

Sit a spell with 'Road Scholar' E.J. Stewart

♣ Share memories of North Carolina's agricultural past with playwright, oral historian and storyteller Ella Joyce (E.J.) Stewart in "Sit-a-Spell", 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Asheboro library.

Stewart, the daughter of sharecroppers, will share stories from the mid-20th Century, when "Y'all come sit-a-spell" was the call for agricultural workers to take a break from hard work in the fields, or to relax after church on a Sunday afternoon.

Stewart's appearance is first in a series of visits by "Road Scholars" from the North Carolina Humanities Council's Many Stories, One People project. It's free and the public is invited.

Stewart, who lives in Raleigh, uses literary arts as a way to create better communication across age, race, gender and class lines. She has written three produced plays and



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her stories appear in several publications.

She is a member of the North Carolina Association of Black Storytellers and the National Association of Black Storytellers.

More Road Scholar Events

Mark your calendars for the other Road Scholar events at the Asheboro library:

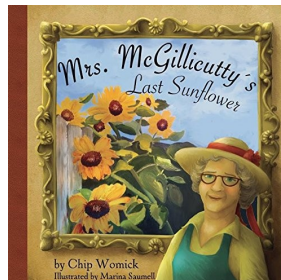
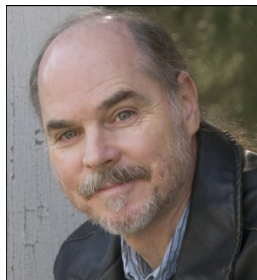
- "In Search of the Real Founder of Christianity: Jesus of Nazareth or Saul of Tarsus," with Mars Hill College religion professor Dr. Walter Ziffer, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 19; and
- "Sarah McGuirk, Orphan Train Rider," with fiction writer and essayist Tamra Wilson, M.F.A., 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21.

The project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Support is also provided by the Friends of the Library.

Womick to debut children's book in fun-filled storytime

♣ What happens when an elderly woman grows too frail plant her garden as usual, and the balance in the world shifts from beauty to ugliness?

Find out as Chip Womick debuts his first children's book, *Mrs. McGillicutty's Last Sunflower*, beautifully illustrated by Argentinean artist Marina Saummell, in an event that will feature a reading of the story and spring-related games and crafts, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 at the Asheboro library. Womick also will answer audience questions. It's free and all ages are invited.



Womick has been writing mostly for newspapers — and mostly for *The Courier-Tribune* — for the last 30 years.

After penning *Remembering Randolph County: Tales from the Center of the State*, and assisting John Pugh with a memoir, he wanted to see on the printed page some of the children's stories he has written. He hopes that *Mrs. McGillicutty's Last Sunflower* is the first of many from his new publishing company, Peacelight Press.

Copies of the book are available from Womick; from Peacelight (peacelightpress.com); and from Amazon, Barnes and Nobel and other online retailers

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 Sat 10-3

Extension Service

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

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director*

Ross A. Holt



Nathan Harris raises Ramseur funds

♣ **The Ramseur library has always been an important part of the lives of Nathan Harris and his sister Hannah.**

Harris says the library, and librarians Sandra Livingston and Sandy Jarrell, helped them become the successful high school students that they are today, and he wanted to "pay it back to them for what they have done for us."

With a service project required as part of his participation in Student L.I.F.T., the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce's leadership development program for high school students, Harris determined to raise \$1,000 for the library.

He wildly exceeded that goal, turning over \$1,800 to Livingston in January.

Harris, a sophomore at Eastern Randolph High School, initially envisioned a 5K race at the school as a fundraiser. When he couldn't fix a date, he changed his tack.

Instead, he arranged to sell hot dogs and hot chocolate for \$1 each at the Ramseur Christmas parade. When customers learned proceeds would go to the library, Harris received a lot of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills and heard over and over again, "Keep the change!"

With \$500 raised during the hot dog sale, Harris then arranged a silent auction and fundraising dinner at his church, Jordan Memorial United Methodist, and raked in another \$1,300.

Harris is the son of David and Celia Harris of Ramseur; and the grandson of



Eastern Randolph High School sophomore and Student L.I.F.T. participant Nathan Harris presents \$1,800 he raised for the Ramseur library to Librarian Sandra Livingston.

Robert and Jo Brooks of Atlantic Beach, Bob and Joyce Harris of Greensboro, and Bill and Emily Johnson of Ramseur. Bill is a longtime library supporter and a former member of the Randolph Public Library Board of Trustees.

In addition to his participation in cross country, golf and Future Business Leaders of America at school, Harris received his Eagle Scout rank on January 4.

A member of Troop 508 at Jordan Methodist, his Eagle project was to spruce up the historic Ramseur Post Office located behind the library.

"We were pleased," says Livingston of Harris's efforts for the library. "We've had him since storytime — he used to sit in my lap! They have always been avid library users, his whole family."

"He's just charming!" says Jarrell.

Find health info at MERCE resource fair

♣ Having trouble finding health insurance, resources or support?

Visit the Health Resource Fair from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Asheboro library. Representatives from 15 community agencies will be present to direct you to the help you need.

Organized by Randolph Family Healthcare at MERCE in conjunction with the library's Extension Services Department, the fair will feature representatives from Christian United Outreach Center, the Girl Scouts,

Goodwill Industries, Habitat for Humanity, Hospice of Randolph County, The Incredible Years Programs, Randolph County Partnership for Children, Insurance Navigators for Randolph Hospital, Regional Consolidated Services Home Health Care, The Veteran's Service Center, Vocational Rehabilitation and the YMCA, who will provide information and answer questions.

This program is free and open to the public. Bring loved ones, neighbors and anyone who might benefit from services provided by these organizations.

Celebrate Seuss in Asheboro; and more!

♣ Join Dr. Seuss's famous mischievous duo Thing 1 and Thing 2 for fun activities and snacks to celebrate the author's 112th birthday.

The fun begins at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at the Asheboro library. Sponsored by the Friends, it's free; all children/families invited. Also in March:

Music and Movement for 2-5 year-olds returns at 3:30 p.m. Fridays beginning March 4.

Here Come the Girl Scouts! at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, for a special storytime that includes a story by that title, a craft and information about girl scouting.

Spring Break Fun, March 28-31; details in next month's newsletter.

Get credit report smart

♣ Learn how to understand your credit report in "SmartCents: Credit to Be Proud Of" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, at the Asheboro library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, it's free and the public is invited.

Tom Luzon of Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Greensboro will talk about how to read a credit report and understand the report's terminology.

Participants will learn how to establish credit and dispute inaccurate credit reporting, and find out about their rights.

Attendees also can bring their credit report for personalized assistance from Luzon. Credit reports can be obtained for free at www.annualcreditreport.com, or by calling 877-322-8228.

Those bringing a credit report should keep it with them during the program, not let anyone else see it and black out their social security number.

Discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Lovers: Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet: The True Story of How They Defied Their Families and Escaped an Honor Killing* by Rod Nordland, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 29.

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:

Presidents of the United States. At 3:30 p.m. Archdale: Wednesday, March 23; Asheboro: Wednesday, March 16; Randleman: Thursday, March 17.

Archdale Book Break:

Long Upon the Land by Margaret Maron, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 15.

Get Creative!

The Liberty library's free Thursday afternoon "Get Creative" craft events for ages 12 and up continue in March. Thursdays 3:30-4:30 p.m.; supplies provided.

March 3: Glass Refrigerator Magnets. **March 10:** Miniature Easter Pails.

March 17: Go Green! (glass terrariums). **March 24:** BOYE (Bring Your Own Eggs). **March 31:** How Does Your Garden Grow? (planting herbs).

LEGOS

The Archdale library invites school-age children to enjoy an hour of unstructured LEGO fun, 2-3 p.m. Thursday, March 31. Donations of LEGOs are welcome.

WE WEDNESDAYS RANDLEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Call 498-3141 to sign up*
March 2, 9, 16, 23: We're Eating Rainbows.* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 5+.

A hands-on culinary class focusing on how kids can eat more healthily by choosing foods based on colors of the rainbow.

March 30: We Make & Take Spring Grapevine Wreaths.* 3:30-5 p.m.; cost \$5. Ages 16+. Florist Carolyn Wicker and librarian Connie Axsom will help participants create grapevine wreaths with flowers and ribbons.




START/STOP ANIMATION

4. p.m. Thursday, March 24
Asheboro Library
School-Age • Free!

Movie & Snack

It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown!
3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, Ramseur Library
Call 824-2232 or drop by to sign up.



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

Mail to: Friends of the Library
P.O. Box 2806
Asheboro, NC 27204
Memberships are tax deductible

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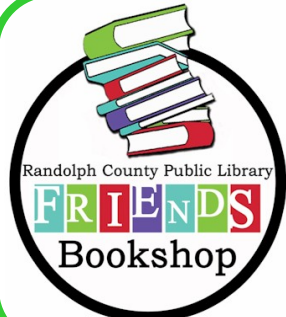
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ARCHDALE FAMILY MOVIES RETURN

7 p.m. Fridays; Free; Refreshments

Feb. 19: *Two Brothers*
Feb. 26: *Matilda*
March 4: *Jimmy Neutron*
March 11: *Andre*
March 18: *Finding Nemo*



Friends to host writers round-up

♣ Chat with three local authors about their work at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in a free Friends of the Library event at the Asheboro library.

Meet Elizabeth (Bette) Burgess, author of *Prison Camp Road* and *A Day in Cascilla*; Tracey Marley, author of the Heritage House series of novels; and Chip Womick, author of *Mrs. McGillicutty's Last Sunflower*.

TeenZone

Thursdays, Asheboro library; free!

TeenZone jam session!

Bring your guitar or other instrument of choice and make some music! 6 p.m. March 17.

TeenZone Book Club: discuss *Fahrenheit 451*, 4 p.m. March 4.

Video Game Night: Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers, 6 p.m. March 10.

Movie Night: *Inside Out*, 6 p.m. March 31. PG; snacks provided.

Talk