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Build genealogy skills in workshop series

♣ Need to decipher a document in flowery handwriting? Trace your maternal family tree? Use photographs to make your family history visual?

Join genealogist and librarian Ann Palmer for a series of three workshops from January through March at the Asheboro library that will help build your research skills.

The classes are free and the public is invited.

First, decipher **The A-B-Cs of Early American Handwriting**, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, January 28. Learn tips for transcribing handwritten documents as you discover why so many names are misspelled, and how the formation of letters, the spelling and the meaning of words has changed during the last three centuries.

In **A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words**, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, learn how to enhance your family history using photographs. Discover how photos can help or hinder your research and what to do about the “no-photos” dilemma.

Track down **Those Elusive Females**, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Researchers often neglect the maternal side of the family. Learn how to find clues to maiden names, married names and in what type of records women are found.

Palmer is retired from the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library, where she served as supervisor of the Florida History and Genealogy Library. She is a past president of the Guilford County Genealogical Society.



Mark Kemp and Thomas Rush

Authors Rush, Kemp to share ‘Perspectives’

♣ Both Mark Kemp and Thomas Rush grew up in Asheboro in the 1970s, on either side of Salisbury Street: Kemp in mainly white Greystone Terrace, and Rush in the mainly African-American Eastside.

And both, in recent years, have penned memoirs reflecting on their experiences.

The two will come together to share “Perspectives: Growing up in Post-Civil Rights Asheboro,” at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 14, at the Asheboro library. Their talk is free and the public is invited.

Rush, a freelance writer who has lived in several states throughout the U.S, is author of *Reality’s Pen: Reflections on Family, History and Culture*, published in 2012.

Kemp wrote *Dixie Lullaby: A story of Music, Race and New Beginnings in a New South* in 2004. He is a journalist who has worked for *Rolling Stone* and MTV, and has served as editor of magazines including *Option*, *Acoustic Guitar*, *Charlotte’s Creative Loafing* and most recently *SF Weekly*.

Health educator to offer tips for easy, healthy New Year’s resolutions

New Year’s resolutions can be overwhelming, especially if they are about your health. Join Kendall Phillips, a health educator with the Randolph County Health Department at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12, at the Asheboro library, and learn some tips and tricks for making easy New Year’s resolutions for healthy eating —and successfully keeping them. It’s free and the public is invited. MORE FOR YOUR HEALTH: Introduction to Tai Chi — see page 3.

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Randolph Room's Kesler to retire

♣ **On the birth of her first child in the early 1950s, a curious thought occurred to Juanita Jackson Kesler.**

"I looked at him and thought, 'he doesn't look like me, and he doesn't look like his daddy!'" That observation led her to a lifelong interest in genealogy, and eventually to a career holding down the fort in the Randolph Room on nights and Saturdays for 24 years.

At the end of this month, at age 87, Juanita will retire. "It's time," she says.

She leaves a legacy of satisfied Randolph Room visitors assisted immensely by her prodigious genealogical knowledge, and a voluminous contribution to the written history of Randolph County families.

"She amazed everyone with her knowledge of Randolph County history," says Marsha Haithcock, who recently retired as head of the Randolph Room.

Juanita's initial foray into genealogy was the Bulla family — her mother's side of the family tree and her connection to Randolph County. The result was an 888 page tome, *Links in the Bulla Chain*, authored with Donald S. Bulla and published in 1996.

As she pounded away at it on a manual typewriter, she says, her husband would ask, "What limb are you on tonight?"

She also has authored a book on the Loflin-Hicks families, collaborated on the two volumes of *The Heritage of Randolph County, North Carolina*, penned the "Randolph Ancestors" column for the *Ramseur Bulletin*, and written numerous articles for the *Randolph County*



Juanita Kesler peruses the massive Bulla family history that she penned.

Genealogical Society Journal.

Juanita was volunteering at the library when the part-time position came open in 1992. Prior to her career here, she was a secretary at Cetwick Mill and later a payroll clerk at Klopman Mills.

She is also a quilter who taught the craft at Randolph Community College for 35 years, and is still at it, currently working on a wall hanging.

Juanita says what she will remember most is "meeting all these nice people from all over everywhere over the years. I've made so many friends in here."

What's next for her? She plans to "clean my house" — organize all her genealogy books and documents — and probably pen another Bulla book, this one about the seven doctors in the family.

Unlimber with 'Intro to Tai Chi' workshop

♣ Join Steve Cain of the Asheboro Senior Center for "Introduction to Tai Chi" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 7, at the Asheboro library.

The workshop is free and the public is invited, but space is limited. Call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

It's suitable for beginners of all ages, and participants do not have to be in top shape or the best of health.

January fills up with library activities

PRESCHOOLERS

ASHEBORO: P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Club, "Fairy Tales." Dive into classic fairy tales; review numbers and letters, and practice fine motor skills by making wolves, wands and bean stalks. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 11: Ages 0-5.

SCHOOL AGE

ASHEBORO: Surprise Your Eyes! Optical illusions, tricks, games and brainteasers. 2 p.m. Monday, January 23. Ages 5 and up.

ASHEBORO: Breakout Box EDU Challenge. Work as a team to crack codes, find clues to solve a mystery before time runs out. 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 24. Ages 7 and up.

LIBERTY: Culinary Kids. Another month of all new programs about eating healthy and staying fit! 3:30-4:30 p.m. Each Tuesday in January. Elementary school age.

RANDLEMAN: Snowmen & Snowballs All Around.* Winter story, snowflake crafts, toss a snowball, enjoy cold snacks. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12. K-5th grade.

RANDLEMAN: Stone Soup!* Prepare a special stone soup with Kimberly Titlebaum of UNCG's Recipe for Success. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 26. K-5th grade.

CRAFTS and MORE!

ASHEBORO: Arts and Crafts. National Bird Day. 3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 5. Children, all ages

LIBERTY: Get Creative! Crafts for teens and adults. 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. Keep calm sensory bottles; bird feeders; water color snow flakes;

Often described as "meditation in motion," Tai Chi typically consists of standing postures and body movements performed in a slow, methodical manner with an emphasis on improving posture and balance.

Those wishing to participate should wear loose-fitting, comfortable clothes and flat-bottom shoes (no shoes with heels — most athletic shoes are acceptable).

garden fairy house.

RANDLEMAN: Clay Pot Snowmen.* Make your own unique flower pot snowman! 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, January 19. Ages 16 and up.

RANDLEMAN: Mason Jar Snow Globe for Teens and Tweens.* Make a unique snow globe using Mason jars. 3:30-4:40 p.m. Tuesday, January 31. 6th-12th grade.

MAKERS and BUILDERS

ARCHDALE: LEGO Build. Enjoy the library's LEGOs. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 24. Ages 5 and up.

ASHEBORO: Maker Series, : DIY Weathervane. 4 p.m. Thursday, January 26. Ages 8-12.

RANDLEMAN: It's LEGO Time! Mega blocks for tots; free build with LEGO Duplo blocks or kits for older kids. 3:30-4 p.m. Thursday, January 5.

RANDLEMAN: LEGO Robotics.* Build with WeDo2 LEGO kits, then create program strings to bring your project to life. 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays January 10, 17 and 24. 3rd-8th grade.

MOVIES

ASHEBORO: Family Movie. *Finding Dory*, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 18.

ASHEBORO: After School Movie: *Kubo and the Two Strings*, 4:15 p.m. Monday, January 30.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Lapsit, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly. Visit www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes for a full schedule, or contact your local library.

*** Pre-registration required; contact the library to sign up.**

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *A Warrior of the People: How Susan La Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor* by Joe Starita, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 24.

Book Break (Archdale): *Last One Home* by Debbie Macomber, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 17.

Ladies Book Club (Randleman): *Flight of the Sparrow* by Amy Belding Brown, 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 3 (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, January 11;
Randleman: *The life of Milton Bradley*, 4 p.m. Thursday, January 19.

Genealogy online

Learn how to use two of the library's online genealogy resources in two January classes.

"Genealogy with HeritageQuest," 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, January 9, will demonstrate how to use the HeritageQuest database. "Genealogy with Ancestry Library Edition," 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, January 23, will explore the library version of the popular Ancestry.com resource.


Call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

**Mark calendars for
Margo Lee Williams,
Strieby book**

Mark your calendars for an appearance at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 18, by Margo Lee Williams, author of the recently-published history *From Hill Town to Strieby*,

which chronicles the development of the Strieby community in southwestern Randolph County.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter.



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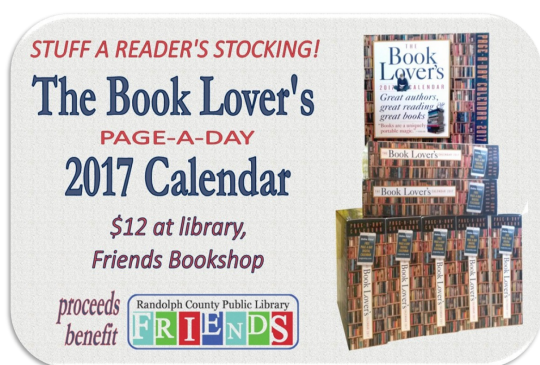
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Learn about cloud storage in library computer class

Find out how to save your computer files to "the cloud" in "What is Cloud Storage?" at 2 p.m. Monday, January 9, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 25, at the Asheboro library.

The cloud is simply a network of computers. Learn the pros and cons of storing information this way, and how to choose a cloud storage service and get started using it. The class is free; call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

TeenZone

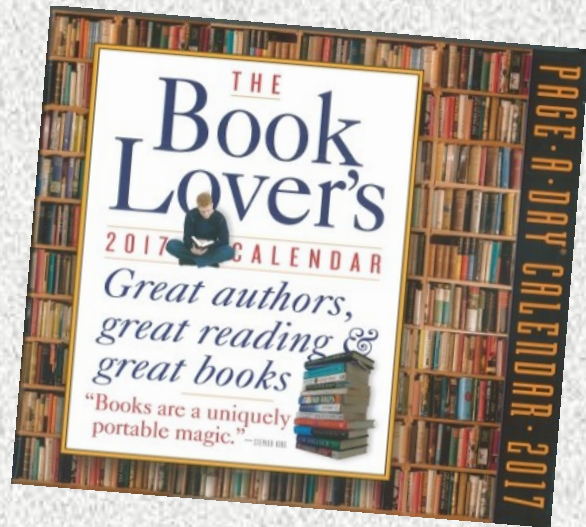
Thursdays, Asheboro library; Free!

TeenZone Study Hall: 4-6 p.m. January 5. Quiet space to study, work on projects and have light snacks to get the brain working.
Asheboro Library Jam Club: 5 p.m. January 12. Make music! All skill levels welcome.

Maker Event — DIY Cardboard VR Viewer : 4 p.m. January 26. Turn your mobile phone into virtual reality goggles. Supplies provided.

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