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## Historian to explore NC slave narratives

♣ Three courageous African American North Carolinians who escaped slavery put pen to paper to describe their experiences.

Researcher Laurel C. Sneed will share their stories in “Beyond 12 Years A Slave: The Influential Slave Narratives of Tar Heels Moses Roper, Harriet Jacobs, and William H. Singleton” at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Asheboro library. The talk, part of the N.C. Humanities Council’s Road Scholar program, is free and the public is invited.

Sneed will examine how the three authors — Roper from Caswell County, Jacobs from Edenton and Singleton from New Bern — left their mark on the slave narrative literary tradition. The mission of slave narratives was to persuade readers to support the anti-slavery agenda. She also will discuss the veracity of the narratives, which often are dismissed as propaganda, and compare the North Carolina writings to Solomon Northrop’s *12 Years A Slave*.

Based in Durham, Sneed is an educator, researcher and filmmaker. In 1995, her research helped uncover the origins of famed Caswell County cabinetmaker Thomas Day. Since then she has produced a broad range of materials on Day as well as on other African American historical topics.

Her visit is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Friends of the Library.



Moses Roper and  
Harriet Jacobs

## Author Lovett to delve into Holy Grail mystery

♣ New York Times best selling author Charlie Lovett will spill secrets of the Holy Grail during a Friends of the Library dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at The Table Farmhouse Bakery.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the Asheboro library; space for the event is limited.



Charlie Lovett

In his 2017 novel *The Lost Book of the Grail*, now being released in paperback, Lovett follows British bibliophile Arthur Prescott and American researcher Bethany Davis as they uncover tantalizing clues to the location — and nature — of the Grail in a small cathedral town in the English countryside.

Lovett is also author of the novels *The Bookman’s Tale*, about an investigation spurred by a photo discovered in a book found in a used and rare bookshop, and *First*

*Impressions*, a mystery involving writer Jane Austen.

He has penned five books on Lewis Carroll, and has lectured internationally on the author. For the 150th anniversary in 2015 of the publication of *Alice in Wonderland*, he wrote the introduction to a new Penguin Books edition of the work and curated a major exhibition of Carroll artifacts and memorabilia — many of them from his own collection — at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.

Lovett is also author of plays for children and a novel for teens. A Winston-Salem native, he is a graduate of Davidson College and the Vermont College of Fine Arts.

He and his family divide their time between Winston-Salem and the village of Kingham in Oxfordshire, England.

***Abby the Spoon Lady brings street to Sunset*** — see inside

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*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



## "Your heart's adventure awaits!"

♣ **As Elliot Engel prepared to take the stage for the first event in the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series, something startling occurred in the lobby of the Sunset Theatre.**

We had to open the balcony. With the downstairs auditorium filling up, the later arrivals flowed into the original 1929 theatre seats upstairs.

We're expecting a similar situation for the March 17 performance by Asheville busker Abby the Spoon Lady. We've already had a number of calls from out of town.

Bringing in out-of-towners to take in the show, dine in our restaurants and stay in our hotels is just what we were hoping for. The Sunset series, after all, was the brainchild of Tammy O'Kelley, executive director of the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau (HNCVB), a.k.a. the Randolph County Tourism Development Authority. Tammy knows that cultural events are a major draw: the HNCVB recently has backed big Friends programs including food commentator Bob Garner, novelist Jill McCorkle and "Scout" actress Mary Badham.

The HNCVB wants visitors as well as residents to know that Randolph County is where "Your Heart's Adventure Awaits!" Its mission is to "fuel the local business climate and broaden the tax base by supporting and stimulating the growth of new and innovative tourism products and services that attract and serve visitors as a means of bringing money into Randolph County."

Funded solely by the hotel/motel room

tax, the HNCVB works with area attractions, local governments and other groups to draw visitors and raise the county's profile. The HNCVB also operates the two Visitors Centers south of Seagrove on I-73/74 under contract with state government.

In addition to making the county easy to navigate (by publishing the epic Official Travel Guide to the county and providing one-on-one assistance to travelers), the HNCVB collaborates on local initiatives. The organization recently funded the feasibility study for the county's planned agricultural/civic center; funded a conceptual plan for the Deep River Trail; assisted the NC Zoo in developing a comprehensive marketing plan; and supported new welcome signs at the county lines on each major highway.

Meanwhile, Tammy and her staff tirelessly promote the county and engage visitors. This includes helping groups with last-minute arrangements and guiding national travel writers to our attractions and restaurants.

The work of the HNCVB is critical: in 2016, tourism in Randolph County broke records with 1.4 million visitors spending \$138.9 million locally, generating \$10.77 million in state and local tax revenue (saving each household in the county \$198 in taxes). Tourism also directly supported 1,086 jobs in the county; for each of those jobs, two indirect jobs were created.

Whether sponsoring a speaker, directing a visitor to an attraction or shepherding a long term project, the HNCVB is a key part of our county's success.

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# Meet Llama Llama at Asheboro library

**...and other exciting events for all ages around the county**

♣ **Llama Llama will visit the Asheboro library at 4 p.m. Friday, March 2, to help celebrate Read Across America Day.**

The event will feature Anna Dewdney's Llama Llama stories, related games and crafts, and a photo opportunity with Llama Llama.

Read Across America, sponsored by the National Education Association, is an annual event to celebrate reading on the March 2 birthday of Dr. Seuss.

## **OTHER ASHEBORO EVENTS**

**Arts & Crafts**, 4 p.m. Thursday, March 1, ages 3 and up. Make an egg pom pom popper and colorful doily eggs.

**Read Across America Day**, 4 p.m. Friday, March 2.

**Family Movie**, 4 p.m. Monday, March 5, all ages. "My Little Pony" Free popcorn!

**Home School Meeting Hike**, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 14. Meet at the NC Zoo's Africa parking lot to convoy to Ridges Mountain west of Asheboro. Wear your rain boots and prepare to get wet! Hike at the zoo's Ridges Mountain site. Look for amphibian eggs and aquatic wildlife. Learn about the amphibian life cycle and make story stones.

**Bone Detective with the North Carolina Zoo**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22. Can you solve the mystery? Explore bones and skulls of various animals to learn how the animals move, what they eat and how big they are. Also learn why bones are important to scientific research.

**Treasure Hunt**, 6 p.m. Thursday, March 29, children 5 and under; children ages K-5th grade. Start in the Children's Room and test your skills in a self-paced search through the library to find the treasure and grab your share!

## **LIBERTY**

**Get Creative**, the Liberty library's craft series at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays for adults and teens — **March 1:** Essential Oil Scrub; **March 8:** Spring Greenery Wreath; **March 15:** Mosaic Bib Necklace; **March 22:** Cross Stitch with Janette; **March 29:** Felt Egg. **Kids Can Create**, for school-age children, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays — **March 1, 8, 15 and 22:** LEGO Free Build; **March 29:** Articulated Hand Creation STEM activity.

## **RANDLEMAN**

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

**Connie's Crafting Corner**,\* 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, age 16 and up. "Curious Bunny in a Pot."

**Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club**,\* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays through April 26, grades K-2 and 3-5. Jump laser beams, chase pirates and have a blast with mischief-making activities.

**Full STEAM Ahead: LEGO Free Build**\* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 9, all ages.

**Twins & Teens: Love Bunny in a Pot**\* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, ages 11-16. Celebrate spring with a bunny craft and a mini spring succulent planter.

**Laptops for Learning: Facebook Basics**,\* 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, March 20-21, ages 16 and up.

**Full STEAM Ahead: LEGO Robotics**,\* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, ages 3rd-8th grade. Build LEGO robots, program them and bring them to life.

**Glow in the Dark Easter Eggs**,\* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, ages K-5th grade. Make glow-in-the-dark Easter eggs and learn about the science behind the process.

## **WEEKLY STORYTIMES**

Lapsit/Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly. Find schedules at [www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes).

## **Book discussions**

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women* by Kate Moore, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 27; *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.

**Book Break (Archdale):** *Hero of the Empire* by Candice Millard, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 20.

## **Regional Friends**


The Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries Central Area Spring Workshop will be held at the Asheboro library from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

At the meeting, Friends from the region — including Alamance, Anson, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Scotland and Wake counties — can exchange fundraising ideas, hear from the State Library representatives about innovations and state funding, and learn about library advocacy and the impact it can have on Friends members' communities.

There is no fee or membership requirement, but attendees are asked to register with event coordinator Barbara Roberts at [broberts@triad.rr.com](mailto:broberts@triad.rr.com).

## **Teen Zone Talk**

Talk about your favorite books in a **Teen Book Discussion** at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 8. Get to know the **CREDO Reference and SIRS Knowledge Source** online resources at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 29. Learn how CREDO and SIRS can help with homework, research and just-for-fun knowledge gathering. Both events take place at the Asheboro library. They are free and the public is invited.



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**From: Mayor David Smith**  
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# Abby the Spoon Lady

## Asheville performer brings the street to the Sunset Theatre

♣ Asheville street performer **Abby the Spoon Lady**, and her one-man-band friend **Chris Rodrigues**, will bring their unique mix of music and storytelling to the **Sunset Theatre** at 7 p.m. **Saturday, March 17.**

The performance is free and the public is invited.

"I fell into both street performance and spoon playing when I started backpacking across the United States," Abby says. "I became obsessed with folk rhythm and culture, and the stories surrounding."

She found a rich street performance scene in Asheville and established herself there. She shares the street with **Chris Rodrigues**, who plays guitar and harmonica while stomping on a suitcase with one foot and tapping on a license plate with the other. The two became best friends and performing partners. They began touring more conventional venues to often sell-out crowds.

Abby hosts the **Busker Broadcast** radio show on Asheville FM 101.3. She also serves as acting president of



**Abby the Spoon Lady** — photo by John Gellman

the Asheville Buskers Collective, founded in 2014 to ensure that street performance remains legal.

### *Coming up...*

Asheboro native **Holly George-Warren** will take the stage in May. One of the country's foremost music journalists, George-Warren is most recently author of the biographies *A Man Called Destruction: The Life of Alex Chilton*, *from Box Tops to Big Star to Backdoor Man*, and *Public Cowboy No. 1: The Life and Times of Gene Autry*.

She is currently working on a biography of **Janis Joplin**.

Her husband, author and musician **Robert Burke Warren**, will play music as a soundtrack for her talk.

September's installment will feature journalist **Kevin Maurer**, who has been embedded with various U.S. military forces since the beginning of the war in Iraq. He is author of *No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama Bin Laden*, which was the top-selling hardcover book of 2012.

# Library genealogy classes continue

♣ **Following on the library's popular recent series of genealogy classes, a new round of workshops for family researchers with librarian and genealogist Ann Palmer will take place in March.**

The classes, covering census records and Ancestry.com, are free and the public is invited (some classes require registration). The classes are:

**Making Sense of the Census, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 8.** Census records contain important information about individuals and families. No other source can place people in a certain place at a certain time or provide details over many decades. Each census record from 1790-1940 is different. Learn what is unique about the census records from 1790-1940 and how it will benefit your search for ancestors. A question-and-answer session will follow the PowerPoint presentation. No registration is required.

**Using Ancestry.com Library Edition, 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 13.** Learn the basics of using Ancestry.com, the world's #1 database for researching

family history. The workshop will explore the major features of Ancestry, plus provide tips on how to search more effectively. Ancestry Library Edition is available to use free of charge at any Randolph County Library. The class also will cover the difference between Ancestry Library Edition and the subscription version, and how to send your discoveries to your email account. Because a limited number of laptops is available for the class, registration is required; call 336-318-6803 to sign up. You may also bring your own laptop.

**Finding Census Records On-line, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 22.** Learn how to use computers to search Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest to view actual census images to find information about your ancestors. Explore effective search methods for both federal and state census records and learn how to read between the lines for additional information. Because a limited number of laptops is available for the class, registration is required; call 336-318-6803 to sign up. You may also bring your own laptop.

## Spring break interns return for projects

♣ **Two interns from the UNC-Greensboro School of Library and Information Studies Alternative Spring Break program will assist library staff with special projects in March.**

The interns, both pursuing masters degrees in Library and Information Studies, are Mary E. Abernathy and Christie Scott.

Scott is a library assistant in the Wake County Public Libraries. Abernathy is a library assistant in the UNCG Teaching Resource Center and a former manager of the Learning Commons at James Madison University.

The two will work with Extension Services staff members Jean Vollrath and Melina Simpson to compile material that will be included in an activity/literacy booklet to be provided to area day cares and Head Start facilities.

Abernathy also may assist with a Teen Service project to survey students in county middle schools.

The Alternative Spring Break program places students in libraries and other information agencies so that they can gain practical experience while contributing to a project that benefits the institution.

## Catalog gets 'Unbound'

♣ **A new feature in the library's catalog enables searchers to find detailed, at-a-glance information about books they find — along with leads to similar titles, other books in a series and more.**

Called Syndetics Unbound, the enhancement includes:

- A summary of the contents of the book you have found;
- A brief biography of the author;
- Cover-image links to other books in the library catalog by the author;
- A "Look Inside," if available, which might feature an excerpt from the book or a full first chapter;
- If the book is part of a series, cover-image links to other book in the series that are available from the library;
- Cover-image links to similar books in the library's collection, based on LibraryThing reader recommendations;
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