



Medal of Honor

Col. Joe Marm to share his story in Sunset Series event

♣ Medal of Honor recipient Col. Joe Marm will tell his story in a Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series event, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23, in Asheboro's historic Sunset Theatre.

The talk is free and the public is invited.

In 1965, Marm was a 2nd lieutenant leading a platoon of the 7th Cavalry Regiment during the Vietnam War when his unit joined what became the battle of Ia Drang, the first major engagement between the U.S. and North Vietnamese armies. The battle is recounted in the book *We Were Soldiers Once... and Young* by Hal Moore and Joseph L. Galloway, and in the film *We Were Soldiers*.

With his platoon under fire from a concealed machine gun, Marm exposed himself to draw fire and locate the enemy position, then made two attempts to destroy it – the second by charging 30 yards under heavy fire to



Col. Joe Marm

eliminate it despite being severely wounded.

For his actions, he received the Medal of Honor from President Lyndon Johnson on December 19, 1966. The citation states that Marm's "selfless actions reduced the fire on his platoon, broke the enemy assault, and rallied his unit toward the accomplishment of his mission."

Marm, a Pennsylvania native and Eagle Scout, earned a business degree from Duquesne University in 1964, before joining the Army. He retired as a colonel in 1995.

The Sunset Series celebrates art and ideas by bringing world-class speakers and performers to the heart of Asheboro. The series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Randolph County Public Libraries.

The final 2026 Sunset Series event will be *Our State* Editor Elizabeth Hudson, 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 25.

Film, discussion to focus on Constitution origin

♣ Experience the high-stakes story of the 1787 Constitutional Convention in *The American Constitution*, a new documentary movie, at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in downtown Asheboro's historic Sunset Theater.

A discussion with filmmaker David Garrigus will follow the screening. The event, hosted by Revolutionary Randolph, the county's official America 250 NC committee, is free and the public is invited.

Set in the sweltering summer of 1787 and guided by insights from leading Constitutional scholars, *The American Constitution* dramatizes the creation of one of the most influential documents in human history.

Non-partisan and non-political, the film is a scrupulously



accurate story promoting historical literacy and the greater civic good. The film's script is drawn entirely from the historical record, using only the Founders' own words.

This commitment to authenticity is brought to life by an impressive cast portraying Framers like George Washington, James Madison, Alexander

Hamilton, and the ever-witty Benjamin Franklin.

The film is slated to be broadcast on public television in fall 2026. View the film's trailer at ConstitutionMovie.com.

Garrigus is an award-winning filmmaker specializing in historical documentaries. His previous work includes the critically-acclaimed PBS film *Kitty Hawk: The Wright Brothers' Journey of Invention*.

The Sunset Theatre is located at 234 Sunset Avenue.

Get 'Gardening Basics' at Archdale

♣ Dig in — literally — in hands-on "Gardening Basics" classes at the Archdale library, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, repeated at 6 p.m. the same day.

Led by community gardener Ula Hughes, the classes will show participants how to choose a space, prepare soil, plant seeds and care for growing plants.

Whether you've never planted a seed or

you're looking to refresh your skills, the class is designed to be simple, approachable and rewarding.

Hughes' gardening journey began at the library, after attending a class that sparked her passion for growing her own food and flowers.

For ages 18 and up. Registration is required; call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

Randleman to offer chromebooks

♣ Master computer basics in a comprehensive series of free classes in May and June at the Randleman library.

On completion of the course, take home a Chromebook for free.

The class is open to anyone age 16 and

up and will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays, May 7 thru June 11. Registration is required; call 336-498-3141.

The class is sponsored by North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Randolph County Public Libraries and the North Carolina Department of Information Technology.

Liberty to host free comic book day ...and other activities around the county

♣ Celebrate Free Comic Book Day at the Liberty library, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

Kids and teens are invited to take home free comics, enter to win prizes, make crafts, play video games, and meet special guests related to comics and superheroes.

One of those guests will be Alegría Rojas Patino, a ninth-grader who has created a comic book about the history of the Hispanic community in Durham. She will talk about and show images from her work.

Dress up as your favorite comic book or anime hero for the event.

Tibetan singing bowls

Hear the resonant sounds of Tibetan healing bowls, ancient metal alloy musical instruments played with a suede-covered mallet, with performer Nancy Pocklington, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the

Asheboro library. The bowls are said to harmonize with mind and body, and often are used for meditation and relaxation.

Author debuts at Ramseur

Author and Randolph County native D. Eric Lowdermilk will debut his novel *Where the River Ebbs* at the Ramseur library, 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16.

Revolutionary ancestors

Learn how to "Find Your Revolutionary War Ancestors" with genealogy specialist Kendra Lyons, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Asheboro library. Bring a laptop, tablet or phone, and as much family information as you know.

Beginner crochet

Join instructor Meghan Hahn for "Beginner Evening Crochet," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at the Asheboro library. Call 336-318-6803 for details and to sign up.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Devil's Come Back: New Ghost Tales from North Carolina* by Ed Southern, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 26.

Archdale Book Break: *My Friend Anne Frank* by Hannah Pick-Goslar, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club. Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 18.

Liberty Afternoon Book Club: *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash, 1 p.m. Monday, May 18.

Liberty Evening Book Club: *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Kruger, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale, Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 5.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 8.

Randleman Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 22.

Seagrove, Un-Book Club, 4 p.m. Friday, May 29.

Randolph Room presents 'Annual Affair'

Stop by the Asheboro library now through June for "An Annual Affair — A History of Yearbooks in Randolph County," a display of annuals from Randolph County schools organized by

Randolph Room librarian Joanna Roberts. See a history of student fashions and local events through a hundred years of local yearbooks.

The display is upstairs.

BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!

Archdale book sale

The Archdale Library Spring Book Sale will take place from Saturday thru Wednesday, May 2-6, during library hours until 30 minutes before closing. Bag sales at \$5 per bag begin Monday, with the price dropping to \$3 on Tuesday and \$1 on Wednesday.

Autism Resource Fair

The Liberty library will host an Autism Resource Fair, 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Liberty Elementary School gym, 206 N. Fayetteville Street. The event, which is free and open to the public, will bring together local and regional organizations that offer activities or services for those with autism.

Pet Project

Poet and teacher Ashley Harris will offer "The Pet Project: Writing About Our Other Babies" at the Franklinville and Seagrove libraries. Participants will read pet-driven poetry and prose and create work inspired by their own furry (or scaly or feathery) friends, and discuss completing, polishing and submitting work for publication.

Seagrove, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9;
Franklinville, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

Mental health and technology

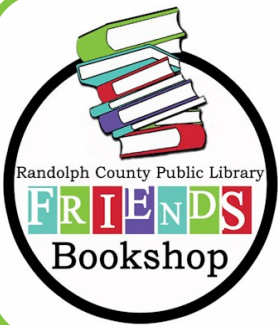
Join Digital Services librarian Harris Mason for "Mental Health and Technology," 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

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Larry and Jane Simpson

Charles and Susan Swiers

Crime scenes

♣ Curious about how real crime scenes are investigated?

Join Capt. Tracy Turner of the Randolph County Sheriff's Office for "Behind the Crime Scene," 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at the Asheboro library.

Get an inside look at forensic science and real-life investigations. Learn how evidence is collected, analyzed and used to crack cases — and get a glimpse into how genealogy is used to solve cold cases. A Q&A will follow.