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## History prof returns for talk on origins of NC

♣ **Native Americans, European settlers and enslaved Africans shaped — and were shaped by — North Carolina and its landscape.**

Learn how this mixture of influences contributed to “The Origins and Early History of North Carolina” with N.C. A & T history professor Dr. Arwin Smallwood at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 9, at the Asheboro library.

Smallwood’s appearance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Smallwood, chair of the History Department at N.C. A & T, left the audience spellbound in May with his discussion of the fate of the Lost Colony.

In his new talk, he focuses on the long history of North Carolina and describes how its people, at first limited by the landscape, radically altered it to support their needs. The state’s waterways and forests sustained Native American villages that were replaced in the eighteenth century by English plantations, cleared for whites by African and Indian slaves.

All the state’s inhabitants successfully developed and sustained a wide variety of crops including the “three sisters” — corn, beans and squash — as well as the giants:



*Dr. Arwin Smallwood*

tobacco, cotton and peanuts.

Smallwood traces the story of the Native Americans, largely gone from the state for over 200 years, except for small populations; African slaves and their descendants through the struggles of slavery, Jim Crow and the Civil Rights Era; and Europeans in their rush to tame the wilderness in a new land.

The entwined histories are visible through dozens of maps Smallwood has created especially for this presentation, along with vivid illustrations of forgotten faces and moments from the past.

Smallwood was born in Windsor, North Carolina, and raised in Indian Woods, areas that feature prominently in his talks. He earned a bachelors degree in political science and a masters in history from North Carolina Central University, and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

He taught at Bradley University in Illinois, and the University of Memphis, where he helped develop a Ph.D. program in African-American history, the only one of its kind in the country. He also is recipient of numerous awards, fellowships and grants, and participated in the award-winning UNC-TV documentary “The Birth of a Colony: North Carolina.”

## Asheboro offers course on living with chronic pain

♣ **People who have a diagnosis of primary or secondary chronic pain can gain insight into their condition in “Living Healthy with Chronic Pain” at the Asheboro library.**

The six-week chronic pain self-management workshop runs from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning September 12. Facilitators are Gail Sherred and Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones, who are peers with chronic pain themselves.

Chronic pain is defined as pain that lasts longer than 3-6 months, or beyond the normal healing time of an injury.

The “Living Healthy” program also may benefit those with conditions such as persistent headache, Crohn’s disease, irritable bowel syndrome, diabetic neuropathy or muscular pain from a condition such as multiple sclerosis.

Space is limited, so registration is required; call 336-318-6803 to sign up, or visit the Reference desk at the Asheboro library.

***Remembering Marian Tillman*** — see page 2

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**by**

**Matt Shaw**  
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# In Memoriam: Marian Tillman

♣ **We are saddened by the loss of Marian McVey Tillman, 77, who passed away on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.**

She was a champion of generations of readers in northwest Randolph County and leaves a great legacy of literacy through her careers in libraries, both at Archdale Public Library as well as in the libraries of the Randolph County School System.

Marian was a member of the inaugural Archdale Library Board of Trustees which oversaw building the first Archdale Public Library and establishing its first collection. The Board also included Chairman Martha Stunda, Zeola English, Hazel Hancock, Ruth Miller and Roy Allen. Marian was selected as a fitting choice to serve as the first librarian of the new facility when it opened on June 1, 1973, with a collection of 4,000 books. She continued to serve the library she loved as an active member of the Archdale Friends of the Library (ALF) for many years.

Mrs. Tillman was born and raised in Alamance County. She graduated from Sylvan School in Snow Camp and earned a BA in English from Elon College. She later studied Library Science at UNC-Greensboro.

Her education prepared her for a long and varied career in public school education. She first taught English and French and later served as a school librarian for more than twenty years. Current library employee Wanda Wade has fond memories



*The first Archdale library Board of Trustees meeting in 1973: Zeola English, Martha Stunda, Hazel Hancock, Ruth Miller, Roy Allen and Marian Tillman.*

of Marian as her school librarian when she attended Trinity High School. Marian retired from Randolph County Schools after a 32-year tenure, last working at Archdale Elementary School.

I found Marian to be not just a voracious reader, which she most certainly was, but a highly discriminating book lover with exceptional taste. I discovered many gems in the collections of the libraries of Randolph County Public Library by placing holds on books that she had researched and was keen to read.

She is survived by her husband of more than 56 years, State Senator Jerry W. Tillman; her children, Jeff Tillman, Patrick Tillman (Julie), and Mary Elizabeth Barwick (Ryan); her brother, Jack McVey; and her grandchildren, Melinda, Harrison, Emma Freda, Audrey, Sophia, Harper, Julia Ann and Tillman. On August 12, Marian's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, gave birth to a daughter, named Marian Lane Barwick.

# Asheboro gets cooking with 'Culinary Kids'

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

♣ Children can learn "sous chef" skills during a four-week Culinary Kids event beginning at 4 p.m. Monday, September 9, at the Asheboro library.

Culinary Kids is an interactive children's nutrition program designed for ages seven and older. Participants will learn kitchen skills associated with sous chefs, such as cutting, measuring and following recipes.

The instructor is UNCG nutritionist Kimberly Titlebaum.

The course is free but space is limited; call 336-318-6804 or visit the Children's Room to sign up.

### Archdale adds storytime

The Archdale library will add a preschool storytime at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning. The new storytime will feature a half-hour of fun for children and families. The Thursday storytimes will continue with toddlers age 0-24 months at 10 a.m. and preschool (ages 2-5 years) at 10:30 a.m.

Also at Archdale, the library will host an end-of-summer Story Time Picnic, outdoors if weather permits, at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 12. Light refreshments served.

### Mr. Gilmore's Glasses

Ramseur will offer a special "alumni" storytime with Heath Smith, author of the children's book *Mr. Gilmore's Glasses* at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 12. Smith was an attendee at Ramseur storytimes when he was a child.

### Bessie the Cow

School-age kids can meet — and milk — Bessie the 4-H Barrel Cow during "Dairy, Dairy, Dairy! Do You Get Your 3 a Day?" at the Franklinville library, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, with Randolph County Cooperative Extension. Learn about the benefits of dairy products; take a virtual trip

to a dairy farm, make butter and do some taste testing. Then find out "What's In Your Water?" with Cooperative Extension at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 24.

### Randleman kids investigate

Teens and tweens ages 11-15 at the Randleman library will hear testimony, weigh the evidence and render a verdict in "We the Jury" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 17.

Children ages K-2nd grade can do some sleuthing of their own in "Adventures in Bookland" at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 24 as they investigate the "who, what, where, when and why" of the book of the month and complete an activity inspired by the book.

Sign-up for both events is required; call 336-431-3811.

### Liberty Library Book Sale

In between scouting the numerous yard sales and the Liberty Antiques Festival, stop by the Liberty library on September 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for the Liberty Library Book Sale. Hundreds of gently used books are waiting to be discovered.

### Families: color mindfully

Families can unwind through "Mindfulness Coloring" at 4 p.m. each Friday in September at the Asheboro library. Enjoy all the benefits of meditation and relieves stress through the therapeutic art of coloring.

All ages and skill levels are welcome; coloring sheets and pencils will be provided.

### and more...

All libraries host a variety of storytimes, special events, hands-on activities and other events for children, teens and adults. Find out more at [www.randolphlibrary.org](http://www.randolphlibrary.org), or visit your local library.

### Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Two-Family House* by Linda Cohen Loigman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 27.

**Book Break (Archdale):** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 17.

**Book Bites (Archdale) "Un-Book Club":** Talk about the most exciting or interesting book you've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 10.

**Afternoon Book Club (Liberty):** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate, 2:30 p.m. Monday, September 9.

**Liberty Book Club:** *The Cactus* by Sarah Haywood, 6 p.m. Thursday, September 26.

### Randleman hours

The Randleman Public Library has revamped its hours: beginning September 1, the library will be open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday.

### Bethabara talk


Mark your calendars for "A House Divided: Tri-Racial Tensions at Historic Bethabara" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 30, with Dr. Andrew Gurstelle of the Museum of Anthropology at Wake Forest University. The talk focuses on Moravians, Cherokees and enslaved Africans in the 18th and 19th centuries. Details in next month's newsletter.

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## Decipher early American handwriting in workshop

Pick up tips and tricks for reading flowery script in old documents in "Understanding Early American Handwriting," at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 12, at the Asheboro library.

Led by Kendra Lyons of the Randolph Room, the workshop is free and the public is invited.



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**In Memory of: Marian Tillman**  
**and In Honor of: Marian Lane Barwick**  
 By: Martha and John Stunda

**In Memory of: Margaret Wright**  
 By: Scottie Michelle

## Asheboro offers Instagram class

*Learn about the social media photo app Instagram in two free classes at the Asheboro library, 10 a.m. Monday, September 9 and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 25. With 800 million users, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos from their lives; add captions and filters; and engage with others. The class will help participants become savvy users without becoming overwhelmed.*