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The Cat in the Hat! *Celebrate Seuss birthday with famed feline at each library*

♣ Meet The Cat in the Hat and other crazy characters as all seven libraries celebrate the March 2 birthday of Dr. Seuss.

The Cat, a.k.a. storyteller and illusionist Caleb Sigmon, will appear at all the libraries during the first week of March as follows:

- **Archdale:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5;
- **Asheboro:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 8;
- **Franklinville:** 4 p.m. Thursday, March 7;
- **Liberty:** 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6;
- **Ramseur:** 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 7;
- **Randleman:** 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 8;
- **Seagrove:** 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.



The performances, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, are free and the public is invited.

The fun, interactive events will feature live actors, puppets, music and audience participation, followed by a Meet-and-Greet with the Cat.

Sigmon visited the Asheboro library in December as the Grinch, drawing an audience of over 300.

Performing a variety of shows 150 times a year with a unique blend of magic, drama and storytelling, Sigmon is a mainstay of libraries, schools, churches and performing arts centers. He has appeared at venues ranging from the Virginia Beach Boardwalk to the Johnny Carson Theatre in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Build healthier lifestyle at three libraries in February

♣ Heart health and living with chronic conditions are the topics of wellness events at the Asheboro, Liberty and Franklinville libraries in February.

A **Chair Cardio Exercise Class for Seniors**, Noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays, February 6 and 20, at the Franklinville library, will help seniors get strong with chair cardio, learn how to participate in this spring's Senior Games, and discover more about the Asheboro Senior Center.

Learn about **Living Healthy with Chronic Conditions**, 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, at the Liberty library. The interactive workshop will help participants improve their

health, communicate with doctors, and manage difficult emotions.

The Asheboro library will host **The Heart of the Matter for Women** at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 21. Sheri Millikan, Clinical Service Manager, Cardiac Services, at Randolph Health, will help attendees identify risk factors that increase the chance of cardiovascular disease for women. Participants will be able to develop a plan for improved heart care.

All events are free; registration is required for the Liberty workshop —call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

Extension agent Grandon to share backyard gardening tips

Calling all gardeners! North Carolina's long growing season is almost here. Join Ben Grandon of Randolph County Cooperative Extension for "Beginner Backyard Gardening" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, at the Asheboro library, as he offers an overview of what supplies and equipment you may need, answers gardening questions, and talks about services available at Cooperative Extension to ensure a bountiful harvest. Grandon's talk is free and the public is invited.



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 Mon-Fri 8:30-5

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*from
 the
 director*

Ross A. Holt



Bringing reading to newborns

♣ **Now into its second year, Randolph Books for Babies is going strong and getting stronger.**

The Friends of the Library initiative, pioneered by Dr. Frances Jones, provides for trained volunteers to deliver a specially-designed kit of early reading resources to the family of each newborn at Randolph Health, contained in a handy Books for Babies tote bag. The volunteers talk with the families about the importance of reading with the child from day one.

To date, the project has reached over 1,500 babies and their families.

The tote contains board books for the parents to read with their child; a reading blanket; a "My First Library Card" and schedules of library children's events; early literacy and health information; and more.

Partners in the program include the Friends, the Randolph County Partnership for Children, Randolph Health and the Randolph County Health Department.

The project's success is evident in a recently completed, random survey of parents of newborns receiving Books for Babies deliveries: 98 percent of new mothers surveyed reported a very positive experience with the program. Some indicated that they were not fully aware of the importance of reading to their children until talking with the volunteers.

Meanwhile, 94 percent of the moms reported that they or another family member were reading to their babies at least once each day. Almost half said they had checked out library books for the child.



Randolph Books for Babies 2019 volunteers gathered recently: (seated, l-r) Renee Greene, Pam Wolfe, Martica Craven, Patty Sullivan; (standing) Frances Jones, Andee Edelson, Wendy Telez, Linda Beddingfield, Wendy Kinlaw, Leigh Harris, Amanda Ratliff, Shannon McCrary.

One mother said she was inspired to get her GED to be better able to read to her son so he will be smart when he starts school.

Randolph Books for Babies is made possible entirely by contributions to the Friends of the Library from generous community supporters.

Books for Babies Contributors

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Archdale kids to eat the rainbow

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

♣ **Developing kitchen skills and learning about nutrition will be the focus of "Eating Rainbows," a six-week program for kids at the Archdale library.**

The series will take place from 3-4 p.m. on Thursdays beginning February 7. A representative from UNC-Greensboro's Recipe for Success initiative will offer food demonstrations and interactive cooking that teach children easy ways to snack and cook healthy foods.

The program is free but registration is required; call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

ALSO AT ARCHDALE

Family Film Nights, 7 p.m. Fridays, refreshments provided. **February 8:** *Peter Rabbit*; **February 15:** *Paddington 2*; **February 22:** *Chicken Run*; **March 1:** *Puss In Boots*; **March 8:** *Born in China*
LEGO & DUPLO Fun, 3-4:30 p.m. Fridays beginning February 1, ages 2-12.

RANDLEMAN

**requires sign-up; call 336-498-3141*

Winter Reading Advisory continues! Read for chances to win a Kindle Fire or a \$50 Walmart gift card. Register at the library; details when you sign up. Randleman only!

Preschool Storytimes: 10:30-11:15 a.m. every Thursday and Friday, ages birth-5.

Full STEAM Ahead,* 3:30-4:30 Fridays February 1 and 15. February 1 (ages 3rd to 8th grade) — Ozobots! February 15 (ages K-5th grade) — Code and Go Robot Mouse Activity!

Connie's Crafting Corner,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 5. Winter Scene Shadowbox.

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's Clubs,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays thru February 28, grades K-2 and 3-5.

Be My Valentine!* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, ages K-5th grade. Make a Valentine or two; learn a bit about the holiday.

Teen & Tween: Let's Make A Snowman!"* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 19, ages 11-15. Make a Styrofoam snowman that matches your personality; indoor snowball fight!

Mystery Science: "How Does Your Heart Pump Blood?,"* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, ages K-5th grade and 6-8 grades. Find out how your heart pumps blood; hands-on learning with your own heartbeat and pulse.

ASHEBORO

Music and Movement: 10 a.m. Mondays February 11 and 25, ages 3-5.

Kinder Prep: 10 a.m. Mondays, February 4 and 18, ages 3-5.

Learn and Play: 4 p.m. Mondays, ages 0-5. Story time, songs, play time.

School Aged Wednesdays: 4 p.m. February 6 — "Crafternoon." February 13 — Movie:

"Smallfoot." February 20 — LEGO Challenge: Mosaics. February 27 — STEM Challenge: Cardboard tube marshmallow shooters.

Let's Speak Spanish! 4 p.m. Thursdays, children ages 5 and up. Learn and practice Spanish in a supportive environment.

Junior Book Club, 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, ages 8 and up. Pax by Sara Pennypacker.

Homeschool Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday February 13. Hike Purgatory Trail at the NC Zoo. Call the library at 336-318-6804 or email scolwell@randolphlibrary.org for details.

FRANKLINVILLE

Cookies and Cards, 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, February 13, preschool. Decorate sugar cookies and make cards for loved ones. Co-sponsored by Franklinville Diner.

Cookies and Cards Twice Baked, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 14, all ages. Decorate a sugar cookie and make a card. Co-sponsored by Franklinville Diner.

LIBERTY

Get Creative, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 21, teens and adults. Wood Block Letters.

STEAM Drop-In and Free Time, 2-4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Kids — explore and experiment with LEGOS, art, robots and more; watch a 3-D Printer in action.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

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

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel*, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 29. (Meet authors Herb Frasier, Dr. Bernard Edward Powers Jr. and Marjory Wentworth at their Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series appearance, 7 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2019). *White Houses* by Amy Bloom, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 26.

Junior Book Club

(Asheboro): *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker. 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 26 (Children ages 8 and up).

YAAS Book Club

(Asheboro): *Stronger, Faster and More Beautiful* by Arwen Elys Dayton, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 28. (Teens).

Book Break (Archdale):

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 19.


Book Bites (Archdale) "Un-Book Club." Guests are invited to talk about the most exciting or interesting book they've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 12.

Morning hours

The Franklinville library is now open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays, offering the community morning hours and a morning for pre-K storytimes. Otherwise the library is open 2-6 during the week and 2-5 on Sundays.

Teen Zone Talk

Take the confusion out of leaving Facebook in **Quitting Facebook: A Primer on Departing the Social Network** at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 7 and February 21. Call 336-318-6803 to sign up. Play **Dungeons and Dragons** at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 21; for ages 12 and up, all skill levels welcome. **YAAS Book Club:** *Stronger, Faster and More Beautiful* by Arwen Elys Dayton, 4 p.m. Thursday, February 28.



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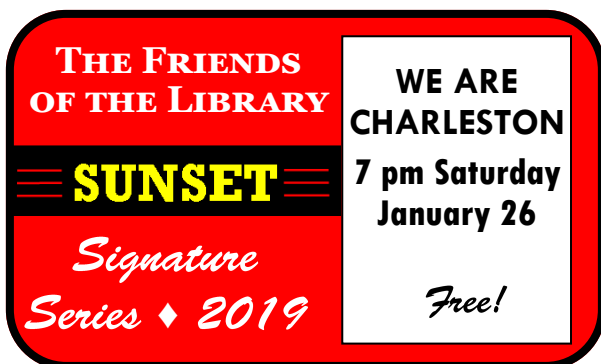
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Liberty to host talk on antebellum potters

Join Liberty-area potter and historian Brenda Hornsby Heindl for "Poetry and Pottery: Free and Enslaved Potters Working in the South," at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 19, at the Liberty library. Hornsby Heindl will talk about the intersection of pottery and poetry as both free and enslaved potters navigated their lives. Her talk is free and the public is invited.



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