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## Tuneful team returns for Bluegrass Christmas

♣ The old time/bluegrass team of Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis will present a selection of original and seasonal tunes in “A Country Bluegrass Christmas,” 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, at the Asheboro library.

Edwards and Davis will be joined by Stan Brown on banjo for the concert, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It’s free and the public is invited.

Siler City native Edwards is lead singer/guitarist for The Bluegrass Experience, which he founded in 1971, and host of radio station Life 103.1’s “Bluegrass Saturday Night.”



*Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis perform.*

A professional performer for over 35 years, Edwards has twice been named World Champion Bluegrass Guitarist. He’s also known as an outstanding songwriter.

He served for over 30 years in the Randolph and Chatham county school systems as an administrator, a teacher and coach. He and his wife, Cindy, also ran an antiques store in Pittsboro for over 25 years.

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

## Mysti Mayhem to perform for Liberty holiday evening

♣ Eclectic musician Mysti Mayhem will return to the Liberty library for a “Special Holiday Evening of Arts & Entertainment” from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 16.

Art by Liberty area students will be on display in the library beginning at 6 p.m. The concert will take place in the adjoining Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.

It’s free and the public is invited.

Mayhem is a Durham-based singer-songwriter mentored by bluesman Bo Diddley. She has over a decade of performance experience in the U.S. and Europe.

The performance, with Mayhem on guitar and lead vocals and Elana Schreiner on cello, will feature holiday favorites.

Light refreshments will be served; please bring a non-perishable food donation to be distributed in the community by the Liberty Association of Churches.

## *Friends receive statewide recognition*

*On behalf of the Friends of the Randolph County Public Library, Friends President Dr. Frances Jones (right) accepts the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries (FONCPL) Frances B. Reid Award from Regina Dozier, FONCPL Communications Director, at the group’s annual meeting in Chapel Hill on November 4. The award recognizes a local Friends group’s outstanding achievement in support of its local library. The Randolph Friends was recognized for the Randolph Books for Babies program, the successful Trivia Night fundraiser, and outstanding author and speaker events.*



### 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-Tues 9-8  
Wed-Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

### John W. Clark

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

### Liberty

336-622-4605  
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

*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



## Check out a polar bear!

♣ One of the library's most successful projects is one that we haven't had to publicize, except for a single poster in the Asheboro library.

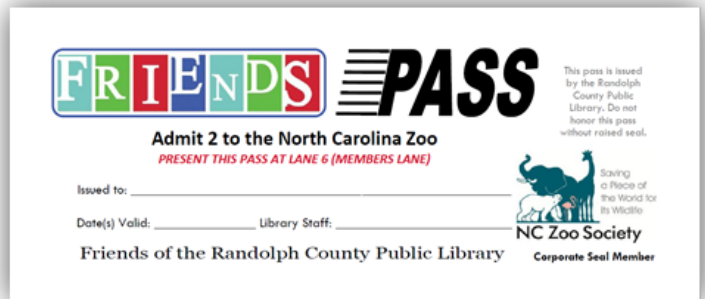
The "Friends Pass" program enables library cardholders (including public school students with their REAL2 student ID numbers) to check out a pass that admits two people to the North Carolina Zoo for free.

In the spring of 2016, the Friends of the Library purchased a Corporate Seal membership in the North Carolina Zoological Society, enabling the Friends to provide library users with the passes, which can be checked out at the Asheboro library Circulation Desk.

The Friends renewed their membership this year to continue the program.

The popularity of the passes has been breathtaking. To date, 961 passes admitting up to two or four people have been checked out. In April, when zoo attendance was peaking, we often found zoo-goers waiting outside library doors each morning seeking the first-come first-served passes.

In talking with patrons as they checked out their passes, it was clear that the Friends Pass enabled many people to visit the zoo who otherwise would not have been able to afford to go, or who learned about the passes while at the library and were inspired to visit the zoo.



Initially, we offered four passes each day that would admit four people. We rethought the initiative this year and now offer a greater number of 2-person passes.

Each pass is good for one use on the day it is checked out (with special arrangements made for Sundays, when the library is not open, and holidays).

One drawback, so far, has been that zoo visitors — regardless of where they are in the county or which library they ordinarily patronized — had to drop by the Asheboro library and take a chance that a pass would be available.

Now, a reservation system is being implemented so that anyone can call the Asheboro library Circulation Desk (336-318-6801) to learn about availability of the passes, and can reserve a pass up to 30 days in advance of their planned zoo visit.

Credit where it's due: the Alamance County Public Library pioneered the program in North Carolina with its Zoom Pass, which provides free admission to the zoo as well as a number of museums and other area attractions.

# Santa to visit 3 libraries in December

## ...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ **The Jolly Old Elf himself will appear at three libraries during early December as several libraries host Christmas activities for kids.**

At the Archdale library, **Visit with Santa and Mrs. Santa Too**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 7.



Santa will read a holiday favorite, and children can decorate bookmarks and make an elf ornament.

Asheboro will host its popular annual **Breakfast with Santa**, 9 a.m. Saturday, December 9. Santa will read a story; there will be a variety of Christmas activities and a group dance. The Friends of the Library will provide a light breakfast.

In Randleman, **Santa Claus is Coming to the Library!** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14. Wear your holiday best and join in a Christmas activity with Santa.

All the events are free; children and families are invited. Bring your cameras!

### ASHEBORO

**Deck the Halls Holiday Craft Series**, children ages 6 and up; sign-up suggested, call 336-318-6804. Create festive decorations that will put you in the holiday spirit. *Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.*, Dazzling Pinecones; *Thursday, December 7, 4 p.m.*, Holiday Garland; *Monday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.*, Furry Friends; *Monday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.*, Three Trees; *Thursday, December 21, 4 p.m.*, Filled Glass Ornaments. **Breakfast with Santa**, 9 a.m. Saturday, December 9.

**Home School Meeting**, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 13. Nature hike and play hour with NC Zoo representatives.

**P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Club**, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, ages 0-5, parents/caregivers. Letters, number and colors come

together to make holiday cards and ornaments. **Stories Around the Tree**, 7-10 p.m. Friday, December 15, ages 7-12. Come to the library after hours for a special holiday gathering. Read stories, sing songs, play games and enjoy cocoa and cookies.

### ARCHDALE

**Family Film Night**, 7 p.m. Friday, December 1. "A Christmas Carol" with Jim Carrey.

**A Visit with Santa and Mrs. Santa Too!** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 7.

### LIBERTY

**Get Creative**, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, teens/adults. December 7: Holiday wreath. December 14: Ornament. December 21: Christmas tree cone. December 28: Surprise Craft with special guest crafter.

**Kids Can Create**, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, school-age children. December 7: LEGO Free Build. December 14: Christmas ornament. December 21: LEGO Free Build. December 28: Gingerbread house (sign-up required; call 336-622-4605).

### RANDLEMAN

\*call 336-498-3141 to register.

**Connie's Crafting Corner\***, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, December 5, ages 16 and up. DIY paintbrush Santa and reindeer; festive music and a snack.

**Laptops for Learning\***, 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesdays, December 6 and 13, ages 16 and up. First session: navigating the Internet and online safety; second session: email using Gmail.

**A Cowboy Christmas\***, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 7, ages K-5th grade. Decorate a boot stocking; make a western-themed ornament.

**Teens & Tweens: DIY Paintbrush Ornament\***, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, ages 11-16.

**Santa Claus is Coming to the Library!** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14, ages 0-5th grade.

**The Sounds of the Season with Elaine Campbell\***, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, ages K-5th grade. Explore the science of sound as you make your very own musical instrument.

### SEAGROVE

**Seagrove Library Family Christmas Movie Night**, 7 p.m. Friday, December 15. "Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Snacks provided.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads: Martin** by Brian Doyle, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 28.

**Book Break (Archdale):** *Dashing Through the Snow* by Debbie Macomber, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 19.



## REAL2, year two

The Randolph Educational Access for Limitless Learning (REAL<sup>2</sup>) partnership between the library and the Asheboro City Schools, the Randolph County School System and the Uwharrie Charter Academy has entered its second year. REAL<sup>2</sup> enables public school students to use their student IDs — their "lunch numbers" — to check out books and access library electronic resources.

New students in the city and county schools have been added to the library's database, with Uwharrie information anticipated shortly.


## Saturday storytime

The Asheboro library Children's Room has added a 9:30 a.m. storytime on the last Saturday of every month, featuring stories, finger plays, songs and more.

## Teen Zone Talk

The library's teen volunteers and advisory team are invited to the **TeenZone Advisory Committee and Volunteer Pool Appreciation Dinner** at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 13. This is an opportunity for TeenZone helpers and advisers to relax in anticipation of the coming holidays, and to celebrate their hard work throughout the years. Pizza, dessert, drinks; time counts toward required volunteer hours.





**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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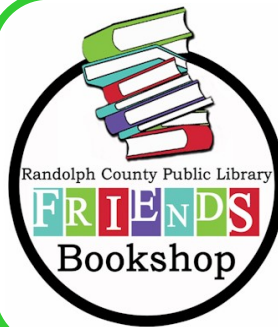
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# memorials & donations

**In Memory of: James Frank Bivins Jr.**  
By: Sorosis Book Club

**In Memory of: Roger J. Crotty**  
By: Carol and Earle Powis Jr.

**In Memory of: Donald George McCluskey**  
By: Wally and Sandy Jarrell

**In Memory of: Lola Poole Murray**  
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**In Memory of: Rachel W. Parks**  
By: Wally and Sandy Jarrell

**In Memory of: Shelly E. "Tony" Leonard**  
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**In Memory of: Pearl Hicks Martin**  
By: Ramseur Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff  
Wally and Sandy Jarrell

**In Memory of: Harris Taylor Sanders**  
By: Patty Sanders

**In Memory of: Ruth Anne Shaw**  
By: Andrew Balfour Chapter, DAR

**In Honor of: Nathan Harris**  
By: Student LIFT Project

## *To the Friends of the Library*

**In Memory of: Holmes Ramsay**  
*for Randolph Books for Babies*  
By: Janice Simpson

**In Honor of: Dusty Gregson & Jerry Neal**  
By: Fourth Thursday Study Club