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New genealogy class series gets underway

♣ Learn how to search for family history using traditional sources, online databases and military records in a new series of classes with librarian/genealogist Ann Palmer at the Asheboro library.

The workshops get underway on January 11 and continue every other Thursday through February 22. They are free and the public is invited; some classes require registration.

The classes include:

- **Getting Started with Genealogy**, 6:30-8 p.m. January 11. Learn the basics of family history research: how to record your discoveries, organize the information and avoid common mistakes. No registration required.
- **Using Ancestry Library Edition**, 6:30-8 p.m. January 25. Learn the basics of Ancestry.com via the version of the popular resource that's freely available through the library. Call 336-318-6803 to register.
- **Using Heritage Quest**, 6:30-8 p.m. 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. 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.

Critter cameras return to track area wildlife

♣ Wildlife cameras from the "North Carolina's Candid Critters" initiative have returned to the Randolph County Public Library and are again available for check out.



A deer captured with a Candid Critters camera in Randolph County in May.

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

Cameras were available at the library from January-August, but were moved to other areas of the state for deer tracking.

Anyone interested must register at NCCandidCritters.org. Participants will receive an invitation to complete an online training course. Cameras for approved participants are available at the Asheboro library.

Those who completed the sign-up process previously can check out or reserve a camera by calling 338-318-6803 or by visiting the library. Library staff is available to assist with uploading images to the Candid Critters website.

Data will be used to map trends in animal populations across the state. See images at www.tinyurl.com/candcrit.

Teen survey project wins state award

A survey of almost 600 Randolph County high school students on their thoughts about the library has received the Outstanding Teen Program Award, Large Library, from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association. The surveys, carried out in March by Teen Services Librarian Dave Bare, Liberty Youth Services Librarian Samantha Colwell and UNCG Alternative Spring Break intern Kelly Jones, revealed important insights on library services to high school students. ► Samantha Colwell and Dave Bare.



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 Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

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 Sat 9-5

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 Sat 10-3

Extension Service

336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Unsung heroes of county operations

♣ It was a bad couple of weeks for the Seagrove library.

First, a component in the library's HVAC system failed, driving the staff out of the building for a short time. A week later, a serious plumbing problem emerged that forced us to close early one day and remain closed the next.

Responding both times with the speed and efficiency of a S.W.A.T. team — and resolving the problems in short order — was the Randolph County Maintenance and Public Buildings Department.

Led by department head Robert Cross, the 20-member team has responsibility for 42 Randolph County government buildings. They handle everything from minor fixes to major repairs, from small construction projects to major renovations.

Every now and then, they deal with some unanticipated major catastrophe that could unfold at any hour of the day or night. When a clean-up is required that's outside the scope of what our own housekeepers can do, or after hours, the department's Housekeeping division, headed by Lindale Thomas, is on the scene in no time flat.

But they don't just deal with crises. They carry out renovations (for example, removal of a wall that dramatically opened up the interior of the Asheboro library Children's Room); reconfigure our space by moving furniture and shelving; deliver tons of items for storage or disposal; and provide expert guidance on facility issues.

In many cases the problems with which they are presented are puzzles. The

solutions at which they arrive are always commonsensical and cost-effective.

Almost 20 years ago, the department's expert woodworker, Mitchell Macon, used solid wood doors replaced during the Asheboro library's 1994 renovation to make the sturdy, durable and still-serviceable tables that house our public Internet access stations.

Just before the Asheboro library carpet project got underway in 2013, Maintenance identified and abated a water problem that, had it been discovered during the installation, would have significantly delayed the project.

When we asked for new ceiling tiles to replace dingy and soiled ones, the Maintenance team found a way to refresh the existing tiles, rather than buying costly new ones.

The skill and responsiveness of the Maintenance crews help us enhance library services and provide inviting environments in which those services are offered. They undertake any job they are asked to perform with eagerness to help and good humor.

We think about all that the Randolph County Maintenance Department does for us in just the two of our facilities for which they have primary responsibility (although they have contributed at all seven libraries) — and then we remind ourselves that they perform the same Herculean tasks in 40 other county buildings.

They truly are the unsung heroes of county operations.

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Foundation funds booths

Three comfy café booths are available for reading, study and collaboration in the Asheboro library TeenZone, thanks to a gift from the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc. The Foundation also funded the purchase of additional face-out DVD shelving.



Have “Snow” Much Fun” in Randleman ...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ Wishing for a little snow and a warm place to watch it come down?

Tweens and Teens ages 11-16 are invited to the Randleman library for “Snow Much Fun!” from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, January 30. Make a warm fleece pillow and some homemade snow.

Space is limited; call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

ALSO AT RANDLEMAN

**call 336-431-3811 to sign up*

Bedtime Math’s Crazy 8s Club,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays January 4-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. Pre-register for 8-week session.

Full STEAM Ahead: LEGO Robotics,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, January 5, ages 3rd-5th grades. Build LEGO projects, program them and bring them to life!

Connie’s Crafting Corner,* 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 9, age 16 and up. Paint a Pretty Snowman with Nina Lathe.

The Science Behind the Snowflake,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, ages K-5th grade. Learn how snowflakes form and make your own geometric snowflake as well as a little snow!

Full STEAM Ahead: Code & Go Robot Mouse Activity,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, January 19, ages K-5th grade. Sharpen critical thinking skills by creating a maze and programming Colby the

Mouse to navigate it.

Laptops for Learning,* 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, January 23-24., ages 16 and up. Internet searching, online safety and Fake news. Laptops provided.

Tweens & Teens: “Snow” Much Fun,* 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, ages 11-16.

ASHEBORO CHILDREN’S

Arts and Crafts, 4 p.m. Thursday, January 4, ages 3-up. Winter Animal Mobiles. Make and paint animals to create a free-moving, hanging sculpture.

Taco Party, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 11, ages 3-up. Read Dragons Love Tacos, paint dragon masks, break a dragon piñata, hold a roaring contest and eat tacos! Call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Homeschool Monthly Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 17. Welcome our friends from the NC Zoo.

P.A.I. Club, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 18, ages 0-5, parents/caregivers. Review letters, colors and numbers by studying winter animals.

Family Movie, 2 p.m. Monday, January 22.

“Despicable Me” (plus popcorn & water). Free.

Kool-Aid Ice Painting, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 23, all ages. Explore colors, touch and scent with this sensory art technique.

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.

Book Break (Archdale): The Whole Town’s Talking by Fannie Flagg, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 16.

‘Get Creative’

Get Creative, the Liberty library’s weekly craft series at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays for adults and teens continues, along with its companion for children, Kids Can Create, at the same time.

Get Creative, January

4: Scrapbooking Session; **January 11:** TP Tube Bird Feeder. **January 18:** Watercolor Snowflake. **January 25:** Peek-A-Boo Print Bookmark.

Kids Can Create,


January 4, 11, 18: LEGO Free Build. **January 25:** STEAM Activity — Penny Spinners.

Sidewalk paved

Crews from the City of Asheboro paved a gravel walk from the Asheboro library’s Cox Street patio to the city sidewalk. The new concrete walk will improve emergency exit, especially for people with mobility impairments, from the top floor of the library, and enable deliveries directly to the top floor. The project also repaired broken and crumbled sidewalk concrete on the corner of Worth and Cox streets.

Teen Zone Talk

Explore a new REAL2/NC LIVE research resource in **Research with Credo**, 4 p.m. Thursday, January 11. Discover tips and tricks for developing those pesky school projects and term papers. Make the most of note-taking and homework with **Google Docs Tips and Secrets**, 4 p.m. Thursday, January 25. Take a look at all the slick features Google Docs offers to make homework a breeze.



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

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Learn 'Grocery Secrets'

♣ Join Cooperative
Extension agent Jeannie
Leonard for "Grocery
Secrets" 6:30 p.m. Monday,
January 22, at the
Asheboro library.

The workshop will focus on
tips for effective and cost-
conscious grocery shopping.
Topics will include meal planning, grocery store layout
and tips on shopping with coupons.

Leonard's talk is free and the public is invited.



Get started on Facebook

♣ Not yet into social media? Get started with
"Understanding Facebook," a class with Digital
Services Librarian Harris Mason at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 10, and repeated at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24, at the Asheboro library.

Learn how to set up an account, update your status,
upload photos, add and delete friends, share information
with friends, and chat using Facebook Messenger.

Also included will be a primer on Facebook etiquette.

The classes are free and the public is invited.

Participants should be familiar with a mouse and keyboard;
have an email account; and be willing to sign up for
Facebook.