



Dino exhibit comes to Randleman library

♣ Dinosaur fossils, murals, models and more will visit the Randleman library with Mark Daniel's Expedition Dino Squad Traveling Exhibit on Thursday, August 6.

The show will go on all day, with guided tours at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

The event is free, and most appropriate for ages five and up; children 10 and under must attend with an adult.

The exhibit focuses on four favorite and iconic dinosaurs: T. rex, Triceratops, the Long Neck Sauropods



and the Velociraptor.

After a welcome that includes stories and getting hands-on with fossils, the guided tour will take participants on an expedition into the exhibit, which features fossils, museum-quality models and paleo art of legendary Disney artist Phil Wilson. In the finale, kids will come face-to-face with the Velociraptor Experience.

Day cares and other groups are welcome to attend the program

with a reservation; call 336-498-3141 to reserve a time (limited to one group of 30 children per hour).

Ramseur to host *Killers Three* movie marathon

♣ Hard-bitten criminals will once again raid Ramseur as the library hosts all-day screenings of *Killer's Three*, the 1968 thriller filmed in the area, starring rock 'n' roll empresario Dick Clark — and many locals as named characters and extras.

Showings will take place at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 7.

Production of the movie caused a stir as the film company descended on Ramseur and Coleridge with stars Clark, Robert Walker Jr., and Diane Varsi of *Peyton Place* fame.

The story focuses on Johnny and Carol, played by Walker and Varsi, a young couple with a five-year-old child



who are dreaming of escape from their backwoods life. They conspire with their friend Roger, played by Clark, to rob a bootlegger's safe to set themselves up with a new life in California.

The plot fails, and while making their escape, they kill a federal agent. "It started out as a country picnic," the movie's promotion proclaims, "but before it was over, 37 men were dead."

Clark co-wrote the film. Country music star Merle Haggard also appeared in the film, and penned an original song for it.

For more information about the screenings, contact the library at 336-824-2232.

Bedazzle a book at the Asheboro library

Add some sparkle to your own personal book in "Book Bedazzling," 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 13, at the Asheboro library. Participants will decorate paperback books with sparkly gems. Call 336-318-6803 or visit the library to sign up. Best for ages 18 and up; participants will need to bring a paperback book to decorate. If you need a book, shop for an inexpensive one at the Friends of the Library Bookshop, 226 Sunset Avenue, Asheboro. They're open 10-2 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and accept cash and card.

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336-318-6815
Mon-Fri 9-12:30; 1:30-5:30
Sat 9-12:30

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1512 S. Main St.
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Extension Service

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The case of the disappearing dragoon

♣ Have you seen this horseman?

The ceramic stove tile created by Jacob Meyer, the Moravian potter who settled and plied his trade on Mount Shepherd in the late 1700s, has gone missing.

As we learned from Kernersville potter and former Old Salem historian Tara Logue in a talk at the Asheboro

library last month, ceramic tile stoves were popular among Moravians and other central Europeans, who brought them to the new world. The stoves featured an internal fire that heated tiles for warmth and cooking.

Potters like Meyer created decorative tiles for the stoves. In 1974-75, archaeologist Alain Outlaw excavated Meyer's pottery site and discovered, among other artifacts, two striking stove tiles: one depicting an 18th Century foot soldier at attention, and the other featuring a dragoon, or cavalryman, on horseback.

Logue pointed out that Meyer, who relied on his pottery craft for his livelihood, probably created the military images to appeal to customers in the newly-independent United States. As a child in Salem and surrounding villages, Meyer would have experienced American and British troops marching through and encamping in the settlements.

Logue noted that the images were



generic enough that they would have appealed to Patriot supporters of the new republic, but also to those who still leaned to the Loyalist side.

In 1976, the foot soldier was used to create a "Minuteman" keepsake for the local celebration of the nation's Bicentennial. The dragoon image was incorporated into the logo for Revolutionary Randolph, the local

celebration of America 250.

The artifacts from Outlaw's dig were long in the collection of the Randolph County Public Library, but around 2010 were returned to the Mount Shepherd Retreat Center for display there. A few years ago, Mount Shepherd gave most of the collection back to the library for permanent archiving, but retained the primary artifacts in a display case.

Earlier this year, Mount Shepherd asked us to take the display collection as well. When County Historian Mac Whatley and I went to retrieve the items, the dragoon tile was not present. There was a placard and a stand, but no tile.

We certainly don't suspect foul play — more likely the piece was loaned for display and forgotten about, or simply mislaid during one of its many transitions.

If you know the whereabouts of the historic horseman, or come across it, please alert the Randolph Room!



Asheboro to tackle true crime case

♣ In 2015, Irish transplant Jason Corbett was found dead in his Wallburg, N.C., home.

His second wife and father-in-law admitted to killing him, but claimed self-defense. The district attorney disagreed, and the jury handed down a guilty verdict.

But did the jury get it right?

Delve into the case with Ginger Bitterman of the Davidson County Public

Library, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, at the Asheboro library. Each participant will be handed crime file folders with the details of the crime and assertions made by the prosecution and defense, and decide on what the evidence proves.

The Corbett case was the subject of the 2025 Netflix documentary *A Deadly American Marriage*, which was nominated for an Outstanding Crime and Justice Documentary Emmy Award.

Liberty to host Back to School fest ...and other activities around the county

♣ The Liberty library will host a Community Back to School Festival, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, August 8.

Get ready for a new school year with a free, stylish new haircut; enjoy free hot dogs, crafts, activities and get free school supplies, too.

Make sugar scrubs

Learn how to make sugar scrub skin exfoliants using simple ingredients, at the Franklinville and Seagrove libraries with Asheboro library Head of Adult Services Meghan Carter. Seagrove: 12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 8; Franklinville, 2 p.m. Sunday, August 9.

Understanding Electricity

School-age kids are invited to assemble snap circuits with Hannah Bradley-Cobb of North Carolina Cooperative Extension in "Understanding Electricity," 10 a.m. Friday, August 21, at the Archdale library. Call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

Stuffy sleepover

Kids — find out what your favorite stuffed animals do while you're asleep. Drop off your stuffy at the Liberty library on Thursday, August 6, or Friday, August 7, for a Friday night Stuffy Sleepover. Library staff

will document their overnight adventures; photos and treats will be provided with pick-up on Saturday or Tuesday.

Summer Reading redux

Summer Reading events for school-age kids extend into August at Franklinville, Seagrove and Liberty libraries.

At Franklinville and Seagrove, join lighthouse enthusiasts Tony and Alma Pasek for **Lighthouse Cat**, the story of Mackerel, a friend to a lonely lighthouse keeper who must save the day using skills only a cat has. Franklinville: 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 3; Seagrove: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 5.

Meanwhile, local authors Eric Lowdermilk and Lia Paciru, Lowdermilk's granddaughter, will talk about their book **Where the River Ebbs**, based on Lowdermilk's years growing up in the Franklinville area. Franklinville: 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 10. Seagrove: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 12.

At Liberty, become a paleontologist for a day in **Fossil Dig Cookie Cups with 4-H**, 3 p.m. Thursday, August 13, for ages 6-15. Create a "fossil dig" using pudding, cookie crumbs and hidden edible fossils in a hands-on activity combining science, creativity and a tasty treat. Call 336-622-4605 to sign up.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads:

Banyan Moon by Thao Thai, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 25.

Archdale Book Break:

On hiatus until September.

Franklinville: Snippets

Book Club. Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Monday, August 17.

Liberty Afternoon Book

Club: *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash, 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 18.

Liberty Evening Book

Club: Choose a book set during the 1950s, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 20.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale, Book Bites,

2 p.m. Tuesday, August 11.

Ramseur Page Turners,

2 p.m. Tuesday, August 4.

Randleman Readers

Recommend, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, August 7.

Randleman Teen Talk

Book Club, On hiatus; will resume in September.

Seagrove, Un-Book Club,

4 p.m. Friday, August 28.

Liberty hours

As of August 1, new hours at the Liberty library will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Storytime will move to 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Randolph Room offers bookmaking, quill pen writing

Learn the historical skills of "Simple Bookmaking and Quill Pen Writing" with Randolph Room librarian Joanna Roberts, 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 7, at the Asheboro library. Find out how quill

pens were made and blank books were constructed for home use. Test your hand with a quill pen, and make a simple book.

Call 336-318-6815 to register.



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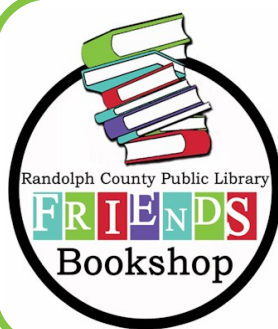


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Lyons lionized

♣ **Randolph Room genealogy specialist Kendra Lyons has earned two recent recognitions.**

In May, Lyons was celebrated by the Col. Andrew Balfour Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, for her service to the chapter, including six years as registrar.

In June, Lyons was recognized by the Randolph County NAACP at the Juneteenth celebration for her research into enslaved people in Randolph County.