



Bunker bequest to benefit library

♣ The Randolph County Public Libraries and the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc. (APLF) have received a bequest of \$100,000 from the trust of the late Betty Whitcomb Bunker

Bunker, a longtime Asheboro resident, passed away on September 8 at Well-Spring Skilled Care Center in Greensboro.

She was an avid library patron and volunteer, and served on the APLF board.

"This gift only magnifies Betty's service to the library as a volunteer and member of the Foundation," says Library Director Ross Holt.

Susan Milner, APLF president, says, "The members of the Asheboro Public Library Foundation are very grateful for this generous gift from the Bunker Trust. Betty was a



Betty W. Bunker

member of the foundation and knew how our organizational support made the library better. Her thoughtfulness, foresight, and good planning will help fund improvements that will make a real difference in how well the library can serve its patrons for many years to come. We so appreciate her dedication and her generosity."

Half the bequest will go to the Randolph County Public Library Trust, and half to the Foundation. The funds will be used for major, lasting improvements to library service.

Bunker was a Cleveland, Ohio, native. She grew up in Scarsdale, New York, and graduated from Northwestern University. After a stint with IBM in New York, she married Robert P. Bunker in 1949. Robert worked for Klopman Mills, and was transferred to Asheboro for a career that lasted 50 years.

Hospice counselor to discuss coping with grief

♣ Grief is an all-encompassing experience that impacts the griever physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

And although it is universal and touches everyone at some point, it also is a highly personal experience.

Join Hospice of the Piedmont bereavement counselor Kirsten Goard, MW, LCSW-A, for Grief 101 at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 16, at the Asheboro library.

Her talk is free and the public is invited.

Goard will provide an introduction to the grieving

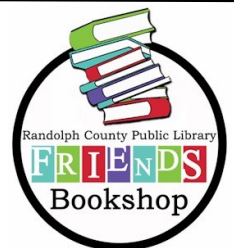
process and explore common reactions to the grief experience, in order to normalize the grief journey, dispel common myths associated with grief, and equip participants with practical strategies for coping.

A Greensboro native, Goard holds a bachelors degree in social work from Appalachian State University, and a masters in social work through UNC-Greensboro and North Carolina A&T State University. She joined Hospice of the Piedmont as a bereavement counselor with prior experience in crisis work and grief counseling in the healthcare setting.

Friends bookshop features author bundles

Need a literary Christmas gift, or want to stock up on reading material for the holidays? The Friends of the Library Bookshop is offering bundles of four books by the same author for \$5 each.

Books in each bundle will be tied together with a Christmas ribbon, making a lovely gift for fellow readers. Bundles will feature a variety of authors. The bookshop is located at 226 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro. Hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.



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

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Archdale's Matt Shaw to retire

♣ In 1993, I attended my first North Carolina Library Association biennial conference.

One of the first people I met at the event was Matt Shaw, then working at the Davidson County Public Library. Like me, he had just received his Masters degree in Library and Information Studies from UNC -Greensboro.

Matt and I are exact contemporaries in the profession, so I'm doubly sad in a "say it ain't so" way to see him retire as our Archdale Public Library manager on December 31.

In Davidson County, Matt rose to serve as manager of the Lexington library. After a stint as a stay-at-home dad, he joined the Forsyth County Public Library in roles including administrative assistant, computer technician, and adult services librarian at the Kernersville branch and at the main library in Winston-Salem.

Along the way, he became a Master Trainer certified by the State Library of North Carolina, and in 2006 was named the library's Employee of the Year.

In 2011, we scooped him up and brought him to Archdale, where he has excelled as manager and as a community leader.

In addition to ensuring smooth operation of the library every day, he's our point-person for coordination of library services with the cities of Archdale and



Matt Shaw

Trinity, developing progress reports and presenting annual budget requests.

Matt also has taken on the unusually complex job of managing ebook collection development for the library system. A daunting task in and of itself, this process is made more complicated due to the strictures placed by publishers on library purchases of ebooks.

For example, one publisher allows only 26 checkouts of an ebook "purchased" from it — then the ebook disappears from the collection. Other publishers have different schemes to reduce the perceived loss of profit that might occur from infinitely reusable ebooks.

Matt must navigate all the varying restrictions, track books leaving the collection, and make decisions about re-purchasing items or letting them go.

In the community, Matt has served on the Archdale/Trinity Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and for four years served as director of the Bush Hill Festival.

Matt says, "The best part of my career has been serving and connecting with the wonderful folks who visit the library. Most often, I learn more from them than they learn from me."

With the recent departure of Library Business Manager Linda Shirley after 48 years, it's difficult to see another long-experienced library veteran go. But after his distinguished career, Matt deserves a splendid retirement.

Ashley Rose named Archdale manager

♣ Ashley Rose, currently an Asheboro Youth Services librarian, will succeed Matt Shaw as manager of the Archdale Public Library on January 1.

Rose joined the library staff in 2022 after 11 years as a teacher and school media coordinator.

"I am beyond excited to join the Archdale Public Library team. I look



Ashley Rose

forward to working with the staff, local agencies, and our patrons to ensure the Archdale library is a welcoming place for our community, and to continue supporting the vision and mission of Randolph County Public Libraries," she says.

Rose holds a bachelors degree in Elementary Education from UNC-Pembroke and a

masters in Library Science from Appalachian State University.

Libraries run away, join the circus

♣ Liberty, Ramseur and Randleman libraries are joining the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Library Reading Program in January

For children age 2-12, reading five library books earns a free child's ticket, while supplies last, to the circus during its shows at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex from February 2-4.

To promote the circus-themed reading incentive, Liberty will host a **Storytelling on Stilts** event as part of its regular Kids Club activities for K-5th grade kids, at 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 9.

Aerialist Katie Reich from Story Up! Aerial Theater will tell stories from on high and share juggling skills.

Winter Reading

Randleman and Liberty also will offer a Winter Reading Program for adults, resulting in chances for prizes based on books read and reported to the library.

Randleman's program runs from January 2– March 28. Sign up at the library and turn in due-date slips for books as you read them. Each book read counts as one entry into a grand prize drawing for Walmart gift cards.

Liberty's program runs from January 2-March 1. Read at your own pace and get entered to win a prize.

Seagrove writing workshop

The Seagrove library will host a Creative Nonfiction Writing Workshop for adults at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 13. Published writer Ashley Harris will lead the workshop.

Archdale gets mythological

A school-age event at the Archdale library focusing on Greek mythology will enable kids to get creative making their own myths, shields and monsters. 4 p.m. Thursday, January 18. Best for ages 5-12.

LEGOs at Liberty

It's "Family Lego Day" at Liberty, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, January 27. Enjoy LEGO-themed activities and explore the library's new LEGO acquisitions.

Girl Scouts Storytime

Learn all about Girl Scouting from local troop 30009 in a "Girl Scouts Storytime," 11 a.m. Saturday, January 20, at the Asheboro library. The scouts will perform timeless children's stories with puppets designed by the scouts themselves. Create your own puppet to take home.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Women in White Coats: How the First Women Doctors Changed the World of Medicine* by Olivia Campbell, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 30.

Archdale Book Break: *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Meyers, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 16.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, January 22.

Liberty Book Club: *The Switch* by Beth O'Leary, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 18.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 9.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up, 1 p.m. Monday, January 29, Liberty Senior Center.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 5.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 2.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 23.

Landscaping

Learn about landscaping design with Cooperative Extension agent Cody Craddock, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 16 at the Randleman library. Perfect for the homeowner or small business owner. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.


Book clubs for kids & teens

Asheboro TeenZone: BYO Book Club, 4 p.m. Monday, January 8. Bring Your Own book to discuss, and enjoy tasty snacks.

Liberty: Manga Meet-Up at the Library, 1 p.m. Saturday, January 20, Ages 11 and up.

Crafts, activities, treats and videos related to manga and comic books.

Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 19, 6th-8th graders. Bring a book you'd like to share with others.



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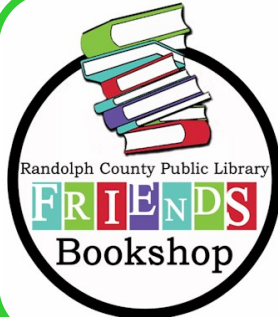
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Get chatty in Asheboro library crafting events

♣ Welcome to "Chat and Craft"
 at 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday beginning January 10.

Bring in your own unfinished craft, start a new one or learn a new skill with a bunch of your fellow crafty people. Drop in any time between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. to work on your crafts.

For further information, contact Meghan at 336-318-6808.