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Friends to host author Mary Alice Monroe

...at afternoon tea sponsored as part of Anne Sigman Shaffner Literary Series

♣ The first of two events in the Friends of the Library's Anne Sigman Shaffner Literary Series will feature popular South Carolina author Mary Alice Monroe.

"A Southern Tea with Mary Alice Monroe" will take place at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at The Table Farmhouse Bakery. Tickets, limited to 40 seats, are \$10 and will go on sale at the Asheboro library beginning April 1.

The event, and a talk by lecturer Elliot Engel scheduled for October 10, are sponsored by a generous gift from Anne Shaffner's family. Shaffner, who passed away in 2018, was passionate about helping others through volunteering with various community organizations, including the Friends of the Library.



Mary Alice Monroe

(Photo — Mic Smith Photography)

Monroe is a *New York Times* bestselling author of environmental fiction centered on the coastal area of South Carolina, where she now resides. Her work delves into the complexities of interpersonal relationships and the parallels between the land and life.

Her novels include *The Beach House*, *The Book Club*, *Swimming Lessons*, *A Low Country Christmas*, among others, and, forthcoming in June, *The Summer Guests*. *A Low Country Christmas* won

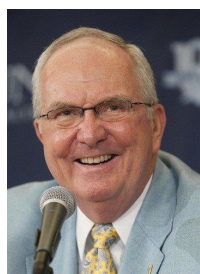
the 2017 Southern Book Prize in fiction from the Southern Independent Booksellers Association.

The Beach House was adapted into a Hallmark Channel Hall of Fame Movie in 2018 starring Andie McDowell.

Monroe lives with her family on a barrier island outside Charleston, and is an activist and conservationist.

Sons to remember Woody Durham in Friends event

♣ "The Voice of the Tar Heels" — Woody Durham — will be remembered by his sons Wes and Taylor Durham in a Friends of the Library event at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at Pinewood Country Club



Woody, Wes and Taylor Durham

Tickets are \$30 and are on sale now at the Asheboro library. Heavy hors d'oeuvres are included in the ticket price; there will be a cash bar.

Taylor and Wes will share memories about their sportscaster father and stories from his career. Woody's wife, Jean, also will be on hand for the event.

Woody Durham, who passed away in 2018, was known as the "Voice of the Tar Heels" during his 40-year career as play-by-play announcer for the University of

North Carolina men's basketball and football programs.

Wes Durham has been the radio play-by-play voice of the Atlanta Falcons since 2004, and is in his sixth season as the primary play-by-play announcer for the Atlantic Coast

Conference on Fox Sports South and the ACC Network. He is an 11-time winner of the Georgia Sportscaster of the Year award from the National Sports Media Association.

Taylor Durham is in his 10th year with Elon Athletics as The Voice of the Phoenix, and his 19th year with Learfield IMG College, handling all aspects of Elon football, basketball and baseball broadcasts while also helping to cultivate corporate partnerships with Elon Athletics.

Historian Kevin Duffus returns; Friends Trivia on Tap — see back page

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Mobile library hits the road

♣ Soon, perhaps by the time you read this, the Randolph County Public Library's new Mobile Library will be on the road.

It will be the first such library vehicle since the bookmobile service ended 47 years ago.

Funded by the Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation Inc. and the Asheboro Public Library Foundation Inc., the mobile library will deliver a small library experience to groups, especially those with young children, that cannot easily visit the library.

We will launch the service in phases. Initially, the Extension Services department will make monthly visits to preschools and day cares that are not near a library, and those whose students have not traditionally visited libraries. In many cases, the children who will be reached are in households where books are a luxury.

Visits will feature storytimes and STEM activities, as well as the opportunity to check out books.

In phase two we will add monthly visits to mobile home parks and neighborhoods where there are large concentrations of



An artist's rendering of the Mobile Library vehicle wrap.

school-aged children, and visits to Asheboro City schools summer lunch sites. A variety of programs for children and teens will be offered at these locations.

In the fall, phase three will add visits to senior centers and adult care facilities to allow homebound adults to check out materials, and deliver computer classes to remote sites.

The vehicle itself is a 2011 Chevrolet G4500 diesel ambulance retired by Randolph County Emergency Services. It is being converted by Mickey Truck Bodies of Thomasville. The bookmobile box is 14' long by 8' wide by 7.5' high. Bookshelves line each side, with the lower shelves in the form of mobile carts that can be detached and used outside. An awning can be extended from the side for sheltered activities outdoors. In addition to books, we will carry all sorts of equipment to support activities on and off the mobile library.

We're excited to get this new service rolling, and welcome ideas and suggestions for its use — and especially requests for mobile library visits.



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Star Party, Balloon Magic, poetry, Earth Day

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

♣ April brings a Star Party in Asheboro, a visit from balloon magician Clark Sides in Randleman, a poetry night in Liberty and much more!

Get ready for a puppet parade in Asheboro, and go green at several libraries in preparation for Earth Day. Here are the highlights.

Star Party Friday

Observe the first quarter moon and learn about the moon and space with NASA Solar System Ambassador Capt. Mike Lucas from 4-6 p.m. Friday, April 12, at the Asheboro library. Activities are for all ages; Lucas's talk is best for ages 8 and up. Outdoor activities will include moon observation with kid binoculars and standard telescopes, and messy moon crater experiments. Indoor activities will include moon phase investigations and science-themed crafts.

Poetry Night

Teens and adults can drop in at the Liberty library from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, for coffee and poetry in celebration of National Poetry Month: bring and share a poem, or read one that's provided!

Balloon Magic!

Balloon magician Clark Sides will bring "A Taste of Summer Reading" to the Randleman library at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. The party will feature Sides's unique blend of magic, audience participation, music and balloon art for all ages that will provide a glimpse into a "Universe of Stories," the 2019 Summer Reading theme.

Go Green for Earth Day

Several libraries will offer nature or environmentally oriented activities.

The Asheboro and Archdale libraries

will host special **Celebrate Creek Week** storytimes on Thursday, April 11. Archdale's event at 10:30 a.m. will be for preschoolers, and Asheboro will host a special toddler storytime at 11 a.m. Creek Week is an initiative by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council's Stormwater SMART program and Keep Randolph County Beautiful to raise awareness about local waters.

Meanwhile, upcycle household items for new uses in a **Fresh Ideas for Going Green: Earth Day Crafternoon**, at 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, for teens and adults at the Liberty library.

In Archdale, learn about **NC Carnivorous Plants** at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 18 for children ages 12-24 months and 10:30 a.m. children 2-5 years, with Judith West of the North Carolina Native Plant Society. Also in Archdale, **Celebrate Earth Day (Every Day!)**, at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 with crafts, games, stories and refreshments for school-age children.

In Randleman, engage in some **Mystery Science** to find out "Why Do Plants Grow Flowers?" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, with sessions for K-5th graders and 6-8 graders (call 336-498-3141 to sign up).

Children's Puppet Parade

Get ready for the Randolph Partnership for Children's animal-themed **Children's Puppet Parade**, 10 a.m. Friday, April 12, in Asheboro's Bicentennial Park, with a special **Crafternoon** for school-age children to make animal puppets, 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at the Asheboro library. The parade celebrates the Week of the Young Child.

and more...

All libraries host a variety of storytimes, special events, hands-on activities and other events for children, teens and adults. Find out more at www.randolphlibrary.org, or visit your local library.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* by Hiro Arikawa, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26.

Junior Book Club (Asheboro): *Frindle* by Andrew Clements, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 30 (Children ages 8 and up).

Book Break (Archdale): *The Last Castle* by Denise Kiernan, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

Book Bites (Archdale) "Un-Book Club." Guests are invited to talk about the most exciting or interesting book they've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

Liberty Book Club: *TBD*, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

What is Pinterest?

Pinterest is one of the most popular social media sites in the world, driven entirely by images. Let the Asheboro library staff help you get started on one of two free classes, at 10 a.m. Monday, April 8, and 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 24.

Turtles etc.

Learn about the differences between turtles, tortoises and terrapins in "Let's Talk Turtles" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 29, at the Asheboro library with turtle biologist Melanie Stadler. Stadler also will provide a detailed look at sea turtles native to North Carolina, and their importance in the ecosystem.

Get started tracing your ancestry in Intro to Genealogy

Have you always wanted to know where you come from? What you can find out about your ancestors? How to find out? Join Randolph Room staff member Kendra Lyons for

"Introduction to Genealogy" at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Asheboro library, for a primer in getting started tracing your family tree. It's free and the public is invited.

Historian Duffus to tackle mystery of Hatteras light

♣ Popular historian and author Kevin Duffus will return to the Asheboro library with the tale of how he found the lost original lens of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse — a national treasure — at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23.

The French-manufactured 1803 Fresnel (pronounced fer-NEL) lens was missing for 140 years. One of the first made for a U.S. lighthouse, it was displayed at the 1853 World's Fair in New York City. During the Civil War, the 12-foot tall, 6,000-pound bronze and glass optic was removed by Confederate authorities, and was lost.

Duffus chronicled his successful search for the lens, which also unearthed a wealth of lighthouse lore and

reached into his own family history, in his book *The Lost Light: The Mystery of the Missing Cape Hatteras Fresnel Lens*, published in 2003.

An award-winning author, researcher and filmmaker, Duffus has made significant discoveries about North Carolina history, starting at age 17 when he found a Confederate gunboat in a river near his home, and extending to groundbreaking conclusions about Blackbeard's treasure.

His appearance, part of the Road Scholar series, 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.

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