

Check out the Internet!

Library to lend mobile hotspots for remote Internet access

♣ Do you lack broadband Internet access at home, but need to get work done? Want to take the Internet with you while traveling?

Solve these problems and more as the library begins checking out mobile Internet hotspots in February.

Mobile hotspots provide a portable WIFI network that enables you to connect your laptop, tablet, phone or other device to the Internet from almost anywhere.

The hotspots — Verizon JetPack MiFi models — will work where there's a Verizon cell phone signal (most areas of Randolph County are covered), and are capable of 4G LTE connections. Like a cell phone, a hotspot operates on a rechargeable battery.



The Verizon MiFi hotspot kit that will be available for checkout in February.

The library initially will have five hotspot units available for check-out. They will go out for 14-day periods, and can be checked out from any of the libraries.

Instruction for use of the devices will be included in the package, and basic technical assistance will be available from library staff.

Anyone age 16 or over who has a library card, and has signed the library's Internet Access and Safety Policy, can check out a hotspot. If all are checked out, one can be placed on hold via the library catalog.

Like in-house library computers and WIFI networks, Internet access via the hotspots will be filtered in keeping with the library's policy. Users who believe a site has been blocked in error can contact library staff.

History prof to explore Vietnamese culture

♣ In the eyes of many Americans, there is little separation between the image of "Vietnam" and the tragic outcome of U.S. involvement in the war.

But Vietnam as a nation, and the Vietnamese people, have existed in the region for over 2,000 years.

UNC-Greensboro history professor Dr. James Anderson will talk about the country, its people and its traditions in "Vietnamese Culture: Beyond the War" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 15, at the Asheboro library.



Dr. James Anderson

Anderson will introduce various aspects of modern Vietnamese society and culture, with a focus on preserving traditions during the country's emergence from its war-torn past.

His talk is free and the public is invited. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Anderson is head of the History Department at UNCG. He holds masters and Ph.D degrees from the University of Washington, and a B.A. from Harvard University. His fields of study include imperial and modern China, east Asia and Southeast Asia.

Library catalog gets visible on search engines — see page 2

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Annie Oakley on the Internet

♣ **Time was, when you wanted find out how to get a ball point ink stain out of a silk blouse or tie, you would call the Reference Desk at the library.**

The Reference librarian would find the book *Hints from Heloise* in the stacks and tell you that hairspray will remove the ball point stain. Heloise was a syndicated columnist whose helpful household tips were collected in several books readily available at the library.

Now, however, you're more likely to just google it and find the answer at your fingertips. (Hint: it won't be hairspray, according to Good Housekeeping online, because the alcohol content of hairspray has been reduced or eliminated, and that's what worked on the stain).

You might think that "just googling" for information would be the bane of librarians. It's not; like everyone else, it's often the first place we go when asked basic questions like how to treat a stain.

The information retrieved by Internet search engines, however, is only the tip of the iceberg in relation to what's available, somewhere, in digitized format. The full text articles and other electronic resources available via NC LIVE are good examples: search engines might get you to the resource, but your library card or student ID gets you to the in-depth information.

Library catalogs are another example of vast collections of digitized information that search engines generally do not see. Catalog information is invisible to the Internet because the search protocols for libraries

and those for the Internet grew up on parallel tracks, and, heretofore, never the twain would meet.

But what if the gap could be bridged?

Suppose you're a Randolph County student doing a report on Wild West sharpshooter Annie Oakley. Wouldn't it be great to google Annie, and see, high up in the Internet search results, the photograph in our catalog from the Randolph County Historic Photograph Collection (that's her above where my mug usually appears), taken when the sharp shooter was visiting friends in Randleman? And find that there are several other resource about her in a library not too far from your home or school?

A new product we have purchased (more like, invested in) is slated to make this dream a reality. A company called Zepheira has developed a means to make library catalog information visible to Internet search engines.

Zepheira works with library automation vendors to link library catalogs to the search engines. With our vendor, SirsiDynix, we've added this innovative function.

It may take some time for the ideal results to materialize from the mysterious mechanisms of Internet search engines, and we're certainly an early adopter in this regard.

But it's worth the risk if we can make the valuable material encompassed by our catalog accessible where most everyone, all but automatically, turns first for information.

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Homeschool group treks to Zoo for hike

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

♣ **The Asheboro library's monthly homeschool meeting will feature a short hike at the NC Zoo.**

The group will meet in the zoo's Africa parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 21. Dress comfortably for a half-mile hike on Purgatory Mountain. Learn about the endangered red wolf and winter bird watching. Make birdhouses for the Brown-Headed Nuthatch.

All homeschoolers and their parents are invited.

OTHER ASHEBORO EVENTS

Arts & Crafts, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 1, ages 4 and up. Make a decorative heart-shaped box for your valentine.

Movie, 4 p.m. Monday, February 5, all ages. "The LEGO Ninjago Movie." Free popcorn!

Chinese New Year's Eve Party, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 15. Learn how to write your name in Chinese calligraphy, how to use chopsticks to eat noodles, and how to perform the traditional Dragon Dance.

Home School Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 21.

Play and Learn Club, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 22, ages 1-5 and parents/caregivers. Learn about winter weather.

LIBERTY

Randolph Partnership for Children, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, February 21. Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 can learn about free local services made available by the Randolph Partnership for Children.

Get Creative, the Liberty library's weekly craft series at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays for adults and teens — **February 1:** Handmade Valentines; **February 8:** Personalized Valentine's Tea; **February 15:** Watercolor Hearts; **February 22:** Conversation Magnet. **Kids Can Create**, for school-age children,

3:30 p.m. Thursdays — **February 1, 8 and 15:** LEGO Free Build; **February 22,** Float My Boat STEM activity.

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Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club, * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays through February 22, grades K-2 and 3-5. Build giant glow-in-the dark buildings, walk on the wild side and play a little beach ball.

Full STEAM Ahead: Electronic Snap Circuits! * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, February 2, ages 3rd-6th grades. Build working electronic components with snap-together components.

Connie's Crafting Corner, * 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, February 6, age 16 and up. Fight the winter blahs with a mini-spa at the library.

Be My Valentine! * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, ages K-5th grade. Make a special box for your Valentine's Day cards; explore the heart and circulatory system, and conduct a Valentine's experiment.

Full STEAM Ahead: Ozobots, * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, February 16, ages 3rd-6th grade. Learn and play with Ozobots, miniature robots that read color code.

Laptops for Learning: Microsoft Word Basics, * 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, February 20-21, ages 16 and up. Learn how to create text documents and carry out actions like saving, opening and printing. Laptops provided.

Tweens & Teens: Love Monster on the Loose! * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 27, ages 11-16. Make your own "love monster," create a tasty treat, and do a candy hearts science experiment.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Lapsit/Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly. Find schedules at www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: Hidden

Figures by Margot Shetterly, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 30; **The Enchantress of Numbers: A Novel of Ada Lovelace** by Jennifer Chiaverini, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 27.

Book Break (Archdale): The Broken Road by Richard Paul Evans, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 20.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes continues in February at the Asheboro library. Up next:


Using Heritage Quest, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, February 8. Learn how to search Census and other records using this resource, which is available from anywhere with your library card. Call 336-318-6803 to register.

Using Military Records, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, February 22. Learn about indexes to unit records, draft registration and enlistment records, military service records, death and casualty lists, pension files and more. No registration required.

Mark your calendars for more in March: **Making Sense of the Census**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8; **Using Ancestry Library Edition**, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 13; and **Finding Census Records Online**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22.

Teen Zone Talk

Bring any book you like and want to talk about for a **Teen Book Discussion**, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 8. Discuss your favorite books and what you love about them. Then, learn about the library's new Testing and Education Reference Center, an online test preparation resource, in **Getting to Know TERC**, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 15. Both events are at the Asheboro library.



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Learn about online test preparation resource

♣ **Taking a standardized test for school, work or citizenship?**

Learn about a new library test preparation resource, the Testing and Educational Reference Center, in "Getting to Know TERC," 4 p.m. Thursday, February 15.

The free class will cover getting started, the tests covered, and the different kinds of help available.

The class is focused on teens but all ages are invited.