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SPRING BREAK!

No make-up days here: library has full slate of afterschool events

♣ There may not be much of Spring Break as far as school is concerned, but the library is hopping with a week of afterschool activities April 6-10.

All events are at 4 p.m. at the Asheboro library, and are free. Here's what's happening:

Monday, April 6: Science Friction

Discover all the awesome things friction does within our world. Do simple experiments with everyday objects to discover the possibilities.

Tuesday, April 7: Artist Cara Bevan

See the magic of how illustration works with animal portrait artist and book illustrator Cara Bevan, who documented every step in creating artwork for her new book, *Improbable... Never Impossible*.



Wednesday, April 8: Life-Size Candyland

Ever want to play a huge board game? Now you can! The library Meeting Room will be transformed into a life-size version of the classic board game Candyland with everyone invited to play.

Thursday, April 9: *The Changeling*

Storyteller Rosemarie Gulla will present a family storytime featuring *The Changeling*, an exciting tale of love and sacrifice by Selma Lagerlof, the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

Friday April 10: Lego Free Build

Dig into thousands of LEGOs during this weekly event to build whatever you can imagine!

Larry Davis returns for annual tribute concert

♣ Guitar virtuoso Larry G. Davis and his musical pals will present the 16th Annual Glenn Davis Memorial Concert, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Sunset Theatre.

The concert honors the memory of Larry Davis's father, Glenn Davis, a renowned banjo player whose picking was recorded by the Smithsonian Institution.

It's free and the public is invited; audience members are invited to bring a canned food item to be donated to the Christians United Outreach Center (CUOC).

The first half of the show will feature Southern gospel music by Bob Wood and Full Surrender. Then Davis will take the stage with trumpet player and vocalist Gary Hasting for a set of jazz standards.

Bassist Paul Foster and drummer Dave Sheaffer will round out the jazz band.

The concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Furr Enterprises.

Seminar offers answers, advice for caregivers

♣ If you are caring for a loved one and need answers, find help at Caregiver College, a one-day intensive training event set for Saturday, April 25 at Randolph Community College.

The 7th annual seminar will cover a variety of topics associated with caregiving in the home and is targeted for family caregivers and volunteers as well as allied health professionals.

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Outdoor opportunities, raising chickens, comedy for kids — see page 3

Archdale

336-431-3811
 Fax 336-431-4619
 10433 S. Main St.
 Mon-Thur 9-8;
 Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

Asheboro

336-318-6800
 Fax 336-318-6823
 201 Worth St.
 Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;
 Sat 9-5

Randolph Room

336-318-6815
 Mon, Thur-Sat 9-5
 Tues, Wed 9-9

John W. Clark

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 336-824-4020
 111 Sumner Place
 Mon-Fri 2-6; Sun. 2-5

Liberty

336-622-4605
 Fax 336-622-4605
 239 S. Fayetteville St.
 Mon, Wed-Fri 9-5;
 Tues 9-7; Sat 9-1

Ramseur

336-824-2232
 Fax 336-824-2232
 1512 S. Main St.
 Mon-Fri 8:30-5

Randleman

336-498-3141
 Fax 336-498-1139
 142 W. Academy St.
 Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

Seagrove

336-873-7521
 530 Seagrove Plank Rd.
 Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;
 Sat 10-3

Extension Service

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

Dial-A-Story

336-318-6833

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



The method in the madness

♣ **The visit to Asheboro in January by the American Shakespeare Center was part of the troupe's "Method in Madness Tour."**

That title is, of course, an allusion to *Hamlet*, and Polonius's famous observation about the Prince of Denmark's behavior: "Though this be madness, yet there is method in't."

Maybe you thought, "This is madness" one summer day when you headed to the library's front door and observed children playing in the mud — the mud!

Or maybe on a Friday afternoon you found kids in the Children's Room leaping and dancing to music. Or on a Saturday, a child reading to a dog. A real, live dog!

Or maybe you ended up in the midst of one of Randleman's humongously well-attended pre-K storytimes, or dropped by the Seagrove library and found librarian Barbara Luther in a turkey costume.

Or that day you came for quiet study and found children cheering a rock 'n' roll band, the frontman wailing on his guitar while marching kids around the library.

Madness, yes, but there indeed is method in't.

Librarians have been reading and telling stories to children almost since the profession began. But we have come to realize that there are more elements to children's development of literacy, and their development in general, than were, well, dreamt of in our philosophy.

Our offerings for children that may

seem at first blush like madness are in fact research based. For example, the Every Child Ready to Read techniques that reach both children and parents/caregivers and which we have integrated into all pre-K activities, arise from research indicating that talking, singing, reading, writing and playing all aid in the development of the skills necessary for a child to learn to read.

"Tails to Read," our therapy dog program, takes off from a study which shows that reading to the attentive, non-judgmental pup helps the reader build confidence and enjoy reading more.

And playing in the mud? Here's how Head of Children's Services Amy Matthews describes the impact of our International Mud Day celebration: "Playing is incredibly important for a child's language and brain development by encouraging new conversations and building imagination. Mud is a perfect medium for kids to pretend to be an artist, a builder, a biologist, a chef and gardener.... The kids loved it.... They were using their imaginations, making new friends, and getting messy. Parents and grandparents loved it as well because they could see the pure joy their children were having."

However fun or frivolous our children's activities may seem, all contain the seeds and building blocks of reading and critical thinking. We hope they leave the participants with — Polonius again — "a happiness that often madness hits on, which reason and sanity could not so prosperously be delivered of."

Seminar to offer answers for caregivers

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The event also will support those who care for individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Caregiver College is scheduled from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at RCC's Continuing Education and Industrial Center, and will feature keynote speaker Heather McKay, an occupational therapist specializing in dementia care and education.

To sign up, call RCC at 336-862-7980. Registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch.

The seminar is sponsored by Hospice of Randolph County, Randolph Hospital, Cross Road Retirement Community, Randolph County Senior Adults Association, Randolph County Public Library, Home Instead Senior Care, Westwood Health & Rehab, and the Randolph-Montgomery Family Support Program.

Wildlife officer to talk Randolph recreation

♣ **Recreational opportunities in Randolph County will be the topic of a talk by Darrel O. Johnson at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Asheboro Public Library.**

Johnson, an officer with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, will talk about

hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation in the county. He also will discuss the role of local wildlife officers.

Johnson's talk, sponsored by the Friends, is free and the public is invited.

A display of related library resources that patrons can explore and checkout after the program will be available.

Colors of Spring continue to shine

♣ **Children age 0-5 will talk, sing, read, write and play while learning about color as "Colors of Spring," an Every Child Ready to Read event, continues in March and April.**

The event will travel as follows:

- Archdale, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9;

- Asheboro, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 24 and April 14
- Liberty, 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 8
- Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 26;
- Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23;
- Seagrove, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

Sessions are free; children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers are invited.

Expert to advise on backyard chickens

♣ **Has the thought of fresh, convenient eggs right in your own backyard been pecking at your mind lately?**

Dan Campeau of Randolph County Cooperative Extension will talk about how

to raise chickens, and their care and management, in an urban setting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the Asheboro library.

Sponsored by the Friends, Campeau's talk is free and the public is invited.

Balloon Lady finally reaches Randleman

Delayed a couple of times by icy weather, Balloon Lady Donna Pruett will visit the Randleman library at 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday, April 24. Her presentation is free and for all ages. Call 498-3141 for more info.

Discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31; *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:

"Caps for Sale," a presentation by Pfeiffer College Early Childhood Education, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15. (Asheboro)

BOB Book Club:

Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 (4th & 5th graders, Asheboro library).

News Club: Bring lunch and chat with local reporters about news and issues of concern. Drinks provided. Asheboro library, noon every third Tuesday (next, April 21).

Archdale Book Break: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 21.


Comedy for kids

"Lula Belle," a.k.a. library staffer Tammy Crotts, will host "Kids Comedy" at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Asheboro library.

After Lula Belle kicks it off, children will be invited to join in and tell some of their favorite jokes. The comedy is free, and the whole family is invited.

MORE!

- **Gardening for Kids:** Learn the basics of starting a small garden and maintaining potted plants, and take home material to get you started, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Asheboro library. Free; all supplied provided.
- **Family History with Heritage Quest:** Learn how to use the library's Heritage Quest online resource to find census information and other historical and genealogical records. 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, Asheboro library; call 318-6803 to sign up. Free.
- **Movie & Ice Cream:** *It's Arbor Day, Charlie Brown*, 3:30 p.m. Thursday April 23, Ramseur library; call 824-2232.



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

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P.O. Box 2806
Asheboro, NC 27204
Memberships are tax deductible

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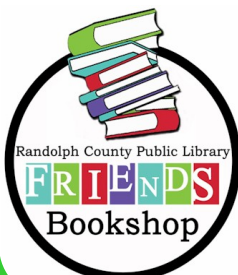
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In Honor of: Janet Jones's Birthday
 By: Missy Rankin

In Honor of: Dot Walker
 By: Cornelia Rankin

FAMILY MOVIES

@ Archdale Library

7 p.m. Fridays
March 27;
April 17 & 24
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APRIL

Polar Bears and a Changing Planet:
 6 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Free; no tickets required. Hosted by NC Zoo (also a 10 a.m. presentation at the Zoo for children.)

Salem College Dance Company: 7 p.m. Monday, April 20. Free; tickets not required but available in advance at <http://2014-2015rcculturalartseries.eventbrite.com>. Hosted by Randolph Community College.

www.sunsetculturalseries.com