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Friends to reprise 'Trivia on Tap' at Four Saints

♣ Test your knowledge of books, movies, music and local history as the Friends of the Library's 'Trivia on Tap' fundraiser returns for a second year at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, at Four Saints Brewing Company.

Join Trivia Master Rich Powell for an evening of general knowledge trivia. The winning team will have bragging rights and team members' names will be added to the Friends of the Library Trivia plaque.

Tickets are \$25 per person and are on sale at the Asheboro library. Food is included in the cost of admission.

Proceeds support Friends projects including Books for Babies, author visits, musical performances and other cultural events; and library programming for children, teens and adults.

During the friendly competition, participants will answer three rounds of trivia questions in teams of any



number. Participants may gather a team beforehand, or simply join a team on arrival.

There will be a cash bar. Four Saints is located at 218 S. Fayetteville Street in Asheboro.

Author Jim Dodson to share his golfing bucket list

♣ Popular sportswriter Jim Dodson will talk about his newest book, *The Range Bucket List*, in "An Evening with Golfing Great Jim Dodson" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at Pinewood Country Club.

Tickets for Dodson's appearance are \$35 per person and can be purchased at the Asheboro library. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and there will be a cash bar.

His appearance is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

In his 40-year career as a journalist, Dodson has gained international renown for his books on golfing. *The Range Bucket List*, published in 2017, is a funny, intimate, nostalgic journey of self and sport in which this legendary



Jim Dodson

author completes his golf "bucket list."

Dodson's previous books include *Final Rounds*; *Ben Hogan: An American Life*; *American Triumverate: Sam Snead, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan and the Age of Modern Golf*, which won the U.S. Golf Association's Herbert Warren Wind Award in 2012; *A Golfer's Life* with Arnold Palmer; and *A Son of the Game*, which was named Top Golf Book of the Year by the International Network of Golf.

In 2011, Dodson won the prestigious Donald Ross Award, given annually by the American Society of Golf Course Architects — only one of two golf writers to receive the award. He is also a recipient of North Carolina's highest honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Dodson and his wife Wendy live in Greensboro.

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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



County to run Franklinville library

♣ Once upon a time, the Randolph County Public Library was but an office.

Established and funded by the County Commissioners in 1940, its mission was to support the community libraries developing around the county. The county library provided the libraries with professional advice and assistance; a collection of books that could be shared out to the libraries; a bookmobile to reach unserved areas of the county; some centralized services; and an agency to receive state and federal funds.

Collaboration between the county and the municipalities became the hallmark of the Randolph County Public Library system.

As library service evolved, the county library took on a greater role. In the early 1960s, the Randolph County and Asheboro libraries merged, with the Asheboro library serving as the county headquarters. The county provided library service, and the city provided the facility plus budgetary support.

In the early 1990s, the City of Archdale sought a similar arrangement, and the Archdale Public Library came under county operation, with the city providing the facility (brand new in 1991) and budgetary support.

In the mid-2000s, it became apparent that the town of Seagrove, with a population of about 250, could not support a library necessary to serve the entire southern part of the county. So the county not only took over operation of the library, but in 2005 built the new library building.

As local needs have changed, so has the relationship between the county and the municipal libraries. As it stands now,

Asheboro, Archdale and Seagrove are operated by the county with significant municipal support; Franklinville, Liberty, Ramseur and Randleman are operated by their municipalities with significant county support.

Library users, however, probably remain unaware of our governance. Library materials are shared countywide and we act as a single, unified library system.

The Franklinville library — formally known as the John W. Clark Public Library in memory of the owner of Randolph Mills who in 1924 donated his collection of books to kick-start the library — is the oldest public library in the county.

With the retirement of longtime librarian Martha Cain looming at the end of June, Franklinville Mayor Perry Conner and the town Board of Commissioners asked the county to take over operation of the library on July 1, and agreed to provide the necessary funding. Earlier this month, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners approved the new arrangement.

For the time being, the Franklinville library will operate much as it has in the past several years in terms of hours and services. We will offer at least one weekly storytime for children right away.

Along with the new librarian (to be recruited in the next couple of months), we will work with town officials and community members to ensure that this latest change to the structure of the library system expands and enhances library service to the people of Franklinville and its environs.

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Archdale hosts Earth Day for school kids

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

♣ **Earth Day will be the focus of a special event for school-age children at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Archdale Public Library.**

Stories, games and refreshments will be offered. Representatives of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council will be on hand to guide participants in making an origami container for planting seeds. They also will bring their Prize Wheel, which will help participants learn about aquatic insects from the nearby creek.

The event is free but space is limited; call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

ALSO AT ARCHDALE

Kids Rock in the Kitchen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning April 5, ages 7 and older. Registration required; call 336-431-3811 to sign up. Join a representative of UNC Greensboro's Recipe for Success initiative to develop kitchen skills and learn about nutrition. Prepare healthy food each week and participate in interactive cooking demonstrations and food sampling.

ASHEBORO

Community Art Project, ages 5 and up. Stop by the children's room anytime in April to help recreate Vincent Van Gogh's masterpiece "The Starry Night" using a color-by-numbers system.

Arts & Crafts, 4 p.m. Thursday, April 5, ages 4 and up. Celebrate National Dandelion Day with finger painting. Dress for mess!

Movie, 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 10. "Wonder."

Homeschool Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 18. Meet for a hike at the Bachelor Creek/Ward Nature Preserve parking lot. Wear rain boots and prepare to get wet. Discuss bio-indicators and water quality; do a nature craft. Newcomers welcome! Contact the Children's Room at 336-318-6804 for directions or more

information.

Día de los niños/libros (Children's Day/Book Day), 5 p.m. Thursday, April 26, all ages. Experience crafts, food, stories and games from different cultures.

LIBERTY

Get Creative, the Liberty library's craft series at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays for adults and teens — **April 5:** Beaded Wind Chime; **April 12:** Sea Glass Candle Holder; **April 19:** Marbled Paper; **April 26:** Jewelry Making. **Kids Can Create**, for school-age children, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays — **April 5, 12 and 19:** LEGO Free Build; **April 26:** Print Making with Plants STEAM activity.

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Connie's Crafting Corner,* 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, age 16-up. Painted Mason Jar Vases.

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays through April 26, grades K-2 and 3-5. Club session — registration closed.

Full STEAM Ahead: Code & Go Robot Mouse Activity,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, K-5th grade. Program Colby the Mouse to navigate a maze; find the cheese!

Tweens & Teens: Technology Time!,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, ages 11-16. Enjoy a variety of STEAM activities.

Bring on the Rain,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, ages K-5th grade. DIY rain stick.

Full STEAM Ahead: Electronic Snap Circuits,* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, April 20, ages 3rd-6th grade. Build working electronic circuits with easy to assemble snap components.

Laptops for Learning: Microsoft Word Basics,* 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday Tuesday, April 24, ages 16 and up.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Lapsit/Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly. Find schedules at www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. **Love and Other Consolation Prizes** by Jaime Ford, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 29.

Book Break (Archdale): A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 17.

Canning basics

Mark your calendars for "Basics of Canning" with Jeannie Leonard of Randolph County Cooperative Extension at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Asheboro library. Leonard will provide tips on planning a successful year of food preservation.

The workshop is free and the public is invited.

Titanic talk


Mark your calendars for "Titanic: Ship of Dreams" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Asheboro library.

Belmont Abbey College professor Melinda E. Ratchford will offer a unique glimpse into the people involved in the tragedy and display her extensive collection of *Titanic* memorabilia.

Her talk 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.

**Teen
Zone
Talk**

Take images from the Internet, or those you have created yourself, and make your own t-shirts in a **TeenZone Spring Break Iron-On Event** at 4 p.m. Thursday April 5. A limited supply of t-shirts will be available from the library. It's free and all teens are invited. Talk about your favorite books in a **Teen Book Discussion** at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 26.



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How an African American band helped integrate the Navy

♣ Learn how an African American band in World War II propelled the U.S. Navy towards inclusiveness — and meet one of the musicians — during a talk by East Carolina University professor Alex Albright at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the Asheboro library.



Calvin Morrow
Eddie Price Photography

Albright will be joined by Calvin Morrow of Greensboro, who played French horn in the band. Their appearance, entitled, “B-1: How NC A&T and UNC Integrated the Modern U.S. Navy,” is sponsored by the library’s Robert C. Taylor Jr. Memorial World War II Collection.

It’s free and the public is invited.

The 45-piece B-1 Band, comprised primarily of A&T students, was assigned to support the Navy’s preflight



B-1 Band members outside their Chapel Hill barracks.

training school on the then-segregated UNC campus in Chapel Hill. Band members were the first African Americans to serve in the Navy at a general rating, placing them on a par with white sailors.

As such, they also were the first black people to work on-campus in a non-servant capacity. They were a sign of hope among members of Chapel Hill’s African American community, who lined the streets to watch the band march to work from segregated living quarters.

In May 1944, the band was transferred to Pearl Harbor, where its members were among the largest posting of African American sailors in the world.

Albright will explore the unit’s history with images and documents, and musical recordings made while the band was stationed in Hawaii.

He also will delve into the history of blacks and musicians in the U.S. military, and talk about the complicated racial dynamic of the era in North Carolina.

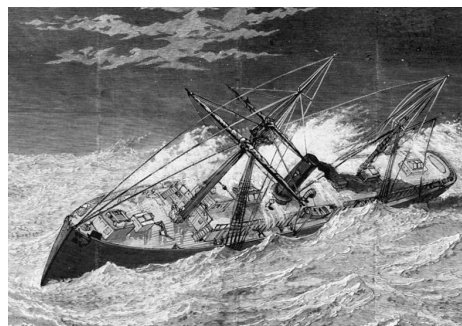
Duffus returns with tales of Outer Banks shipwrecks

♣ For more than 450 years, shipwrecks shaped the destiny of North Carolina’s Outer Banks.

Researcher Kevin Duffus will return to the Asheboro library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, to explore how these incidents created one of the most intriguing histories and cultures in America. His talk is free and the public is invited.

Duffus, author of the 2007 book *Shipwrecks of the Outer Banks: An Illustrated Guide*, will present a wide-ranging discussion of shipwrecks and their legacies, including lifesaving, rumors of wreckers, and hundreds of forgotten shipwreck victims buried among the dunes.

He will explain the various causes of wrecks, why there is a “Graveyard of the Atlantic” in the first place, what it was like for passengers and crews when ships crashed into



The steamship Metropolis founders in a gale off Currituck Beach in 1878. (Library of Congress)

the breakers along the banks, and the true stories of some of the most incredible rescues.

Duffus will share the memories of the last living lighthouse keeper on the Outer Banks, the descendants of lifesavers, and residents who played on the decks of a wrecked vessel as children — and one historian who danced there.

He also will point audience members to the best places to see remains of the derelict ships.

Duffus is an award-winning author, researcher and filmmaker who has made significant discoveries about North Carolina history.

His appearance 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.

Interns create activity guide for kids, parents



Two interns from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro School of Library and Information Studies Alternative Spring Break program, Christie Scott and Mary F. Abernathy, have completed a booklet that promotes “Libraries Rock,” the library’s 2018 Summer Reading Program, and offers a cornucopia of fun learning activities that parents and other caregivers can join in with their pre-K children. The booklet will be distributed to over 1,100 children in day cares and Head Start programs served by the library’s Extension Services department. Scott is a library assistant in the Wake County Public Libraries; Abernathy is a library assistant in the UNCG Teaching Resource Center. Both are students at the UNCG library school.

Genealogy workshop opportunities abound

♣ **Two more library genealogy classes will take place in April, and the Randolph County Genealogical Society will focus on DNA at its spring workshop.**

The library classes, led by librarian and genealogist Ann Palmer, will feature the two library-provided electronic genealogy resources, Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest.

In **Using Ancestry.com Library Edition**, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Asheboro library, participants can get hands-on to learn the basics of using Ancestry.com, the world’s most-used database for researching family history. The class will explore the major features of Ancestry, plus tips on how to search more effectively.

It also will cover the differences between Ancestry Library Edition, which is available for in-house use at any Randolph County Public Library location, and the subscription version, Ancestry.com. Also covered will be how to send discoveries to your email.

In **Using Heritage Quest**, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26, participants will learn how to discover the unique information available through Heritage Quest. This database, while not as broad as Ancestry.com, can be accessed from home or anywhere there’s an Internet connection with your library card or student ID.

A limited number of library laptops is available for each class, so registration is required; participants can bring their own laptops as well. To sign up, call 336-318-6803.

Genealogy Society Spring Workshop

The Randolph County Genealogy Society will explore the use of DNA for genealogy in its spring workshop, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Asheboro library. The presenter will be Larry Cates, librarian at the High Point Public Library’s Heritage Research Center.

Participants can register for giveaway of a free DNA kit (you must be present to win). Seating is limited to the first 50 arrivals.

A Genealogical Society membership meeting to elect new board members will follow.

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