonal classics.

Then, Asheboro's own "barbershop quartet plus one," The Adequates, will bring their harmonious song stylings to the library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 15.

Both concerts are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. They are free and the public is invited.

◀ (Top) *The Adequates: Allen Holt, Charles Loggins, Don Monroe, Tom White and Philip Shore III.* (Bottom) *Bluegrass musicians Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis.*



Kids: take an hour, learn computer code — see page 2

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, Thur-Sat 9-5
 Tues, Wed 9-9

John W. Clark

(Franklinville)
 336-824-4020
 111 Sumner Place
 Mon-Fri 2-6; Sun. 2-5

Liberty

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 Fax 336-622-4605
 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 10-6; Sat 10-1

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

Dial-A-Story

336-318-6833

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Jean Harris to retire December 1

♣ **"There is nothing like talking to people about what they like to read."**

Doing this, and shaping library service as a result, has been the keystone of Jean Harris's career here — well, both of them. Jean is leaving the library for a second time on December 1; this time, it's retirement.

The first time was in 2001 after a seven-year stint as a reference librarian, when she departed to manage her husband Gary's contracting business. On his retirement in 2009, she rejoined the library, initially to fill in for a staff member on leave and then as head of our Extension Services department.

During both her sojourns here, she has distinguished herself as a compassionate and consummately professional librarian, and has contributed immeasurably to the lives of the people we serve.

Patrons who sought her assistance as a reference librarian could count on complete answers and thorough assistance, and right-on-target recommendations for their queries about what to read next.

Jean also took over as manager of the Asheboro library adult book collection on the retirement of Martha George, whom she considered a mentor and an inspiration. Jean excelled in that role, in large part by talking to people about what they read.

When the Hispanic/Latino community blossomed here in the late 1990s/early 2000s, Jean joined in a State Library initiative to jumpstart library service to the newcomers. Her efforts resulted in our first permanent Spanish language collection, and

a series of events that welcomed the Hispanic community to the library.

On her return in 2009, she again began reaching out to those in need of all the library can provide — this time through her work in Extension Services.

Once again, talking to people about what they like to read played a key role. The Extension librarians provide monthly visits and deliveries to those who cannot come to a library, in their homes, in assisted living facilities or in retirement communities.

Jean also has ably represented the library on the Randolph County Aging Services Planning Committee and other local boards.

Extension also reaches the youngest members of our community by providing storytimes in day care centers and pre-Ks.

In this role, Jean guided the library's implementation of Every Child Ready to Read, an initiative which ensures incorporation of techniques that help build pre-literacy skills into library staff members' interactions with children age 0-5, but also helps parents and caregivers learn the techniques as well.

Underlying all these accomplishments is Jean's unwavering commitment to and advocacy for library patrons, and her ability to both meet and anticipate their needs.

Although she loves her job, Jean says "there's no coming back this time" as she plans to spend more time with her children and grandchildren. But I suspect she'll keep on talking to people about what they like to read.

Take an hour, learn computer code

♣ **Play around with MIT's Scratch computer language during an "Hour of Code" event at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 10, at the Asheboro library.**

Children age 7 and up are invited to experiment with Scratch, a computer program that helps kids understand the basics of programming in a drag-and-drop

format. Participants will be able to show off their uniquely-coded creations at the end of the session.

Hour of Code is a global initiative to reach students all over the world with one-hour introductions to computer science, designed show that anyone can learn the basics of computer coding. December 7-13 is Hour of Code Week.

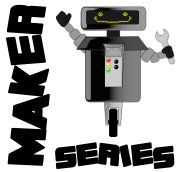
Winter Break!

Asheboro to host events for children

♣ **School's out, but the library's Winter Break activities for kids are in full swing, as follows:**

Star Wars Party, 2 p.m. Monday, December 28. Jedi training, Star Wars crafts and fun Star Wars games.

Gaming with the Family, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 29. Play tabletop board games and card games with your family and friends.



Maker Series: Kid Chef, 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 30. Kids age 7 and up can use their creativity to make new and interesting recipes ingredients provided by the library.

Visit Archdale, Randleman for kids' holiday activities

♣ **Get ready for the holidays at the Archdale and Randleman libraries in December.**

Children ages 7-12 are invited to drop in at the Archdale library from 3-4 p.m. Thursday, December 17 for holiday stories, crafts, games and refreshments.

Supplies are limited so registration is required; call 431-3811 to sign up or for more information.

"Here Comes Santa Claus!" to the Randleman library, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, December 16. Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa and dress in your holiday best for a photo with the Jolly Old Elf. Call 498-3141 for more information.

WE **WEDNESDAYS** **RANDLEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Call 498-3141 to sign up*

December 2: We Make Gingerbread Houses!*
3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages K-5th grade. Make a gingerbread house with a milk carton, graham crackers and candies. Bring a canned food item for admission.

December 9: We Tackle Technology! 10-11 a.m.
Thinking about purchasing an e-reader for Christmas? Learn a about your options before you buy!

December 9: We Wish You A Merry Christmas!* 3:30-5 p.m. Ages 16+. Make a lovely Christmas tree card holder, enjoy seasonal refreshments and sing a carol or two. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for admission.

December 30: We Explore Emotions with *Inside Out*. 3:30-5 p.m. A screening of the Pixar adventure movie. PG; bring a canned food item for admission.

Discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Holiday lunch at Bistro 42*, Noon, Wednesday, December 9.

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club: "12 Books of Christmas." At 3:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. *Randleman*:

Thursday, Dec. 17;

Archdale: Monday, Dec. 21; *Asheboro*: Wednesday, Dec. 16; *Seagrove*: 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Archdale Book Break:

Mistletoe Promise by Richard Paul Evans, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 15.

TeenZone Talk

At the Asheboro library. All activities are free; all teens are invited.

TeenZone Holiday Party, 5 p.m. Thursday, December 3. Come by, have a snack, listen to holiday tunes and film/record a 5-6 second video about your favorite part of the Holidays and the best part of 2015, for the Final TeenZone Vlog of the Year.


TeenZone Book Discussion Group, 4 p.m. Thursday, December 10. Discussions about assigned readings for the coming year, homework help and end of grade testing preparation.

'Get Creative' with craft programs at Liberty library

Make a craft project at the Liberty library, and take it home, each Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. beginning November 19. Each week will have different holiday theme,

including Thanksgiving hat wreathes, Christmas cards, recycled ornaments and easy last-minute gifts.

Ages 12 and up. Free; all supplies provided.



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

Mail to: Friends of the Library
P.O. Box 2806
Asheboro, NC 27204
Memberships are tax deductible

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<input type="checkbox"/> Family.....	\$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime.....	\$500

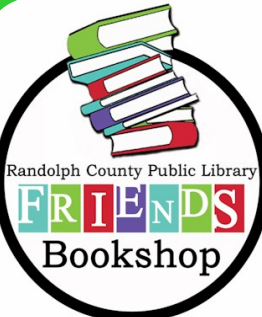
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By: Gene and Pat Holder

In Memory of: Carrie Lanier Brittain
By: Rob and Mary Brittain, Peggy B. Woodruff

In Memory of: Earlene Robbins Conner
By: Randolph Quilters Guild

In Memory of Mickey E. Jarrell
By: Dannie and Jane Rich

In Memory of: Claude Revell Morris
By: Thurman, Helena and Garry McBride

**In Memory of: Bernard "Bernie"
Franklin Phillips**
By: Thurman, Helena and Garry McBride

To the Friends of the Library

In Memory of: Arlene Smith
By: Missy Rankin



Breakfast with Santa

Children and families are invited for stories, a light breakfast and photos with Santa, 9-10 a.m. Saturday, December 5, at the Asheboro library. Free; sponsored by Friends of the Library.