



'Loving the Dead and Gone'

Author Judith Turner-Yamamoto comes home

♣ Randolph readers will recognize familiar locales — Little Beane Store, Blue Mist Drive-In, the Sir Robert Motel and others — in Asheboro native Judith Turner-Yamamoto's debut novel, *Loving the Dead and Gone*.

Turner-Yamamoto — Judith Cox, growing up in Asheboro — will appear in conversation with *Randolph Hub* journalist Larry Penkava in a Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series event at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 19, at downtown Asheboro's historic Sunset Theatre.

Her appearance is free and the public is invited. The Sunset Series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Randolph County Public Libraries.

In *Loving the Dead and Gone*, a freak car crash in a place not unlike Randolph County puts in motion moments of grace that bring redemption to two generations of women and the lives they touch. The choral novel delves into the minds of four characters, and explores how the traumas of the present stir those of the past.

Set in the world of 1920s tobacco farms and 1960s textile mills, the novel exhibits a lyric strength and deep and empathic understanding of working-class daily life in rural and small-town 20th century North Carolina.

Loving the Dead and Gone was named a Gold Medal winner in Southern Regional Fiction in the 2023 Independent Publisher Book Awards. It was shortlisted for



Judith Turner-Yamamoto

the 2023 UC-Berkeley Eric Hoffer Book Awards Grand Prize, where it was an honorable mention in General Fiction and finalist for the Eric Hoffer First Horizon Award for Debut Fiction.

Publisher's Weekly calls *Loving the Dead and Gone* "a bittersweet and fantastical debut." Foreword Reviews says "*Loving the Dead and Gone* is a moving, insightful novel about growing through tragedy."

Turner-Yamamoto's work has appeared in over 30 journals and anthologies. She has received more than fifteen awards and fellowships, including the Washington Prize for Fiction and the Virginia Screenwriting Award.

She has taught fiction at the Chautauqua Writers' Center, the Danville Writer's Conference, and the Writers' Center at Bethesda, Maryland. A featured author and

panelist, she has appeared at various book festivals and is a keynote speaker at the 2023 Santa Barbara Writers Conference.

As an art historian, Turner-Yamamoto's on-air interviews have been featured on NPR affiliate WVXU. She has penned over 1,000 articles on the arts, travel, design, books, fashion, and food that have appeared in *The Boston Globe Magazine*, *Elle*, *Interiors*, *Art & Antiques*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Travel & Leisure*, and many others.

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for the next Sunset Series event:

- **Kyle Petty**, NASCAR great, musician and author, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 9.



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Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

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Sat 9-1

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Mon-Fri 9-12:30; 1:30-5:30
Sat 9-12:30

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336-685-3100
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Liberty

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239 S. Fayetteville St.
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Wed-Fri 9-5
Sat 9-3

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Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 9-6
Sat 9-1

Randleman

336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
142 W. Academy St.
Mon-Fri 9-6;
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Tues-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-3

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Navigator success continues

♣ **The Community Navigator program has become transformational not just in people's lives, but also in the way the community addresses human services needs.**

In May, the program received a National Association of Counties Achievement 2023 Award, which recognizes innovative county government programs and services around the country.

But the success of the Navigator program is about the people being served. Credit goes to Navigators Angi Polito and Dana Nance, who have built the program from the ground up. The 2023-2024 county budget recently adopted by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners continues the program for another year.

Since the program's inception in February 2022, the navigators have helped 758 clients, with 67 percent followed through to successful outcomes.

Many clients represent more than one person – for example, a mom with three kids. The navigators calculate that they have linked 575 adults and 212 children with services. Many of the interactions require intensive work; others can be solved with a simple referral. Many clients have multiple needs. Housing and related issues make up about half of all requests. The navigators have moved 26 individuals into housing, four of them children; 15 of the adults were living on the street or in their cars.

Other needs range from food insecurity and medical matters to employment and transportation. Addiction continues to

underly about half of the requests for assistance, even if it's not the primary reason someone comes to a navigator.

Referrals come from community agencies and organizations, friends and family, and the libraries. Schools, churches and the Department of Social Services also send people our way.

The Navigators have engaged with some 120 agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals to refer or receive clients and coordinate services. These groups have come to rely on the navigators as much as the navigators rely on them.

The number of community contacts demonstrates how multiple agencies can have a piece of someone's puzzle, and how hard it can be for the average person – and for other organizations acting on behalf of clients – to navigate a maze of agencies to find help, and how valuable it is to have our navigators develop this expertise.

I can't think of a library program that has shown such immediate, definitive and transformative outcomes. Liberty library manager Brenda Hornsby Heindl says, "The work of the Community Navigators has made an impact in our community – a small but powerful stone in a pond that is creating great ripples of change."

One of our Liberty clients, who was connected with food and clothing for her children says, "I was helped with food and clothes and felt cared about, and that feeling was worth so much in our lives and gave us so much hope. You saved us in more ways than you know – mentally and physically."

Grant to fund Tutor.com countywide

Another to continue RFID project into year two

♣ **Tutor.com, a live, one-on-one tutoring service for students, will come to Randolph County.**

The project is one of two to be funded by federal Library Services and Technology Act grants through the State Library of North Carolina. The other continues the library's Radio Frequency ID project to streamline materials handling and make checkout faster and more efficient.

Through the "Equal Access to Tutoring" project, the library will develop an inclusive tutoring program using Tutor.com to help bridge the digital divide and offer educational support students.

Tutor.com is an online service that offers one-on-one tutoring in all subject areas by carefully vetted online educators. It will be accessible in the libraries or remotely to anyone with a Randolph County library card or REAL2 student ID.

The Asheboro library will host a "Back-to-School Night" for students and their families at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, to showcase the new service.

The project also will provide tablets, Chromebooks and laptops at the Asheboro library that students can checkout for in-house use to access Tutor.com.

The Asheboro City Schools will partner with the library for promotion of the service to city students.

The second year funding for the RFID projects will see materials security gates installed at each library as self-checkout comes to all branches.

Both projects are supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-23645-OLS-23).

Liberty to expand neurodiversity services

♣ **Enhanced services and materials for neurodivergent children, and community conversations to support families, will come to the Liberty library thanks to an American Library Association (ALA) grant.**

The library was one of 240 nationwide selected to participate in Libraries "Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities," an ALA initiative to help small and rural libraries better connect to people with disabilities.

Neurodivergent people are those whose brain function differs from what is considered typical, such as people on the autism spectrum.

The \$10,000 grant will provide resources such as sensory and tactile books

for neurodiverse children; Picture Exchange Cards (PECs), a system of communication for neurodiverse patrons; sensory activity take-home kits; and kits for in-house use that provide items to make using the library more comfortable for neurodiverse people, such as sound reduction headphones, light reduction glasses and sensory objects.

The grant also will bring staff from the Autism Society of Greensboro to facilitate community discussions among families of neurodivergent children that will guide the library to a larger project using the remainder of the grant funds.

If you are interested in taking part in the conversations or participating in the program, contact the library at 336-622-4605.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Loving the Dead and Gone* by Judith Turner-Yamamoto, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

Archdale Book Break: On hiatus for the summer. Will resume in September.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, August 21.

Liberty Book Club: *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 17.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 8.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up, 1 p.m. Monday, August 28, Liberty Senior Center, 128 S. Fayetteville St.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, August 4.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 1.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 5 p.m. Thursday, August 31.

Tech classes

Asheboro library August technology classes:

Understanding Email, 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 9, and 3 p.m. Thursday, August 24.

Internet Basics, 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, and 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 30.

Book clubs for kids & teens

Asheboro TeenZone: BYO Book Club, 4 p.m. Monday, August 14. Talk about a book you're reading or a longtime favorite.

Liberty: Manga Meet-Up at the Library, 1 p.m. Saturday, August 19, school age. Crafts,

activities, treats and videos related to manga and comic books.

Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, August 25, rising 6th-8th graders. Bring a book you'd like to share with others.

Get H.E.L.P. protecting elders from scams in new class

♣ Losing money to fraud, scams, and exploitation can be devastating to anyone, but especially to an older adult, who may not be able to replace what was lost.

Learn how to protect yourself or elder family members from viruses, scams and frauds in "HELPS: Helping Elders Learn to Prevent Scams," at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, at the Asheboro library, in a class presented by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach and the library.

The class is part of a new program introduced by Sheriff Greg Seabolt to help elders learn about scams,



HELPS

HELPING ELDERS LEARN TO PREVENT SCAMS

fraud and Internet safety. The majority of such reports filed with the Sheriff's Office have involved individuals 60 years and above.

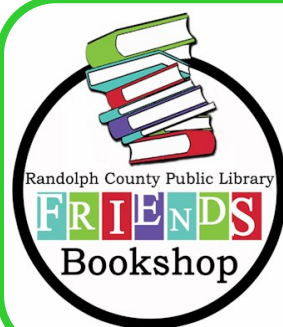
For more information, call the Sheriff's Office at 336-628-2443. Look for announcements about upcoming classes.

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In Memory of: Professor Rod Cockshutt
By: The Moonstone Society

In Memory of: Wayne Hartley
By: Little Gate Garden Club

In Memory of: Caroline Kemp
By: Reviewers Book Club

In Memory of: Lou Russell
By: Reviewers Book Club

In Memory of: Peggy Sholar
By: Reviewers Book Club

To the Friends of the Library

In Memory of: Evelyn Farlow Brown
By: Brent Kinney

In Memory of: Robert Todd
By: Sandy Key
Melina Morris and Family
Sandra and Bruce Nash

Navigators receive national award

♣ The Community Navigator program has received a National Association of Counties 2023 Achievement Award.

The award recognizes innovative county government programs and services around the country. Nominees are judged on their own merits, and not against other applications received.

For an update on the Navigator program, see page 2.

Accidental witness: proving McGlohon saw A-bomb drop

♣ Many Asheboro residents are aware that legendary Fire Chief John McGlohon, as an aerial reconnaissance photographer in World War II, snapped images of the atomic bomb blast at Hiroshima.

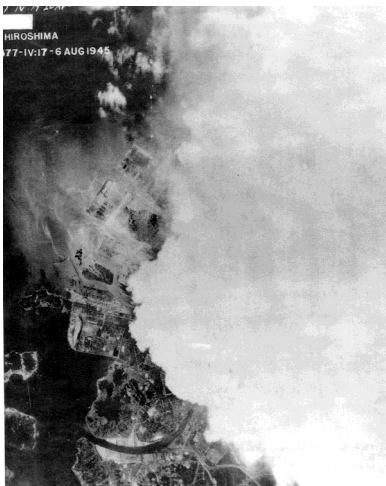
What they may not know is that as McGlohon began to tell his story, doubters arose — and because his images were classified Top Secret until 1995, proving it was problematic.



John McGlohon with his aerial camera.

McGlohon friend and oral historian Ken Samuelson will share McGlohon's unique story, and detail his own efforts, through archives, museums and service members' memories, to substantiate it, in a talk at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10, at the Asheboro library.

Although only the three B-29 bombers assigned to the Hiroshima mission — including the "Enola Gay," which



John McGlohon's photo of the Hiroshima atomic bomb blast.

dropped the bomb — were supposed to be in the area, a misunderstood order put McGlohon's reconnaissance aircraft nearby. McGlohon captured images of the explosion and its aftermath.

After the war, McGlohon returned home and operated a photography business. In 1955, he joined the Asheboro Fire Department, and served as Chief from 1961 to 1985. After retirement, he served on the city council from 1987 to 2005 as mayor pro-tem.

Samuelson, from Moline, Illinois, graduated from George Washington University and served in the U.S. Navy as a supply officer. He later worked in financial

management.

He has a long and deep interest in World War II, and has conducted oral histories with veterans for the North Carolina Museum of History, The National World War II Museum and the University of Florida Oral History Collection. He has published numerous articles on veterans he has interviewed.

His oral history work led him to McGlohon.

Friends to host NC author Birgitta Gottlieb McGalliard

♣ It wasn't until she was 11 years old that Birgitta Gottlieb met her father.

A Swedish citizen serving as a German diplomat in Bulgaria during World War II, Roland Gottlieb was captured in 1944 by the Soviets while attempting to escape into Turkey. He remained in captivity until 1955, when he returned home to Birgitta and the rest of the family.

Birgitta — now Birgitta McGalliard — will talk about her experiences with her father, and the trio of books she has written about their lives, in two Friends of the Library events on Tuesday, August 8.

Her first talk will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Asheboro library. At 6:30 p.m., she will appear at the George Washington Carver Community Enrichment



Birgitta Gottlieb McGalliard

Center, 950 Martin Luther King Drive.

Both appearances are free and the public is invited. Books will be available for purchase.

After the war, her father continued his diplomatic career. McGalliard and her siblings grew up in various European countries, adapting to ever-changing languages and cultures.

When McGalliard retired after a career as a college and middle school French teacher, she fulfilled her promise to her father to share his story and the story of her family. Her three books, *Lives Divided*, *Years Stolen by the Russian Gulag*, and *Across Borders Lives Changed*, chronicle the enduring impact of World War II.

McGalliard and her husband live in Boone, N.C.

Summer Reading events conclude with grand finales



♣ **All Together Now! Summer reading still has events in store.**

Big Bang Boom!

The high-energy, kid-friendly rockers have three performances to go:

- **Ramseur/Franklinville:** *End of Summer Celebration*, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, Ramseur Lake (Ramseur Municipal Building in case of rain).
- **Liberty:** 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26;
- **Asheboro:** 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 2.

Caleb Sigmon's Fun Factory

Attendees will help an incredible factory come to life. Gears turn, games unfold, toilet paper flies through the air!

- **Asheboro:** 4 p.m. Monday, August 7;



Big Bang Boom!

- **Liberty:** 12:30 p.m. Monday, August 7.

Summer finales

Don't miss these finale events:

- **Archdale:** *End of Summer Bash with the Mobile Library*, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 1.
- **Liberty:** *Empty Bowls for Liberty*, 1 p.m. Saturday, August 5. Buy lunch, take home a bowl; proceeds go to meeting the food needs of the community.

- **Randleman:** *Foam 'n' Fun Party*, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 3.
- **Seagrove:** *Foam 'n' Fun with Magical Storyteller Mark Daniel*, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 27.

There's more!

Visit www.randolphlibrary.org/summer for more!

Prof to discuss influence of Piggly Wiggly stores

♣ Next time you browse the aisles at the grocery store and select items for your cart, thank Piggly Wiggly.

The chain, founded in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1916, pioneered the national self-service grocery. In most stores Prior to Piggly Wiggly, employees retrieved items for customers.

In a talk entitled "Piggly Wiggly All Over the World," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 24, at the Asheboro library, UNC-Greensboro history professor Lisa Tolbert will discuss how Piggly Wiggly helped create self-service shopping.

"Piggly Wiggly All Over the World" was the store's slogan when it began selling franchises in 1918. By 1940, it was the only self-service chain with a national distribution network.

Tolbert teaches American cultural history, and is author of *Beyond Piggly Wiggly: Inventing the American Self-Service Store*.

Get back-to-school ready ...and other August activities

♣ All students — including those in both school systems, Uwharrie Charter, private and home schools — are invited to the Asheboro library's first annual "Back to School Night" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 15.

Learn about free resources the library provides to support students of all ages and levels. Wear your school colors to show your pride; test virtual resources; participate in brain games; and win prizes to help you out in the new school year.

Randleman book sale

The Randleman library will hold a used book sale Monday-Friday, August 14-18. All items \$1; cash only.

Franklinville hatches

All month long, the Franklinville library will incubate guinea fowl. Celebrate their hatch date and learn about incubation, hatching and keeping guinea keets at 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 16.

Face painting at Randleman

The Randleman library will host a face painting event for kids from 10 a.m.-noon on Friday, August 4.