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## Teens: learn to turn in 5th 'Pottery Slam!'

♣ Get hands-on experience throwing pots and spinning clay creations in the 5th annual TeenZone Pottery Slam!, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, February 13, at the Asheboro library.

All teens are invited to join local potters Brooke Avery, Joseph Sand and Dawn Tagawa, who will provide guidance as participants get to work. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Pottery Slam is free and supplies are provided.

The completed pieces will be fired and placed on display at the library for a few weeks, and then returned to their makers.

Avery teaches pottery at Randolph Community College and the Randolph Arts Guild. Her unique work can be found in shops and galleries in Asheboro and Greensboro.

Sand operates Joseph Sand Pottery in Randleman, and apprenticed with master potter Mark Hewitt.

Tagawa's work, which can be purchased through Etsy, has been recognized in numerous area exhibitions and craft shows. She believes good pottery should have depth, character and flow.



From top: Avery,  
Tagawa and Sand.

## 'Smoke eater' Cagle to talk fighting fire

♣ Fighting wildfires and managing prescribed burns in the Uwharrie National Forest are the jobs U.S. Forestry Service District Fire Management Officer Kelly Cagle.

Cagle will discuss his experiences and adventures as a forest fire fighter at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 18, at the Asheboro library. Hosted by the library's TeenZone, the talk is free and the public is invited.

A Randolph County native and Southwestern Randolph High School graduate, Cagle got his start as an intern while studying forest management technology at Montgomery Community College, and was hired full time when he completed his degree.

For the first part of his career, he worked in outdoor public recreation. But since 1997, he has specialized in fire management in the Uwharries, extinguishing any unwanted fires and managing the annual prescribed burning of 5,000-6,000 acres per year.



Kelly Cagle

## More TeenZone

Asheboro library. Free; all teens are invited.

**TeenZone Book Discussion Group**, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 4. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs.

**TeenZone Video Game Night**, 7 p.m. Thursday, February 11. Play popular Wii multiplayer games.

**TeenZone Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 25. *Minions* (rated PG; popcorn served).

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**Ross A. Holt**



# State library aid gets a boost

♣ **For the first time since 2008 — and following across-the-board budget cuts in 2011 — the North Carolina General Assembly increased state funding for public libraries in its 2015-2017 budget.**

The \$1 million boost in recurring funding brings the total value of the Aid to Public Libraries fund ("State Aid") to \$14.2 million. This amount is distributed among the state's 80 library systems through a formula developed by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources (now renamed Natural and Cultural Resources) that takes into account population and per capital income.

The intent of the fund, enshrined in state law in 1937 and funded since 1941, is to "increase, improve, stimulate and equalize library service to the people of the whole state."

State Aid is critical operating funding for all the library systems. It usually comprises ten or so percent of the budget of county library systems, although it can be much more, such as Bladen County's 19 percent.

Regional library systems — multi-county libraries — rely more heavily on State Aid: it makes up about 31 percent of the Pettigrew Regional Library's budget (Washington, Tyrrell, Perquimans and Chowan counties), and 35 percent of the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library's budget.

We derive about seven percent of our total budget from State Aid. As operating funding, it can go for anything from salaries to print material and electronic resources,

to continuing education for staff. We use it for all of the above, as well as for special projects.

In 2014, some of our State Aid placed iPads loaded with children's learning games and activities in each of our branches; this year, we're likely to use part of the increase for more electronic learning resources for children and homework help resources for students in grades K-12.

The State Aid increase is a result of an advocacy effort carried out by local trustees, Friends and other supporters. These advocates kept in close touch with their local legislators, both to reinforce the library's importance to the community and alert them about the status of library funding during the legislative process.

Local supporters around the state also encouraged their county commissioners to support inclusion of State Aid on the legislative agenda of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, a goal that also was realized.

To be sure, primary funding for libraries in North Carolina is local — upwards of 80 percent of library funding comes from the state's counties, cities and towns. It's an expression of the integral nature of the library in the community.

But the state plays a key role in keeping libraries strong, and ensuring that all North Carolina citizens have access to a basic level of library service, and this year's increase comes at a key moment as libraries rebound from some difficult years.



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# Kids: eat rainbows at Archdale, Randleman

♣ **A hands-on culinary experience for children focusing on the colors of the rainbow begins in February at the Archdale and Randleman libraries.**

"Ever Eat a Rainbow?" encourages kids to eat healthfully by choosing brightly-colored foods.

Archdale's series runs from 3:30-4:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, February 4, for six weeks. It's free and children of all ages are invited; no registration is required.

Randleman's series, renamed "We're Eating Rainbows" is part the library's "We Wednesdays" and runs from 3:30-4:30 p.m. beginning February 17, for six weeks. It's for ages 5 and up; call 498-3141 to sign up.

The program uses interactive lessons, games and stories to focus on the

importance of all food groups and dietary diversity for a healthy, nutritional diet. Healthy snacks will be provided and children will learn the skills necessary to make their own.

## ***Culinary Kids continues in Liberty***

At the Liberty library, monthly Culinary Kids programs continues with "Exploring Fruits and Vegetables: Making Rainbow Fruit Tacos," 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, February 23. It's appropriate for children of all ages and no sign-up is required.

Both Ever Eat a Rainbow? and Culinary Kids are part of Recipe for Success, an educational nutrition initiative of the UNCG Anthropology Department, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

# Randleman tackles technology

♣ **Adults can get a healthy dose of technology training in the Randleman library's February series of "We Wednesday" events.**

Call 498-3141 to sign up for classes. Admission is one canned food item.

The library will offer two online genealogy classes and a Windows 10 series for anyone age 16 and up. Laptops are provided, or bring your own.

During **Introduction to Heritage Quest**, 3:30-5 p.m. February 3, participants will

learn how to use the library's Heritage Quest online genealogical resource to research their family tree.

**Introduction to Ancestry.com**, 3:30-5 p.m. February 10, will show researchers how to use the library version of the popular genealogy website.

**Introduction to Windows 10**, 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, February 3 thru March 23, will provide a background in the basics of the new operating system, as well as an introduction to using the Internet, email and Microsoft Word.

## **Asheboro library offers active February for children**

*All events are free; no sign-up required.*

**February 4, Thursday: Arts and Crafts Valentine Keepsakes.** 3:30 p.m. All ages.

**February 8, Monday: Chinese New Year customs, games, crafts.** 3:30 p.m. All ages.

**February 15, Monday: Presidents Day Games.** 4 p.m. School-age.

**February 25, Thursday: Maker Series, Working with Clay.** Pinch, coil, roll, bend, flatten for imaginative creations. 4 p.m. School age.

**February 26, Friday: Tell A Fairy Tale.** Celebrate National Fairy Tale and create one of your own. 3:15 p.m. School age.

## ***Discussions***

**Asheboro Reads:** *Grant Park* by Leonard Pitts, Tuesday, February 23.

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:**

"History in a Box" with Pfeiffer University students.

At 3:30 p.m. *Archdale:* Wednesday, February 24; *Asheboro:* Wednesday, February 17; *Randleman:* Thursday, February 18.

**Archdale Book Break:** *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 16.

## ***Get Creative!***

The Liberty library's free Thursday afternoon "Get Creative" craft events for ages 12 and up continue in February. 3:30-4:30 p.m.; supplies provided.

**February 4: Necklaces!** Make beautifully colored metal necklaces using hardware store washers stamped with alcohol ink and strung on a satin cord.

**February 11: Handmade Valentine!** Use doilies and pretty paper to create fancy cards, and make extra cards for seniors at the Liberty Senior Adult Center.


**February 18: Coast into Spring!** (a little early) by making coasters using ceramic tiles and Sharpie markers.

**February 25: Bookmarks!** Make and laminate personal bookmarks and add beaded embellishment.

## ***Randleman receives \$2,000 Walmart Community Grant***

The Randleman library has received a \$2,000 Walmart Community Grant to provide STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming for

preschool and elementary school age children. The Walmart grant program provides grants of \$250 to \$2,500 to eligible organizations within the service area of a Walmart facility.



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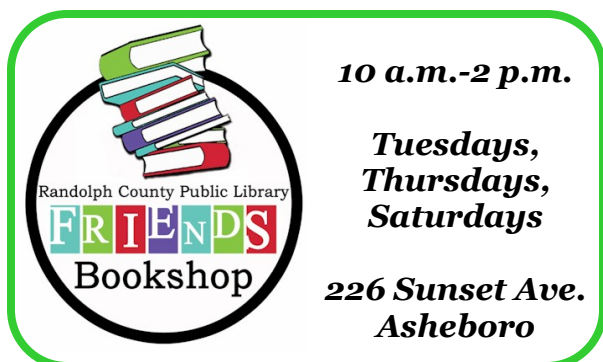
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## Learn about backyard gardens, beekeeping, at Asheboro library

♣ **Bees and backyard gardening are topics of classes at the Asheboro library in February.**

Ben Grandon of Randolph County Cooperative Extension will provide a overview of **Backyard Gardening** supplies and equipment you will need, and answer gardening questions, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 16.

He also will highlight services available through Cooperative

Extension to ensure bountiful harvests of fruits and veggies.

In **Beekeeping Basics** at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, a representative of the Randolph County Beekeepers Association will talk about how the insects can make a garden bloom, and answer questions about hosting a hive.

Both classes, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, are free and the public is invited.