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## Duo to perform holiday tunes, originals

*Bluegrass/old time team of Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis returns*

♣ The tuneful team of Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis will present a selection of original and seasonal tunes in a reprise of their “Country Bluegrass Christmas” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, at the Asheboro library.

The pair 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.

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

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

Davis, from eastern North Carolina, initially was drawn to clogging, and has toured extensively as a dancer and



*Tommy Edwards and LaNelle Davis perform.*

caller. She eventually took up the bass, and since has performed with numerous nationally-known old time bands and musicians.

## Santa and Mrs. Claus, Grinch to visit libraries

♣ **Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit several libraries as Christmas approaches.**

Asheboro will host **Breakfast with Santa** — and Mrs. Claus — at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 8. The Jolly Old Elf will read a story and take pictures with kids. There will be more special activities, and a light breakfast will be served.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and all children and their families are invited.

Meanwhile, **Santa Is Coming to the Library** in Randleman at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 13, for kids ages birth-5th grade. Attendees are invited to join in a



Christmas activity and visit with St. Nicholas himself. Wear your holiday best, and don’t forget your cameras.

Mrs. Claus will be the featured guest at a **Way Up North For All Ages** storytime at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 19, at the Liberty library.

**Will the Grinch Steal Christmas?**

Will the Grinch steal Christmas at the Asheboro library? Find out at 6 p.m. Friday, December 14.

Don’t miss this chance to meet Mr. Grinch and his dog Max in person as they bring Dr. Seuss’s *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* to life in their own special, silly way. Stick around for photos and the meet-and-greet — and your heart will grow three sizes!

***Liberty to offer class on healthy aging*** — see inside

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*from  
 the  
 director*

**Ross A. Holt**



# The jujutsu of library buildings

## ♣ Four years ago, we undertook a strategic facility planning process for the library system.

The idea was to ensure the viability of our buildings for the foreseeable future. Recommendations ranged from outright replacement of some libraries to improvements that would extend the usability of others.

I'm pleased to report that we have made great progress toward many of the plan's recommendations. When I say "we," in this case, I'm referring not just to the libraries but to the local governments that fund us — as well as to our support groups.

One of the main recommendations was a new library for Randleman. Thanks to the city government's commitment, plans were underway when our study was taking place, and the library opened its new facility in 2015. The building hit all the notes that the study recommended for the new library.

The study found the Archdale and Seagrove libraries well-suited for the future, but suggested automatic sliding doors and improved lighting for Archdale. Those problems were solved over this past summer when the City of Archdale funded sliding doors and building-wide replacement of old fluorescent lighting fixtures with LEDs, with some additional lighting to brighten dark areas in the stacks.

The new lighting is expected to reduce energy consumption — and cost — by some 70 percent. New carpet came along with the other work, so the library is fresh, bright, easily accessible and ready for the future.

The Asheboro library was more problematic. Although the 54-year-old building, expanded in 1994, is in good shape, the study saw the need for significant expansion of the Randolph Room and the Children's Room; a larger meeting room and more study rooms; automatic sliding doors; and alterations to the "monumental" circulation and reference desks to make them flexible and inviting.

Obviously we haven't expanded the building — but we have "expanded" the interior by prioritizing our core services and decluttering everything else. Reorganization has made the Randolph Room easier to use and has opened up floor space. Moving our copier/printer has provided an additional (and two-person) study room.

An ongoing project has been to open up space in our Children's Room. Our clever children's librarians, in their quest to refine their services, keep finding ways to accomplish this goal.

Sliding doors, funded in the City of Asheboro's 2018-2019 budget, arrived on Halloween, and LED lighting is on the way. And we're looking at those service desks....

A critical factor at Asheboro has been the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc., whose gifts have leveraged other resources for maximum impact.

There were recommendations for Franklinville, Liberty and Ramseur, too, all under consideration.

Keeping our libraries fresh, inviting and useful involves a kind of jujutsu of space, resources and the changing ways people are using libraries.

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# Liberty to offer class on healthy aging

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

♣ **Could you, or someone you know use help managing diabetes, balance or memory care?**

Join representatives of the North Carolina Center for Health And Wellness for a Healthy Aging Class Information Session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, at the Liberty Public Library. Learn about resources in the area and sign up for free classes taught by certified instructors.

The class is free and the public is invited.

### ALSO AT LIBERTY

**Holiday Hulabaloo:** 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 12. After-hours holiday celebration with live music and light refreshments. Donations of non-perishable items welcome.

**Sensory Lap Sit Storytime:** 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, December 5 and 12, birth to age 2.

**Toddler Storytime:** 11 a.m. Wednesdays, December 5 and 12.

**"Way Up North" All Ages Storytime:** 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 19. Featuring Mrs. Claus.

**Get Creative,** 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 20. Holiday tabletop scene with mini-ornaments.

**Kids Can Create,** 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. December 6: Salt Crystal Snowflakes. December 13 and 27: Simple machines and vehicles; LEGO Open Build. December 20: Watch! Print! Play! 3D printing hands-on instruction.

### ARCHDALE

**Twelve Days Till Christmas:** 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 13, ages 1-5 years. Holiday stories, cookies and juice.

**Holiday Fun @ The Library:** 1:30-3 p.m.

Thursday, December 27, preschool and school-age. LEGO/Duplo playtime.

### ASHEBORO

**Music and Movement:** 10 a.m. Mondays December 3 and 17, ages 3-5.

**Kinder Prep:** 10 a.m. Monday, December 10, ages 3-5.

**Learn and Play:** 4 p.m. Mondays December 3, 10 and 17, ages 0-5.

**School Aged Wednesdays:** 4 p.m. December 5 — Art Exploration. December 12 — Movie,

"Frozen." December 19 — LEGO Day.

**Breakfast with Santa:** 10 a.m. Saturday, December 8.

**Meet the Grinch:** 6 p.m. Friday, December 14.

**Junior Book Club,** 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, ages 8 and up. Talk about *Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo.

**Dungeons and Dragons,** 6 p.m. Thursday, December 20. Ages 12 and up. All skill levels welcome.

**Homeschool Meeting,** 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 5. "Longleaf Pine Habitat at the Library."

### RANDLEMAN

\*requires sign-up; call 336-498-3141

**Connie's Crafting Corner,\*** 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4, ages 16 and up. Make a clay pot angel; enjoy seasonal music and refreshments.

**Recycled Carton Gingerbread House:** \*3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 6, ages K-5th grade. Decorate your own gingerbread house.

**Teens & Tweens: Soctopus on the Loose!** \* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 11, ages 11-15.

What happens when you cross a sock with an octopus? Find out in this fun craft activity.

**Santa Claus is Coming to the Library!** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 13, ages birth-5th grade.

**Sounds of the Season with Ellane Campbell:** \* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, ages K-5th grade. Explore the science of sound as you make your own musical instruments.

### FRANKLINVILLE

**\*\*Tentative\*\* Healthy Holiday Cooking; Food for Gathering and Entertaining,** 4:30-6 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays December 4, 6, 11 and 13, ages 16 and up. Learn how to create holiday goodies. Call 336-685-3100 for details.

**\*\*Tentative\*\* Holiday Cooking for Kids:**

**Popcorn Balls,** 4:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 19. Make edible, festive popcorn balls in holiday colors in a family activity! Call 336-685-3100 for details.

### WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly countywide. Find schedules at [www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes).

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel*, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 29. (Meet *We Are Charleston* authors Herb Frasier, Dr. Bernard Edward Powers Jr. and Marjory Wentworth at their Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series appearance, 7 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2019.)

**Book Break (Archdale):** *The Christmas Thief* by Mary Higgins Clark, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18.

**Book Bites (Archdale) "Un-Book Club."** Guests are invited to talk about the most exciting or interesting book they've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 11.

## LEDs for Asheboro

All light fixtures at the Asheboro library shortly will be replaced with LED lighting, thanks in part to a generous gift by the **Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc. (APLF)**. The new lights will replace fluorescent fixtures.


The LED lighting is expected to save thousands of dollars each year in electricity and maintenance costs, reducing the amount of energy used to light the library by 71 percent.

The APLF gift was added to county library money to fund the project, which takes advantage of Duke Energy rebates for the conversion.

## Learn about "A.B.C.'s of Early American Handwriting" in class

Ever been frustrated in genealogical or historical research trying to read old wills or censuses? Join librarian and genealogist Ann Palmer for "The A.B.C.'s" of Early

American Handwriting, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, December 13. Learn the secrets to reading old handwriting and learn why so many names and words are incorrectly transcribed.



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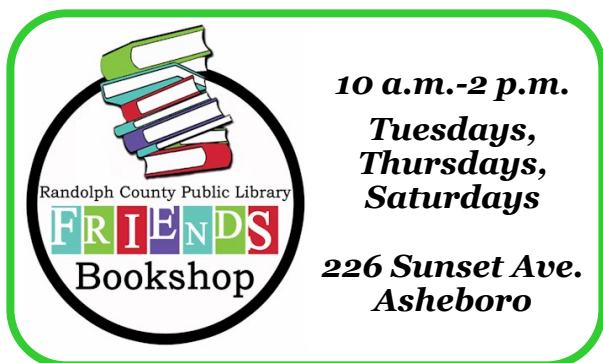
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 Thursday Study Club

## Tickets on sale for D.G. Martin event

*Get your tickets now for a Friends of the Library dessert reception with "NC Bookwatch" host D.G. Martin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, at The Table Farmhouse Baker. Martin will talk about his book North Carolina Roadside Eateries: A Traveler's Guide to Local Restaurants. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Asheboro library.*

