

Eclectic music to mark the holiday season

Liberty library to host Mysti Mayhem Trio

♣ A powerhouse music group from Durham, the Mysti Mayhem Trio, will present a contemporary holiday performance at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 9, at the Liberty library.

Featuring Elana Scheiner on cello, Brian Short on cajon (a Peruvian percussion instrument) and Mysti Mayhem on guitar and lead vocals, the show is free and the public is invited. The library will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Liberty Association of Churches.

Bring the kids, too: there will be an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Trio leader Mayhem is a singer-songwriter with over a decade of performances throughout the U.S. and Europe. She was mentored by bluesman Bo Diddley, and released a fan-funded debut album, *Diversity*, in 2008.

She followed it up this year with the EP *Psychedelic Strawberry Shortcake*. Mayhem says her job is to connect people in a meaningful way through healing music and high vibrational content.



The Mysti Mayhem Trio in concert.

Asheboro welcomes back Edwards-Davis bluegrass trio

♣ The bluegrass/old time team of Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis will present a selection of original and seasonal tunes at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 8, at the Asheboro library.

The pair will be joined by a Stan Brown on banjo for the performance, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It's free and the public is invited.



Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis

Edwards is lead singer and guitarist for The Bluegrass Experience, and host of Life 103.1's "Bluegrass Saturday Night." A professional performer for over 35 years, Edwards has twice been named World Champion Bluegrass Guitarist. He also served for 30 years in the Randolph and Chatham county schools as a teacher, coach and administrator.

Davis, from eastern North Carolina, initially was drawn to clogging, touring and performing extensively as a dancer and caller. She took up the bass when a friend moved and left one at her house, and since has performed with numerous nationally-known old-time bands and individuals.



Santa to make stops at Asheboro, Liberty and Randleman

In addition to his stop at Liberty (see above), the Jolly Old Elf himself will visit for **Breakfast with Santa** at the Asheboro library, 9 a.m. Saturday, December 3, featuring a light breakfast, a craft and photos. **Santa Claus is Coming to Town!** at Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15 — dress in your holiday best and don't forget your cameras.

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Extension Service

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

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director*

Ross A. Holt



The library's foundation

♣ **Once again, the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc. (APLF), has come through for the library at a time of great need.**

Earlier this month the Foundation voted to provide the Randolph Room with two state-of-the-art microfilm reader/scanners, and associated computer hardware and software. The new scanners will replace two archaic optical reader/printers (we used to have three, but one failed and cannot be repaired as parts are no longer available).

The new scanners will make accessing and using Randolph County's documentary history far easier. Most every important record — newspapers, deeds, wills, county government proceedings, vital statistics and more — is captured on microfilm, and that format is still the gold standard for permanent preservation.

With the new technology, users will see clearer images and have more options to output them: they can be saved to a storage device or to the cloud, printed, or emailed.

This major gift is the latest milestone in the long legacy of the Foundation, which traces its origin to the group of nine young women who resolved, during a game of bridge on September 10, 1935, to establish a library in Asheboro.

The group declared itself the Randolph Library Club and began raising funds. They held a Halloween carnival, and over the next few years made direct fundraising appeals, held rummage sales, launched a little red wagon book drive, and even held a "Most Henpecked Husband" contest.

They opened the library on February 10, 1936, and operated it as volunteers until public funding became available to hire a librarian. When the county library system was established in 1940, the club became the Randolph Library Association, and in 1951, was incorporated as the Asheboro Public Library, Inc. It served as the Asheboro library's governing board until 1963, when the county and Asheboro libraries merged as headquarters of the library system.

Freed of their governing responsibility, "the Corporation" — and by 2004 "the Foundation," now at 30 members — has become an indispensable support and advocacy group for the Asheboro library.

Its members led bond referenda campaigns in 1963 for the new library building and in 1993 for its expansion, and the group has provided for major capital needs. Lately such gifts have included: the face-out DVD shelving ranges; the tablet armchairs and steel books display units in the teen area; all new furniture and other amenities for the Children's Room; and the leading gift for library's new carpet.

All these constituted major needs that otherwise would have had to come from taxpayer-provided public funding.

As recipient of the estate of local music teacher Louise Swaim in 1981, the Foundation also has enriched the community with concerts (most recently the UNC Clef Hangers) and gifts to the library for music-related purchases.

Now the Foundation's latest gift will promote access to the county's rich history.

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Asheboro slates December kids' events

♣ **After Breakfast with Santa, there's more for kids at the Asheboro library in December, including a full menu of activities the week after Christmas.**

Arts and Crafts, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 1: Make holiday decorations.

Edible Holiday Crafts for Kids, 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 5: Pretzels, cereal, marshmallows. Construct yummy holiday crafts you can make & take, or make & eat!

P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Club, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 14: Ocean Animals. For ages 0-5.

AT RANDLEMAN

*Donations of bottled water, canned food and canned pet food for NC flood victims appreciated. *Call 498-3141 to sign up.*

AGE BIRTH-5

December 15 (Thurs.): Santa Claus is Coming to Town! 3:30 p.m. Stop by the library for milk and cookies with Santa Claus! Dress in your best and don't forget your cameras!

SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

December 1 (Thurs.): Home Sweet Home: A Gingerbread House for the Holidays.* 3:30 p.m. Ages K-5th grade. A yummy, healthier version of this annual tradition presented by Kimberly Titlebaum of UNCG's Recipe For Success.

AGES 16 & UP

December 8 (Thurs.): An Old Fashioned Christmas with "Singing Granny" Jeanne Faulkner. 3:30 pm. Enjoy refreshments of the season, make an old-fashioned ornament for your tree, and listen to Christmas carols performed by the "Singing Granny." Registration required for craft only.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

10:30 a.m. Thursdays and Fridays thru

Maker Series, 4 p.m. Thursday, December 22: Make a gift. For ages 8-12.

After Christmas

Tuesday, December 27, 2 p.m.: movie, *The BFG* (Big Friendly Giant).

Wednesday, December 28, 2 p.m.: movie, *The Secret Life of Pets*.

Thursday, December 29, 2 p.m.: Jeopardy for Kids — general knowledge questions on the smartboard.

Friday, December 30, all day: LEGO-athon free build for school-age children.

AT LIBERTY

GET CREATIVE!

Craft events for ages 12-adult

3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays; supplies provided.

December 1: Homemade Christmas Cards — craft a card or two for someone special.

December 8: Christmas Tree Table Decoration — Use paper cupcake liners to make a Christmas tree.

December 15: Sweet Stocking Stuffer — Transform a simple packet of cocoa into a surprise anyone would love to find in their Christmas stocking.

December 22: Gift Wrapping Ideas — Bring a gift; wrapping supplies provided.

December 29: Grown-Up Coloring — You made it through Christmas; now it's time to do something relaxing for yourself!

TEENS CREATE

A December-only craft program for just for teens (age 12+), 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

December 6: 3D Card Making with Sue Cafolla — learn how to make fun and interesting pop-out cards.

December 13: Duct Tape Gift Ideas — choose from a wide selection of duct tapes to create a wallet or a bag for a friend or for yourself.

LAP SIT FOR LITTLES

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays (ages 0-24 mos.)

FAMILY STORY TIME

11 a.m. Wednesdays (ages 2-4)

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: On hiatus until January 31.

Book Break (Archdale): *Christmas Bells* by Jennifer Chiaverini, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 20.

Ladies Book Club

(Randleman): *One Foot in Eden* by Ron Rash, 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 6 (call 498-3141 to sign up).

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:

Asheboro: *The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas* by Laura Murray, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 21; Randleman: *How to Catch Santa* by Jean Reagan, 4 p.m. Thursday, December 15. The Max book club meeting at Archdale has been discontinued.

Homeschool meet

Discover teen resources free to homeschoolers and their families through the Asheboro Public Library at a "Homeschool Meet and Greet," 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 5. Participants also will have the chance to make a holiday craft.

Archdale movie

The Archdale library's current Friday Family Film series wraps up with *Prancer*, at 7 p.m. Friday, December 2. It's free and refreshments will be provided.


"Like" the Randolph Room on Facebook: facebook.com/randolphhistory.

All aboard the Polar Express at Seagrove

Hop on board as the Seagrove library screens the movie "The Polar Express" at 7 p.m. Friday, December 16. Children are invited to attend in their pajamas, robes and slippers.

Snacks will be provided.

The showing is free but space is limited to 40 people; call 336-873-7521 to sign up.



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

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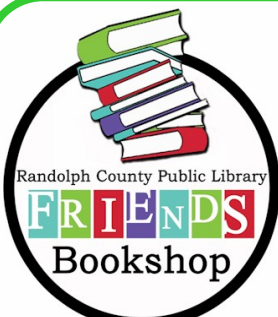
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TeenZone Talk

Thursdays, Asheboro library; Free!

Video Game Club: 4 p.m. December 1. Take a break from homework for a fun afternoon of video games on the library's Wii.

Teen Zone Jam Session: 5 p.m. December 8. Got musical talent? Bring your instrument of choice and make music! All ability levels welcome.

Maker Crate Unboxing #3: 4:30 p.m. December 15. Open the crate and build the surprise Maker project inside.

Teenzone Advisory Committee Appreciation Event: 5 p.m. December 22. Pizza, snacks and drinks to say thanks to teens who volunteer time and energy to provide feedback and keep the TeenZone inviting.