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## IN MEMORIAM

# HANNAH JAMES

♣ In the midst of everything else, the library staff lost a beloved colleague when Hannah James passed away unexpectedly on April 5, a month shy of her 30th birthday.

The loss was doubly felt, as Hannah's mother René is also a library staff member.

Hannah, a mainstay of the Asheboro library Circulation Department, loved her job and her coworkers. A steadfast colleague, she was known for her friendliness and kindness — and dry sense of humor.

"Hannah was soooooo much fun to have as a coworker," Head of Circulation Jim Weston says. "She kept us laughing and was always ready to help when the situation arose."

A graduate of Asheboro High School and Pfeiffer University, Hannah was an avid reader. She enjoyed playing Dungeons and Dragons with her sister Emily and their friends, and was a great mom to her cat Ellie.

"Everything in life that could be improved upon was made better by her presence," says Head of Children's Services Samantha Colwell, "every workday, every D&D session, every Poke stop, every hunt for a Waffle House. Her good-natured, quick wit kept everyone on their toes at the library. Her laugh was contagious.... She brought out the humor in everyone. She made everything better."

Jessi Bowman, Hannah's colleague at Circulation, says, "Hannah made every day at the library an adventure.



Having a coworker become a good friend is a lucky occurrence. She made my day better, every day. She was smart, opinionated, and passionate about the things and the people she loved.... It is a gift to be known in this world. It was a privilege to be known by Hannah. Hannah understood me without having to try, and that is a gift I will never be able to fully articulate."

Kim Davis, also a colleague at Circulation, says that Hannah felt like a daughter to her as well as a colleague and a friend. "And like a mom, I was/ am so proud of her and the woman she was. She was sweet and compassionate, opinionated and funny, smart and beautiful."

To all the people who sent cards and made donations in Hannah's memory, her parents René and Mike James say, "Hannah always said she did not see herself as a 'people person.' The memories you have shared with us tell a different story. She had no idea how many lives she touched."

To her coworkers, René and Mike add, "[T]hank you for the love and friendship you have given her these past five years. Not one to enter new situations easily, Hannah felt comfortable from the first day and treasured the friendships she made. Thank you for being her second family. She loved her job and she did because of all of you."

Samantha Colwell concludes, "If you were lucky enough to be loved by Hannah James, you had everything."

*"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."  
— Dr. Seuss*

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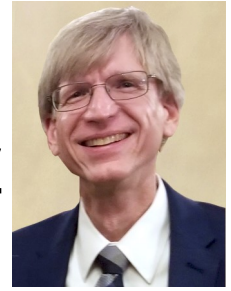
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## As of this writing...

♣ **The Randolph County Public Library News has been in continuous monthly publication since July 1992, and there has never been an edition like this.**

In the originally scheduled March newsletter, we planned to promote the Sunset Series event featuring *Jeopardy!* champion Ken Jennings. The UNC Clef Hangers were to perform.

Coming up we had talks about the Kennedy assassination, the women's suffrage anniversary and the county's emerging hemp industry. Liberty was planning a book sale. Asheboro slated an *El día de los niños* celebration, and Randleman would explore "Animal Wrappers" (fur, feathers, etc.) with special guests including a turtle, a snake and a mammal. And, as we always say, there was more.

Now — well, you know.

Libraries bring people together, but the immediate imperative was (and remains) to keep people apart. Even though we closed to protect the health and safety of our staff and our community, we strived to keep the spirit of the library strong.

We promoted our panoply of digital media and online resources, and shifted funding to purchase more ebooks and e-audiobooks. Our staff created brilliant virtual storytimes and shared them through Facebook and YouTube. Librarians staffed our phones from home to provide information and assistance, especially to those learning to download digital media. Our Parents as Teachers coordinators made virtual visits to their clients, delivering

program materials via no-contact drop-offs.

Many of these activities continue.

Behind the scenes, as it were, staff members took advantage of continuing education opportunities online and shared their perceptions among colleagues.

And we began planning for the future.

Right now, we are the second stage of our reopening plan. Staff is present in the libraries. We have pivoted back to curbside pick-up and expanded phone service, both including Saturday hours.

We are aware of the need to increase accessibility — we know that our computers and WiFi, especially, will be critical for those seeking work and applying for relief programs. But we intend to do it cautiously to ensure the health and safety of our staff and visitors, and with the guidance of local government and health authorities.

What will increased accessibility look like? In the short term, we likely will welcome people to the libraries in limited numbers to maintain social distancing, perhaps for time-limited visits to enable as many people as possible to use our services. Visitors likely will be greeted at the door as we monitor capacity. Expect modifications to our buildings. We probably will continue curbside pick-up. We certainly will encourage the "3Ws" — "Wear" a face covering; "Wait" six feet apart; and "Wash" hands frequently. We will continue virtual programming, including a Summer Reading Program with at-home activity kits for kids.

As of this writing, no timeline has been set; watch Facebook.com/randolphlibrary and www.randolphlibrary.org for updates.



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# Curbside pick-up is back, and more

...a round-up of library services "as of this writing"

♣ The Randolph County Public Library has resumed curbside pick-up of requested items.

Place holds via the catalog at [www.randolphlibrary.org](http://www.randolphlibrary.org), or call your local library; pick-up is now available at all seven libraries. Reach the libraries as follows:

- **Asheboro**, 336-318-6801 or 336-318-6803, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday;
- **Archdale**, 336-431-3811, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.
- **Franklinville**, 336-685-3100, 2-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday;
- **Liberty**, 336-622-4605, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday;
- **Ramseur**, 336-824-2232, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday;
- **Randleman**, 336-498-3141, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday;
- **Seagrove**, 336-873-7521, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday.

## Digital media expands

Meanwhile, continue taking advantage of the library's ever-expanding collections of ebooks, e-audiobooks and e-magazines. Visit [www.randolphlibrary.org/digital](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/digital) media; or search the library catalog.

## Ebooks move to RB Digital

The library's ebook collection will move to the RB Digital platform effective June 1. New ebooks are being purchased only for this platform. Find the free RB Digital app in your app store, and contact the library if you need assistance getting set up.

After June 1, the Overdrive platform/Libby App will no longer be available for library ebooks, but will continue to be used for the NC KIDS Digital Library.

## Virtual Storytimes

Children age 0-6 can get multiple weekly treats via virtual storytimes. The Asheboro Children's Room produces four weekly events at Facebook.com/randolphlibrary and on the library's YouTube channel:

- **Storytime with Miss Sam**, 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays;
- **Minutes for Mindfulness with Miss Emily**, noon Mondays; and
- **Stick Around with Miss Becky**, crafts with found objects, 11 a.m. Fridays.

The Randleman library posts **Storytime with Mrs. Ronda and Mrs. Connie**, 10:30 a.m. Fridays at Facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary. The **Liberty library** posts storytimes at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, at Facebook.com/libertynclibrary.

# Friends reset Sunset Series, Clef Hangers

♣ Remaining events in the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series will

move to fall 2020 and spring 2021, and a new date has been set for a concert by the UNC Clef Hangers.

The Sunset Series appearance of performance speed painter **Tim Decker** will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, September



19. Jeopardy champion **Ken Jennings** will appear at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 14. The

performance by **Top of the World**, a tribute to the music of The Carpenters, has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 13, 2021.

The Anne Sigman Shaffner Memorial Concert featuring the **UNC Clef Hangers** will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 24 at the Asheboro library.



## Virtual Book Club

Join us for a book club using the library's Go-To-Meeting online conference tool, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Talk about 1-2 books you've read recently, and join a free-for-all discussion at the end.

You will need a computer with sound and a microphone to participate; you can also join by phone.

To sign up, contact Meghan Carter, [mcarter@randolphlibrary.org](mailto:mcarter@randolphlibrary.org). You will receive a link to the conference.

## Trivia on Tap reset

The Friends of the Library fundraiser Trivia on Tap has been rescheduled to 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 14 at Four Saints Brewing Company. Ticket sales will resume closer to the time of the event.

Trivia on Tap is a friendly competition in which teams answer three rounds of questions on books, pop culture and Randolph County history.

Proceeds benefit Friends projects including Books for Babies, children's programming and literacy.

## Randolph Room services, projects, continue

The enforced hiatus has enabled Randolph Room librarians to get a jump on some long-term projects, such as organizing and describing archival items and artifacts, and

properly conserving them. The staff remains available for historical and genealogical research assistance; contact them at 336-318-6815.





## SUMMER READING 2020!

Once Upon a Time there was a summer filled with virtual performances and storytimes, take home activities, and more!

visit [www.randolphlibrary.org/summer](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/summer) or call your local library for details

This project receives support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts



**Bright Star Touring Theatre**  
**Aesop's Fables & Once Upon A Time**  
Zoom performances for each library June 16-25



**Caleb Sigmon's The Wizard Experience**  
YouTube performance viewable July 20-24

Links and schedules at [randolphlibrary.org/summer](http://randolphlibrary.org/summer)

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**In Memory of: Peggy Gregson Davis**  
By: Liberty High School Class of 1959

**In Memory of: Robert and Dorothy A. Crowley**  
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### *To the Friends of the Library*

**In Memory of: Kenneth Callicut**  
By: Bill and Sue Spencer

**In Memory of: Hannah James**  
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