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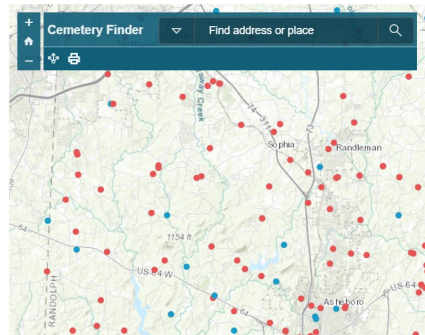
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Interactive map pinpoints county cemeteries

♣ Researchers now can track down Randolph County cemeteries, locate them and learn about them through an interactive map.

The map, a collaboration between the library and the Randolph County Information Technology department, can be found at www.randolphlibrary.org/cemeteries.

Randolph Room librarian Kendra Lyons and county GIS Specialist Amanda Dawkins developed the map, which show the cemetery locations.



A screenshot of the cemetery map

Red dots show known cemeteries, while blue dots indicate the closest known location of unconfirmed graveyards.

Clicking on a dot provides the landowner and the owner's mailing address, and links to the Randolph County GIS and the cemetery page on Find-a-Grave.com. Anyone wishing to visit a cemetery on private property should contact the landowner to request permission.

The cemetery map home page also includes a spreadsheet with basic information about each cemetery.

Liberty seeks Randolph High School memories

♣ "Listen and Share with the West Liberty Community" at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 18, as the Liberty library helps preserve the history of Randolph High School.

The event will take place at Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 214 S. Foster Street. Former students and other community members are invited to share their memories, as well as photographs and documents that depict their time at the school.

Library staff will be available to scan the material to preserve the community's history.

Randolph High School, located on South Kirkman Street, was built in 1951 to serve African American students countywide during the era of segregation. It operated until 1965, when legislation barred the use of federal funds for segregated schools.

The school was named a Randolph County Cultural Heritage Site in 2012.

Libraries ramp up fall in-person events — safely

♣ In-person storytimes and other events will return to the libraries in September, with accommodations for safety during the continuing pandemic.

Asheboro will introduce a new series of Tuesday storytimes, and monthly programs including a new children's book club. A new "Zine Club" will offer tweens a creative outlet, and the Tails to Read program returns.

Liberty will resume Tuesday storytimes and adult/teen craft activities, and debut a new Diverse Book Night to showcase new books in the library collection.

Randleman will take advantage of its expansive porch to offer Preschool Storytime and a Magic Tree House Club for school age kids. STEM activities for tweens and teens also return, along with Connie's Make and Take craft events for teens and adults.

For health and safety reasons, attendance will be limited at many of the programs and sign-up required.

See pages 3 and 4 for information about our new slate of September activities.

Liberty library expands — outdoors —see page 2

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Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

Asheboro
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Sat 9-5

Randolph Room
336-318-6815
Mon-Tues 9-8
Wed-Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

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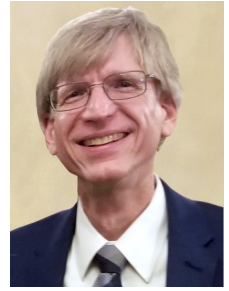
Randleman
336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
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Sat 9-1

Seagrove
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530 Old Plank Rd.
Tues-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-3

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Ross A. Holt



Taking the library outdoors

♣ **If you haven't had a moment of Zen with the pollination station by the Asheboro library driveway, please take a few minutes with the flowers and the bees and the butterflies to do so.**

Beyond the boost it provides to the local pollinators so critical to our natural infrastructure, you'll be surprised at the calming effect it has on us humans.

The station was a great way to move children's programming outdoors, both for its creation in April and the recent decoration of the recycled plastic container.

Outdoor activities are nothing new to the libraries, but parking lots and local parks have served mostly as convenient venues for larger (or messier) activities — or safer ones during the pandemic.

It's time, however, to shift our thinking and envision our environs as an extension of the library, and intentionally develop them as such — and the Liberty library is leading the way.

Liberty is completing a project that both extends the library outdoors and improves access to the building. The space in front of the library has become a two-tier patio highlighted with new landscaping and handicapped accessible picnic tables with umbrellas. Planting includes perennials that will serve as pollinators, and annuals in a center garden that will provide color.

A new wheelchair ramp leads to the library doors, which shortly will be widened by removal of the architectural arches.

Library manager Brenda Hornsby-Heindl says the idea stemmed from 24-hour



The Liberty library's new patio.

parking lot WiFi offered during the pandemic, as an alternative to WiFi users sitting in their cars or on a brick wall. But it grew into a whole new way to visit the library, even when the building is closed. "We had a chance to revisit how we want people to experience the library," Brenda says.

Funds from the Ella Lowe Trust, a bequest that the library received several years ago, covered the construction cost of the patio, the ramp and the landscaping.

An ecoEXPLORE grant from the North Carolina Arboretum, received by the library in December 2020, contributed to plant purchases, and will result in a birdbath to serve as an avian observation station.

The grant also funded Discovery Packs, backpacks equipped to encourage kids to explore nature and upload their observations to the ecoEXPLORE website for badges and prizes.

Expect to see more initiatives like Liberty's as the libraries blend indoors and outdoors.

In-person storytimes return to libraries

And other events around the county...

♣ **With attention to health and safety, in-person storytimes will return to the Asheboro, Liberty and Randleman libraries in September.**

Asheboro will introduce storytimes at 10 a.m. Tuesdays beginning September 7. Kinderprep for ages 3-6 is slated for the first week of the month; Lapsit for ages 0-3 on week two; Playtime for ages 0-6 on week three; and Yoga for ages 3-6 on week four. Call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Liberty will resume storytimes at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays with interactive readings, songs and activities, including bilingual and intercultural language exploration.

Randleman will launch Preschool Storytime on the Porch at 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday mornings beginning September 9.

Also on the Randleman porch, the Magic Tree House Club for kindergarteners and up will meet at 3:30 p.m. Thursdays September 9 and 16.

Call 336-498-3141 to sign up. Take home kits also are available for both programs.

New children's book club

Kids ages 8 and up are invited to join the Page Turners Junior Book Club and discuss a monthly read at the Asheboro library on the last Thursday of each month, beginning at 4 p.m. September 30 with *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Make & Take (or Take & Make)

Connie's Make & Take returns to Randleman at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 14, with Autumn Puzzle Art for ages 16 and up. Join in-person or pick up a kit to take home; call Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Art Adventures at Asheboro

School-age kids can join Ms. Becky for Art Adventures monthly at 4 p.m. Wednesdays beginning September 8, at Asheboro. Call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Diverse Book Night

Liberty will kick off Diverse Book Nights from 5-7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month beginning September 7. It's part book fair and part book club, featuring new books focused on diversity recently added to the library collection, and sharing what you and your families are reading. Call 336-622-4605 for details.

Movies at Asheboro and Liberty

The Asheboro library will host a Family Movie Night at 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, featuring *Luca*, a story about a boy and his sea monster best friend. No registration required.

Liberty will offer monthly outdoor Fourth Friday Free Movies beginning September 24 with *Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse*. Grounds open at 6:30 p.m.; movies begin at 8 p.m.

Crafts at Liberty

Adult/teen craft activities will resume in-person at Liberty at 2 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month beginning September 1. Take home kits also are available. Call 336-622-4065 to sign up.

Bubbles!

Unwind at Liberty on "Bubble Afternoon," 3-5 p.m. Friday, September 10. There will be multiple bubble stations on the grounds that will create giant bubbles for visitors to interact with.

There's more...

Find out about the **Zine Club** and **Tails to Read** on the back page of this newsletter, and check with your local library for more exciting activities.



Book Discussions

Asheboro: In-person book group meetings have resumed! *Hill Women: Finding a Family and a Way Forward in Appalachia* by Cassie Chambers, Tuesday, September 28, 2 p.m.

Liberty: *The Girl Who Stopped Swimming* by Joshilyn Jackson, 6 p.m. Thursday, September 16. Call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for a copy of the book.

Podcast returns

Library podcast "Dave and the Borrowers" returns on Thursday, August 26 with "Here Comes Autumn." The episode will include a recap of Summer Reading highlights, a potpourri discussion about what each of the hosts have been reading, and a look at what's coming up this fall.

The team also will be joined by special guest Lexi from the Asheboro Children's Room for a glimpse of her favorite books so far this season.

Find "Dave and the Borrowers" on all your favorite podcast platforms or at Dave-and-the-borrowers.simplecast.com.

Liberty to host Antiques Showcase with appraiser

If you like *Antiques Roadshow*, don't miss the "Liberty Antiques Showcase," 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 21, at the Liberty library. A licensed appraiser will share and talk

about treasures from in and around Randolph County. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for viewing the items to be discussed. Light refreshments will be provided.

Get published — join the Zine Club

♣ Tweens and teens — do you like to write, design, take pictures, create videos, record music or make other works of art?

Join the Asheboro library's Zine Club. *The Zine* will collect creative submissions to publish online. *The Zine* will hold an informational meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, September 9; no registration is required. This project is best for ages 10 and up.



Tails to Read returns

♣ Would you like to see your child's reading skills improve?

Bring them to the Asheboro library to read to a certified therapy dog, as Tails to Read returns twice monthly at 4 p.m. Thursdays beginning September 16 and 30. Call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

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In Memory of: Jack Lee York
By: Stephen and Linda Moser

In Honor of: Summer Readers
By: Coleridge Lions Club

Overdue fines resume September 1

♣ **Overdue fines, suspended since the start of the pandemic, will be charged on late materials due September 1, 2021, or later.**

Fines are 10 cents per day per item for books and audiobooks, and \$1 per day on DVDs and Blu-rays. Fines will not be assessed on items with due dates between March 2020 and August 30, 2021, but fines owed before the pandemic began, and not yet paid off, remain on

borrowers records.

If you receive your library hold and overdue notifications by email, you also receive pre-overdue notices to alert you when items are coming due. If we do not have your email address, you can add it by calling 336-318-6801 or your local library. You also can subscribe to Library Elf (libraryelf.com), a free service that alerts you when you have holds or when your books are coming due.