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Holly George-Warren comes home

Grammy-nominated music journalist returns to Asheboro for Sunset Series talk

♣ Singing cowboy Gene Autry.
Rocker Alex Chilton. Soon, 1960s
icon Janis Joplin.

From scouring the dusty bins of Archie Burkhead's record shop in downtown Asheboro to penning full-length biographies of pop culture greats — and two Grammy nominations for writing and producing — Holly George-Warren has become one of the country's foremost music journalists.

She will talk about her adventures interviewing and profiling such figure as Johnny Cash and Tom Petty, and writing biographies of Autry, Chilton and Joplin in "Alex, Gene and Janis: Holly George-Warren and the art of Pop Culture Biography," the third installment of the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at downtown Asheboro's Sunset Theatre.

The event is free and the public is invited.

Her talk will be "annotated" with songs by the artists she's discussing performed by her husband, musician Robert Burke Warren.

Now a freelance writer and adjunct professor of arts journalism at the State University of New York at New Paltz, George-Warren grew up in Asheboro. Her mother, Martha George, was a beloved longtime librarian; her father, architect Alvis George Jr. designed the 1964 Asheboro Public Library building and its 1994 expansion.

In 1970s Asheboro, George-Warren immersed herself



Holly George-Warren

in all things rock 'n' roll. In college, she decided to turn her love of music into a career, and headed for New York.

Since then, she has authored 10 books (three of them children's books) and co-authored more than 30 others. Of *Public Cowboy No. 1: The Life and Time of Gene Autry*, the *New York Times* said, "Every celebrity could use a biographer like Holly George-Warren."

Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *Village Voice*, *Entertainment Weekly* and many other publications. She also served as editor

of Rolling Stone Press. She received Grammy nominations for co-producing a 5-CD box set, *R-E-S-P-E-C-T: A Century of Women in Music*, and for penning notes to Janis Joplin's album *The Pearl Sessions*.

Robert Burke Warren is an accomplished musician who played bass with the iconic garage band The Fleshtones and played the title role in the UK/West End production of the musical *The Buddy Holly Story*. He's a singer-songwriter mentored by Rosanne Cash, and has a successful career as children's performer "Uncle Rock."

He's also a writer, with work appearing in *Paste*, *Salon* and other publications. In 2016 he published his first novel, *Perfectly Broken*.

Robert Burke Warren will talk about his novel Perfectly Broken in an appearance at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Asheboro library; see back page for details.



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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Friends offer new way to give

♣ **In February, the library began checking out mobile WIFI hotspots that borrowers can use for Internet access almost anywhere.**

Even though we are only promoting the devices in-house, demand has gone through the roof. Right now, we have seven hotspots checked out — and 64 people on the waiting list.

Clearly, there's a big demand for this new service, but due to the cost of the hotspot service plans we can only meet so much of that demand at any given time.

Meanwhile, as we look for ways to expand this and other services, the Friends of the Library are coming to grips with changes in the way people view membership in such organizations, and charitable giving in general.

Many people prefer the traditional practice of joining a group, becoming a member, giving through a membership fee, and receiving benefits of membership — like this newsletter, in the case of the Friends. Some may only join at a basic level; others may become sustaining or even lifetime members at higher levels of giving.

They know that the group (especially the Friends!) will apply their dues in the best way possible to accomplish its mission.

These days, many others want to give to a specific aspect of the cause, or see a tangible result of their donation. They also prefer to automate their giving through bank drafts, credit cards or online services.

For these folks, the Friends now are offering a new way to contribute for specific

needs of the Friends or the library itself.

Through the Patreon online platform (www.patreon.com/RandolphLibraryFriends), donors — called Patrons — can give through monthly contributions charged to a debit or credit card (Patreon takes a small percentage of each donation to sustain itself).

The donations meet identified needs. For example, a "Love My Library" gift of \$5 per month supports general Friends activities, such as author appearances and other programs.

For Patrons who give \$20 monthly, a new children's book will be added to the library collection each month. Bump that amount up a bit to \$22, and a new Blu-Ray/DVD will be purchased each month.

A gift of \$25 per month will sponsor a Randolph Books for Babies "Toolkit for New Babies" — including a tote bag, a board book, a reading blanket, a "my first library card," a list of library books on early literacy, and information about safe sleep, that will be delivered to the family of a newborn at Randolph Health by Friends volunteers.

Monthly donations of \$30 support Friends and library programs for children, teens and adults. All programs are free and open to the public.

Finally, for \$40 per month donation, a new mobile hotspot will augment the library's stock — and help meet that skyrocketing demand.

The Friends' foresight ensures that avenues new and traditional are available for support of the Friends and the library.

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Titanic talk to feature artifacts

♣ Hear some of the 2,228 stories of people aboard the Titanic and view memorabilia from the ill-fated ocean liner, in "Titanic: Ship of Dreams," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Asheboro library.

Belmont Abbey College professor and "Road Scholar" Dr. Melinda E. Ratchford will present a glimpse into the world of 1912 and the amazing people who boarded the most luxurious and largest ship in the world, and sailed into immortality.

Foster parenting author visits Randleman ...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ Loving a child with the expectation of letting them go is the theme of a talk by Dr. Sophie Foster at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Randleman Public Library.

Foster will discuss her book *When You're Called "Mommy": The Joys and Heartbreak of Being a Foster Parent*, which traces a foster parent's journey through the system and a new array of biological relatives, social workers and court-appointed officials.

Her talk is free and the public is invited.

ALSO AT RANDLEMAN

*call 336-498-3141 to sign up

Connie's Crafting Corner,* 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, age 16-up. Feed the Birds!

Full STEAM Ahead: Ozobots!* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, 3rd-6th grade. Learn and play with miniature robots that read color code.

Tweens & Teens: Cute as a Button!* 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, ages 11-16. Make art with buttons, scrapbook paper and other odds and ends.

ASHEBORO

New Storytime schedule beginning in May:

- Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m. Mondays;
- Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays;
- Family Storytime, 11 a.m. Thursdays;
- Music and Movement, 3:30 p.m. Fridays.

Ratchford, who has visited locations associated with the ship — including Belfast, Southampton and the sinking site in the North Atlantic — will also show off her extensive collection of Titanic memorabilia.

Her talk is free and the public is invited. It 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.

Arts & Crafts, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 3, ages 4 and up. Celebrate Constitution Day and make a patriotic agamograph (folded paper).

Homeschool Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 9. Meet at the Pisgah Covered Bridge for a short hike and picnic; bring a bag lunch. Learn about the history and construction of the bridge, and make a bridge model. Call 336-318-6804 for directions or more information.

Mad Hatter Tea Party, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 17, all ages. You're invited to a very mad tea party. Decorate a hat, enjoy refreshments, games and favors. Dress colorfully and don't be late for this very important date! Sign up in the Children's Room or call 336-318 6804 for more information.

Family Movie, 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 22. "The Lion Guard: The Rise of Scar."

You Make It! 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, all ages. Make your own articulated hand. Learn the parts of the hand, and how bones, tendons and muscles work together.

LIBERTY

Get Creative, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, adults and teens — **May 3:** Surprise Craft; **May 10:** Butterfly Magnet; **May 17:** Paper Dahlia; **May 24:** T-Shirt Necklace; **May 31:** Coloring for Grown-ups. **Kids Can Create,** for school-age children, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays — **May 3, 10, 17 & 24:** LEGO Free Build; **May 31:** Marshmallow Geometry Project.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 29; *The Dollhouse* by Fiona Davis, 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 26.

Book Break (Archdale): *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

Canning workshop

Get tips on planning a successful year of food preservation in "Canning Basics," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 at the Asheboro library. It's free and the public is invited.

Randolph County Agricultural Extension Agent Jeannie Leonard will talk about correct equipment and places to find the most up-to-date information.

Facebook Basics

Learn the basics of Facebook in library classes at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at the Asheboro library. The class will include setting up an account, Friend requests, groups, pages and privacy.

Teen Zone


Teen Book Discussion Group, 4 p.m. Thurs., May 24. Talk about what you're reading!

Talk

Genealogy workshops cover handwriting, online census records

Librarian and genealogist Ann Palmer will present two genealogy workshops in May: "The ABCs of Early American Handwriting," 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 10; and "Finding

Census Records Online," 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 24. Due to laptop availability, registration for the census records workshop is required; call 336-318-6803 to sign up.



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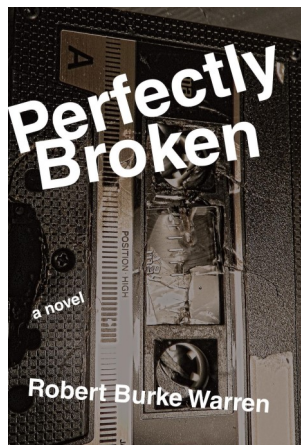
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**HOLLY
GEORGE-
WARREN**

**7 pm Thursday
May 3**

Free!

Meet Robert Burke Warren as novelist



After you meet Robert Burke Warren the musician as he highlights his wife Holly George-Warren's Sunset Series talk on May 3, meet Robert Burke Warren the author in a talk featuring his novel Perfectly Broken, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Asheboro library.

Perfectly Broken follows the journey of a former musician who moves with his wife and young son from a New York City apartment to a Catskills farmhouse only to face drastic changes in their marriage, friendships and family.

Warren grew up in Atlanta before becoming a working musician in New York. His career since has been a simultaneous pursuit of music and writing.

