

Caleb Sigmon returns...

Grinch to steal Christmas at all libraries



♣ He's mean, he's green, and, thanks to the Friends of the Library, he's coming to all seven libraries in December to steal Christmas!

Don't miss your chance to meet the Grinch, Max the dog, and even Cindy Lou Who as they bring Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* to life in their own special, silly way. Make sure to stick around after this fun, family program for photos and more silliness during the Grinch's exclusive Meet-and-Greet.

Storyteller and illusionist Caleb Sigmon, who's behind it all, promises that your heart will grow three sizes.

Performance are free and the public is invited:

- **Archdale:** 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12;
- **Asheboro:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, and 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 13;
- **Franklinville:** 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 11;
- **Liberty:** 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 11;
- **Ramseur:** 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 12;
- **Randleman:** 3:30 pm. Friday, December 13;
- **Seagrove:** 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 10.

Library launches mobile app for Apple, Android

♣ Users of the Randolph County Public Library can now search the library catalog, place holds, download ebooks and more on their phones and tablets with the library's new mobile app.

The app is available for Apple and Android devices; just search for Randolph Library in your app store.

In addition to typical uses like searching for books or DVDs and placing holds, and downloading electronic

materials, the app also links to new arrivals, library hours and locations, online resources, feedback forms and more.

The app also makes it quick and easy for users to check their library accounts to see when borrowed items are due, renew items and manage items on hold.

Users also can scan their library cards, or key in their library card number or REAL2 student IDs, and the app will generate a barcode that can be used to check out material at the library.

Hear from addiction survivors in Asheboro library forum — see back page

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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)
336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 2-6;
Wed 10-2; Sun. 2-5

Liberty

336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-2665
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 9-6;
Sat 9-1

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

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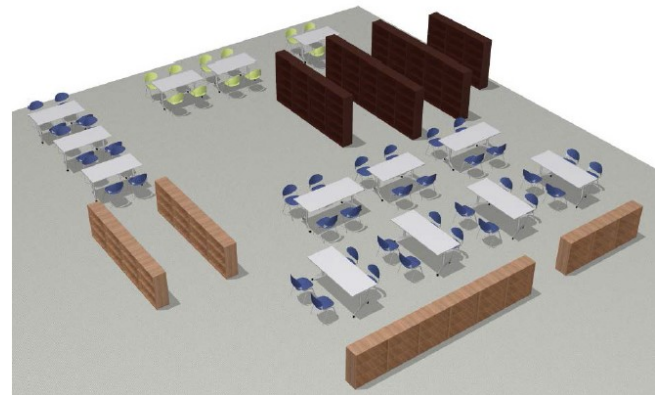
Asheboro library to get new look

♣ In a few weeks, new furnishings will give the Asheboro library a bright new look, and visitors will find additional spaces suited to the various uses they make of the library.

Thanks to a major gift from the **Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc.**, the library's main reading area will feature mobile tables with light-color tops and metal bases, and brightly-colored ergonomic chairs. These replace redoubtable dark walnut tables and oak chairs that have served since the library was expanded in 1995, but are reaching the end of their lives.

The mobile tables invite reconfiguration by users depending on their need for work, study or meeting space. They also will enable staff to clear space quickly for speakers, performers and other events, enabling the library to host an audience of nearly 200 comfortably with ease of movement.

Many of the walnut tables were purchased with individual donations, and are designated with plates. The plates will be preserved, and displayed on a wall



The Asheboro library's reading area will get new tables and chairs; the east wall (below) will offer small, semi-private study spaces.

plaque to express our continuing gratitude. Meanwhile, along the east wall, which borders the public Internet computers, four partitioned spaces will be created, each furnished differently, for semi-private reading, study, or small group collaboration. Mobile marker board partitions can be pulled across the open end of the spaces for further partial privacy.

As is usually the case where interior redesign is concerned, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Missy Rankin**, a foundation member and library friend extraordinaire, who by profession is a commercial interior designer. She graciously lends her time and expertise to advise us on these major decisions.

Expect to see the changes come to fruition within the next two months.



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Liberty goes a-caroling

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

♣ Join local musician and Sapphire Studio Cloggers to go “Community Caroling for the Holidays,” 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, at the Liberty library

Share hot drinks, crafts and songs. For kids, there will be crafts and a very special visitor.

Also at Liberty, school-age children and their families can help find missing elves in **Elf Escape Room**, 5 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 3 (call 336-622-4605 to register); and teens and adults can make **Simple Gifts for the Holidays** at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the Asheboro library for **Breakfast with Santa**, 10 a.m. Saturday, December 7.



Children are invited to take pictures with Santa, join in a holiday storytime and enjoy breakfast treats provided by the Friends of the Library. It's free and all children and their families are invited.

St. Nick at Randleman

Santa Claus Is Coming to the Library in Randleman, also, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 3. Children birth through 5th grade can complete a Christmas activity and visit with St. Nicholas himself.

Dress in your holiday best and don't forget your cameras!

More holiday festivities

There's more for all ages at Randleman: **Connie's Corner: Trim the Tree with a Mini-Wreath and Ornament**, 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, ages 16 and up.

That same day, **Teens & Tweens: Trim the Tree with a 3D Christmas Tree and Grinch Ornament**, 4:30 p.m., ages 11-15.

For kids K-5th grade, it's **Seasonal Fun: Jingle Bells** at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 17 — learn notes and sounds, and how to play “Jingle Bells” on the library's musical instruments.

Call 336-498-3141 to register for these events.

Seagrove screens the Grinch, too

Meet the Grinch at Seagrove on December 10, and then see the movie as the Seagrove library screens **Dr. Seuss's The Grinch** at 6:30 p.m. Friday, December 20. Snacks provided; call 336-873-7521 to sign up.

Franklinville celebrates

Decorate cookies and make marshmallow snowmen as the Franklinville library hosts **Cookies and Cocoa** inside the cozy Franklinville Diner, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 5. All ages are invited.

Celebrate the New Year with a **Pizza and Pajama Party** from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 31. Bring your pajama-clad family to the library after closing on New Year's Eve for pizza, stories and games.

Arthur at Archdale

The final Archdale library Family Film Night of the year will feature **Arthur Christmas**, at 7 p.m. Friday, December 6.

Meet Bessie the Cow at Archdale

School-age kids can meet — and milk — Bessie the 4-H Barrel Cow in **Dairy, Dairy, Dairy! Do You get Your 3 a Day?** at the Archdale library, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, November 21.

All libraries host a variety of storytimes, special events, hands-on activities and other events for children, teens and adults. Find out more at www.randolphlibrary.org or visit your local library.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: Annual luncheon, Tuesday, December 3. *My Story* and *Where There's Hope* by Elizabeth Smart, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 28.

Book Break (Archdale): *The Noel Stranger* by Richard Paul Evans, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 17.

Book Bites (Archdale) “Un-Book Club”: Talk about the most exciting or interesting book you've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 10.

Liberty Book Club: *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell, 6 p.m. Thursday, December 12.

Afternoon Delights

(Liberty): *One Day in December* by Josie Silver, 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 2.

Mark calendars

Mark your calendars for two outstanding authors at the Asheboro library in January. **Holly George-Warren**, whose biography of rock musician Janis Joplin, *Janis: Her Life and Music*, was published in October to great acclaim, will appear at 7 p.m. Friday, January 17, for a talk and book signing.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist **David Zucchino** will debut his book *Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 30.

Class: Using the Census to Unlock Your Family History

Follow your family back in time in “Using the Census to Unlock Your Family History,” a class led by Kendra Lyons of the Randolph Room staff at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 12, at the

Asheboro library, and repeated at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19, at the Asheboro Senior Center. The class is free and the public is invited.

Hear from addiction survivors in Asheboro forum

♣ **Two Randolph County residents, Preston Cross and Tonya Waugh, will share their stories of recovery from years-long struggles with substance abuse in a forum at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 5, at the Asheboro library.**

The stories are included in *Drugs Did This*, a new book by Chip Womick. The book will be available for sale.

Cross's problems began after he returned with post-traumatic stress disorder from a 10-month deployment to Iraq in 2006-2007. Waugh and her twin sister each battled addiction; her sister did not survive.

Womick's book has two goals. First is to raise money

for the Community Hope Alliance, an Asheboro-based harm reduction nonprofit that provides resources and promotes substance use education, awareness, prevention and safety. Second is to raise awareness of the toll drugs are taking on individuals, their families, and every person in the county.

Also appearing at the forum will be Randolph County Emergency Services Director Donovan Davis, Randolph County Public Health Director Susan Hayes and Community Hope Alliance co-founder Kelly Link.

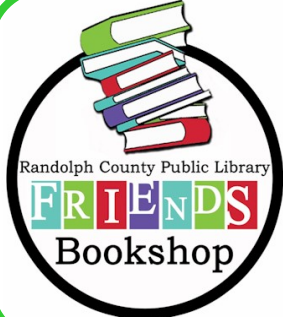
In 2018, there were 448 suspected overdoses and 37 overdose deaths; 2019 numbers are expected to be higher.

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