

# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*



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## Friends to host trivia night fundraiser

♣ Test your knowledge of famous books, films and a potpourri of other topics during the Friends of the Library “Fame” Trivia Night, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, February 28, at AVS Catering & Banquet Centre.

Ticket prices are \$50 and include dinner and the trivia competition. Proceeds go to support Friends activities, such as sponsoring library programs for children, teens and adults, and bringing major authors and performers to the community.

Tickets are available at the Asheboro Public Library and



from Friends board members. Call 318-6801 to reserve tickets.

During the friendly competition, participants will answer three rounds of trivia questions in teams of four. Participants may sign up in groups of four as teams, or simply join a team on arrival.

Prizes (and bragging rights!) will be offered.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available; contact George Taylor at 318-6814 for further information. As of this writing, sponsors include Asheboro Elastics Corp., Asheboro Family Physicians and Hiram and Cherry Marziano.



## Randleman to reopen

*The Randleman library will reopen at 142 W. Academy Street at 10 a.m. February 2. Preschool storytimes, every Thursday and Friday at 10:30 a.m., will resume on Thursday, February 5. On Thursday, February 19, celebrate the new building with performances by Donna Pruett, The Balloon Lady and building tours at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.*

## Calling all gardeners! Expert to provide growing season tips

♣ North Carolina’s long growing season is almost here, and Randolph County Cooperative Extension can help you get ready.

Join Extension Agriculture-Horticulture Agent Ben Grandon at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, at the Asheboro library, to get a rundown on all you need to produce a bountiful harvest of fruits and vegetables.

Get answers to your gardening questions, an overview of supplies and equipment you may need, and information about services available through Cooperative Extension.

Grandon’s talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Call 318-6803 for further information.



**Ben Grandon**

**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**  
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336-622-4605  
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239 S. Fayetteville St.  
Mon, Wed-Fri 9-5;  
Tues 9-7; Sat 9-1

**Ramseur**  
336-824-2232  
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1512 S. Main St.  
Mon-Fri 8:30-5

**Randleman**  
336-498-3141  
Fax 336-498-1139  
122 Commerce Sq.  
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**Seagrove**  
336-873-7521  
530 Seagrove 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**



## Our county's heritage, preserved

♣ **On Easter Monday in 1937, an African American woman from the Strieby community in southwestern Randolph County refused to surrender her seat on a bus.**

Some 18 years before Rosa Parks made her mark in Montgomery, Novella Anna "Vella" Lassiter was returning to her teaching job in Reidsville after a visit home, and found the only available seat on the crowded bus was beside a white person.

The driver ordered Ms. Lassiter off and tried to remove her, but she wouldn't budge. The police arrived, pulled her off the bus, and threw her to the pavement.

Her response? She sued the bus company for selling her a ticket but failing to take her to her destination. And won a jury verdict of \$300. And won an appeal to the state supreme court.

Ms. Lassiter's act of courage comes to light in a history of the Strieby community by Margo Lee Williams. Strieby was settled as Hill Town in the 1840s by free people of color and freed slaves.

In the 1880s, the community established a church, a school and a U.S. Post Office. Renamed Strieby after a founder of the church, the predominantly African-American community flourished — and continues to this day, with the church, now known as the Strieby United Congregational Church of Christ, as its anchor.

Helping to preserve the history of Strieby and places like it is the Randolph

County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission. I am deeply honored that earlier this month, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners vested administration of the commission in the Randolph County Public Library.

The commission's mission is to identify, preserve and protect Randolph county's historic landmarks, and to educate the public about those resources as well as historic preservation in general. Founded in 2008 under the auspices of the Randolph County Planning Department, and with the extraordinary leadership of then-Planning Director Hal Johnson, the commission recommends designation of sites to county and municipal governing boards.

So far, 23 Historic Landmarks and 12 Cultural Heritage Sites — including Strieby — have been designated.

With Hal's promotion to county manager, Mac Whatley has taken over as chair of the commission and administration has transferred to the library. Current commission members include Whatley, Warren Dixon (vice-chair), Fran Andrews, Marsha Haithcock, Bill Ivey, Bill Johnson, Nan Kemp, Lynn Qualls and myself; and Robyn Hankins as alternate.

The commission's work ensures that Randolph County's rich heritage will not only be preserved, but will be available and accessible for future generations — and that extraordinary stories like Strieby's will not be lost to history.

To learn more about the commission, and the historic/cultural sites and their stories, visit [www.rchlpc.org](http://www.rchlpc.org)

# Learn about civil rights pioneer Bridges

♣ Children and families are invited to learn about the civil rights movement through the eyes of a child.

Ruby Bridges was one of the first African American children to be placed in an integrated school in New Orleans during the 1960s.

The Asheboro library Children's Room will present readings from *Through My Eyes*, a biography of Bridges, and screen the full length movie *Ruby Bridges* at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 19.

The events is free and the public is invited.



*Ruby Bridges escorted by U.S. marshals on the schoolhouse steps.*

# Liberty makeover yields inviting spaces

♣ The Liberty Public Library recently completed a renovation that enhances its spaces for both computer users and children.

The library moved its public Internet stations from a partially enclosed space on the east side of the library to the former children's area on the west side.

The children's area moved into the enclosed space, providing a cozy room for storytimes and other activities, brightened by new blue and green paint and a colorful area rug.



*Liberty Librarian Niccole Hugg-Suttles welcomes visitors to an new children's area.*

Large shelving fixtures also were removed from the library to create more space.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Daring Ladies of Lowell* by Kate Alcott, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 27.

**Luna Book Club:** *Funny in Farsi* by Firoozeh Dumas, 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 27. (Asheboro)

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:** *If This Bus Could Talk*, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12. (Asheboro)

**BOB Book Club:** *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4 (4th & 5th graders, Asheboro library).

**Archdale Book Break:** *Miss Julia's Marvelous Makeover* by Ann B. Ross, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 17.

## Kids Snacks

Hungry for some tasty snacks? Come by the Asheboro library at 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, and learn how to make some quick and tasty snacks for yourself after school. Food and materials will be provided. It's free; ages 8 and up (children age 6-7 can come with a parent/caregiver).

## New RandQuest

Randquest, the library's research website, has been redesigned to reflect new NC LIVE electronic resources. Check it out at [www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org)



## Throw some pots!

*The Asheboro library TeenZone's Third Annual Pottery Slam will take place from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, February 15. Join local potters and get your hands dirty to create your very own pottery, which will be baked and displayed in the TeenZone. It's free and the public is invited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

## Reading League continues at Asheboro library

Elementary students in the Asheboro City Schools are invited to join the "Reading League," and read in the quiet of the Asheboro library meeting room from 3:30-5 p.m. every

Monday. Library staff are authorized to sign reading logs, and library books (of course!) are available for reading and check out.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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**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"/> Jr. Friend..... | \$5  | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron .....    | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult .....     | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor..... | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family.....     | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime.....   | \$500 |

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## THE UNC CLEF HANGERS

Carolina's Oldest A Capella Group

4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Sunset Theatre  
Tickets \$15, on sale February 1 at Asheboro  
Public Library and Randolph Arts Guild

## memorials & donations

**In Memory of: Iris Bristow**  
By: Chip Bristow

**In Memory of: Stafford L. Starcher**  
By: Happy Booker's Book Club

**In Honor of: Susan Coltrane**  
By: Cheryl Meyer



**NEXT UP!**

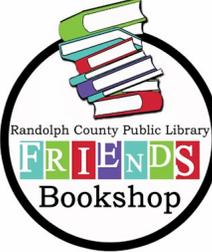
**Paul Saik, Vocalists/Pianist:**  
3 p.m. Sunday, January 25.  
Adults, \$20; student, \$10. Tickets available at the door. Hosted by Randolph Community Concert Association.

[www.sunsetculturalseries.com](http://www.sunsetculturalseries.com)

### End of Month Special

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Saturdays

**226 Sunset Ave.**  
Asheboro