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Smallwood to return for continuation of talk *History prof to focus on African American impact on early NC*

♣ In September, Dr. Arwin Smallwood set out to talk about the three groups that generated early North Carolina's prosperity — Native Americans, European settlers and enslaved African Americans.

So engaging was the NC A & T history professor's presentation, however, that Smallwood only got about halfway through his talk due to questions and lively discussion.

Smallwood will return with "The Origins and Early History of North Carolina: African Americans," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 13, at the Asheboro library. The talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

North Carolina's history was shaped by a mixture of ethnic influences. The state's waterways and forests sustained Native American villages that were replaced in the 18th Century by English plantations, cleared for whites by African and Indian slaves.



Dr. Arwin Smallwood

In his earlier talk, Smallwood traced the story of Native Americans, largely gone from the state for 200 years, except for small populations. Now, he will turn his attention to enslaved African Americans and their descendants through the struggles of slavery, Jim Crow and the Civil Rights era.

The entwined histories are visible through dozens of maps Smallwood has created especially for this presentation, along with vivid illustrations of forgotten faces and moments from the past.

Smallwood was born in Windsor, North Carolina, and raised in Indian Woods. He earned a bachelors degree in political science and a masters in history from North Carolina Central University, and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

He taught at the University of Memphis and currently serves as chair of the N.C. A & T History Department. He is recipient of numerous awards, fellowships and grants, and participated in the award-winning UNC-TV documentary "The Birth of a Colony: North Carolina."

Local leaders to reflect on era of integration

♣ Two area leaders, Eldora Allen and Katie Snuggs, will discuss their experiences in their communities during the Civil Rights era in Black History Month talks at the Randleman and Asheboro libraries.

Randleman will present "Black History Retrospective: Retired Educator **Eldora Allen** Looks Back on Education and Integration in Randolph County in the 1960s" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 4. Allen, who taught for over 40 years at the elementary level in the Randolph County Schools, attended Central School in Asheboro through 11th grade, and was part of the first integrated graduating class at Asheboro High School.

At the Asheboro library, City Councilwoman **Katie Snuggs** will talk about her experiences during the era at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 20.

Snuggs, the first African American woman (and second African American) elected to the Asheboro City Council, was a leader in integration struggles in Asheboro. She was arrested for participating in sit-ins at Hop's Bar-B-Que Restaurant and the Little Castle Café in 1964.

Retired from the Asheboro Water and Sewer Maintenance Department, she is a graduate of Central School and North Carolina A & T State University.

Both talks are free and the public is invited.

2020 Sunset Series kicks off with Elizabeth Smart — see inside

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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



A library director's secret weapon

♣ **Faithful readers of this newsletter will be aware that in December, the Randolph County Public Library received some top honors from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA).**

Any honor is immeasurably richer when it comes from one's professional colleagues, and especially so from the NCPLDA, which encompasses the leadership of the state's 81 public library systems.

The association was founded in 1980 for two reasons: to provide a means for library directors to influence state policy toward public libraries, both in terms of funding and the formula through which it is distributed to local libraries; and to offer directors a forum in which to exchange ideas and process their shared experiences.

It has been highly successful in achieving both goals.

The group meets three times each year, once each in the east, west and central regions of the state. There are formal presentations and learning activities, but the real impact comes from information shared informally among colleagues.

The group also maintains an active listserv that is "advice central" for any situation that arises. No matter what happens to one director, other directors usually have already experienced it and can share their perceptions.

The organization also is where we share innovative ideas that one library or the other has developed. In 2015, I invited former Asheboro City Schools

Superintendent Dr. Terry Worrell to participate in a panel discussion about school-library cooperation. There, we learned about the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library's effort to provide all students access to the library through their student ID numbers.

Dr. Worrell became a strong supporter of the concept, and our REAL2 student ID project was born.

I've lost count of the times that I have raised an issue of library service or innovation among a group of NCPLDA colleagues, during a break in formal activities or at dinner afterward, and returned home with ideas to implement that almost immediately improve library service to this community.

Our annual awards also are an important aspect of NCPLDA. In addition to the personal awards, the association presents accolades for programs (for children, teens and adults), service innovations and facilities, for small, medium and large libraries. These serve as inspiration (and, let's face it, opportunities for outright theft!) that improve library services throughout the state.

It's not unusual to meet a library director new to the job, who already has identified a barrier to library service in her county, town or region. And then, at our annual meeting in December, she's winning an award for breaking down that barrier.

I always leave our meetings in awe of my colleagues, recharged and renewed. The NCPLDA is truly our "secret weapon."

Get scoop on Medicare 2020 at Asheboro

♣ **Learn about two state programs that can assist North Carolinians with Medicare related issues at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, at the Asheboro library.**

In "Medicare 2020 and Medicare Fraud and Abuse — What You Need to Know," Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Regional Manager Jeanie Schepisi will talk about how SHIIP and the North Carolina Senior Medicare Patrol (NCSMP) can support those with Medicare-

related needs, and provide education about Medicare fraud and abuse.

There also will be an overview of Medicare A, B, C and D for 2020. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

The session is free and the public is invited.

Both SHIIP and NCSMP are programs of the North Carolina Department of Insurance. Schepisi joined the SHIIP staff in 1996 and now is manager of a 24 county area.

Liberty library seeks community input ...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ **The Liberty library wants your help to make the library work for you.**

Join "Working Together," a community input session, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 27, and make your voice heard. Refreshments will be provided.

Candy Heart Scrubs at Liberty

Want a Valentine's gift for that special someone? Make a fun and colorful sugar scrub at the Liberty library, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, February 13. Adults and teens are invited.

Pop in and Play at Franklinville

Preschoolers are invited to the Franklinville library for an unstructured hour of play, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 19. Various stations featuring preschool games and toys will be set up for little ones to enjoy.

Pizza & Pajama Party at Asheboro

Join the Asheboro library Children's Room for a Pizza & Pajama Party at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 13. Arrive in your PJs to eat pizza and play party games. It's free; best for ages 5 and up.

Valentine's cards at Franklinville

Make cards for loved ones and

decorate yummy sugar cookies made by the Franklinville Diner, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, February 14, at the diner, 159 W. Main Street. All ages.

Digital resources at Seagrove

Learn about all the library's digital resources — ebooks, downloadable audiobooks and more — with Digital Services Librarian Harris Mason in "Get a New 'App' Attitude," 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 19 at the Seagrove library.

Blind Date discussion at Seagrove

Seagrove library's Valentine-themed "Blind Date with a Book" concludes with a discussion at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12.

Movies at Archdale, Seagrove

Archdale will host a Family Film Night at 7 p.m. Friday, February 28, featuring *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*.

Seagrove will host a "Charlie Brown Valentine's Marathon" at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 15, featuring *A Charlie Brown Valentine* and *Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown*.

All libraries host a variety of storytimes, special events, hands-on activities and other events for children, teens and adults. Find out more at www.randolphlibrary.org or visit your local library.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Book of Dreams* by Nina George, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 25.

Book Break (Archdale): *Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 18.

Book Bites (Archdale) "Un-Book Club": Talk about the most exciting or interesting book you've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 11.

Liberty Book Club: *A Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides, 6 p.m. Thursday, February 20.

Afternoon Delights (Liberty): *Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes, 2:30 p.m. Monday, February 3.

Upcoming!

Mark your calendars for these Asheboro library events, and look for details in future newsletters:

"Backyard Gardening" with Ben Grandon of Cooperative Extension, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19.

"From a Fire on the Beach to a Diamond in the Sky: The Evolution of Lighthouses and Light-Keeping in North Carolina" with Kevin Duffus, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 23.

"Vote for Women! The Nineteenth Amendment at 100" with UNC-Greensboro Women's and Gender History Professor Mandy L. Cooper, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Mark calendars to learn Kennedy assassination secrets

Do we truly believe that a 24-year-old ex-Marine could kill the President of the United States? Mark your calendars for Belmont Abbey Education Professor Melinda

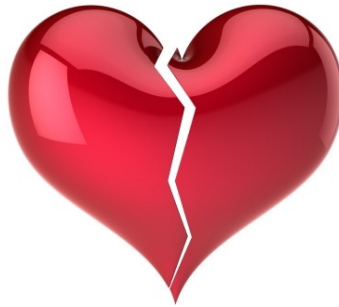
Ratchford's talk, "The Secrets of the Kennedy Assassination," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Asheboro library. Look for details in future newsletters.

Don't get seduced by a 'sweetheart scam'

♣ A potential romantic partner makes contact with you through a social media site, online dating site or an online game such as Words with Friends.

Sound promising — but is it the setup for a scam?

Just in time for Valentines, find out how to avoid getting hooked by "Sweetheart Scams" with Officer Guadalupe Gonzales of the Asheboro Police Department, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 27, at the Asheboro library.



The talk is free and the public is invited.

In 2018, the Federal Trade Commission reported that individuals lost over \$143 million to romance scams. Gonzales will share some of the techniques that scammers use to ensnare the lovelorn.

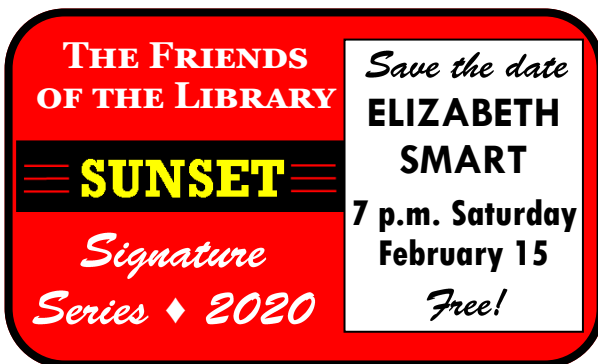
They lavish the target with attention, but begin sharing stories that play upon the target's sympathy, such as a medical emergency or the need to travel from another country to carry on the romance. As the stories develop, the scammer begins requesting larger and larger amounts of money to solve their purported problem.

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Smart to launch 2020 Sunset Series

♣ The abduction of Elizabeth Smart was one of the most followed child abduction cases of our time

Smart was abducted at age 14 on June 5, 2002, and her captors controlled her by threatening to kill her if she tried to escape. Fortunately, police safely returned Smart to her family on March 12, 2003, after she had been held for nine grueling months.

Through this traumatic experience, Smart has become an advocate for change related to child abduction, recovery programs and national legislation. She triumphantly testified before her captor and the world about the very private nightmare she suffered during her captivity, which led to his conviction.

Smart will bring the story of her journey from abduction to empowerment to the first installment of the 2020 Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series at 7 p.m. Saturday, February 15, at downtown Asheboro's historic Sunset Theatre. Her appearance is free and the public is invited.

The Sunset Series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Randolph County Public Library.

Smart chronicled her experience in her *New York Times* best-selling book *My Story*. She and other abduction survivors also worked with the U.S. Department of Justice to create a survivor's guide, *You're Not Alone: The Journey from Abduction to Empowerment*.

In 2018, she published *Where There's Hope: Healing, Moving Forward and Never Giving Up*, a close-up glimpse into her healing process and a heartfelt how-to for readers to make peace with the past and embrace the future.



Elizabeth Smart

Smart also is founder of the Elizabeth Smart Foundation, which convenes partner organizations to prevent crimes against children and provide survivors with resources for recovery.

Smart's abduction and recovery continue to motivate parents, law enforcement and leaders worldwide to focus on children's safety. She emphasizes vigilance by "everyday" people and the belief that hope always exists to find every missing child.

Smart attended Brigham Young University. She and her husband Matthew have two children.

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Survivor, Author and Child Safety Advocate

Elizabeth Smart

7 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020



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Jeopardy Champion

Ken Jennings

7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020



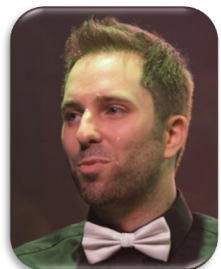
Ken Jennings was a software engineer in Salt Lake City in 2004 when he was selected for the TV game show *Jeopardy!* Little did he know his appearance would extend for 74 games over six months, earning him \$2.52 million and making him the reigning *Jeopardy!* Champion.

Performance Speed Painter

Tim Decker

**7 p.m. Saturday
March 14, 2020**

Tim Decker is a nationally touring performance speed painter who paints celebrity and patriotic portraits live in front of a crowd — often painting with both hands — during a high-energy, upbeat show that combines music, art, humor and audience participation.



Top of the World

A Carpenters Tribute featuring Debbie Taylor

7 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2020

Who can forget the incomparable music of The Carpenters? You'll sing along as Top of the World brings authentic versions of the songs to the stage.



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