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Black Beard to anchor series of history talks

Researcher Kevin P. Duffus returns with tale of notorious pirate's last days

♣ What truly happened during Black Beard's last days that precipitated his demise?

Who, truly, was Edward Teach, and whence did he come? What was his true name? And where may he have hidden his treasure?

Join author and historian Kevin P.

Duffus as he shares groundbreaking research into Black Beard's life — and death — at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 20, at the Asheboro library.

Duffus's presentation, "The Last Days of Black Beard the Pirate," is one of three history-related talks at the library during September (see elsewhere on this page for details about the other two). It's free and the public is invited.

For years, Duffus wondered if it was possible to learn something new about the legendary pirate. After extensive



The pirate Black Beard (left) and historian Kevin P. Duffus.



research at archives in Great Britain, Pennsylvania and the Carolinas, he discovered that the answer was yes. And the true story about Black Beard's last days substantially change the legend — and history.

Duffus, an award-winning author, researcher, and filmmaker, has made significant discoveries about North

Carolina history — starting when he was 17 and found a Confederate gunboat sunken in a river near his home.

He is author of *The Lost Light: A Civil War Mystery*, about his recovery of the Cape Hatteras lighthouse's missing Fresnel lens, and *War Zone: World War II off the North Carolina Coast*.

His appearance is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Friends of the Library.

History prof explores World War II German POWs in North Carolina

♣ More than 10,000 German prisoners of war were interned in North Carolina during World War II, but few people were aware of their presence.

Wingate University history professor emeritus Dr. Robert Billinger will reveal startling facts about the prisoners in "Nazi POWs in the Tar Heel State during World War II," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14, at the Asheboro library.

Billinger's lively talk will include photos, maps and documents to recount the prisoners' arrival, work, escapes, repatriation and surprising diversity.

His appearance, sponsored by the Robert C. Taylor Jr. Memorial World War II Collection, is free and the public is invited.

"Going for a soldier:" talk looks at young men in Continental Army

♣ Young soldiers carried a heavy burden in the Revolutionary War — but serving also offered novel opportunities.

Historian Dr. Jake Rudman will consider the experiences of these young men in "Becoming Men of Some Consequence: Youth and Military Service in the Revolutionary War," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 28, at the Asheboro library. The talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Based on his book of the same title, Rudman's talk examines the soldiers' relationships, economic goals and politics, and their visions of their own independence.

Rudman is an associate professor of history at Wake Forest University.

Learn yeast bread making, preparing freezer meals — see page 3

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But wait — there's more!

♣ We're all familiar with the tagline from those "as seen on TV" commercials.

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"But wait — there's more!" they shout.

Although the Friends of the Library are not "seen on TV," they could easily claim as their motto, "But wait — there's more!"

The Friends enrich the life of the library and the community with authors and other presenters. In addition to the big names they bring in — Jill McCorkle and John Hart — they also sponsor almost all the programs that go on at the library for children, teens and adults.

But wait — there's more! Friends volunteers staff the Friends of the Library Bookshop in downtown Asheboro three days a week, and spend many more hours sorting, restocking and merchandising the shop. The bookshop provides for a small lending library in the Randolph County Senior Adult Center, and contributes children's books to backpack giveaway projects that encourage kids to read.

But wait — there's more! This past year, under the visionary leadership of Dr. Frances Jones, the Friends developed and launched Randolph Books for Babies in



The Friends of the Randolph County Public Library Board of Directors, 2017-18. Front row: Deidre Kraft, Marilyn Koonce, Lorraine Sherill, Donna Miller, Anjana Sriram, Frances Jones, Steve Wrenn. Second row: Linda Covington, Jan Dough, Leigh Harris, Jane Crisco, Billie Durham, Owen George. Third row: Grace McFetters, Janice Simpson, Janet Henry, Jane Darwin, Merrill Smith, Janet Jones. Not pictured: Rodney Mason, Sue Spencer, Barbara Wolfe.

conjunction with the Randolph Partnership for Children and Randolph Health. Since May 31, reading-oriented care packages have been delivered to 123 newborn babies and their delighted families as of August 11.

But wait — there's more! Behind the scenes, Friends board members and committees are hard at work sustaining the group's efforts, planning events such as the thrilling Trivia on Tap fundraiser at Four Saints Brewing Company, and doing all else necessary to ensure that the Friends keep on bringing great things to the community.

But wait — there more! Have we got a deal for you! For the amazingly low price of \$20 (or more, if you choose), you can support these valiant efforts by joining the Friends. Volunteer, too! Just fill out the form on the back of this newsletter, and mail it in or return it to the library. Act now!

Learn to make bread, freezer meals

♣ **Get tips on making yeast bread and preparing freezer meals in two classes with Randolph County Cooperative Extension agent Jeannie Leonard.**

Sponsored by the library's Margaret C. Taylor Culinary Arts Collection bequest, both workshops will take place at Cooperative Extension headquarters, 1003 S. Fayetteville St. in Asheboro (Hillside Shopping Center).

"Intro to Yeast Bread Making" is a

beginner-level class at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 7. Leonard will demonstrate the process and answer questions,

In "Make Dinner Ahead: Freezer Meals" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 28, learn to save money and time by making convenience foods with ingredients on sale at the grocery store, and freezing them. Later, just thaw and cook.

The classes are open to adults age 18 and older. Space is limited for both programs, so call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

Liberty adds weekly 'Kids Can Create' ...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ **While their parents "Get Creative," "Kids Can Create" as well, as the Liberty library complements its weekly craft events for adults and teens with a program for children as well.**

"Get Creative" and "Kids Can Create" will take place at the same time — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays — so the whole family can get in on the act. Coming up:

Get Creative, ages 12+ — September 7: Chalkboard Menu; September 14: Popsicle Stick Bracelet; September 21: Miniature Sunflower Wreath; September 28: Coloring for Grown-ups.

Kids Can Create, school age — September 7, 14 and 21: LEGO Free-Build; September 28: Marshmallow Challenge.

Meanwhile, **Culinary Kids, ages 8 and up**, continues at 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays September 5 and 12; the theme is Healthy in the Kitchen.

ARCHDALE

LEGO Free Play, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Tuesdays beginning September 5, preschool & school age.

ASHEBORO

Saturday Storytimes (NEW!) 9:30 a.m. beginning September 9. Toddlers & preschool.

Arts & Crafts, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 7, all ages (children).

P.A.L. (Play and Learn) Club & Homeschool Meet-and-Greet, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday,

September 13. Welcome homeschool families. Start the school year with creative play for kids 0-5; building challenges for school-age kids; and collaborative time for parents/caregivers.
Family Movie, 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, all ages. "Diary of A Wimpy Kid."
Music & Movement, 3:30 p.m. Fridays, ages 2-5 years.

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Connie's Crafting Corner*, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 5, ages 16+. Apple Pickin' Time.

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's Club*, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, September 7-October 26, grades K-2 and 3-5. A totally new kind of math club.

LEGO Robotics*, 3:30 p.m. Fridays September 8 and 22, grades 3-8. Build, program and bring to life LEGO projects.

Laptops for Learning*, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday, September 19 & 20, ages 16+. Mouse and keyboard basics; Computer & Windows 10 basics.

All About Apples*, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, grades K-5. Learn about harvesting apples and taste a variety of them. Includes a story, craft and science experiment.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Lapsit/Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly. Visit www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes for schedules or drop by your local library.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: Maud's Line by Margaret Verble, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 29.
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 26.

Book Break (Archdale): The Whistler by John Grisham, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 19.

Ladies Book Club (Randleman): The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead, 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 5. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Wireless printing

Library users now can print documents from their laptops, tablets and phones at any Randolph County Public Library location, via the library's free WIFI.

To use the wireless printing service inside the library, go to www.randolphlibrary.org/printing.htm on your personal device. Choose the appropriate library location and follow the prompts. Printouts cost 20 cents per page.

Día de los muertos

Mark your calendars for "Life After Death: The Day of the Dead in Mexico" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, at the Asheboro library.


Sara Cromwell, assistant director of the Museum of Anthropology at Wake Forest University, will explore the festival's history, practices and meaning.

Children to experience Native American stories, dance

Amanda Jacobs, a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, will share Native American stories and lead children in traditional dance in "Native American Stories and Dance,"

at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 21 at the Asheboro library.

Kids of all ages and their families are invited. It's free and no registration is required.



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

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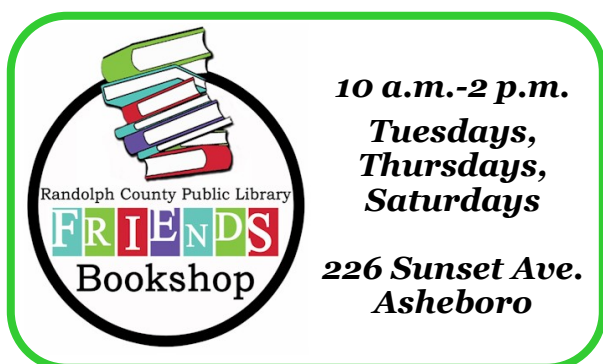
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TeenZone Talk

At the Asheboro library.
Teen Needs Assessment, 4-6 p.m.
Wednesday, September 13. Meet with the Teen Services librarian for a chat about school needs, REAL2 resources and anything else going on. Drop in anytime, enjoy snacks, do schoolwork, read or just chill.
Basics of Chess, 6-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, September 21. Join Asheboro Chess Club founder Tom Hales for a beginners introduction

to the greatest strategy game in the world. Learn the basics, the history of the game and find out about the Chess Club.

Homemade Radio Building Event, 5-6 p.m. Wednesday, September 27. Learn the basics of radio science and help build a radio. Can we pick up local stations? Find out about AM/FM frequencies and even try to hear sounds from outer space.