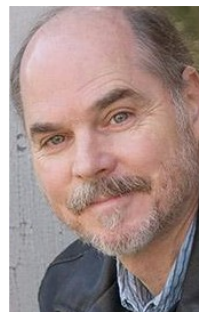


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*Writers appearing at the Archdale Author Breakfast (l-r): Agnes Alexander, John E. Batchelor, Christian Strayhorn Spence, Lynn Chandler Willis and Chip Womick.*

## Writers flock to Archdale Author Breakfast

♣ Meet six popular area writers in a relaxed setting at the Archdale Public Library's Author Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, October 8.

The meet-the-authors event is free and the public is invited. A continental breakfast will be provided by the Archdale Library Friends and Biscuitville.

Authors appearing this year include:

- Novelist Agnes Alexander, author of western romances including *Hannah's Wishes* and *Second Chance at Love*;
- John E. Batchelor, longtime food critic for the *News &*

*Record* and author of *Chefs of the Coast* and *Chefs of the Mountains*.

- Christian Strayhorn Spence, author of World War II era novels *Life's Reluctant Traveler* and *General Pershing's Other Daughter*;
- Lynn Chandler Willis, author of thrillers including *Tell Me No Lies* and the Shamus Award nominee *Wink of an Eye*;
- Chip Womick, author of the children's book *Mrs. McGillicutty's Last Sunflower*.

Each author will speak for 15-20 minutes, followed by a Q&A period about the author's writing. The authors will sell and sign copies of their books after the presentations.



## Somers, Amazing Teacher, to delight Archdale kids

♣ The Amazing Teacher, a.k.a. educator and entertainer Steve Somers, will headline a "Magical Halloween Celebration" at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 27, at the Archdale library.

The secrets and mysteries of magic will be revealed to school-age children and their families as Somers inspires reading and learning with tricks, stories, audience participation and humor.

It's free; for further information, call 336-431-3811.

◀ *Steve Somers, the Amazing Teacher*

***Paranormal investigators to visit library*** — see page 3

**Archdale**

336-431-3811  
 Fax 336-431-4619  
 10433 S. Main St.  
 Mon-Thur 9-8;  
 Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

**Asheboro**

336-318-6800  
 Fax 336-318-6823  
 201 Worth St.  
 Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;  
 Sat 9-5

**Randolph Room**

336-318-6815  
 Mon, Thur-Sat 9-5  
 Tues, Wed 9-9

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 336-824-4020  
 111 Sumner Place  
 Mon-Fri 2-6; Sun. 2-5

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336-622-4605  
 Fax 336-622-4605  
 239 S. Fayetteville St.  
 Mon, Wed-Fri 9-5;  
 Tues 9-7; Sat 9-1

**Ramseur**

336-824-2232  
 Fax 336-824-2232  
 1512 S. Main St.  
 Mon-Fri 8:30-5

**Randleman**

336-498-3141  
 Fax 336-498-1139  
 142 W. Academy St.  
 Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

**Seagrove**

336-873-7521  
 530 Old Plank Rd.  
 Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;  
 Sat 10-3

**Extension Service**

336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



## Get a job!

### ♣ Sometimes the biggest surprises occur in the most unexpected places.

A few weeks ago, Head of Reference Meghan Carter began picking out interesting job opportunities in the area and posting them to our Facebook page.

They have become our most popular posts. A recent ad for an office manager reached 3,493 people and was shared 35 times, as our fans alerted their friends.

These results simply reinforce the library's key role in community workforce development. While Randolph Community College provides the in-depth training necessary for 21st century careers, and NC Works provides comprehensive help to jobseekers, the library — easily accessible and with online resources available 24/7 — is the often first place people turn when they've lost their job, are getting back into the workforce, are seeking a better job, or looking for that first one.

The recession was a perfect storm for this aspect of library service. Many of the jobs lost had not required significant computer skills. At the same time, major employers made the move to online-only job applications.

It was not unusual for a reference librarian to spend an entire desk shift providing intensive assistance to jobseekers learning how to obtain email addresses and fill out online job applications.

Recently the State Library asked us to track the number of job/career questions we receive; we average 24 queries daily.

The library's impact on workforce development is also borne out in responses from to our annual patron survey:

- "I have personally used the library computers and Internet to submit an application for a job. And I got the job!"
- "Staff assisted me into getting the necessary material which resulted in getting a job."
- "I used the library for a job search a few years ago. I found resources to research potential employers and borrowed books by Stephen Covey (and a couple of others) to help me with communication and interpersonal skills."
- "I was an older adult that had to go back to school to be able to get a job. I knew nothing about computers and couldn't find a job anywhere. I also had to get my GED.... [The librarian] told me about a web site I could practice for my GED.... I graduated with honors. I work at the college I graduated from."

Along with our brilliant staff who are always willing to help, we provide powerful online tools for jobseekers. *ResumeMaker* includes step-by-step resume and cover letter assistance; interview videos; salary calculators; and job search tools. *Learning Express Library* provides tutorials and practice tests for a academic and job certification tests, and includes videos and ebooks. *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center* helps jobseekers choose careers and offers job search and interview tips.

All are available in the library and at our research website, [www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org).

# Who you gonna call? Paranormal team!

## ♣ Are you hearing things that go bump in the night?

Piedmont Triad Paranormal Investigations founder Rick Aiken will visit the Asheboro library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, to talk about what it takes to

be a paranormal detective, and show off the equipment he and his team use to suss out the otherworldly in haunted houses.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Aiken's talk is free and the public is invited. For further information, call 336-318-6803.

# Learn the three basics of healthy living

## ♣ "Here's a tip — we don't have to make staying healthy so complicated," says Dr. Mike Perko.

Perko, professor of Public Health Education at UNCG, will share the three essentials that form the basis for good health in a talk entitled "How to Make the

Best of the Rest of Your Life," at 6 p.m. Monday, October 17, at the Asheboro library.

Perko is a renowned wellness expert who has received numerous awards and penned five children's books. His appearance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

# Fossils, harvest festival, more for Asheboro kids

## ♣ Get ready for fall with seasonal events for children at Asheboro.

- Make mini-piñatas and festive maracas at **Arts & Crafts**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 6. All ages
- Celebrate **National Fossil Day** and sift through fossil-bearing material collected from the PCS Mine in Aurora, NC, 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 12. School-age.
- **Harvest Festival**: Pumpkin painting, face painting, costume contest and seasonal stories, 4 p.m. Thursday, October 20. All ages.
- **Autumn Book Carnival** with Pfeiffer teacher candidates, 6 p.m. Monday, October 24. All ages.
- **Maker Series**: Build a Craft Stick Bridge, 4 p.m. Thursday, October 27. Ages 8-12.



**PLAYFUL ACTIVITIES THAT SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY!**  
*Best for ages 0-5*

**Asheboro: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 12**  
**Randleman: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 13**

## AT RANDLEMAN

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

**Oct. 4, 11 and 18 (Tuesdays): LEGO WeDe2 Robotics.\*** 3:30 p.m. LEGOS, iPads, coding software. 2nd-5th grades. October 18 is a catch-up class for participants in the first two sessions.

**Oct. 6 (Thurs.): Pumpkins and Other Fun Squash.\*** Squash, pumpkins and gourds! Interesting facts and tasty treats. 3:30 p.m. Ages K-5th grade.

**Oct. 25 (Tues.): Spooky Party Treats!\*** 3:30 p.m. Spooky and tasty party treats for teens and tweens. 6th-12th grades.

**Oct. 27 (Thurs.): Happy Halloween with Balloon Magician Clark Sides.** 3:30 p.m. A "boo-ti-ful" time with magic, music and audience participation. Ages –kindergarten and up.

### AGES 16 & UP

**Oct. 13 (Thurs.): Mmm, Mmm Mud Cake!\*** 3:30 pm. Diabetic dessert making with Kimberly Titlebaum of UNCG's Recipe for Success program.

**October 20 (Thurs.): Let's Make a Scarf!\*** 3:30 p.m. Make a scarf with arm knitting.

## Discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Brown, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 25.

**Book Break (Archdale):** *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18.

**Ladies Book Club**

**(Randleman):** *The Wedding Dress* by Rachel Hauck, 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 4 (call 498-3141 to sign up).

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:**

Archdale: *A Handful of Stars*, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 26; Asheboro: *A Nest for Celeste*, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 19; Randleman: *Skulaphants! Goateens! Sneers!*, 4 p.m. Thursday, October 20.

## 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. **October 6:** Falling Leaf Window Hanger. **October 13:** Foil Print Fall Trees. **October 20:** Cinnamon Candlestick Holders. **October 27:** Miniature Blooming Pumpkins.

## Walmart gift


The Walmart Foundation has donated \$1,500 to the Randleman Public Library for large print books.

***Kids: build with LEGOs at Ramseur library***

Use your imagination and construct some LEGO creations in Block, Build and Play, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, at the Ramseur Public Library.

Children of all ages are invited. Drop by the library or call 336-824-2232 to register.





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

**Mail to: Friends of the Library**  
**P.O. Box 2806**  
**Asheboro, NC 27204**  
*Memberships are tax deductible*

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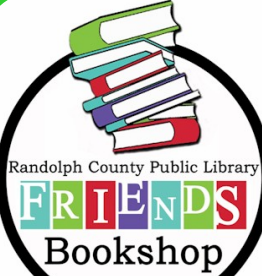
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YES! I'd like to help: \_\_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_ Book Sales \_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_

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## memorials & donations

**In memory of: Stacey Lawson Curtis**  
 By: Willie and Jacky Cox  
 Ramseur Public Library Board  
 of Trustees  
 Suzanne C. Tate

**In memory of: Louise Brown Ellison**  
 By: Wally and Sandy Jarrell

**In Memory of: Keith M. Martin**  
 By: Bobby and Denise Lowe Burgess

**In Honor of: Erin Lou Ann Cox**  
 By: Sandra Livingston and Sandy Jarrell



**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

## TeenZone

*Thursdays, Asheboro library; Free!*

**Halloween Holiday Extravaganza**  
*6 p.m. October 27:* A fun night of horror! Suit up in one of several horror-themed costumes to stage a Halloween picture. Share scary tales and enjoy spooky treats.

**Video Game Club:** *4 p.m. October 6.*

**Maker Box Event — Tinker Crate:**  
*4:30 p.m. October 13.* Hands-on STEAM experience.

**Teen Zone Jam Club:** *5 p.m. October 20.* Make some music!

## Talk