

# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*

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## Library turns 75 on Sept. 1

♣ The Randolph County Public Library celebrates its 75th birthday on September 1.

On that date in 1940, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners — at the request of citizens who had established libraries in their own communities — first appropriated funding for a county library system, and appointed a Board of Trustees.

Establishment of the county library system meant support for the libraries operating in Asheboro, Franklinville and Ramseur; for those about to come into existence in Randleman and Liberty; and for those eventually to be developed in Archdale and Seagrove.

It meant professional leadership, a core collection of books shared among the libraries, and service to the entire county by bookmobile. Today, the library system consists of the seven libraries — three operated by the county with significant municipal support, and four operated by their municipalities with significant county support.

Today the citizens visit their libraries over half-a-million times each year, and check out over half-a-million items. The library has become a driving force for early childhood literacy, digital literacy, lifelong learning, workforce development and just plain reading for pleasure. To learn more about the library's first 75 years, visit [www.randolphlibrary.org/75](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/75).

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 Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

**Asheboro**

336-318-6800  
 Fax 336-318-6823  
 201 Worth St.  
 Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;  
 Sat 9-5

**Randolph Room**

336-318-6815  
 Mon, Thur-Sat 9-5  
 Tues, Wed 9-9

**John W. Clark**

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 336-824-4020  
 111 Sumner Place  
 Mon-Fri 2-6; Sun. 2-5

**Liberty**

336-622-4605  
 Fax 336-622-4605  
 239 S. Fayetteville St.  
 Mon, Wed-Fri 9-5;  
 Tues 9-7; Sat 9-1

**Ramseur**

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 Fax 336-824-2232  
 1512 S. Main St.  
 Mon-Fri 8:30-5

**Randleman**

336-498-3141  
 Fax 336-498-1139  
 142 W. Academy St.  
 Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

**Seagrove**

336-873-7521  
 530 Old Plank Rd.  
 Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;  
 Sat 10-3

**Extension Service**

336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

**Dial-A-Story**

336-318-6833

*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



## Big gifts enrich library services

♣ **After 48 years wholesaling books to libraries throughout the southeast, Asheboro natives Bill and Elizabeth Sanders — a.k.a. S & W Distributors, Inc. — are scaling down their business.**

Their sales force, which once numbered 28 representatives, now consists of four, and they've limited their territory to mail order and areas near their Asheboro base.

The downsizing left them with a stock of new, high-quality books for children and teens that they had purchased for their sales reps as samples. And they have donated that stock — some 743 titles, mostly hardback nonfiction — to the Randolph County Public Library.

Most of the books are in the neighborhood of five years old, but reflect subjects of enduring interest to the age range for which they're written, and relevance to school curricula: animals, ecosystems, history, food and more.

Our children's librarians say most will be added to the collection, and we're delighted to receive a gift that fills such a critical need.

### **Get SMART with Dart**

"Smartboard" has become the term of reference for a large, touch-screen computer that can be used for education and presentations. Like Band-Aid and Kleenex, however, the term is actually the brand name, SMART Board.

A longtime supporter of the Randleman Public Library, the Dart Foundation, has provided a SMART Board for the library's event space as part of the library's move



**Bill and Elizabeth Sanders**

into its new home. The board can be used simply as a big computer, or can be adapted for hands-on learning games and has proven a big hit with storytime and Summer Reading audiences.

### **Friends, Foundation give smartboards**

Recognizing the utility of the Randleman SMART board, the Asheboro library accelerated its own ongoing exploration of the new technology.

In June, the Friends of the Library and the Asheboro Public Library Foundation Inc., teamed to purchase two 70" Sharp Aquos smartboards for the Asheboro library. One is wall-mounted in the Meeting Room, and the other is upstairs and mobile.

The versatile computers already have proven immensely useful and popular for storytimes, computer classes and presentations.

The children's books and the smartboards will enrich the library experience, and we're grateful for these wonderful gifts.



# Harlee to return with 'Stumble' stories

♣ Asheboro-based storyteller and author Janet Harlee will bring her Southern hairdresser character Mitsy Lou Puppernickel back to the Asheboro library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 22.



Janet Harlee

Harlee's performance, based on her book *Just a Closer Stumble with Thee*, is called "Stories from Home in the South." It's free and the public is invited. Her appearance is a lead-in to The Heart of North Carolina Storytelling

Festival, September 25-26 at the Greensboro Public Library and the Greensboro Historical Museum, and part of an effort to bring storytellers to all 100 counties before the festival begins.

Harlee is currently director of admissions and marketing for the Assisted Livings at Cross

Roads Retirement Community. She is a member and past-president of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild, and also has a background in theatre and public speaking.

## Join 'We Wednesday' events at Randleman

♣ Mid-week will be a time for fun and learning as the Randleman Public Library launches "We Wednesdays" with classes and events for all ages.

For events that require registration, call 498-3141 to sign up. Activities include:

- **We Learn Computers:** an seven-week computer course from 10-11:30 a.m. beginning September 2 for ages 16 and up. Laptops will be provided. Free, but space is limited; registration required.
- **We Celebrate Back to School Time:** 3:30 -4:30 p.m. September 9. Celebrate being

back in school with fun and games and a banana split! Free, but space is limited; registration required.

- **We Watch Cinderella:** 3:30-5:30 p.m. September 16. Enjoy Disney's 2015 live-action fairy tale (PG).
- **We Build Lego Kits:** 3:30-4:30 p.m. September 23. Join the fun as the library hosts its first Lego build. Free; call to register.
- **We Play Games:** 3:30 p.m. September 30. Wii games on the SMART Board, board games, action games and more. Free but space is limited; call to sign up.

## Learn to use online genealogy resources

♣ Delve into the library's two genealogical research resources in classes coming up in September at the Asheboro library.

Librarian Rachel Kuehl will present sessions on Heritage Quest, which is available from anywhere with your library card, and Ancestry Library Edition, which is available on library computers.

Both classes are free but space is limited; call 318-6803 to sign up.

The Heritage Quest class will take place from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, September 9. Learn how to search census information, pension records and other available information.

The Ancestry Library Edition class, 2:30 -4 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, will help you get started or add to your family tree using census records, immigration records, and birth and death records.

## Discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *Green on Blue* by Elliot Ackerman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 25; *A Walk in the Woods*, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 28.

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:**

Guest author Claudia Stephens. 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 16.

**Archdale Book Break:** *The Hurricane Sisters* by Dorothea Benton Frank, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 15.

## Write a resumé

Resume-writing can be tricky: when to condense or expand experience, how to format, and what words to use to persuade potential employers to choose you.

Hone your resume-writing skills in a workshop led by library staff at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 24. Learn how to format, choose words and showcase achievements. The class is free but space is limited; call 318-6803 to sign up.

## Spanish stories

The Asheboro library Children's Room will offer Spanish Family Storytime, Wednesdays at 4 p.m. beginning September 2.


Designed for native Spanish-speaking families, the events will include stories, songs, rhymes, games and activities all in Spanish.

***Randleman library  
to host big  
used book sale***

A used book sale at the Randleman Public Library will take place from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-5 p.m. each day, Monday, August 24 thru Friday, August 28.

Sales are cash-only. All proceeds benefit the Randleman library.

The library is located at 142 W. Academy Street.



**YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year.**

**Mail to: Friends of the Library**  
**P.O. Box 2806**  
**Asheboro, NC 27204**  
*Memberships are tax deductible*

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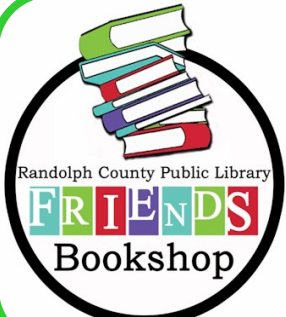
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# memorials & donations

**In Memory of: Dr. Kerry Ainsworth**  
By: Sorosis Book Club

**In Memory of: Madelyn Kate Six**  
By: Back Creek Friends Youth

**In Memory of: JoAnn Stewart Trollinger**  
By: Andrew and Meredith Davis  
W. Lee Roberts

**In Honor of: Curtis Bouldin**  
By: Susan Coltrane

**In Honor of: Melanie Bouldin**  
By: Susan Coltrane

**In Honor of: Mary Alice Rich**  
By: Friends of the Library Board of Directors

**In Honor of: William and Elizabeth Sanders**  
By: Phyllis Burkett

**In Honor of: Bill Heafner**  
By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

**In Honor of: Chelsea Maney**  
By: Susan Coltrane

**In Honor of: Susan Coltrane**  
By: Mary Alice Rich  
Patricia H. Skeen

**In Honor of: Pauline McKee**  
By: Amanda Ratliff

## To the Friends of the Library

**In Honor of: Susan Coltrane**  
By: Jim Culberson

**On the front: images from 75 Years of County Library service.** (1) Children at the East Asheboro Public Library, 1957. (2) One of the first Extension home visits, 1972. (3) Children's Section, Asheboro Public Library, 1940. (4) First Friends of the Library membership, 1973. (5) Charles W. McCrary, Board of Trustees Chairman 1940-1975. (6) Bookmobile visit to Level Cross, 1954. (7) Ruby Byrd Campbell, first County Librarian. (8) Lindley Park kindergarten classes visit, 2012. (9) Archdale Public Library grand opening, 2003. (10) Charlesanna Fox, 1964. More at [randolphlibrary.org/75](http://randolphlibrary.org/75).

## Kids: explore, create, discover in 'maker' series

♣ A news series of "maker" events for kids gets underway with "Coding with MIT's Scratch" at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 23 at the Asheboro library.

The maker events, which will take place during the last week of each month (future dates to be announced), are free and school-age children are invited.

Scratch is a computer language that enables you to program your own interactive stories, games and

animations, and share your creations with others in an online community.

Whether you have experience in computer coding or not, Scratch is designed to make computer animation easy and fun. Laptops will be provided, so come to explore, discover and create something imaginative and original in computer code. Space is limited; call 318-6804 or visit the Children's Room to sign up.

Future maker events are being planned and are likely to include duct tape, cardboard, cooking and video production.

## Celebrate author Dahl

♣ Help the Asheboro library Children's Room celebrate the birthday of popular and influential author Roald Dahl at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 10 at the Asheboro library.

Dahl, whose birthday is September 13, is known for such classics as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* and *Matilda*.

Enjoy snacks, games and activities related to Dahl's works. The celebration is free and the public is invited.

Call the Children's Room at 318-6804 for further information.

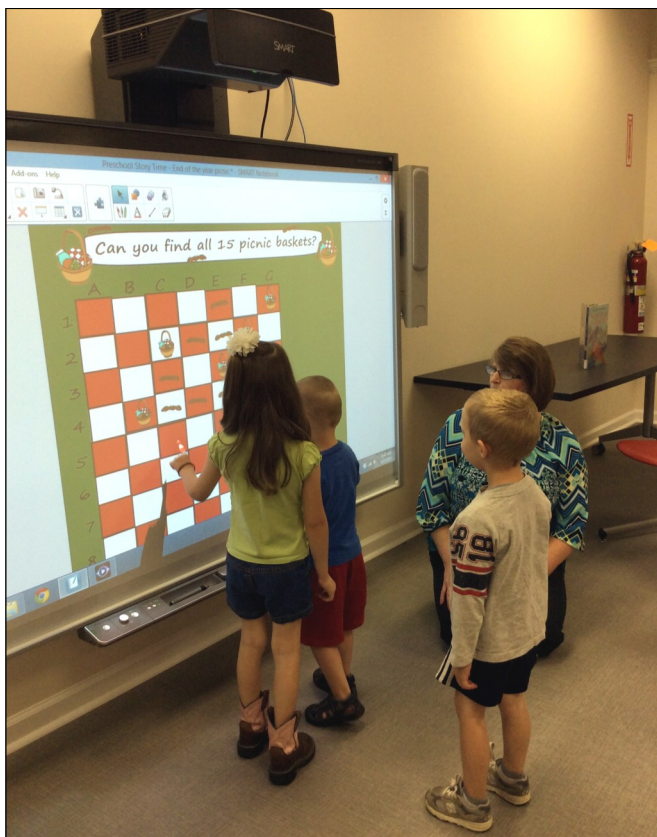
## Party with the pirates!

♣ Alright, land lubbers! Enjoy some real buccaneer fun as the Asheboro library Children's Room shows you how it's done the pirate way.

Whether you're a matey or a Cap'n, you'll find fun and intrigue with games, activities and pirate treasure during a Pirate Party at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 17. It's free and all children and families are invited.

## Lectura de cuentos en español!

¡Miércoles 4:00 p.m. Un programa diseñado especialmente para hablantes de español en el que incluiremos canciones, rimas, juegos y por supuesto ¡cuentos!



### Get SMART....

Children at Randleman play a learning game on the library's new SMART Board, purchased with a grant from the Dart Foundation. The Friends of the Library and the Asheboro Public Library Foundation have provided similar large-screen, interactive computers for the Asheboro library. See *From the Director*, page 2, for more about the new technology.



# TeenZone Talk

## Osborne to share avian influenza expertise

♣ **Asheboro library TeenZone Advisory Committee member Rachel Osborne will lead a workshop to educate those raising poultry about Avian Influenza, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, at the Asheboro library.**

Osborne, a rising junior, will discuss the risks of Avian flu and techniques to prevent it. Her talk is free and the public is invited.

Osborne has been active in 4-H for many years, and has worked on poultry projects for seven years. She has raised several types of birds, including geese, chickens



*Rachel Osborne*

and turkeys, and has competed in several competitions.

Her workshop is based on a presentation she created for a district 4-H event, and will cover:

- What Avian Flu is and how the latest outbreak is going to affect the southeast — how does it spread, and does it really pose a threat to humans;
- How to prevent Avian Influenza along with some other common poultry diseases by using proper biosecurity methods;
- A demonstration using glitter to show how germs spread and how biosecurity techniques can stop the spread of disease.

## More for teens: draw, discuss, play Wii video games

### ***Comic book artists unveil their works***

Teens who have been drawing over the summer with Marvel Comics artist John Czop will unveil the projects they have been working on at 6 p.m. Thursday, September 3, at the Asheboro library.

It's free, and the public is invited to celebrate the work of these very talented young artists.

### ***Advisory group hosts book talk***

Join members of the TeenZone Advisory Committee to talk about what books they have been reading, and what books you have been reading, at 4 pm. Thursday,

September 10, at the Asheboro library. Discuss what you loved and hated about books you've read recently, and series in which you can't wait to read the next installment.

The book discussion is free and all teens are invited. Snacks will be provided.

### ***Play video games***

Join the TeenZone for a night of Wii bowling, fishing, boxing, baseball and more at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 24 at the Asheboro library. Have some fun, enjoy a snack and let off some early school-year steam. It's free; all teens invited.

## Computer classes resume and expand to branches

♣ **Learn basic computer skills in free, seven-week series of classes at the Asheboro, Ramseur and Randleman libraries beginning in early September.**

In Randleman, the classes run from 10-11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays beginning September 2 as part of the "We Wednesdays" events. Call 498-3141 to sign up.

Ramseur classes are from 3-4:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning September 17. Call 824-2232 to sign up.

Two sessions will run concurrently in Asheboro. The

first is from 3-4:30 on Mondays beginning September 14. The second is from 10-11:30 a.m. Fridays beginning September 18.

Call 318-6803 to register for Asheboro classes.

The sessions cover basic computer operation, searching the Internet, using email and learning about Microsoft Office Products.

The library provides laptops for up to 10 attendees in each class; additional students may enroll if they can bring a Windows 7 or 8 laptop with Microsoft Office installed.