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Friends to welcome novelist Wiley Cash

♣ **New York Times** bestselling author Wiley Cash will be the guest of the Friends of the Library during a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 25, at Pinewood Country Club.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Asheboro Public Library. The ticket price covers the cost of lunch.

Cash, who lives in Wilmington, will talk about his most recent novel, *The Last Ballad*, which focuses on heroic women and men of the labor movement in the textile mills of Gastonia during the early 20th century, who risked their lives to secure basic rights for workers.

Cash's first novel, *A Land More Kind Than Home*, became a bestseller. It was named a New York Times Notable Book of the Year and received multiple awards, including the Southern Independent Booksellers Book Award.

A North Carolina native, Cash is writer in residence at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and has held residency positions at Yaddo (an artists' retreat in New York) and the McDowell Colony in New Hampshire.



Wiley Cash

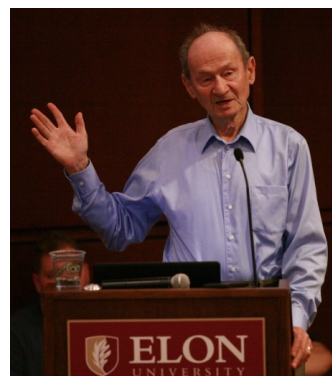
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Holocaust survivor to share experiences

♣ A survivor of three Nazi concentration camps including Auschwitz, Dr. Zev Harel will reflect on his experiences in a talk at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 27, at the Asheboro library.

His appearance is free and the public is invited.

Harel was 15 when he was liberated by U.S. troops at the Ebensee concentration camp in Austria. He had experienced deportation to a ghetto, transport to Auschwitz in railroad cattle cars, separation from his family there, and forced labor at Ebensee.



Dr. Zev Harel

photo by Cory Weller, courtesy of Elon News Network

A professor emeritus in the School of Social Work at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio, Harel has been a public speaker about the Holocaust for the past 40 years, seeking to honor the memories and legacies of the Holocaust and reflect on its meaning.

After his release, Harel assisted with the immigration of Holocaust survivors to Palestine. He served in the Jewish defense forces and later in the Israeli military after the country was established by the United Nations in 1948.

He was educated in Israel and the United States, and earned a Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He and his wife retired to Greensboro, where one of their daughters resides.

Harel's appearance is sponsored by the North Carolina Holocaust Council.

***Journalist Kevin Maurer to conclude 2018 Sunset Series
Theatrical event to honor WWI Company K on battle anniversary***

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The sacrifice of Company K

♣ In the fall of 1918, word got back to Asheboro that Company K, the Randolph County unit of the State Militia called up for service in World War I France, had been wiped out.

Entirely.

You can imagine the shockwaves that rippled through the tight-knit community where almost everyone would have known someone who was serving.

It wasn't true, but the reality was horrifying enough: in the battle of Bellicourt on September 29, Company K sustained over 60 percent casualties, including 29 killed.

With fellow soldiers of the 120th Infantry Regiment of the 30th "Old Hickory" Infantry Division, Company K was in the vanguard of an Allied attack that finally broke the German defensive position known as the Hindenburg Line and hastened the Armistice on November 11.

The City of Asheboro will honor the sacrifice of the Randolph County soldiers on the battle's 100th anniversary with *Company K: From Asheboro to the Fields of France*, a play by poet, playwright and Asheboro native Barbara Presnell, whose grandfather served in France with the unit.



Company K soldiers including Hal Walker (front row, right); Brad Bulla and Clarence Lovett (back row, second and third from left) and Roy E. Dawkins (back row, right).

The presentation will be staged by RhinoLeap Productions, a non-profit theatre company based in Asheboro founded by Dr. Tom Osteen and his son Patrick, a graduate of UNC School of the Arts. RhinoLeap Artistic Director Jeremy Skidmore is developing the production with Barbara and directing the performance, which features professional actors.

The raw material for the script — letters from Company K soldiers before and after the battle, other firsthand

accounts and military documents — is provided by the Randolph Room and by Barbara, who has her grandfather's letters. The performance also includes live music.

Barbara reflected on the subject of war as it affected her family in her most recent book of poems, *Blue Star*. A previous book, *Piece Work*, was about her father's experience in the textile mills of Asheboro from the industry's prosperous era until its recent decline.

Piece Work was performed as a play by the Touring Theatre of North Carolina.

So mark your calendars for 8 p.m. Saturday, September 29, and join us at the Sunset Theatre for this moving and meaningful event.

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Randleman to escape Mummy's tomb

...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ **What would you do if you found yourself trapped in an ancient Egyptian tomb, the only door sealed shut by an ancient stone lock?**

Figure your way out in "The Lost Mummy Escape Room," 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, at the Randleman library. Registration is required for the escape room event, which is for ages 16 and up. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

ALSO AT RANDLEMAN

**requires sign-up; call 336-498-3141*

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays September 6-October 25, grades K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grades.

Full STEAM Ahead: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays September 7, ages K-5th grades; September 25, ages 3rd-6th grades. Program Colby the Mouse to navigate a maze; build electronic circuits.

Teens & Tweens: Turning Sand into Art: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, ages 11-15. Create mandala sand art and make kinetic sand.

Mystery Science: The Power of Flowers/Inheritance, Traits and Selection: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 18, ages K-5th grade. Learn how the food we eat is the result of selection, and do a little taste-testing.

Laptops for Learning: Windows 10 Basics: * 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, ages 16-up.

Playing in the Sand: * 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, ages K-5th grade. Create mandala sand art; make kinetic sand.

ASHEBORO

Arts & Crafts, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 6, ages 5 and up. Celebrate National Hispanic

Heritage Month with arts and crafts inspired by prominent Hispanic artists.

Homeschool Meeting, 10 a.m. Saturday, September 15. Join us for an NC Zoo Tree Climb! Homeschool groups will receive details, directions and parking information by email. Newcomers welcome; contact the Asheboro library Children's Room (336-318-6804) for more information.

STEAM Event: Lost in Space, 4 p.m. Thursday, September 27, ages 5 and up. Join us for an immersive journey through space in the Children's Room. Learn about planets, crash-land on one of Jupiter's moons. Can we harness our engineering skills to get our rocket back into space? Registration required; call 336-318-6804 to sign up or for more information.

FRANKLINVILLE

Family Storytime, 4 p.m. Thursdays beginning September 6. Stories, music, activities. For more information, call 336-685-3100.

LIBERTY

Get Creative, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 20. Crafts for teens and adults; this month, No Sew Pillow. Cover an existing pillow form with an attractive fabric and add your own embellishments. No sewing required!

Kids Can Create, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. September 6: STEAM activity — LEGO racers and simple machines. September 13 and 27: LEGO Free Build. September 20: STEAM activity — LEGO racers and simple machines.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly countywide. Find schedules at www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes.

Avoiding falls: It's 'A Matter of Balance'

♣ **Many older adults fear falling, and restrict their activities.**

"A Matter of Balance," an eight-week workshop at 10:30 a.m. Mondays beginning September 10 at the Asheboro library, is an award-winning program

designed to help adults manage falls; increase activity levels; and improve balance, flexibility and strength. Learn to view falls as controllable, and make changes to reduce fall risks at home.

The program is free but registration is required; call 336-318-6803 to sign up.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Romanov Empress* by C.W. Gortner, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 28; *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 25.

Book Break (Archdale): *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 18.

Seed Saving

Learn tricks and tips for saving seeds from your garden at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 17, at the Asheboro library.

Focusing on flowers, herbs and vegetables, Ben Grandon and Vernece Willett will talk about starting a seed collection, and how saving seeds can also save on next year's gardening budget. The talk is free and the public is invited.


Randolph Room

Learn about a treasure trove of local history and genealogy in "What's in the Randolph Room?", a class with librarian and genealogist Ann Palmer from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, September 20. The class will begin in the meeting room of the Asheboro library, where Palmer will discuss highlights of the collection and recent improvements. A tour of the room will follow, with time for research.

The class is free and the public is invited.

Teen Zone Talk

Teen Book Club, 4 p.m. Thursday, September 13, featuring *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park, South Asheboro Middle School's "One Book, One School" choice. Bring your own copy or borrow one from the library. **Annual needs assessment and survey,** all day Thursday, September 27. Snacks for teens, homework help and a chance to shape library services for the near future.



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**7 pm Thursday
September 13**

Free!

Archdale library gets new lights, sliding doors and carpet

♣ **Parents with strollers, borrowers with armloads of books, and people who are mobility impaired will have an easier time getting into the Archdale library with the recent installation of automatic sliding doors.**

"The installation of automatic doors was the result of the city's response to patron interest and many library users have expressed their pleasure with the improvement," says

library manager Matt Shaw. The doors are part of an ongoing project by the City of Archdale that also is refreshing the building with new lighting and carpet.

All light fixtures recently were replaced with bright, new LED fixtures expected to save tens of thousands of dollars in electricity costs over time.

"The LED light fixtures provide dramatically improved lighting of every corner of the collection," Shaw says.

New flooring, including 11,500 square feet of carpeting throughout

the building, is expected to arrive in September. Information about closings or disruptions in library service while the carpet is installed will be forthcoming as the flooring installation schedule is confirmed.

Sliding doors for Asheboro

The Asheboro library front doors also are slated to be replaced with automatic sliding doors in the next few months. The City of Asheboro included funding for the doors in its 2018-19 budget. Look for updates in upcoming newsletters.

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Maurer chronicles America's soldiers

NC-based journalist embedded with troops co-authors account by Navy SEAL who confronted Osama bin Laden

♣ Nearly a decade spent reporting on the experiences of American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan eventually put award-winning journalist Kevin Maurer atop the bestseller list as co-author of *No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama bin Laden*, with a Navy SEAL who was present when bin Laden was killed.

Maurer will talk about his experiences with the book and as an embedded journalist with U.S. troops around the world in the concluding talk of the 2018 Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 13, at the Sunset Theatre in downtown Asheboro.

Maurer's appearance is free and the public is invited. The series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Library.

The format of the talk will be a conversation between Maurer and Mike Adams of Asheboro. Adams was editor of *The Fayetteville Observer* in 2003 when he hired Maurer for the newspaper's military beat.

Shortly after joining the *Observer*, Maurer followed the 82nd Airborne Division during the initial invasion of Iraq. He returned to cover the soldiers more than a dozen times, most recently in 2010 when he spent 10 weeks with a Special Forces team in Afghanistan. He has also embedded with American soldiers in east Africa and Haiti.

No Easy Day, written with SEAL Mark Owen (a pen-name for Matt Bissionnette), spent several weeks atop the



Kevin Maurer

New York Times Best Seller List and became the best selling hardback book of the year.

Owen and Maurer followed *No Easy Day* with *No Hero: The Evolution of a Navy Seal* in 2014, a *New York Times* bestseller. Last year, Maurer co-authored *American Radical: Inside the World of An Undercover Muslim FBI Agent* with Tamer Elnoury, which also landed on the bestseller list.

Other books he has co-authored include *Lions of Kandahar: The Story of a Fight Against All Odds* with Rusty Bradley; *No Way Out: A Story of Valor in the Mountains of Afghanistan* with Pulitzer Prize winner Mitch Weiss; and *Hunting Che: How A U.S. Special Forces Team Helped Capture the World's Most Famous Revolutionary*, also with Weiss.

Based in Wilmington, Maurer is a native of Virginia Beach, Va., and a graduate of Old Dominion University.

Mark your calendars!

**We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel Authors
HERB FRAZIER, BERNARD E. POWERS JR.
& MARJORY WENTWORTH**

7 P.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019



At 9:05 p.m. on June 17, 2015, a 21-year-old white supremacist murdered nine churchgoers and wounded five others attending a prayer meeting at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C. Journalist Herb Frazier (right), historian Bernard Edward Powers Jr. (left) and South Carolina Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth (center) will share reflections from their book *We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel* in a powerful discussion of history, race, faith and forgiveness.

Country Music, Original Ballads and Stories

JIM AVETT

7 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019



North Carolina native Jim Avett, who now lives in Cabarrus County, grew up singing gospel tunes with his preacher father and family. During his career as a welder, music remained a part of his life. After retiring in 2008, he recorded a gospel album, *Jim Avett and Family*, featuring sons Scott and Seth — the Avett Brothers — and daughter Bonnie. Since then he has recorded three more albums of original country ballads, including last year's *For His Children and Ours*, and has toured nationally.

New York Times Best Selling Author

JERRY BLEDSOE

7 P.M. THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019



Catch up with *New York Times* Bestselling author — and local favorite — Jerry Bledsoe as he shares stories of his life as a writer from his new memoir, *Do-Good Boy: An Unlikely Writer Confronts the '60s and Other Indignities*. Known in these parts as the fabled *Greensboro Daily News* columnist, Bledsoe is author of true crime tales *Bitter Blood*, *Blood Games*, *Before He Wakes* and *Death Sentence*, as well as the nostalgic *The Angel Doll* and *A Gift of Angels*, and numerous compilations of his newspaper columns.

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