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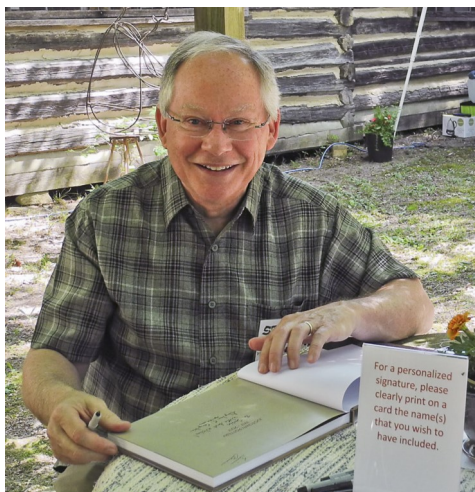
## Author tracks Jugtown's hundred-year history

♣ The history and influence of Jugtown Pottery will come to light in a talk by pottery historian and collector Steve Compton at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 5, at the Asheboro library.

Sponsored by the Friends, Compton's appearance is free and the public is invited.

His talk, "Jugtown Pottery 1917-2017: A Century of Art and Craft in Clay," shares a title with the book he published in June tracing the pottery's history.

Jugtown was founded by Jacques Busbee, an artist from Raleigh, and his wife Juliana. Arriving in Seagrove in 1917, they gave national exposure to the traditional potters of the area by featuring the area's wares in Juliana's Greenwich Village tea room and shop.



Pottery historian and collector Steve Compton.

The enterprising couple later founded Jugtown and employed local potters, paving the way for the development of the Seagrove area as the nation's pottery center.

Compton's talk will feature images from his lavishly-illustrated book.

Compton is an avid collector of mid-18th to mid-20th century pottery and has penned numerous books and articles about it, including *Seagrove Potteries Through Time* and *It's just Dirt! The Historic Art Potteries of North Carolina's Seagrove Region*. Widely recognized for his expertise, he is frequently called on as a lecturer and exhibit curator.

He formerly served as president of the North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, and is a founding organizer of the North Carolina Pottery Collectors' Guild.

## History prof to explore role of Indians in Revolution

♣ The often-overlooked history of the Native people of America's Southeast in the Revolutionary War is the topic of a talk by UNC-Greensboro history professor Greg O'Brien at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 26, at the Asheboro library.

O'Brien's talk, "Southern Indians in the American Revolution," is free and the public is invited. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

In much of what is now the southern United States, American Indians played a significant, even decisive, role as all sides relied on them as allies. Indian people pursued their own agendas and also had an impact on post-war economic and political development.

In addition to his teaching duties, O'Brien edits the journal *Native South* and has written extensively about native peoples of the Southeast.

## WFU museum curator looks at 'Day of the Dead'

The Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico simultaneously with the Catholic observances of All Saints and All Souls Days, November 1 and 2, as a festive time when families remember their dead and honor the continuity of life. Join Sara Cromwell, curator of the Wake Forest University Museum of Anthropology's annual Day of the Dead exhibit, for a talk entitled "Life After Death: The Day of the Dead in Mexico" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, at the Asheboro library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, it's free and the public is invited.



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the  
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**Ross A. Holt**



## Library adventures lead to library gifts

♣ **During her childhood in Randleman, books carried Betty Jean Varner to worlds far away.**

These adventures, lived out in a quiet corner of the Randleman Public Library, ultimately led her to seek opportunities beyond her hometown.

While pursuing a career in nursing, she met and married a medical student named Paul Webster III. Their adventures took them to Texas, Vulaines-sur-Seine in France, Minnesota, North Carolina, Georgia, and finally, Lancaster, South Carolina.

But **Betty Jean Varner Webster** never forgot the Randleman library, and she attributes a great deal of her success and peace in life to the library books that allowed her to see the possibilities of life beyond the boundaries of her hometown.

Now her wish is that today's youth will have the same opportunity. So she and her husband have established "Betty Jean's Corner" at the Randleman library, a nook with comfy furniture where children can share Betty Jean's experience with books.

Their donation also will enable Randleman to buy 750 children's books.

Such gifts are welcome surprises that provide enduring legacies. Recently the libraries have been fortunate to receive a number gifts or bequests from those whose lives were changed by libraries.

Two years ago, **Margaret C. Taylor** of Dearborn, MI, passed away and bequeathed a collection of World War II books and DVDs belonging to her late husband Robert to the Randolph County Public Library. She did the

same with her own collection of culinary arts books — along with a generous sum to enhance and house both collections and develop special programming around them.

In 2016, the Seagrove library received a bequest from the estate of **Richard H. Wheaton**, which included funds from a joint trust established by Wheaton and his late wife, **Carolyn Wheaton**. Mrs. Wheaton contributed many of the historical artifacts that the Seagrove library owns.

The Liberty library lately has been recipient of two bequests: a very substantial unrestricted gift from the estate of **Ella B. Lowe**, who with her husband Frank, owned Dixie Equipment Company; and a bequest from the **Herman Coward** Charitable Remainder Trust, interest from which is to be used to provide material for people who have visual or hearing impairments.

In Archdale, a bequest came from the estate of **Roy B. Allen**, a member of the library's first Board of Trustees, with a specification that the funds should support the library's children's programming.

The Asheboro Public Library Foundation Inc. in July received a gift from the **William Hendricks Family Foundation**, which supports causes dear to the late Asheboro dermatologist, a regular library visitor who met his wife Caywood in a library.

The Randolph County Public Library, each library, the Foundation and the Friends of the Library are always honored to receive gifts of this nature, directly or as part of a planned giving strategy.

*NOTE: Betty Jean's story above is adapted from a narrative created for a plaque displayed in her Corner.*

# Asheboro launches Crazy 8s Math Club

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

♣ **Kids** — join Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Math Club at the Asheboro library, where you'll build stuff, run and jump, make music... and make a mess!

Engage in mischief-making activities like Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry, Bouncy Dice, Toilet Paper Olympics, and more. They also will get to take home cool gadgets, too.

The club will meet Mondays October 2, 9, 23 and 30, at 3:30 p.m. for kids in grades K-2, and 4:30 p.m. for those in grades 3-5.

Space is limited, so registration is required; call 336-318-6804 or visit the Children's Room to sign up.

### MORE AT ASHEBORO

**Mooncake Festival**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 4, children of all ages. Celebrate this Chinese mid-autumn holiday with games, treats and a special performance by the children's librarians!

**Arts & Crafts**, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 5, children of all ages. Make Halloween decorations.

**Homeschool Group**, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 11, all ages. The NC Zoo will be on hand for the first Nature Family Club session.

**National Fossil Day**, 4 p.m. Thursday, October 12, children of all ages. Members of the NC Zoo staff will present replica dinosaur fossils; kids can sift through material from the Aurora Phosphate Mine to look for shark teeth and tiny fossils.

**Harvest Festival**, 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, children of all ages. Treats; pumpkin painting; costume contest; other activities.

### ARCHDALE

**Computer Class — Job Hunting 101**, 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 27. Call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

**LEGO Free Build**, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Tuesdays. School-age children; Duplo blocks available

for younger kids.

**Halloween Party**, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, October 28, children and families. Costume contest; slightly spooky stories and games; refreshments.

### LIBERTY

**Get Creative:** The Liberty library's free craft events for ages 12 and up continues on Thursdays at 3 p.m. **October 5:** Fall Hat Wreath. **October 12:** T-Shirt Scarf. **October 26:** Spider Web Art.

**Kids Can Create:** 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, children of all ages. **October 5 and 12:** LEGO Free Build. **October 26:** STEAM activity — Halloween Tangrams.

### RAMSEUR

**Dr. Seuss Is On the Loose with Megan Coats!** 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 19, preschool age children. A magical time as the Cat in the Hat presents a storytime.

### RANDLEMAN

\* call 336-498-3141 to register

**Connie's Crafting Corner\***, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, October 3, ages 16 and up. Wood Slice Autumn Centerpiece: Make a lovely autumn centerpiece with natural wood slices, pine cones and fall foliage.

**LEGO Robotics\***, 3:30-4:30 Fridays October 6 and 20, ages 3rd-8th grade. Build LEGO projects, program them, bring them to life.

**Tweens & Teens\*: That's a Lovely Bunch of... Monsters?** 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, October 10, ages 11-16. Create coconut monsters, make magnetic slime, join in a creepy retelling of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.

**Laptops for Learning\***, 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17-18, ages 16 and up. Internet and Gmail Basics.

**Haunted Houses\***, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, ages K-5th grade. Design, construct and decorate your own "haunted house" from cardboard.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 26.

*Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 31.

**Book Break (Archdale):** *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 17.

### Ladies Book Club

**(Randleman):** *The Risen* by Ron Rash, 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 3. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

## WWII romance

Mark your calendars for an appearance by Bruce Anne Shook, author of *She Names Me Bruce: A Daughter's Discovery of Her Parents' World War II Romance*, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 8, at the Asheboro library.

The book recounts love letters between Shook's school teacher mother and fighter pilot father from 1939-1944, when her father was killed in action.


Look for details in next month's newsletter.

## Archdale book sale

Find great bargains at the Archdale Library Friends Book Sale coming up Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, November 18, 20 and 21, at the library. Proceeds support children's programming, and the purchase of books and supplies.

## Teen Zone Talk

Ongoing: Check out **video game controllers** and play in the library's conference room. **Halloween Horrible Bottle Cap Craft**, 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, October 11. Make scary monster/skull/pumpkin themed decorations. **Teen Halloween Dress-Up/Cosplay**, 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, October 25. Dress up as your favorite monster, witch, comic book hero, etc., take photos and share ghostly snacks.



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

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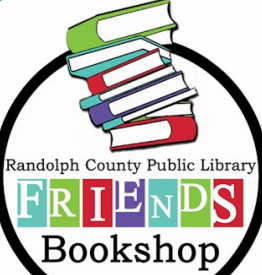
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## memorials & donations

**In Memory of: Roger Crotty**  
 By: James M. Culberson, Jr.  
 Jean S. Schmidt  
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**In Memory of: Oma Jeanne Winslow Davis**  
 By: Ann G. Brower  
 Michael and Anita Lahr

### *To the Friends of the Library*

**In Memory of: Roger Crotty**  
 By: Martha Crotty

**In Memory of: Sarah Stedman**  
 By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darwin  
*for Randolph Books for Babies*

**In Honor of: Dr. J. Brady Kinlaw**  
 By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Darwin

**In Honor of: Jean Vollrath**  
 By: First United Methodist Church Circle #5

**To the Friends of the Library**  
 By Carol Rich



**FAMILY FILM NIGHTS**

*7 p.m. Fridays • Free Refreshments Provided*

**October 6:** *Charlotte's Web*  
**October 13:** *Shiloh*  
**October 20:** *The Jungle Book (live action version)*  
**October 27:** *A Little Princess*  
**December 1:** *A Christmas Carol (Jim Carrey version)*