



# StarLab brings outer space to libraries

♣ Visit the “final frontier” in the comfort of your local library as the StarLab portable planetarium makes a return visit to Randolph County.

With projected images inside, the huge, inflatable viewing dome will bring the wonders of space in an immersive environment to the Asheboro, Liberty, Seagrove and Archdale libraries as follows:

**Asheboro:** 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, best for ages 5 and up. Learn about constellations in the StarLab, learn about the sun and moon while preparing for the upcoming solar eclipse, and visit activity stations for space-focused experiments, art and literature. It’s part of the 10th annual North Carolina SciFest. No registration required.

**Asheboro TeenZone Solar Eclipse Party:** 3:45 p.m. Monday, April 8. Put on your solar shades and watch the eclipse; then visit the StarLab.

**Liberty:** See the stars and learn about space in the StarLab on any of four days: Tuesday, April 16, 5-7 p.m.;



*The StarLab portable planetarium in the Asheboro library, 2018.*

Wednesday, April 17, 1-2:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 18, 3-4:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 20, 1-2:30 p.m. Call 336-622-4605 or visit the library to sign up for one of the events.

**Seagrove:** 3-5 p.m. Thursday, April 25. Travel through a world of knowledge that includes astronomy, geology, physical geography and more. Call 336-873-7521 or visit the library to sign up.

**Archdale:** Go where wonder meets curiosity! Family event, Tuesday, May 14, 6 p.m.; “Storytime with Starlab” (ages 0-6), Thursday, May 16, 10 a.m.; “Third Thursday StarLab” (ages 7-12), Thursday, May 16, 4 p.m.

The StarLab portable planetarium was invented in 1977 by a middle school teacher in Massachusetts for his students. The dome now uses a computer and projector to display various stellar and physics-related experiences for visitors.

In 2018, the State Library of North Carolina purchased a StarLab to share among the state’s libraries — the Asheboro library was its first stop.

## Friends launch new website

♣ A colorful new website will promote the Friends of the Library, and make joining and renewing memberships easier.

With the launch of the site, members now will receive emailed renewal notices (and reminders!), and will be able to renew their memberships online in a secure environment, if desired. Supporters also can make donations through the site, and as it is developed it will be used to promote Friends events and activities.

Visit the new website at [randolphfriends.org](http://randolphfriends.org).

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### BE A FRIEND!

The Friends of the Randolph County Public Libraries is an amazing group of people just like you, who believe in, support and value making our library the very best.

JOIN NOW!



### BOOKSHOP

Find a popular read or a hidden gem at the Friends of the Library Bookshop, 226 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. Proceeds go to library book budgets and Friends activities. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. [rclp.bookshop.org](http://rclp.bookshop.org)

## The library mobile app is back!

*The Randolph County Public Libraries mobile app has been restored and is fully functional. For users who did not uninstall it, it should work as usual. If you need to reinstall it, find it in your app store (search for Randolph Library). Use the app to search the catalog, place holds and manage your library account. You also can scan your library card bar code into the app and use your phone to check out at the library.*

## Archdale

336-431-3811  
Fax 336-431-4619  
10433 S. Main St.  
Mon-Thur 9-8;  
Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

## Asheboro

336-318-6800  
Fax 336-318-6823  
201 Worth St.  
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;  
Sat 9-1

## Randolph Room

336-318-6815  
Mon-Fri 9-12:30; 1:30-5:30  
Sat 9-12:30

## Franklinville

336-685-3100  
111 Sumner Place  
Mon-Thur 10-6; Sun 1-5

## Liberty

336-622-4605  
Fax 336-622-2665  
239 S. Fayetteville St.  
Mon-Tues 9-7  
Wed-Fri 9-5  
Sat 9-3

## Ramseur

336-824-2232  
Fax 336-824-2232  
1512 S. Main St.  
Mon-Fri 9-6  
Sat 9-1

## Randleman

336-498-3141  
Fax 336-498-1139  
142 W. Academy St.  
Mon-Fri 9-6;  
Sat 9-1

## Seagrove

336-873-7521  
530 Old Plank Rd.  
Tues-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-3

## Extension Service

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

*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



# Staff to take a day to recharge

## ♣ Sometimes you need to take a breather, take stock and reset.

The library will do just that on Friday, April 19, when we close for our first ever — and first annual, we expect — Staff Development Day.

These events are common among libraries in North Carolina. We've always resisted because it rubs us the wrong way to withhold library service from the public when there's not some crisis that's forcing us to do so.

We believe, however, that the one-day hiatus will benefit the people we serve in the long run, allowing us to recharge our batteries, and get reacquainted with (or even meet for the first time) our colleagues from each library.

We haven't had a countywide staff meeting since before the pandemic. We formerly held monthly meetings for all who could attend while also keeping the libraries open.

Lately, though, the variety of activities and events among all the libraries on almost all days of the week make getting together like this impractical, although branch managers and department heads meet monthly.

Our 2021-2026 Strategic Plan establishes as one of four strategic priorities that "Library staff are empowered, engaged and connected." A goal within this priority is to "Establish annual opportunities for employees to connect and learn together."

So on April 19 we'll make a day of it. Head of Youth Services Samantha Martin,

recently named Staff Development Coordinator, and Assistant Director Niccole Hugg have arranged a lively day of learning and teamwork activities that will be informative and inspiring.

We will start with a keynote speaker, Dr. Leisha DeHart-Davis from the UNC School of Government. Her topic will be "Emotional Labor for Librarians," which stems from her work on strengthening the capability of local government employees to respond effectively to a wide range of public needs.

Afterwards, the staff will rotate through breakout sessions that include:

- **Customer Service Scenarios**, with pointers on helping readers find just the right book, and getting to the root of patron's questions and needs in order to deliver just the right response;
- **NC LIVE**, focusing on learning about and practicing on research resources offered by the statewide online library, presented by NC LIVE Instruction Librarian Devon Waugh;
- **Safety**, focusing on best practices for a number of life/health scenarios that staff might encounter; and
- **Strategic Plan Updates**, in which staff will meet with their teams created to guide implementation of our strategic plan priorities.

We are indeed reluctant to close the libraries, and we know it's an inconvenience to our many visitors. The libraries will resume regular hours Saturday, April 20.

Please grant us this indulgence and we will use it to polish up the service we offer every day.

# Liberty to host Spring Break events

♣ **Animal ambassadors, butterflies, bad art and stilts all will be a part of Spring Break at the Liberty library, April 1-5.**

The weeklong series of activities coincides with the Randolph County Schools spring break. Call 336-622-4605 to sign up, or visit the library. Events include:

**Wild Tails at the Library, 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 1.** Learn about, meet and greet several animals that will visit from Wild Tails NC of Snow Camp.

**Butterflies with 4-H, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 2.** A hands-on activity with Allison Walker from Cooperative Extension.

## Gear up for gardening in library talks ...and more activities around the county

♣ **Get gardening tips at the Asheboro and Randleman libraries in April with Cooperative Extension agent Cody Craddock.**

In Asheboro, learn about "Backyard Gardening" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Craddock will present an overview of supplies and equipment and answer gardening questions, and talk about services available at Cooperative Extension, to ensure a bountiful harvest of fruits and veggies. No registration required.

In Randleman, it's "Summer Vegetable Gardening," 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 17. Find out about gardening basics including soil preparation, growing common plants, and more. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up or visit [tinyurl.com/rdsommerglass](http://tinyurl.com/rdsommerglass).

### **Tutor.com at Archdale**

Get the scoop on student-focused resources that the library offers, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 at Archdale. Teen Services Librarian Dave Bare will demonstrate

### **"Bad" Art on the Porch, 1 p.m.**

*Wednesday, April 3, ages 6 and up.* Explore your creativity and go wild with craft supplies to create the worst piece of art within a certain amount of time. Participants will vote and the winner will take home a trophy.

### **Introduction to 3D Printing, 2 p.m.**

*Thursday, April 4.* Learn about the basics of 3D printing and how the library can print small designs you make.

**Storytelling on Stilts! 4 p.m. Friday, April 5. All ages; best for K-5th grade.** Join Katie Rebich from StoryUp! Aerial Theater as she tells stories from the height of stilts and shares juggling skills.

popular online resources and provide an in-depth experience with Tutor.com, our live, online tutoring platform.

### **Underground adventure**

Go on an underground adventure with the Franklinville library in "Digging in the Dirt," 3 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Franklinville Diner. Learn what lives under our feet, and make dirt cakes.

### **Día de los niños at Liberty**

Celebrate *El día de los niños/El día de los libros* (Children's Day/Book Day), 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 20 at the Liberty library, in a "trunk or treat" style multicultural festival. "Travel" to each country in order to win a small prize.

Call the library at 336-622-4605 for more information and to sign up.

### **Special Chat and Craft**

Asheboro will host a special edition Chat and Craft at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, featuring painting on glass. Call 336-318-6803 to sign up (ages 18 and up).



## **Book discussions**

**Asheboro Reads:** *Under a Gilded Moon* by Joy Jordan-Lake, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.

**Archdale Book Break:** *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

**Franklinville: Snippets Book Club,** 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 15.

**Liberty Book Club:** *All the Children are Home* by Patry Francis, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

**Liberty Readers Meet-Up:** *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill, 1 p.m. Monday, April 15, Liberty Senior Center.

## **BYO book groups**

Talk about books that you've read recently.

**Archdale: Book Bites,** 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

**Ramseur Page Turners,** 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 2.

**Randleman Readers Recommend,** 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 5.

**Seagrove: Un-Book Club,** 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 30.

## **Computer Basics**

Become more tech savvy with repeats of the library's popular Computer Basics classes, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, and 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23. Learn how to navigate the desktop, switch between windows, how to use an operating system, and more — just ask!

## **Book clubs for kids & teens**

**Seagrove: Books and Banter,** 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4. Meet with other teens to talk about what you're reading and find new books.

**Liberty: Manga Meet-Up at the Library,** 1 p.m. Saturday, April 13, Ages 11 and up. Crafts,

activities, treats and videos related to manga and comic books.

**Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club,** 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, 6th-8th graders. Bring a book you'd like to share with others.



# Talk to address joys, challenges of caregiving

♣ Despite the challenges and stressors associated with caring for another, many caregivers would describe their role as one that brings joy and purpose to their lives.

Join David Caughron, Hospice of the Piedmont Vice-President of Community Engagement and Education, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Asheboro library for a conversation about how to cultivate the benefits of caregiving while also acknowledging the difficulties and uncertainties.

Whether you are a caregiver yourself or know



**David Caughron**

someone who is, recognizing the “hard but good” aspects of this important role can help you reframe your understanding of caregiving.

Caughron has been a part of Hospice staff for 14 years, starting as director of Marketing and Development. Prior to joining the organization, he served for four years on its board of directors.

He serves as chairman of the Tourism Development Authority Board of Directors, on which he has served for 25 years, and is a member of the Randolph Rotary Club.

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Randolph County Public Libraries  
**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**



All libraries will be closed  
Friday, April 19

See 'From the Director,' page 2,  
for details.

## memorials & donations

In Honor of: Elizabeth Colton  
By: Ross Holt

In Honor of: Roy and Joyce Garner  
By: James and Judith Owens

In Memory of: Phil Koonce  
by: Reviewers Book Club  
Sosis Book Club

In Memory of: Susan McCrary  
by: Sosis Book Club

In Memory of: Cornelia (Neil) Rankin  
by: Sosis Book Club

In Memory of: Alice Snell  
By: Reviewers Book Club

To: Randolph County Public Library  
From: The Robert D. and Dorothy A.  
Crowley Endowment fund

To: Randolph County Public Library  
From: Sosis Book Club

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### *To the Friends of the Library*

In Memory of: Cornelia (Neil) Rankin  
By: James and Carol Rich  
John and Nan Revell

## ***Archdale to host genealogy class***

♣ Embark on an enriching journey into your family history with “Introduction to Genealogy” at the Archdale library.

The class, led by Randolph Room genealogy specialist Kendra Lyons, will take place at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Participants will learn techniques, tools and resources to delve into genealogy confidently.