

# Eat smart with hands-on Cooperative Extension cooking, canning classes

♣ From soups to appetizers and crockpots to stir fry, learn the basics of preparing healthy meals with Randolph County Cooperative Extension Agent Jeannie Leonard, at 6:30 p.m. every other Thursday from September 8 through November 3.

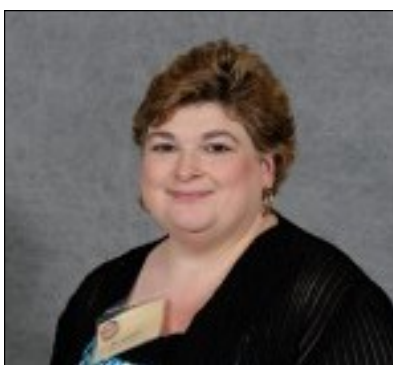
Sponsored by the library's Margaret C. Taylor Memorial Culinary Arts Collection, the classes will take place at the Randolph County Cooperative Extension Center, 112 W. Walker Avenue in Asheboro except for the September 8 session, which will be held at the Asheboro library.

The classes, which will incorporate concepts from the Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less program, are free and open to anyone age 18 and up. Registration is required; call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

The sessions are:

**September 8 — Basics of Home Canning** (Asheboro library). Learn how to choose the best canning methods for different foods, and what could go wrong.

**September 22 — One Dish Crockpot Meals.** With fall and winter just around the corner, it's time for hot meals and a crockpot is just the thing to warm you up. Learn how



*Cooperative Extension agent  
Jeannie Leonard.*

to prepare delicious and nutritious crockpot meals.

**October 6 — Stir-Fry Up the Night.** Stir up your weeknight dinners with something easy and different. Learn the 10 easy keys to cooking smart and find out about food safety.

**October 20 — Soup's On!** Warm up the winter nights with a fortifying meal. Learn how to make excellent soups with a base and layered flavors, and what items to keep on hand for a quick meal.

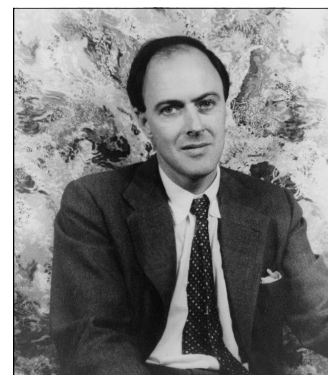
**November 3 — Holiday Appetizers to Wow Your Guests.** Prepare for the season with new appetizer recipes and ideas that will leave your guests talking for weeks about your delicious and tasty treats, and learn about food safety practices for the holidays.

Leonard is Cooperative Extension's Family and Consumer Services agent, focusing on nutrition and wellness, food safety and home food preservation.

The classes are supported by a bequest from the estate of Margaret C. Taylor, a Randleman native who passed away in Dearborn, MI last summer. The library received her collection of cooking and culinary arts books, and funding to develop and enhance the collection.

## ***Celebrate Dahl's 100th with month of activities for kids***

*Celebrate the 100th birthday of children's author Roald Dahl, creator of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach and more, with a month of activities during September at the Asheboro library. Come to a birthday party at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 13, featuring treats, games and crafts based on the author's stories. Weekly movies will be screened as follows: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 2 p.m. Saturday, September 10; Matilda, 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 16; The Witches, 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 23; and James and the Giant Peach, 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday, September 29.*



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 Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;  
 Sat 10-3

**Extension Service**

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**Ross A. Holt**



# Mayors lost and found

## ♣ History can be a bit of a rabbit hole

You dive into a topic expecting that your research will clarify matters, only to find more questions. And sometimes the answers seem just beyond your fingertips.

So it has proven with a project we're undertaking, at the request of City Manager John Ogburn, to develop thumbnail biographies of the mayors of Asheboro.

Along the way we have discovered two mayors we didn't know we had, a host of interesting connections among those who have served, and one supreme irony.

The official list shows 30 mayors, from Thomas McGhee Moore in 1869 through current Mayor David Smith. But there are at least two mayors who are not on that list.

One explanation for the confusion is that only three issues of *The Asheboro Courier*, founded as the *Randolph Regulator* in 1876, are extant prior to 1903.

Fortunately, newspapers in surrounding communities often reprinted each other's news so that local citizens could keep up with the activities of their neighbors.

It was from *The State Chronicle*, a Raleigh newspaper, that our newly-minted head of Genealogy and Local History Services, Mac Whatley, discovered the first mayor we didn't know about. "An editor is in luck now sure enough," the 1890 item stated, "and he has the congratulations of the Chronicle. Mr. Geo. W. Charlotte, editor of the Asheboro Courier, has been elected mayor of Asheboro."

Charlotte was only in Asheboro a few years and we don't know a lot about his

activities here. Born in New Bern, he was editor of Beaufort Weekly for many years and served as a Beaufort commissioner and as mayor. He relocated here in the late 1880s to take the helm of *The Courier*, but had departed by 1892 for the Elkin paper.

The other unknown mayor may have been one of Asheboro's most highly regarded: Milo Orlando Hammond. He was serving as mayor in 1899 and died, possibly in office, in 1901.

A teacher and an attorney, he grew up on a farm in Randolph County, attending Holly Springs Friends Meeting. During his term, he drew notice in the *News and Observer* of Raleigh: "As mayor of Asheboro he has done all in his power to push the community forward."

Our research also turned up a number of connections among the mayors. We have had three father-son combinations to serve, and two sets of brothers.

James Thaddeus Crocker, mayor from 1877-1890, was the stepfather of Mayor Hal M. Worth (1909-1911). Worth's father, Shubal, was killed in the Civil War and his mother remarried Crocker.

And it's Crocker who's the subject of that supreme irony. A real mover and shaker, he's credited with being one of the driving force behind recruitment of the railroad to Asheboro, a dream realized in 1889 that altered the town and its destiny.

Crocker, who entered the ministry after his term as mayor, was killed when his horse spooked and dragged his buggy... into the path of an onrushing train.

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# Whatley named genealogy/history head

♣ Long celebrated as Randolph County's unofficial historian, L. McKay (Mac) Whatley, Jr., is now official as he takes the helm of the Randolph Room.

Whatley was named to succeed Marsha Haithcock, who retired July 1, as head of the library's genealogy and local history department.

## Go online for genealogy with new classes

♣ Learn to trace your ancestry online in Asheboro library classes featuring two library genealogy resources.

The classes are free, but space is limited. Call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

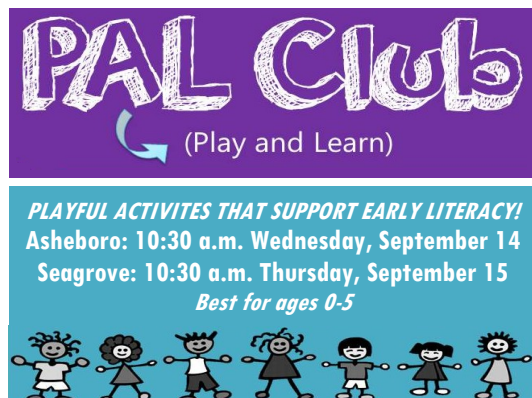
"Genealogy with Heritage Quest" will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 7. Learn how to use the

An Asheboro native, Whatley has a bachelors degree from Harvard University; a masters of science in library science from UNC-Chapel Hill; and a J.D. from the North Carolina Central University School of Law.

He is author of *The Architectural History of Randolph County, N.C.*; *Randolph County, North Carolina*; and a blog, "Notes on the History of Randolph County, NC."

Heritage Quest online resource — available via [www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org) — to access census information, pension records and other documents.

"Genealogy with Ancestry Library Edition" will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, September 19. Get started on your family tree using the in-library version of the popular Ancestry.com site.




**PAL Club**  
(Play and Learn)

PLAYFUL ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY!  
Asheboro: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 14  
Seagrove: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 15  
Best for ages 0-5



**TUMBLE BOOK LIBRARY**  
Online reading and learning resources for children in grades K-5  
Find Tumblebooks [www.randolphlibrary.org/digitalmedia.html](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/digitalmedia.html)  
Log on with your library card or student ID.



**MAKER SERIES**

**EASY PENCIL CROSSBOW**  
Use common office supplies to devise a simple crossbow.  
4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22  
Asheboro Public Library  
Ages 8-12

## AT RANDLEMAN

\*Call 498-3141 to sign up  
**SCHOOL-AGE KIDS**

**Sept. 1 (Thurs.): You Scream, I Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!\*** 3:30 p.m. Make ice cream the old fashioned way. Ages K-5.

**Sept. 8 (Thurs.): Movie Magic — The Jungle Book.** 3:30 p.m.

**Sept. 13 & Sept. 20 (Tuesdays): LEGO WeDe2 Robotics.\*** 3:30 p.m. LEGOS, iPads, coding software. 2nd-5th grades.

**Sept. 22 (Thurs.): Falling for Apples!\*** 3:30 p.m. Taste a variety of apples and learn about healthy eating. Ages K-5.

**Sept. 27 (Tues.): Totin' Time for Tweens & Teens!\*** 3:30 p.m. Personalize your own tote bag with paint and other decorative materials. 6th-12th grades.

### AGES 16 & UP

**Sept. 15 (Thurs.): Eating Healthy on a Dime.\*** 3:30 pm. Eat healthy on a budget.

**Sept. 29 (Thurs.): Old Fashioned Music Fall Fest\*** with "Singing Granny" Jeanne Faulkner. 3:30 p.m.

## Discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, August 30. *Mrs. Sinclair's Suitcase* by Louise Walters, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 27.

**Archdale Book Break:** *The Three Mrs. Parkers* by Joan Mdelicott, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 20.

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:**  
Archdale: *Flora and Ulysses*, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 28; Asheboro: *Under the Stars*, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 21; Randleman: *Flora and Ulysses*, 4 p.m. Thursday, September 22.

## Get Creative!

The Liberty library's free "Get Creative" craft events for ages 12 and up continue on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; supplies provided. **September 1:** Apple Print Stationery. **September 8:** Dream Catcher. **September 15:** Mini Fall Wreaths. **September 22:** Stamping and Stenciling. **September 29:** String Art.

## Fall into mystery

Interested in a good mystery novel to start off the fall? Join us for a librarian-led discussion of different mystery authors and titles that may be new to you, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 14, at the Asheboro library.


## Expert to offer tips, techniques for local bird watching

Join Dennis Burdette, past-president of the Piedmont Bird Club, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 20, at the Asheboro library, for an introduction to local bird watching.

Pick up tips and learn about the tools to use to start identifying birds that visit our yards and gardens.

It's free and the public is invited; sponsored by the Friends.





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

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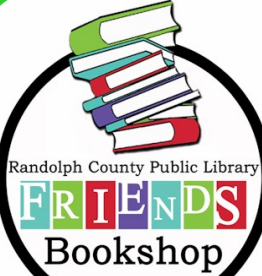
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## memorials & donations

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**In Memory of: Charles Walker McCrary, Jr.**  
By: Sorosis Club

**In Memory of: Nina Vaughn**  
By: Energizer

**In Memory of: Leona Rush Wood**  
By: Marty and Bob Williams



**FRIDAY  
FAMILY  
FILMS**

*7 p.m. • Free • Refreshments*


**October 14:** My Dog Skip

**October 21:** Duma

**October 28:** Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken

**November 18:** The Santa Clause

**December 2:** Prancer



*Thursdays, Asheboro library; Free!*

**What Can the Library Do for You?**

**4 p.m. September 15:** Share your ideas in a TeenZone Homework Break event. Drinks, snacks, discussion and a survey.

**Video Game Club: 4 p.m. September 8.**

**Teen Zone Jam Club: 5 p.m. September 22.** Make some music!

**TeenZone Maker Event — Perler Beads: 5 p.m. September 29.** Supplies provided.

**Talk**