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Williams to share Strieby community history

♣ The unique history and impact of an African American community in southwestern Randolph County is the focus of historian Margo Lee Williams' new book, *From Hill Town to Strieby: Education and the American Missionary Association in the "Back Country" of Randolph County, North Carolina*.

Williams will talk about the history and people of Strieby, and sign copies of her award-winning book, at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 18, at the Asheboro library.

Hill Town grew in the 1840s around the homeplace of Edward (Ned) Hill, a free person of color, and his wife Priscilla, a freed slave. In the 1880s, the community established a school, a Congregational church and a U.S. Post Office.

Renamed Strieby after a church leader, the community flourished. Strieby was designated as a Local Cultural Heritage Site by the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission in 2013, based on Williams' nomination.



Margo Lee Williams

Central to the community's history is the Rev. Islay Walden who, freed from slavery at the end of the Civil War, nearly blind and almost illiterate, walked to Washington, D.C., to gain an education and seek treatment for his poor eyesight.

He returned 10 years later as an esteemed academic, ordained minister and nationally known poet. His mission was to establish a school in Hill Town with the support of the American Missionary Association.

Williams' book documents Walden's story and the continued development of education in the community. It also provides an exhaustive genealogy of Strieby families, profiles notable members of the community and takes a look at Strieby today.

The book received the 2016 Marsha M. Greenlee History Award from the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, and the 2016 Historical Book Award from the North Carolina Society of Historians.

Williams, who lives in Silver Springs, MD, operates a genealogical research firm, Personal Prologue. She holds masters degrees in sociology and religious education.

WFU anthropology professor to explore Gullah culture

♣ Descended from enslaved Africans, the Gullah people of the southeast Atlantic coast have developed a unique culture rich with linguistic, religious and social practices influenced by their African heritage.

Using artifacts and images from the exhibition "Visions of Home: A Celebration of Gullah Culture in the Southeast" at the Wake Forest University Museum of Anthropology, museum academic director Dr. Andrew Gurstelle will explore Gullah history



Andrew Gurstelle

and culture in a talk at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 23, at the Asheboro library.

Gurstelle's talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

As a museum anthropologist and archaeologist, his curatorial work emphasizes putting objects in context historically and culturally. He also is an assistant teaching

professor.

"Visions of Home" is on display through April 22. The museum is located on Wake Forest's Reynolda Campus.

INSIDE! 6th Annual Pottery Slam • Capture a 'candid critter' (with a camera) • Celebrate 'Take Your Child to the Library Day'
Get ready for backyard gardening • Take up beekeeping • Photographs and genealogy • and much more.

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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Senior services in transition

♣ **A startling fact emerged from the demographic analysis conducted for our 2014 strategic facility planning process: in Randolph County, "It is projected that from 2010 to 2030, the 60+ age group will increase 54%."**

The recently-completed Randolph County Strategic Plan bears out this trend: "Because of lower growth rates, the median age in the county is accelerating – older adults will account for 99% of our projected net growth over the next 15 years."

As the Baby Boom generation moves into retirement, library services to seniors are in transition as well. There is an increasing demand for our services aimed at this age group, and we're collaborating more formally with other agencies that also serve the senior population.

The library long has been a resource for people who have retired and now have the leisure to read and to explore hobbies or second careers. Many who have taken our free computing classes have been older adults seeking to learn about computers, especially how to use email to keep in touch with their children and grandchildren.

The advent of ebooks also has brought seniors to the library: as e-readers have become popular, users seek assistance setting up the devices and obtaining books.

Our Extension Services department, though not exclusively designed for seniors, serves many older adults. The department was formed in 1972 to bring the library to people who are homebound or in care institutions.

In addition to delivering books and other material on a monthly basis, Extension also provides a link to the services of the state's Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Traditionally, Extension's services were sought by those already homebound. Lately, however, we're seeing longtime library visitors transition into Extension clients, and a high demand for services from residents of senior living centers.

As these trends accelerate, our staff is collaborating with other agencies to address the needs of the emerging senior population. For several years, the Extension staff has participated in and helped plan the Boomer Senior Caregiver Expo at Randolph Mall. The library also has joined with other groups to sponsor Randolph Community College's Caregiver College.

We are strengthening our ties with the Randolph County Senior Adult Association as well. With a small lending library being developed at the Asheboro Senior Center, the library and the Friends of the Library Bookshop are providing gently used large print books for the new library.

Plans also are afoot to include books in Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Meanwhile, head of Extension Services Jean Vollrath serves on the Randolph County Aging Services Planning Committee, and is joining with committee members to develop a website that will aggregate information about local resources for seniors in one easy-to-access place online.

As the needs of the population change, so do library services.

Pottery Slam!

Throw some pots with local potters in TeenZone event

♣ Get hands-on experience throwing pots and spinning clay creations in the 6th annual TeenZone "Pottery Slam!" from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, February 25, at the Asheboro library.

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

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

Sand graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in General



Pottery Slam! potters Joseph Sand and Dawn Tagawa.

Studio Art from the University of Minnesota-Duluth with a ceramics emphasis. After graduation, Sand left for North Carolina where he completed an apprenticeship under master potter Mark Hewitt.

He operates Joseph Sand Pottery near Randleman, featuring functional and sculptural wood-fired ceramics.

Tagawa's

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

Her aim is to create pieces where the parts merge to form a whole that is intriguing and pleasing to the eye as well as to the touch.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Frederik Backman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 28; *Tiny Little Things* by Beatriz Williams, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 28.

Book Break (Archdale): *Miss Julia Inherits a Mess* by Ann B. Ross, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 21.

Ladies Book Club (Randleman): *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani, 1 p.m. Tuesday, February 7 (call 336-498-3141 to sign up).

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club: *Asheboro: The life of Milton Bradley*, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 15; *Randleman: Community Helpers*, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 16.

Genealogy help

The Randolph Room's genealogy workshop series continues with **A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words**, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, at the Asheboro library. Genealogist Ann Palmer will show you how to enhance your family history with photos, and what to do when you don't have a them. It's free and the public is invited.

The final class in the series, **Those Elusive Females**, focuses on tracing maternal family trees and is slated for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11.

More TeenZone Talk

Asheboro library; Free!

TeenZone Video Game Club: 4 p.m. Thursday February 2. An afternoon of video game competition with the library's Wii.

Homeschool Teens : 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 7. A chance for teens who are homeschooled to learn about TeenZone activities and events; make LED throwies.

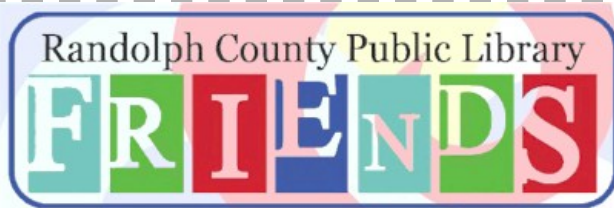
Asheboro Library Jam Club: 5 p.m. Thursday, February 23. Make music! All skill levels welcome.

Randolph Room changes evening, afternoon hours

A change to the hours of the Randolph Room — the library's local history and genealogy department — will extend afternoon hours on days the room is not open at night. The new

hours are Monday-Tuesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The new hours represent a net increase of one hour each week.



YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year.

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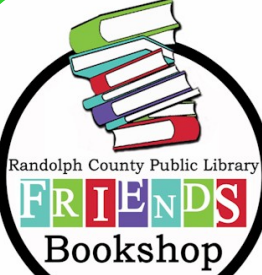
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February 3: Black Beauty (1994)

February 10: Walt Disney
Short Films

February 17: The Journey of
Natty Gann

February 24: Max

March 3: March of the Penguins

Save the date!

**Food writer and
NC Weekend
Commentator**

BOB GARNER

**7 p.m. Thursday,
April 20**

Sunset Theatre

*Sponsored by the Margaret C.
Taylor Memorial Culinary Arts
Collection and the City of
Asheboro*

Check out cameras and capture 'candid critters'

♣ What animals are frolicking in your backyard while you're at work, or lurking there after the sun goes down?

Sign up for North Carolina's Candid Critters, check out a camera from the Asheboro Public Library, and find out!

Candid Critters is a state-sponsored wildlife study that makes motion-triggered cameras available through public libraries. Participants check out the cameras to mount on private property or public land, and weeks later retrieve the images for viewing and uploading.

Anyone interested must first register at NCCandidCritters.org; sign-ups can begin in late January. Participants will receive an invitation to join and complete



A roaming black bear snapped by a NC Candid Critters camera in Jones County. See more

images at www.tinyurl.com/candcrit. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International License <<http://tinyurl.com/nrek8ac>>.

an online training course.

Cameras for approved participants will be available at the Asheboro Public Library in mid-February for a series of three-week deployments. Library staff will be available to help with uploading images to the Candid Critters website.

Data will be used to map trends in animal populations across the state. Typical images from the project can be viewed at www.tinyurl.com/candcrit.

Candid Critters is a partnership among NC State University, the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, the NC

Wildlife Resources Commission, the State Library of NC, NC Cardinal, North Carolina public libraries and the Smithsonian.

Celebrate 'Take Your Child to the Library Day'

♣ Join in an international event and celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day," (TYCLD) an open house from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, February 4, showcasing the services and ongoing activities of the Asheboro library Children's Room.

Special guest will be Pete the Cat, who will pose for pictures (bring your camera!). Pete also will host storytimes at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and Music and Movement events at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Throughout the day, drop in at Play and Learn Centers, an Arts & Crafts station, a children's DIY project, and a lifesize Snakes and Ladders game.

Meanwhile, meet therapy dogs from the library's Tails



www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org

to Read initiative — Olive, Alley Oop and Suzie — and spend a few minutes reading to one of the pups.

The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments.

Now in its sixth year, TYCLD is an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library.

Launched in Connecticut in 2011, TYCLD raises awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families.

For more information, visit www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org.

Troupe to Bring King, African American heroes, to life

Asheville's Bright Star Touring Theatre will present two plays for children in celebration of Black History Month on Monday, February 27, at the Asheboro Library. The group will stage Meet Dr. King at 10:30 a.m. for pre-school age kids and older; and Black History Heroes, Soldiers and Spies at 4 p.m. (3rd grade and up). Mark your calendars and look for details in next month's newsletter.

Asheboro library changes up storytime hours

...and more events for children, teens and adults countywide in February

♣ The Asheboro library is revising its weekly storytime hours effective January 1 in order to make them more clear and convenient for children and their families.

Each week day will feature a different kind of storytime, as follows:

- Pre-K Storytime, 10 a.m. Mondays;
- Family Storytime, 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays;
- Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays;
- Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays;
- Music and Movement, 3:30 p.m. Fridays.

MORE AT ASHEBORO FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Arts & Crafts, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2, all ages. Valentines Day craft.

Take Your Child to the Library Day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, February 4. Open house in the Children's Room! Fun activities and Pete the Cat. See other side for details.

Homeschool Meet & Greet, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 7. Parents can learn about the library's local history and genealogy services while tweens and teens learn about TeenZone activities and events, and younger children join in a craft and a storytime.

P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Club, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 8, ages 0-5 and parents/caregivers. Play and sing about love and make wax paper hearts.

Movie, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 16. *Surf's Up 2: Wavemania*. Celebrate National Canned Food Month by bringing a canned food item for the CUOC food pantry.

Maker Series, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 23, ages 8-12. DIY project.

Bright Star Touring Theatre, Monday, February 27. Two plays in celebration of Black History Month: *Meet Dr. King*, 10:30 a.m.; *Black History Heroes, Soldiers and Spies*, 4 p.m. See other side for details.

Gardeners: get ready for long NC growing season

♣ The long growing season is almost here, so get ready with tips and techniques in "Backyard Gardening," 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, at the Asheboro library.

Ben Grandon of Randolph County Cooperative Extension will talk about equipment and supplies, answer gardening questions, and share information on Cooperative Extension services.

P.A.L. (PLAY and LEARN CLUB) COUNTYWIDE

Learn about the shapes around us by building them, filling them, making collages and more. Ages 0-5.

- Archdale — 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 23
- Liberty — 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 15
- Ramseur — 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 16
- Seagrove — 1:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9.

LIBERTY

Get Creative, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Crafts for teens and adults. February 2: Heart Shaped Wreath. February 9: Foil Embossing. February 16: Stenciled Change Purse. February 23: Coloring for Adults. Free; no sign-up required.

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Call 431-3811 to sign up.

Connecting the Links, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2. Ages 16 and up. Make a black link bracelet.

LEGO Robotics, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays February 7, 14 and 21. Ages 3rd-8th grades. Build LEGO projects with WeDo2 kits, then create program strings on the iPads and bring the projects to life.

A Mailbox for Your Valentines, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9. Ages K-5th grade. Get set for Valentine's Day — make a mailbox for your Valentines. Stories; craft; snacks.

Finger Knitting, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 23. Ages 16 and up. Finger knit a scarf and learn how to make a t-shirt scarf.

Minute to Win it for Tweens and Teens, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 28. Ages 6th-12th grades. Race the clock and your friends to take home the win and some interesting prizes. Refreshments provided.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Storytimes for all ages take place weekly. Visit www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes for schedules or drop by your local library.

Get the buzz on beekeeping in library workshop

♣ Learn about the importance of bees to your backyard garden, and how to cultivate them, in "Basics of Beekeeping at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, at the Asheboro library.

The workshop is free and the public is invited.

Carol Kivett of the Randolph County Beekeeper Association will talk about how the insects make your garden bloom, take a look at supplies you need to host a hive, and answer questions about beekeeping.