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SUMMER READING 2024



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SUMMER READING 2024

Adventure begins at your library with an incredible array of interactive performances, hands-on activities and more during a Summer Reading experience that offers children and teens a no-pressure way to stay engaged with reading and learning while out of school, so they don't experience "summer slide" when they return in the fall. Adults can enjoy speakers and other activities that enhance their own reading and learning experiences, and hobby interests.

Each library is hosting a variety of events, but appearing at all libraries in June is Alex Weiss's Durham-based trio **Different Drum**. The eclectic ensemble weaves together folkloric and popular music of Africa and the Americas in a musical adventure for the whole family that features soulful sambas, majestic Andean melodies, light and lively calypsos, tunes from South African townships and more.



Mr. Fantastic

In July, comedy magician **Mr. Fantastic** will visit each library and will have kids questioning if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

Kids and their adults won't be able to keep quiet as they experience the zany things that happen when Mr. Fantastic (a.k.a. Michael Robert Douglas-Mathenge) takes the stage. Meanwhile, **Big Bang Boom!** brings family friendly rock 'n' roll to Asheboro and Randleman; **Shepherd Shakespeare**



performs energetic, one-actor shows in Asheboro, Seagrove and Franklinville;

Magician-Storyteller **Mark Daniel** visits Ramseur and Randleman; **Caleb Sigmon's Dragon Quest** comes to Asheboro and Randleman; the **Amazing Teacher Steve Somers** visits Randleman; animal ambassadors from **Wild Tails NC** and the **NC Zoo** are everywhere... and much more!



Big Bang Boom!



Appearances by Different Drum and Mr. Fantastic are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The project receives support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Archdale

Swashbuckling Tales Summer Kick-off

4-6 p.m. Friday, June 7

Ahoy all ye landlubbers and bookworms alike! **Swashbuckling Tales: A Pirate Adventure at Sea** will kick off Archdale's Summer Reading. Don your pirate attire and craft pirate hooks, hats and swords to capture your pirate spirit. The celebration will end on a high note with a **Songs in the Stacks** concert by Asheboro musical artist **Corey Hunt and the Wise**, starting at 6 p.m.

Ongoing Adventures

Wednesdays unless otherwise noted.

June 12, 10:30 a.m.: Spy Academy. Learn spy skills and embark on a top-secret mission.

June 18, Tuesday, 1 p.m.: Different Drum. A musical adventure that draws from folklore and popular music of Africa, the Americas and island realms will have you moving and dancing.

June 19, 10:30 a.m.: Dusty Trails and Desert Tales: Exploring the Wild West. Giddy up for a Wild West adventure. Make cowboy boots, strike a pose for a wanted poster photo, and dress up in your finest cowboy/girl attire.

June 20, Thursday, 10 a.m., Creekside Park: Creekside

Adventure with the Mobile Library.

June 26, 10 a.m.: Mountain Mysteries — Exploring the Legends

of Bigfoot. Delve into the mysteries of the legendary creature.

July 10, 10 a.m.: Jungle Jamboree — Expore wildlife with the NC Zoo. Meet real animals close-up and learn about their habitats, diets and behaviors.

July 17, 2:30 p.m.: Mr. Fantastic's Magic Show. The comedy magician will have you questioning if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

July 24, 10:30 a.m.: Cosmic Quest — An Interactive Space Adventure. Explore the cosmos; compete in a series of challenges to unlock the secrets of the universe.

July 25, Thursday, 4 p.m.: Omega Crag author Micki Bare. Meet the award-winning author of the *Zahra of the Uwharries* middle grades series.

July 31, 10:30 a.m.: Shepherd Shakespeare — As You Like It. One actor barrels through a bevy of costumes and props, and enlists the audience to help tell Shakespeare's tale.

Preschool Storytimes

10 a.m. Thursdays, ages 0-6

Read With Me

4-6 p.m. Mondays June 10, and July 8

Improve reading ability and confidence by reading to a certified therapy animal. Call 336-431-3811 to reserve a time.

Asheboro

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 8

Join us outside the library. Play carnival games, jump into a giant foam pit, take home a balloon animal by stilt walker Lanky Lou, get a free Kona Ice kids' cup, and sign up for Summer Reading prizes.

Weekly Adventures

10 a.m. Tuesdays and 2:30 p.m. Fridays.

Groups of 8 or more, please call ahead to 336-318-6804.

June 11, Tuesday: Campfire Sing-along. Sing songs around a pretend bonfire, learn how to set up a tent and other wilderness skills, and take home s'mores treats.

June 14, Friday: Matt Sandbanks Shadow Factory. Cinematic show puppets dance to uplifting music and traditional storytelling.

June 18, Tuesday: Different Drum. A musical adventure that draws from folklore and popular music of Africa, the Americas and island realms will have you moving and dancing.

June 21, Friday: STEAM Coding Adventure. Free-Play STEAM day. Snap circuits, coding riddles, computer building with Raspberry Pi. Best for ages 5+.

June 25, Tuesday and June 28, Friday: NC Zoo. Explore three continents, meet Animal Ambassadors, learn about famous pioneers and scientists, and dive into adventurous jobs.

July 1-6: Adventure Camp Craft Bag. Pick up a craft bag while supplies last. Best for ages 5+.

July 5, Friday: Dr. Lexi's Mystery Slime Lab. Create your very own mysterious slime! What pet slime creature will you take home? All ages accompanied by an adult.

July 9, Tuesday: Incredible Journey with Stormwater SMART. Learn about the water cycle and water conservation with hands-on experiments.

July 12, Friday: Big Bang Boom! Get ready to dance to high energy, family-friendly "kindie" rock, including a kids vs. adults dance battle.

July 16, Tuesday: Ellie's Exotic Road Show. Get up close and personal with scaly, leggy and fluffy animal ambassadors from all over the world, and learn about their habitats.

July 19, Friday: Mr. Fantastic's Magic Show. The comedy magician will have you questioning if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

July 23, Tuesday: Shepherd Shakespeare, Hamlet and the Pirates. Never-before-heard tale of Hamlet's adventures among the pirates of the North Sea.

July 26, Friday: Family History Adventure. Join Randolph Room librarians Roberta Gavin and Kendra Lyons to uncover the mysteries of our families and learn how to make a family tree.

August 2, Friday: Sigmon Theatrical Presents "Dragon Quest!" An immersive, interactive experience that transports you to a world where dragons take flight, featuring state-of-the-art puppetry and mesmerizing illusions that are guaranteed to draw the audience into a world filled with magic, mystery, and the age-old battle between good and evil. Meet-and-greet afterwards.

August 6, Tuesday: Lighthouse History and Crafts for Kids. Get prepared for National Lighthouse Day, August 7, and craft a lighthouse to take home, with avid lighthouse historians Tony and Alva Pasek.

August 9, Friday: Computer Tots. For ages 3-6. Learn basic computer skills with Ms. Hannah.

Countywide Book Club Event

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17

Read the middle-grade novel When Sea Becomes Sky by Gillian Dunn, and meet to discuss the book, and join in literary games and crafts.

Summer Adventure Storytimes

Littles, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, ages 0-3.

Pre-K, 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, ages 3-6.

After these events, weekly storytimes go on hiatus until September.



Cat Whitney, a.k.a.
Ellie the Explorer



CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING

Track your summer reading for prizes and rewards!

Sign up at your local library. Pick up a Reading Tracker from your local branch. Track your minutes while you read. Return your completed sheet to your library for prizes and entries into grand prize drawings. **Prizes!** Readers receive prizes for every 10 hours read. Prizes will vary at each library, but will include cool gadgets, books, and library gear! Read 50 hours to be entered into the grand prize drawing for large prizes, like Amazon Fire kids' tablets, LeapFrogs and laptops for teens. **For more information,** call or visit your local library, or call 336-318-6804.

Seagrove

Weekly Adventures

10:30 a.m. Fridays unless otherwise noted. School age/all ages.

June 19, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday: Different Drum. A musical adventure that draws from folklore and popular music of Africa, the Americas and island realms will have you moving and dancing.

June 21: Adventures in Slime.

June 27, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.: Solar Cooking — S'mores with 4-H. Use a solar oven!

June 28: Animals from Around the Globe. Meet furry ambassadors from Wild Tails NC.

July 5: Backyard Snakes. Get hands-on experience identifying the friendly ones.

July 12, Presnell Park: Aquatic Insects with StormWater SMART.

July 18, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.: Camping 101 with 4-H.

July 19: Mr. Fantastic's Magic Show. The comedy magician will have you questioning if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

July 25, Thursday, 2 p.m., Presnell Park: Desert Adventures with the Mobile Library.

July 26, Friday, 10:30 a.m. Ice Cream! Things are going to get messy with ice cream in a bag.

August 2: Ocean Life. Learn about sea creatures; get hands-on with shells.

August 8, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.: Poke Bowls with 4-H. Make poke bowls, learn cooking skills.

August 9: Shepherd Shakespeare, Hamlet and the Pirates. Never-before-heard tale of Hamlet's adventures among the pirates of the North Sea.

August 16: Camp Out at the Library end of summer bash.

Pre-School Storytimes

10:30 a.m. Thursdays, ages birth to kindergarten

Ramseur

Weekly Adventures

10:30 a.m. Thursdays unless otherwise noted.

June 13: Wild Tails NC.

June 20: Different Drum. A musical adventure that draws from folklore and popular music of Africa, the Americas and island realms will have you moving and dancing.

June 27: FOAMnFun Party with Mark Daniel (outside the library — prepare to get wet!).

July 11: Discover Randolph County with the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau.

July 11, 3:30 p.m., Leonard Park: Arctic Adventure with the Mobile Library.

July 18: Mr. Fantastic's Magic Show. The comedy magician will have you questioning if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

July 25: Adventure with Boy Scout Troop 508.

Franklinville

Weekly Adventures

10:30 a.m. Mondays unless otherwise noted. School age/all ages.

June 13, Thursday, 3 p.m.: Pancakes @ the Diner. Explore the solar system and enjoy pancakes at the Franklinville Diner.

June 17: Adventures in Slime.

June 19, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.: Different Drum. A musical adventure that draws from folklore and popular music of Africa and the Americas will have you moving and dancing.

June 24: Animals from Around the Globe. Meet furry ambassadors from Wild Tales NC.

June 25, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.: Solar Cooking — S'mores with 4-H. Use a solar oven!

June 27, Thursday, 2:30p.m., Riverside Park: Ocean Adventure with the Mobile Library.

July 1, Riverside Park: Aquatic Insects with StormWater SMART.

July 8: Backyard Snakes. Get hands-on experience identifying friendly ones.

July 11, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.: Adventures in History — Weaving. Use a cardboard loom.

July 15: Mr. Fantastic's Magic Show. The comedy magician will have you questioning if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

July 16, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.: Camping 101 with 4-H.

July 22: Ice Cream! Things are going to get messy making ice cream in a bag.

July 29: Ocean Life. Learn about sea creatures; get hands-on with shells.

August 5: Shepherd Shakespeare, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

August 12: Camp Out at the Library end of summer bash.

August 1, Thursday, 3 p.m.: Summer Destination @ the Diner. Explore summer travel and picnic at the Franklinville Diner.

August 13, Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.: Poke Bowls with 4-H. Make poke bowls, learn cooking skills.

August 15, Thursday, 2:30 p.m.: Adventures in History — Faith Rock.

Pre-School Storytimes

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, ages birth to kindergarten

Randleman

Time for Adventure Family Shows

Thursdays; best for age 5 and up

June 20, 3:30 p.m.: Different Drum. A musical adventure that draws from folklore and popular music of Africa and the Americas will have you moving and dancing.

June 27, 10:30 a.m.: Steve Somers — Once Upon a Fairy Tale Adventure. Magic, puppets, music and stories to spark the imagination.

July 11, 10:30 a.m.: Big Bang Boom Musical Adventure. High energy, kid-friendly rockers ensure there's no sitting down for favorites like the "Parents vs Kids Hokey Pokey Challenge!"

July 18, 3:30 p.m.: Mr. Fantastic Magical Show. The comedy magician will have you questioning if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

July 25, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.: Mark Daniel's Dino Squad Dino-Mite Adventure. Meet T. Rex, triceratops and other dinosaurs through fossils, models, paleo art and books.

August 1, 10:30 a.m.: Sigmon Theatrical Presents "Dragon Quest!" In this immersive adventure, journey alongside a daring young adventurer as she discovers what it means to be brave and how magic can truly happen when you believe in yourself.

Pre-School Storytimes

10:30 a.m. Fridays, June 21-July 26 (no storytime July 5).

Ages birth-5 years old with caregiver.

Elementary Programs

Wednesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m. K-5th grade.

Space is limited; registration required.

June 19, Cardio Drumming/DIY Drum; **June 26,** Seed Germination; **July 10,** Sound & Vibration; **July 17,** Illusions; **July 24,** Dinosaurs. **Can't attend any of these?** Stop by and complete weekly activities in the library to receive keychains for your backpack (ages 5-10).

Liberty

S'More Summer Reading Adventure

1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 8

Celebrate "Adventure Begins at Your Library" with a camping-themed kick-off. Learn camping skills with Scouts and build reading tents on the lawn. Eat hot dogs and make s'mores!

Special Events

Juneteenth, 2-8. Saturday, June 15, Paul Henry Smith Park.

Liberty's 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration, including sports activities in small circuit competitions led by some of Liberty's hometown sports heroes.

StoryWalk Festival at Freedom Park, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

Get outside, explore nature... and read a book! Celebrate North Carolina as the Great Trails State with county and community organizations. There will be a DIY trail mix activity.

Sensory After Hours at the Library, 3-4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Special time with lower light levels, lower sound, and activities designed for neurodiverse patrons and those with special needs.

Ongoing Adventures

*All ages unless otherwise indicated. *Indicates registration required; call 336-622-4605 or visit the library to sign up.*

Herpetology with the Greensboro Science Center, 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 6. Learn about lizards with EcoExplore.

Switch It Up! 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 12 and July 3, ages 8+.

Cooperative, multi-player interactive games on Nintendo Switch.

Wild Tails at the Library, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Meet and greet some animal ambassadors and the Wild Tail of NC staff.

Ocean Design Yarn "Painting,"* 3 p.m. Friday, June 14, age 8+ and teens. Make an ocean landscape out of yarn.

A Different Drum, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. A musical adventure that draws from folklore and popular music of Africa and the Americas will have you moving and dancing.

Animal Ambassadors from the NC Zoo*, 3 p.m. Friday, June 21. Meet adventurous animals from the zoo!

Mad Science at the Library*, 3 p.m. Monday, June 24, ages 6+. Exciting demonstrations and experiments: Dinosaur-in-a-Can, the Glowing Electric Pickle, and a kid-created thunderstorm.

Poke Bowls with 4-H*, 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, age 8+ and teens. Join Allison Walker of 4-H to make poke bowls while

learning about their ingredients.

Outdoor Chemistry Adventures, 11 a.m. Thursday, June 27.

Explore chemical reactions that make wild (but safe) explosions.

Jeghetto Puppetry, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 9. Tarish Pipkin, AKA Jeghetto, will share the world of puppet making from found objects, and his own artistic experiences.

Watercolor Painted Postcards*, 3 p.m. Thursday, July 11, age 8+ and teens. Make simple watercolor postcards.

Animal Ambassadors from the NC Zoo*, 3 p.m. Friday, July 12.

Mr. Fantastic, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16. Comedy magician will have you wondering if his tricks are real or make believe during his interactive, hilarious magic show.

Island Adventure with the Mobile Library, 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18, at Freedom Park. Learn how islands form and help create a volcanic reaction. Learn about birds of New Zealand, and make art inspired by the Maori people.

Shepherd Shakespeare: Hamlet & the Pirates! 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23, ages 8+. Never-before-heard tale of Hamlet's adventures among the pirates of the North Sea.

Ice Cream with 4-H*, 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, ages 8+ and teens. Make your own ice cream and learn about dairy.

"Edible" Animal Poop*, 2 p.m. Thursday, July 25, ages 8+.

Create "edible" versions to learn about wild animal scat shapes, sizes and the animals that make them.

Kid-Sized Cooking*, Wednesday, July 31, 1 p.m., ages 6+. Learn how to prepare fruits for smoothies and muffins.

Smokey the Bear's 80th Birthday, 2 p.m. Thursday, August 1. Learn about fire safety and celebrate Smokey's birthday with Randolph County's N.C. Forest Service.

Kids Club

4 p.m. Tuesdays June 4 and July 2; ages 6-10

Crafts, snacks, and sharing about what you like to read.

Movie Night at the Library

Fridays, 6 p.m., all ages

June 28: The Marvels

July 19: Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

Storytime at the Library!

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; best for ages 0-6

Performances At-a-Glance

Different Drum

Archdale, 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 18.

Asheboro, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 18.

Franklinville, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 19

Liberty, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18.

Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20.

Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20.

Seagrove, 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 19.

Mark Daniel

Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 27.

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 25.

Steve Somers

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 27.

Shepherd Shakespeare

Archdale, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 31.

Asheboro, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 23.

Franklinville, 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 5.

Liberty, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 23.

Seagrove, 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 9.

Big Bang Boom!

Asheboro, 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 12.

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 11.

Dragon Quest/Caleb Sigmon

Asheboro, 2:30 p.m. Friday, August 2.

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 1

Mr. Fantastic

Archdale, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.

Asheboro, 2:30 p.m. Friday, July 19.

Franklinville, 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 15.

Liberty, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16.

Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18.

Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18.

Seagrove, 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 19.



Archdale

Resin Bookmarks, 4 p.m. Friday,

June 14. Design and create your own personalized bookmark using resin. Learn basic resin pouring techniques, and embed colorful designs, pressed flowers and other embellishments.

Paint Night, 4 p.m. Friday, July 12. Creativity knows no bounds during an unforgettable Paint Night.

Omega Crag Author Event with

Micki Bare, 4 p.m. Thursday, July 25. The big kick-off of *Omega Crag*, the latest installment in award-winning local author Micki Bare's middle grades *Zahra of the Uwharries* series.



Micki Bare

Asheboro

4 p.m. Mondays, ages 12 and up.

**indicates registration required — call 336-318-6804*

June 3: End of School Party! Games, prizes, snacks. Vote for your choice for the Final Movie Event.

June 10: Mysteries and Adventures of Geocaching. Join expert geocacher Scott Hager to learn about the hobby and try a few practice runs. Parents invited; phones or tablets recommended.

June 17: Breaking Eggs and Making Omelets*. Join Dave and Lexi to learn how to make a delicious breakfast using ingredients from around the house.

June 24: Found Art Masterpiece with Cassandra Liuzzo. Bring found objects to life through art. Supplies provided; bring your own imagination!

July 8: Design Your Own Dragon's Eye! Use paint, air-drying clay and glass stones to make your own dragon's eye.

July 15: Ramen-ber Your Chopsticks*. Join Dave and Lexi and learn how to make your own homemade ramen adventure.

July 22: Summertime Trivia Tournament. Bring your thinking caps, join a team and play trivia for prizes.

July 29: Final Summer Reading Movie Party. All summer, you've been able to vote on the movie you want to see. Settle in with popcorn and drinks, and watch your selection.

Liberty

** indicates registration required — call 336-622-4605.*

Teen Advisory Board, 4 p.m. Mondays, June 10 and July 8. Hang out and help plan activities and events. Food included!

Ocean Design Yarn "Painting,"* 3 p.m. Friday, June 14. Make an ocean landscape out of yarn.

Manga Meet-Up at the Library, 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 22 and July 20. Manga-related crafts, activities, videos and treats.

Poke Bowls with 4-H*, 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. Join Allison Walker of 4-H to make poke bowls while learning about their ingredients.

Movie Night at the Library! 6 p.m. Friday, June 28. *The Marvels*. **Watercolor Painted Postcards*, 3 p.m. Thursday, July 11.** Make simple watercolor postcards.

Ice Cream with 4-H*, 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 24. Make your own ice cream and learn about dairy.

Movie Night at the Library! 6 p.m. Friday, July 19. *Ghostbusters: The Frozen Empire*.

Fairy Book Nook Craft*, 1 p.m. Saturday, July 27. Make a small fairy book nook to tuck into a shelf.

Randleman

3:30 p.m. Fridays, ages 11-15, food and fun!

Registration required; call 336-498-3141

June 21: Mayhem in the Museum Mystery.

June 28: Fairy Tale Escape.

July 12: Disco Party Mystery.

July 19: Wizard Escape.

July 26: Lost Dinosaur Mystery.

Seagrove

Books and Banter, 4:30 p.m. Thursdays, June 13, July 11, August 8. Talk about what you are reading!





Asheboro

Read for rewards!

Gear up for summer adventures at the Asheboro library this summer and read for a chance at prizes. Pick up an adult summer reading form at the library; record four books you read this summer and rate them; also attend at least two programs at any of the seven libraries and note one thing you enjoyed or learned. Drop off entry forms by Saturday, August 3 to be entered in three prize drawings. All who submit completed entries will receive a free tote bag. Anyone age 18 and up is welcome to participate.

Prizes include: First Place – \$50 Positano gift card, four different flavored pasta noodle packets and a Loch Ness monster ladle; Second Place – \$25 gift card to The Table; 3rd Place – \$15 gift card to Nannie Mae's.

Meanwhile, set off on the following adventures!

Women Veterans Day Panel

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11

Join three local women veterans to learn about their experiences in the military in recognition of Women Veterans Day, which is observed on June 12.

Speaking about their service will be:

Rita Honeycutt served in the U.S. Air Force from 2005-2008 before being medically discharged. She was stationed at Port Hueneme in California and McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey with the 108th Refueling Wing. She now serves as a Veterans Services Officer with Randolph County Veterans Services.

Lisa McKinney served as a Personnel Specialist in the U.S. Air Force from 2005-2013 and in the Air Force Reserves from 2013-2019. She was stationed in the United Kingdom, Arizona and North Carolina, and served one tour at Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan in the Casualty Office. She is currently a Veterans Services Officer with Randolph County

Veterans Services.

Meredith Porter served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2009-2013 and was stationed at the Navy and Marine Intelligence Training Center in Virginia Beach. She is an advocate for veterans, striving to empower veterans and their families with knowledge about health care, including housing, career assistance and other needs.

Women Veterans Day marks the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. Currently, there are more than 2 million women veterans who make up 13 percent of the country's military population.

The day honors America's military women past and present.

Titanic: Ship of Dreams

6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20

Get a glimpse into the world of 1912 and the amazing people who boarded *Titanic*, the largest and most luxurious ship in the world and sailed off into immortality in a talk by Belmont Abbey College professor Dr. Melinda Ratchford.

Ratchford will take audience members on a voyage in time to learn about *Titanic* as well as to see her extensive collection of *Titanic* memorabilia.

Her talk is supported by the Friends of the Library.

Native Southerners and the Seven Years War

6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11

Learn about the role of native Southerners in the Seven Years War, also known as the French and Indian War, in a talk by UNC-Greensboro History professor Dr. Greg O'Brien. Topics include the war between the Cherokees and colonists supported by the British Army, 1759-1761, and efforts of native people throughout the region to forge peace with each other during a time of imperial war.

O'Brien's talk is supported by the Friends of the Library.

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French Culture Today

6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18

Gain insight into contemporary French culture with Wake Forest University French professor Amanda Vincent. Her talk will touch on France's thriving music, film and comics scenes, as well as traditions that remain popular, such as gastronomy and regional culture. Vincent also will discuss how Paris and its region are being transformed for the 2024 Olympics. Typical French refreshments will be served. Her talk is supported by the Friends of the Library.

Chat and Craft

6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 12 and 26; July 10 and 24.

Bring your own craft and join the conversation.

Book Discussions

Asheboro Reads, 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 25: *Memphis* by Tara Stringfellow; July 30: *A Very Typical Family* by Sierra Godfrey.

Archdale

Resin Bookmarks

4 p.m. Friday, June 14

Design and create your own personalized bookmark using resin. Learn basic resin pouring techniques, and embed colorful designs, pressed flowers and other embellishments.

Mindfulness for Adults

5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27

Learn about practices of mindfulness as an expert from Randolph Health guides you through various techniques for finding inner peace and balance in your daily life. Additionally, discover neurogenic art, a therapeutic form of creative expression that combines mindfulness with creative exploration.

Paint Night

4 p.m. Friday, July 12.

Creativity knows no bounds during an unforgettable Paint Night.

Yoga for Adults

5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18

Discover the serenity of yoga suitable for all levels, where tranquility meets movement. Led by Seagrove library staff member Laura Pustizzi-Toro, an experienced instructor, the class will offer a sanctuary for strength, flexibility and inner peace. Bring your yoga mat, or the library will have a limited supply available. Chairs will be provided for those who prefer them.

Book Discussions

Book Bites UnBook Club, 2 p.m. second Tuesdays. Talk about the best book you've read in the past month.

Franklinville

Genealogy 101

5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20

Learn the basics of genealogy, get help starting a family tree, and find out about the library's research tools.

Paint and Sip – Faith Rock, Deep River

6 p.m. Thursday, July 11.

Bring an 8x10 canvas; all other material provided. "Paint and Sip" non-alcoholic beverages. Sign-up required; call 336-824-4020.

Chat and Craft

2:30 p.m. Wednesdays June 26, July 24, August 28.

Calling all seniors: bring a craft of your choice, relax and chat with coffee and cobbler.

Book Discussions

Snippets, 12:30 p.m. Mondays June 17, July 15, August 19. Pint-sized conversations around articles published in The Sun magazine. Pick up a copy of the magazine at the library.

Liberty

* indicates registration required — call 336-622-4605.

First Friday Genealogy Meet Up

2 p.m. Fridays, June 7 and July 5

For beginners and experienced genealogists as well. Come with questions you may have or learn how to start telling your family's stories. Discover free resources through the library including Ancestry.com.

Painting Events

Ocean Design Yarn "Painting,"* 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4.

Make an ocean landscape out of yarn.

Colorful Houseplant Painting*, 3 p.m. Friday, June 7, or 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 11. Paint a beautiful houseplant.

Watercolor Painted Postcards*, 1 p.m. Monday, July 15. Make simple watercolor postcards.

Pet Portrait Painting, 3 p.m. Friday, July 26 or 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 30. Bring a photo of your pet to make a colorful pet portrait.

Book Discussions

Liberty Book Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah; July 18: *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill.

Liberty Readers Meet Up, 1 p.m. Monday, June 17: *The Women* by Kristin Hannah; July 22: *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes.

Seagrove

Genealogy 101

6 p.m. Tuesday, June 11

Learn the basics of genealogy, get help starting a family tree, and find out about the library's research tools.

Paint and Sip – Pisgah Covered Bridge

6 p.m. Tuesday, July 16

Bring an 8x10 canvas; all other material provided. "Paint and Sip" non-alcoholic beverages. Sign-up required; call 336-824-4020.

Seed Saving Basics

6 p.m. Tuesday, August 13

Learn how to save seeds from your garden with simple tips and tricks.

Book Discussions

Un-Book Club, 6 p.m. Tuesdays June 25, July 30, August 27.

Don't like being told what to read? Join conversations about books with a different theme each month.