

## Caleb Sigmon channels Harry Potter in virtual magic show ‘The Wizard Experience’

♣ Illusionist and storyteller Caleb Sigmon will dazzle young audiences with “The Wizard Experience,” a virtual show inspired by “The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.”



There will be flying brooms and talking sorting hats, and viewers will feel like they have enrolled at Hogwarts as objects appear, disappear and transfigure.

Sigmon’s performances will appear as follows on library Facebook pages between July 20-23 (the events are assigned to individual libraries, but anyone can tune in):

- **Monday, July 20, 3 p.m.**, [facebook.com/fvpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/fvpubliclibrary);
- **Tuesday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.**, [facebook.com/RamseurLibrary](https://facebook.com/RamseurLibrary);
- **Tuesday, July 21, 2:30 p.m.**, [facebook.com/randolphlibrary](https://facebook.com/randolphlibrary);
- **Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 a.m.**, [facebook.com/ArchdaleLibrary](https://facebook.com/ArchdaleLibrary);
- **Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m.**, [facebook.com/randolphlibrary](https://facebook.com/randolphlibrary);
- **Thursday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.**, [facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary);
- **Thursday, July 23, 2:30 p.m.**, [facebook.com/LibertyNCLibrary](https://facebook.com/LibertyNCLibrary).

After the initial week of premiers, the video will be available for another week at [www.randolphlibrary.org/summer](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/summer).

Sigmon’s performance is 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.

### ***Grey Seal Puppets’ “A Tangle of Tales”***

“A Tangle of Tales” will come to life as the Grey Seal Puppets employ a variety of puppetry styles to relate three fairy tales, “The Frog and the Prince” from Germany, “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” from Scandanavia, and “The Three Little Pigs” from England, with refreshing wit and wisdom.

The whole menagerie of zany characters can be found at [facebook.com/randolphlibrary](https://facebook.com/randolphlibrary) and [www.randolphlibrary.org/summer](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/summer) anytime between July 27 and 31, and at [facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary](https://facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary) at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30.

### ***Didgeridoo Down Under***

G’day mates! Join Didgeridoo Down Under for a live, interactive Zoom event at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23, hosted by the Archdale Public Library. Keep an eye out at [facebook.com/archdalelibrary](https://facebook.com/archdalelibrary) or [www.randolphlibrary.org/summer](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/summer) for a code to access the show.

Learn heaps of cool stuff about the Land Down Under, explore the magical and powerful sounds of the Australian Didgeridoo, and meet lots of Aussie animals.



### Imagine Your Story

### SUMMER READING 2020!

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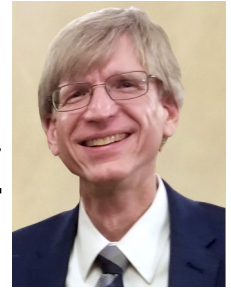
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## Sandra Livingston retires

♣ **After a 33-year career with the Ramseur Public Library, and 21 years as library manager, Sandra Livingston retired on June 30.**

With a twinkle in her eye and always game for a challenge, Sandra has helped make the library the hub of the Ramseur community.

“I will miss the people,” she says. “It’s amazing what they share. We have been with them through the phases of their lives, happy and sad times alike.... We have seen babies born that later became Story Time mothers. It is the people that bring the library to life.”

Sandra began her library career in 1987 as assistant to librarian Stacy Curtis. In 1999, Stacy retired and Sandra became manager. Now Sandra’s able assistant, Sandy Jarrell, will take over for her. “We could use a lot of adjectives to describe Sandra,” Sandy says. “She has devoted her life to bringing the world to Ramseur through reading. It has been a joy to work alongside her.”

One of those Ramseur kids to whom Sandra brought the world of reading is Hannah Harris, now a staff member at the Franklinville Public Library and a student in the UNC-Greensboro School of Library and Information Studies.

“It’s pretty clear the impact both Sandra and Sandy have had on my life,” Hannah says. “If not for them, I would not have such an intense love of literature and I certainly wouldn’t be interested in a library career.”

Sandra says the biggest change during her 33 years with the library has been the



**Sandra Livingston**

advance of technology. But she was not shy about embracing it — in 2014, the library won an Outstanding Promotional Project Award from the North Carolina Public Library Director’s Association for an initiative in which Sandra and Sandy presented programs at Coleridge Elementary School via Skype.

Sandra says that the pandemic has simplified her retirement plans. “I have dusted off my treadmill and hope to enjoy ‘Five Minutes of Peace’ with a cup of tea in a fancy cup. Music will still be an escape, while shopping will have to wait. New plans are really all about family,” she says.

Sandy observes, “We could take lessons from her on how to get the most for your money, how to set a table, how to decorate, what not to wear and how to put your best foot forward. In life and at the library, she has done it all well and with style.”

# Overdrive ebooks return due to startling twist of corporate fate

♣ **Overdrive ebooks have returned to the library collection barely three weeks after the library migrated from the Overdrive platform to a competitor, RB Digital.**

On June 23, the private equity firm that owns RB Digital, KKR, announced it had acquired Overdrive and would move all RB customers to the Overdrive platform over the next several months.

Until recently, the library purchased ebooks from Overdrive and e-audiobooks from RB Digital. Each vendor charges a fee for use of its platform, in addition to the cost of ebooks or e-audiobooks purchased by the library.

Study over the past year indicated that by consolidating ebooks and e-audiobooks onto the RB Digital platform, the library would save almost \$10,000 per year that it could apply to new ebook purchases.

The change was not without cost, as some popular features available in Overdrive were not available in RB Digital, such as support for early Kindle e-readers.

## Website features library resources for understanding racism and anti-racism

♣ **“Understanding Racism and Anti-Racism,” a new library website, features books and other resources that explore issues of race in America, both currently and historically.**

Available at [www.randolphlibrary.org/antiracism](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/antiracism), the site also includes videos of recent library programs on the topic, including presentations by Asheboro City Council member Katie Snuggs, retired Randleman educator Eldora Allen, authors

On June 1, the switch was completed, although it took a week or so for large portions of the collection to become available on the RB Digital platform.

With KKR’s announcement, the library asked to be moved back to the Overdrive platform as soon as possible.

Currently, both RB and Overdrive ebooks are available. Newly-published ebooks can be found in the RB collection, as the library has been purchasing only for RB since the plan to move was finalized earlier this year.

Both platforms offer convenient apps for ebook access: look for the RB Digital app and for Overdrive’s Libby app in your app store.

The timeline for moving the library’s collection exclusively to Overdrive has not been determined as of this writing, so ebooks on both platforms will remain available for the time being.

Visit [www.randolphlibrary.org/digitalmedia](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/digitalmedia) to learn about library ebooks, e-audiobooks and e-magazines, or call the library at 336-318-6803.

Thomas Rush and Mark Kemp, and an oral history with Bryant Headen, Asheboro’s first African American police officer.

Resource carousels on the site direct readers to nonfiction and fiction books for adults, teens and children on topics of anti-racism, social justice and black history.

The site synthesizes work by library staff member Jessi Bowman for a project in her coursework at the UNC-Greensboro School of Library and Information Studies.



### ***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, July 30. 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.

### ***Curbside printing***

The library is now offering curbside pickup of computer printouts at four locations. Anyone needing to print can call the Asheboro, Archdale, Liberty or Seagrove libraries to make arrangements.

Library staff will provide an email address to which documents can be sent. Staff will print the document and ready it for pickup. The 20-cent per page fee will be charged to the individual’s library card for collection when the library reopens. For those without cards, sign-up by phone is available.

***Access  
Ancestry.com  
free thru July 31***

Free remote access to Ancestry Library Edition, the library version of Ancestry.com, has been extended through July 31. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/randrm> to log in with your

library card and PIN.

Ancestry Library Edition is usually available only at the library, but Ancestry.com is offering access from anywhere during the pandemic.



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By: Linda Covington  
Martha Crotty, Megan Crotty and  
Tom Delaney  
Sam and Missy Rankin

## Bark Out Loud with Bruce!

*Franklinville librarian Carmen Carron teamed with Randolph County Animal Services for a special storytime featuring Bruce, the Animal Services mascot. With Bruce being a white dog with black spots, Carmen read Harry the Dirty Dog, a story about a white dog with black spots. View the video at [Facebook.com/fvlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/fvlibrary) or [www.randolphlibrary.org/summer](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/summer) thru the end of July.*

