



Stay safe online with library workshops

♣ Learn how to stay safe online and by phone, and avoid scams, in workshops at the Archdale, Liberty and Randleman libraries.

At Archdale, the Randolph County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach will team up with Digital Services Librarian Harris Mason for **H.E.L.P.S. — Helping Everyone Learn to Prevent Scams**, at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 15.

Losing money to fraud, scams and exploitation can be devastating to anyone, but especially to older adults, who may not be able to replace what was lost.

This workshop is designed to help everyone, but especially the targeted elderly, learn about scams and frauds and how to prevent them, and ways to protect



Digital Services Librarian Harris Mason leads a H.E.L.P.S. class

yourself when using the Internet.

Liberty also will offer the **H.E.L.P.S.** class at Noon Thursday, January 22, in a "Lunch and Learn" format at the Liberty Senior Center adjoining the library. Seniors enrolled in the meal program will have the opportunity to participate; others are invited to bring their lunch.

The Randleman library will offer **Internet Safety** with Hannah Bradley-Cobb, Digital Skills agent with Randolph County

Cooperative Extension, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 13 for ages 16 and up.

Learn how to stay safe in general, and avoid scams, shop safely, decipher which apps are safe to download on your device, and more.

Registration preferred; call 336-498-3141.

Asheboro to offer knitting, crochet classes

♣ Fire up your knitting and crochet needles as two series of needlework classes get underway at the Asheboro library in January.

Get **Hooked on Crochet** from 10:30 a.m.-noon on the second Tuesday of each month beginning January 13 in a class led by Lisa Riggs, a crocheter with many years experienced.

The class assumes no knowledge of crochet and will start with a beginner-friendly dishcloth project. Those who are more advanced are welcome.

Participants will need to provide a size H crochet hook and at least 100 yards of 100% 4 weight cotton yarn. Light

color yarn is recommended, as the stitches will be more visible. Space is limited; call 336-318-6803 or visit the library to sign up.

Learn basic knitting stitches and make a scarf during **Knit Nights at the Library**, 6:30-8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month through March, beginning January 20. The class will be led by Meghan Hahn, an experienced knitter of 20 years.

Students will need to bring a pair of size 8 knitting needles with 350 yards of 4 weight yarn. Bring any color yarn except black or navy.

Space is limited; call 336-318-6803 or visit the library to sign up.

Children's Room to host monthly reading tutoring sessions

Join the Asheboro library Children's Room for an engaging, small group tutoring session to build confidence and joy in reading, 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning January 24. During the sessions, children will practice all the key skills they will need to become strong readers — phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and sound awareness — through fun activities, read-alouds and games. The sessions, for children ages 5-8, are designed to support their growth while making reading enjoyable and meaningful. Space is limited; visit the Children's Room or call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Archdale

336-431-3811
Fax 336-431-4619
10433 S. Main St.
Mon-Thur 9-8;
Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

Asheboro

336-318-6800
Fax 336-318-6823
201 Worth St.
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-1

Randolph Room

336-318-6815
Mon-Fri 9-12:30; 1:30-5:30
Sat 9-12:30

Franklinville

336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
Mon-Thur 10-6; Sun 1-5

Liberty

336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-2665
239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon, 9-7, Tues 11-7,
Wed, 9-5, Thur 11-5
Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3

Ramseur

336-824-2232
Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 9-6
Sat 9-1

Randleman

336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
142 W. Academy St.
Mon-Fri 9-6
Sat 9-1

Seagrove

336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
Tues-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-3

Extension Service

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

*from
the
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Ross A. Holt



Phil Barton

♣ North Carolina's public libraries lost a lion when Phil Barton passed away earlier this month.

Phil retired in 2009 after 29 years as director of the Rowan Public Library. During that time and after, he made a huge impact on libraries — and librarians — across the state.

In a second career as a library facility consultant, he left a tangible mark as well on many library systems, including ours.

But he also was a friend and mentor to many of us. Our former director, Richard Wells, a contemporary of Phil's, says, "Phil was a good friend. I held him in the highest regard as a director, comrade, and kind person. We shared many good stories and laughs together."

I worked closely with Phil in the North Carolina Library Association, and relied on his wisdom and experience. His contribution to our professional organizations demonstrates yet more of his reach.

In Randolph County, we took advantage of his library facility savvy many times, and our libraries are much the better for it. In the mid-2000s, we recruited him to develop plans for an expanded Franklinville library, but those plans did not come to fruition.

When we brought him in to undertake the seemingly impossible task of revamping the Asheboro library's cramped Children's Room in 2013, he spotted a wall that could be removed, effectively adding 25 percent more useable floor space to the room.

He carried out our strategic facility planning process in 2014, and we have accomplished many of his recommendations, including iconic exterior signage at each library, Radio Frequency ID of materials to

streamline circulation; automatic sliding doors at Archdale and Asheboro; improved interior lighting at Archdale and Asheboro; reallocating space and removing unneeded fixtures at Franklinville and Ramseur; right-sizing library collections; and more.

But his *pièce de résistance* in Randolph County is the new (well, now 11 years old!) Randleman Public Library in the space formerly occupied by the Richard Petty Museum. Phil worked intensively throughout 2014 with library manager Donna Toomes to develop a splendid library space. Phil called the project, "One for the record books."

Donna says, "Phil's wisdom was invaluable in the planning of the Randleman Library, but it was his joy and excitement in helping to improve life for our community that really made him so memorable... By the time we moved into our new location, Phil was much more than a consultant; he was a friend for life."

Phil's influence continues to benefit our library system. The consultants for our current planning process to create our next five-year strategic plan, Jeff Hall and Suzanne White, are Rowan County alumni.

Both worked for most of their careers at the Rowan Public Library, and Jeff succeeded Phil as director. Suzanne became director in neighboring Catawba County.

Another Rowan alum, Marian Lytle, is director of the Mooresville Public Library. Marian says that Phil "was a powerful force of nature to improve NC Public Libraries... and a lifelong advocate of improving the lives of adults and children through library services. He leaves a rich legacy of public service, innovation, and advocacy."



Get holiday reset in yoga class

♣ The holiday season can leave the mind buzzing and the body overwhelmed.

Relax with "Grounding Yoga: Reset After the Holidays," a beginner-friendly introduction for adults at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 22, at the Asheboro library.

In this all-levels class, Dana Antoniou, a

certified instructor with 25 years experience, will focus on grounding postures and calming techniques. Expect a steady, restorative practice designed to help you settle, reconnect and return to yourself.

Loose, comfortable clothing is recommended for ease of movement along with a yoga mat.

Libraries host homeschool events

And other activities around the county

♣ Monthly activities for homeschool families are ongoing at the Archdale and Liberty libraries.

Archdale's Homeschool Explorers will investigate "Arctic Explorers: Winter Habitats and Snowglobes," at 10 a.m. Friday, January 9. Learn how animals survive the winter, and make a snowglobe. Liberty's Homeschool Lab, 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 7, ages K-5th grade, will be all about winter weather; participants will make a thermometer.

Bilingual storytime

The Liberty library will offer an English/Spanish bilingual storytime at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month beginning January 3, for children age 0-6.

Handmade Valentine cards

The Asheboro library will offer a "Handmade Valentine Cards" class for adults, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 27. Artist Ashley Owens will lead the class, and will cover card-making basics such as stamping, heat embossing and z-fold cards. Space is limited; call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

Quilt blocks and coasters

Get quilting at Franklinville and Seagrove with two craft activities at each library for adults and teens. No experience is needed.

In "Paint with Us: Crazy Quilt Blocks," recharge and relax while creating a rustic quilt block. Bring an 8x10 or 9x12 canvas; the library will provide the rest. Seagrove, 1 p.m. Saturday, January 10; Franklinville, 2 p.m. Sunday, January 11.

In "Hand Stitched Crazy Quilt Coasters," stitch a pretty little coaster or two, all materials provided. Franklinville, 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 21; Seagrove, 4 p.m. Friday, January 23.

Call either library (Franklinville, 336-685-3100; Seagrove, 336-873-7521) to sign up.

Take a walk!

Enjoy nature, and foster a love of exploration and reading, at the Archdale library with a casual monthly walk. "Walks with Littles," 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 23, starts at the library and covers a paved path of less than a mile, perfect for strollers. The walk is geared for families with children ages 0-6, but all families are welcome.

Diamond art bookmarks

The Randleman library will host a "Diamond Art Bookmark" Chat and Craft event for ages 16 and up at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 27. Create a beautiful bookmark to hold your place. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Mousetrap* by Agatha Christie, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 27.

Archdale Book Break: *Here One Moment* by Dorothea Benton Frank, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 20.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club. Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Monday, January 19 offsite; call the library at 336-685-3100 for details.

Liberty Book Club: *Eddie Winston is Looking for Love* by Marianne Cronin, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 15.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up: *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles, 1 p.m. Monday, January 12, Liberty Senior Center.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale, Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 13.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 6.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 9.

Randleman Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, January 23.


Seagrove, Un-Book Club, 4 p.m. Friday, January 30.

Archdale tackles Black Dahlia unsolved case

"Unsolved," the Archdale library's true crime discussion group, will take on the Black Dahlia case at 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 27. Join the group and delve into the facts of the case and examine the

evidence left behind. Break down what is known, then open the floor to suspects, motives and leading theories.

The group considers a different case on the fourth Tuesday of each month.



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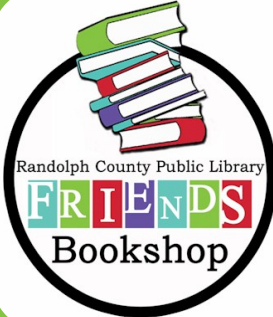


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Libraries to offer 'Winter Reading'

♣ **The Randleman, Liberty, Franklinville and Seagrove libraries will offer Winter Reading Programs for adults in the next few months.**

Randleman's program runs from January 5 thru March 31. Sign up at the library service desk; every book read offers one entry into a grand prize drawing. Visit the library for details.

Liberty's Adult Winter Reading

Program is back, January 2-March 6. Read at your own pace and get entered to win a prize. Stop by the library to pick up a Reading Card.

"Let's Get Cozy" the program at Franklinville and Seagrove now through March 8, includes reading contests and recommendations for staving off the winter blues. Stop by or call either library (Franklinville, 336-685-3100; Seagrove, 336-873-7521) to sign up or for more details.