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Novelist Epley to debut tale of David Fanning

♣ Get into *A Passel of Trouble* at the Asheboro library as author Joe Epley debuts his novel about the life of Col. David Fanning, the notorious — or heroic, depending on your point of view — Loyalist militia leader in the Revolutionary War.

Epley, a former Green Beret, journalist and public relations executive, will talk about his book at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Asheboro library. The event is free and the public is invited.

Fanning is legendary in Randolph and Chatham counties, where from 1780-1782 he fought pitched battles against supporters of American Independence.

In *A Passel of Trouble*, Epley depicts Fanning as a capable young man on the verge of success in South Carolina when war breaks out. As neighbors take sides against each other, Fanning chooses loyalty to the King. The journey that leads him to Randolph County is seen through the eyes of his fictional friend Josh, who leaves his Quaker faith to join the Loyalist cause.

Now retired and a resident of Tryon, N.C., Epley operated Epley Associates, a public relations firm in Charlotte, for 38 years. He's also author of *A Passel of Hate*, about the battle of Kings Mountain.



Joe Epley

Author Jill McCorkle to headline Friends event

♣ Novelist and Lumberton native Jill McCorkle, who has the distinction of having her first two books published simultaneously, will keynote the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at the Sunset Theater.

The event is free and the public is invited.

Those first two novels — *The Cheerleader* and *July 7th*, published on the same day in 1984 by Algonquin Books —



Jill McCorkle

have been followed by four others, including *Ferris Beach*, *Carolina Moon*, *Tending to Virginia* and *Life After Life*. She is also author of four short story collections.

Five of her books have been named *New York Times* Notable Books. She is recipient of the John Dos Passos Prize for Literature, the North Carolina Award for Literature and the New

England Booksellers Award.

McCorkle teaches creative writing in the MFA program at North Carolina State University and is a core faculty member of the Bennington College Writers Seminars. She also has taught at the University of North Carolina, Tufts University, Brandeis University and Harvard.

She currently resides in Hillsborough with her husband, photographer Tom Rankin.

Reception to feature NC author Terry Roberts

The Friends of the Library in partnership with The Table Farmhouse Bakery will host a dessert reception for award-winning author Terry Roberts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at The Table.

This is a ticketed event; the cost is \$5 per person. Tickets are available at the Asheboro library.

Roberts will discuss his two acclaimed novels, A Short Time to Stay Here and That Bright Land.

The latter won the 2016 Thomas Wolfe Memorial Literary Award and the 2016 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction. Born and raised near Weaverville, NC. Roberts now resides in Asheville.



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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Spring breakers break big

♣ Last month I wrote about our participation in the UNC-Greensboro School of Library and Information Studies' "Alternative Spring Break."

This program placed three bright library school students with us for a week. Their mission was to work on projects that could be completed within the time allotted, gaining experience while producing a benefit for the library.

And produce they did!

Joining us were Chase Hanes, Della Owens and Kelly Jones. Della and Chase undertook an archiving project in the Randolph Room, while Kelly and our Teen Services team surveyed and talked to high school students in the Randolph County School System.

Both initiatives taught us a lot, and yielded actionable results.

In the Randolph Room, Chase and Della developed an archive out of the World War I memorabilia of Mac Whatley's grandfather Ralph Whatley, an aircraft mechanic in France. The collection includes photographs, post cards, letters home and other items.

As public librarians, we're good at collecting research material and making it available to the public, but archivists we're not. So housing collections such as Whatley's has not been our strong suit.

Della and Chase showed us how. They assessed each item and developed a "finding aid," a document that describes the relevance of the collection and its contents. A single record for the collection can now be added to the library catalog, with a link to



Alternative Spring Break interns Chase Hanes and Della Owens organize an archive.

the finding aid, so that researchers can easily learn about the collection.

The team also created a display of the collection and graphics to advertise it. They left us a report documenting what they had done as a guide for our future efforts.

Meanwhile, Kelly joined Teen Services librarian Dave Bare and Liberty Youth Services librarian Sam Colwell to survey 597 students in 26 classes among the six county high schools. They also hosted focus groups including 28 students across three schools.

The survey focused not on the library per se, but on teens' lifestyles and how the library fits into their lives. Afterwards, Kelly and Dave intensively assessed the results.

Dave is still digesting the responses (he recently wrote up some initial thoughts in his *Courier-Tribune* column — read it at tinyurl.com/dbteen), but it became clear that we need to move from a "marketing" approach to a relationship-building one.

The ground covered by Kelly, Chase and Della in their week with us was expansive and their contribution immense. Alternative Spring Break was in all respects an outstanding success.

Celebrate Día de los niños April 29

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

♣ **The very popular El día de los niños/ El día de los libros celebration returns to the Asheboro library from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29.**

Meet special guest Curious George, and enjoy stories, games and food from countries around the world.

It's free and all children and their families are invited. Meanwhile....

ASHEBORO

Homeschool Meeting, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. Nutrition and fitness with Kendall Phillips of the Randolph County Health Department.

Arts & Crafts, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, all ages. Edible camping cookie craft.

P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Club, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, ages 0-5 and parents/ caregivers. Celebrate Mother's Day! Make a special card and gift for Mom.

Folk Toys Traveling Trunk, 4 p.m. Monday, May 15, all ages. Play with colonial era toys like flipper dingers and whimmy diddles from the Greensboro Historical Museum.

Maker Series, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 25, ages 8-12. Edible chalkboard cookies.

ARCHDALE

LEGO Free-Build, 3:30-4:45 Tuesdays, school-age.

LIBERTY

Get Creative, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, crafts for teens and adults. May 4: Flower Top Pen. May 11: Flower Votives. May 18: Spring Wreath. May 25: Coloring for Grown-Ups.

Culinary Kids, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, elementary school-age. Plants!

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**Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.*

Glowing Fireflies*, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, ages K-5th grade. Enjoy a story or two, make glowing fireflies and learn the science behind the glow.

LEGO Robotics*, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays, May 9, 16, 23; ages 3rd grade-8th grade. Build LEGO projects, program them and watch them go.

The Buzz About Bees! 4-5 p.m. Thursday, May 11, ages 13+ (younger children may attend with an adult). Veteran beekeeper Mark Case share insights for beginning beekeepers.

Edible Plants*, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, ages K-5th grade. Learn about which parts of a plant are edible, and how to gather and prepare plants for eating.

Friendship Storytime in the Park, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, ages 0-5. Special preschool storytime at Randleman Park, 402 South Stout Street. Will be moved to the library in case of rain.

Beginning Painting*, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, ages 16+. Nina Lathe will guide each participant in a painting project.

Teens and Tweens: Beginning Painting*, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, ages 6th grade-12th grade. With Nina Lathe.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Lapsit/baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly. Visit www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes for schedules or drop by your local library.

TeenZone Talk

Thursdays at the Asheboro library. **May the Fourth Be With You — Star Wars Day**: All day, May 4. Celebrate Star Wars: wear your favorite costume, duel with light sabers. Prizes for best costume. **Asheboro Library Jam Club**: 4 p.m. May 11. Make music; all skill levels welcome. **Study Hall**: 4-6 p.m. May 18. Study for end-of-year tests, complete final projects, or just stretch out with a good book. **TeenZone Advisory Committee Appreciation Dinner**: 4 p.m. May 25. A dinner to thank volunteers and discuss upcoming events for teens.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

Book Break (Archdale): All Summer Long by Dorothea Benton Frank, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

Ladies Book Club (Randleman): The Winter Guest by Pam Jenoff, 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up by Kate DiCamillo. Randleman, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 18. Asheboro meetings discontinued.

Check vitals...

Learn what genealogical and historical information can be found through vital statistics in "Be Sure to Check their Vitals," 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Asheboro library.

Librarian and genealogist Ann Palmer will discuss what time periods such records cover, search strategies and how to access them online, with an emphasis on North Carolina records. It's free and the public is invited.


WWI artifacts

The Randolph Room is seeking World War I memorabilia and artifacts from Randolph County soldiers. Contact Mac Whatley at 336-318-6815 and look for details in next month's newsletter.

Boomer Senior Caregiver Expo returns to mall

The Boomer Senior Caregiver Expo will return to Randolph Mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 17. The event showcases community services to seniors and caregivers,

featuring 50 exhibitors, entertainment, coupons, door prizes, free health screenings and more. The library's Extension Services department is a sponsor and exhibitor.



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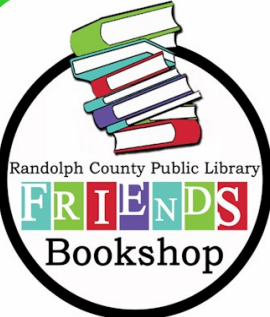
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Learn canning basics

Join NC Cooperative Extension Agent Jeannie Leonard for "The Basics of Canning" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the new Randolph County Cooperative Extension offices, 1003 S. Fayetteville St. (Hillside Shopping Center) in Asheboro.

Find out how to choose the best preservation canning method and see some of the tools used.

Leonard's talk is free; call 336-318-6803 to reserve a space.

Get started with yoga

Visit the Asheboro library for "A Gentle Introduction to Yoga" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, as certified yoga instructor Lorrie Grant guides you through a series of basic poses to let your muscles take a breath.

Loose clothing is recommended; you can bring your own mat but it's not required.

Space is limited so registration is required; call 336-318-6803 to sign up.