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Lynne Hinton returns to town for Friends event

♣ **New York Times** best selling author — and former Asheboro minister — Lynne Hinton will headline the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the Sunset Theatre.

Her appearance is free and the public is invited.

Hinton was minister at Asheboro's First Congregational United Church of Christ just after her first novel, *Friendship Cake*, hit big on its publication in 2000. The story, about a group of women friends in a small southern town who are writing a church cookbook, became a best seller and generated the Hope Springs series of five novels.

Now, Hinton is author of 18 books, including the *Pie Town* series, set in New Mexico, and the Divine Private



New York Times Best Selling novelist Lynne Hinton, a former minister in Asheboro, will be featured speaker at the Friends of the Library annual meeting, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at the Sunset Theatre.

Detective Agency mystery series. She has received a slew of awards, including the 2011 New Mexico Book of the Year Award, Fiction/Adventure Drama Category, and the 2011 National Federation of Press Women's Fiction Book of the Year. She also writes a Faith and Values column for *The Charlotte Observer*.

Born in Durham and raised in Fayetteville, Hinton is pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Albuquerque. She attended Wake Forest University and graduated from UNC-Greensboro. She also attended the UNC School of the Arts School of Filmmaking, and holds a Masters of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA.

Friends to host second Trivia Night fundraiser

♣ **The Friends of the Library are bringing back their fun and successful trivia night fundraiser, this time with a Star Wars twist.**

"Spring Fling in a Galaxy Far, Far Away" will take place from 6:30-10 p.m. Friday, May 20, at AVS Catering & Banquet Center. The public is invited.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include dinner and the trivia competition, and are available at the Asheboro library. Proceeds go to support Friends programs,

including author appearances, musical performances and enrichment activities for children, teens and adults.

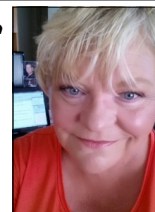
During the friendly competition, participants will answer three rounds of trivia questions in teams of four, with some questions focusing on the Star Wars saga. Participants may sign up in groups of four as teams, or join a team on arrival.

Prizes and bragging rights will be offered.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available; contact George Taylor, 318-6814, for further information.

Clue in to mystery writing with author Lynn Chandler Willis

Join novelist Lynn Chandler Willis for "Randolph Writers Host Writer Talks: Clues to Writing a Mystery Novel" at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at the Asheboro library. Willis, a member of the Randolph Writers whose novel *Wink of an Eye* won the PWA Best First Private Eye Novel competition, will lead a spirited discussion about what goes into writing a mystery novel. It's free, and open to both writers and readers.



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The day the music lived (again)

♣ **Most people familiar with the history of Rock 'n' Roll will recall "The Day the Music Died" — February 3, 1959, when a plane crash in Iowa took the lives of Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens.**

I'm not sure exactly when the music died here at the library but, it was around 1987. Until about that time, we had the largest and most important collection of LP records among the state's public libraries.

In 1956, the State Library of North Carolina dispersed its special collections to public libraries across the state to hold, develop, and make available to other libraries as well as to their own patrons. We got the music — sheet music, books and recordings.

Thus music became a focus of library service. In 1964, the new Asheboro library featured a bank of lift-top cabinets containing phonographs with headphones for patrons' listening pleasure.

By the time I was riding my bike to the library in the mid- to late-1970s, the record collection was a great cornucopia of vinyl in genres such as orchestral, folk, jazz, piano, sacred, vocal and big, boxed sets of opera.

You weren't supposed to check the records out until you were 19, due, I presume, to the fragility and the cost. I got away with it, however, pedaling home with the 1812 Overture, *eine kleine* Mozart, Strauss waltzes and Brandenburg Concertos in the newspaper baskets on my bike.

Being able to borrow records from the

library served as my introduction to classical music, and it has enriched my life ever since.

We all know what happened, however, around 1987: the compact disc revolution wiped out vinyl.

Circulation of records plummeted and the collection became a dead weight in the center of the library. Over the next several years, our once-vaunted LPs sold for pennies on the dollar at Friends book sales.

Due to economics and changing priorities, we never were able to rebuild the collection. Our modest selection of CDs was a faint shadow of former glory.

The change in technology also hit longtime library patron and avid classical music listener Dr. Charles Betts, but he had the wherewithal to make the transition from LPs and cassettes to CDs.

Now downsizing his collection, he has turned over to the library some 200 of his CDs, and we are adding them to — I should say, recreating — our classical music collection. It's an A to Z of orchestral composers and the very best recordings of their music, from Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, through Chopin, Dvořák, Mahler and Mozart to Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky.

To be sure, CDs are a legacy technology like, increasingly, DVDs. But most people still have CD players and we believe there's an audience for this music.

And Dr. Betts hopes the CDs serve as a useful foundation for others, especially young people, to find the same joy that he has found in this bountiful collection.

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Learn online genealogy in new classes

♣ Learn how to use the library's online genealogy resources in two classes at the Asheboro library during May.

"Genealogy with Heritage Quest," 10 a.m.-noon Wednesday, May 11, will help researchers get started on their family trees or add to information they already have by accessing census information, pension

records and other family history sources.

"Genealogy with Ancestry Library Edition," 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, will showcase family and historical research using census records, birth/death records, immigration records and other resources.

Both classes are free and the public is invited, but space is limited. Call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

Get the facts on DWI from Highway Patrol

♣ Get the lowdown on impaired driving in "Drunk Driving Defined," 6 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Asheboro library.

A State Trooper from the N.C. Highway Patrol will discuss topics such as how North

Carolina defines Driving While Impaired; what the "implied consent" law means in terms of tests for impairment; what happens when someone is arrested; and the five levels of aggravating factors that help determine punishment of an offender.

The talk is free and the public is invited.

Celebrate Día de los niños

♣ Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) with outdoor games, music, food and raffle prizes from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Asheboro library.

Bring the family and celebrate the importance of literacy for children of all cultures during the free event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Latino Coalition of Randolph County.

Also coming up at Asheboro for children:

- **Spring Tea:** 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11. Call 336-318-6804 to register; one adult per child, please.
- **Healthy Fun with Hillary Spangler!** 4 p.m. Thursday, May 19. Healthy snacks and an active storytime with the medical student, author and health advocate.
- **Tales to Crow About with Janet Harlee:** 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 24. Stories guaranteed to tickle your funny bone. Bring the family and laugh out loud!
- **Maker Series: DIY Marble Maze:** 4 p.m. Thursday, May 26. Use common materials to create a maze and challenge others to participate in marble races.



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May 4: Good Health with Hillary Spangler.* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages K-5th grade.

Learn about health and fitness from nutrition author Hillary Spangler.

May 11: Photography Adventures with Paul Church.* 3:30-5 p.m. Ages 16+. Courier-Tribune/Thrive photographer Paul Church shares adventures and offers tips on taking the perfect photo.

May 25: Make & Take a "Tote"ally Unique Library Bag!* 3:30-5 p.m. Ages 16+. Create your own library tote bag.

Discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Rumor* by Elin Hildebrand, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 26; *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31.

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club: "My Favorite Book Is...." At 3:30 p.m. *Archdale:* Wednesday, May 25; *Asheboro:* Wednesday, May 18; *Randleman:* Thursday, May 19.

Archdale Book Break: *All the Single Ladies* by Dorothea Benton Frank, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17.

Get Creative!

The Liberty library's free "Get Creative" craft events for ages 12 and up continue on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; supplies provided. **May 5:** Flower Top Gift Box. **May 12:** Bath Scrubs. **May 19:** Butterfly Magnets. **May 26:** Butterfly Window "Curtains".

Liberty lapsit

The Liberty library will inaugurate a new weekly "Lap-sit For Littles" storytime for infants and toddlers age 0-2 years at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4. Parents/caregivers will interact with their children through singing, finger plays and movement, during a 20-minute session.



BookSale

Archdale Library Friends Spring Book Sale
9-4 p.m. Sat., April 30; 9-7 p.m. Mon.-Tues. May 2-3
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**Liberty Nature
Research Library
hosts event for kids**

"Animal Babies and Moms" will be the topic of a special Saturday event for children Pre-K age and up at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Liberty Nature Research Library, 128 S.

Fayetteville Street. Join Carol Kendall for a Mothers Day Read, Learn and Craft event. Children will make a jewelry box and learn about wild animal babies and their mothers.

Register of Deeds hosts veterans event; debuts discounts

♣ The library's Extension Services department will be among local agencies showing off their services during a Veteran's Appreciation Day at the Randolph County Register of Deeds office, 9 a.m.-noon Monday, May 9.

The Register of Deeds also will use the event to kick off a new service, the Veterans "Thank You For Your Service" Discount Program. Veterans who record their DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge

from Active Duty) — the most important form a veteran receives — can obtain discounts at participating businesses.

Agencies also participating in the event include Veterans Services, Emergency Medical Services, Board of

Elections, Human Resources, Social Services, Tax Department, Health Department, Senior Adult Association, Cooperative Extension and more.

The office is at 158 Worth Street. For details, call 336-318-6960 or visit www.randrod.com/veterans.html.

Library in Boomer/Senior/Caregiver expo at Mall

The library again is among sponsors of the Boomer/Senior/Caregiver Expo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 at Randolph Mall.

Drop by the library's table to learn about Extension Services and register to win a lovely gift basket created by Monarch Group Home of Asheboro.

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'Every Child' takes early literacy on the road

♣ 'Every Child Ready to Read' will take fun early literacy activities to three libraries in May.

The PAL (Play and Learn) Club continues with storytimes, games and crafts for children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers. Coming up:

- **Mothers! Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 5.** Celebrate moms with games, card-making and *A Present for Mom* by Vivian French.
- **Blow the House Down! Asheboro, 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 13.** Take a

closer look at the Three Little Pigs through musical storytelling, games and crafts.

- **Numbers Everywhere!**

Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19. Play with fairy dust, ping pong balls and go fishing while learning all about numbers, then join in a storytime.

Also in Randleman is **"Every Child Ready to Read" by Kindergarten, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19**, a special storytime for children age 0-5 and their parents/caregivers.

TeenZone

Thursdays, Asheboro library; Free!

TeenZone T-Shirt Iron-on!

5 p.m. May 26. Bring a solid-color t-shirt and a design idea and create an iron-on decal. A limited number of t-shirts will be available.

Teen Zone Book Club: 4 p.m. May 5, At Coffee Xchange. *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.

Teen Zone Video Game Afternoon: 4 p.m. May 12. Wii and Wii U games.

Teen Zone Jam Session: 5 p.m. May 19. Make some music!

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