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Bluegrass 'power couple'

Dewey and Leslie Brown to perform

♣ The intense, authentic high lonesome bluegrass sounds of Dewey and Leslie Brown will ring from the stage in the second 2021-22 Sunset Series event.

The performance will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, October 16 at the historic Sunset Theatre in downtown Asheboro. It's free and the public is invited.

The Sunset Series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Library.

Backing the "bluegrass power couple" will be their band, the Carolina Gentlemen.

Dewey and Leslie perform original tunes such as "Dana," "Ultimate Sacrifice" and "Bury Me on the Mountain" that climb the bluegrass and gospel charts. The couple also owns and operates the Liberty Showcase Theater in Liberty, N.C.

Dewey started playing fiddle at age nine, and began his professional career in high school with the band Blue Ridge. At age 17, he won first place at the Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Galax, Virginia.

He played fiddle as a Clinch Mountain Boy with the legendary Dr. Ralph Stanley for 11 years until Stanley's



Dewey and Leslie Brown

death in 2016. Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys also appear on Dewey's album, "Traditional Fiddle."

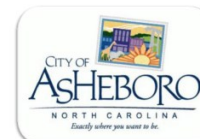
Dewey has recorded on Grammy nominated albums with artists such as Josh Turner, Dierks Bentley and Lee Ann Womick. He has appeared at the Grand Ole Opry and played for the Queen of England.

Leslie is an authentic coal miner's daughter, raised by her grandparents in the Appalachian Mountains of Vansant, Virginia, where her grandfather played in a

family band. Her mountain upbringing has played a major role in her songwriting (she writes most of the couple's songs), dancing and singing. She began clogging at local bluegrass festivals at age seven, becoming a well-known clogger in the bluegrass world.

In addition to their Liberty Showcase Theater duties, Dewey and Leslie, who have been married since 2007, run two annual festivals, "Deweyfest" and "Gospelfest," held on their 52 acre farm in Burlington.

Following Dewey and Leslie, Sunset Series events are: actor/playwright **Mike Wiley** with his one-man show *Breach of Peace: Stories of the Freedom Riders, 1961*, 7 p.m. Saturday, November 6; and Performance Speed Painter **Tim Decker**, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2022.



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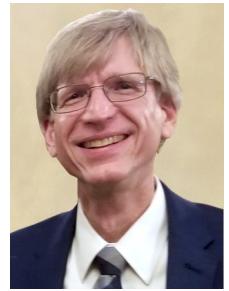
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The plan comes together

♣ **When I wrote here a year ago about the process that would result in a five-year strategic plan for the libraries, I quoted Hannibal Smith’s A-Team tagline, “I love it when a plan comes together.”**

Thanks to the time, effort and input of stakeholders, staff and the community at large, the *Randolph County Public Libraries 2021-2026 Strategic Plan* is complete.

It’s complete — but it’s also a work in progress. Honoring the thought and deliberation that went into its creation means implementing its recommendations as we move through the next five years. The plan gives us a strong foundation that offers us flexibility to adapt to changed circumstances, but still holds us accountable for outcomes.

We have an aspirational new mission, vision and values statement that propels us forward but also links back to our history and our core services.

Our mission: “Randolph County Public Libraries cultivate a thriving community by nurturing readers, empowering learners, and creating connections.”

Our vision: “Libraries are a point of pride and connection for all residents of Randolph County, serving as vibrant centers of community, anticipating evolving needs



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and interests, and providing relevant materials and transformative experiences.

Our values encompass service, teamwork, inclusion, curiosity and stewardship.

You’ll notice the change in name from “Randolph County Public Library” to “Randolph County Public Libraries.” As we implement the plan, we want to stress the countywide nature of

our service.

The plan yields four strategic priorities:

- Libraries are welcoming, accessible and inclusive for all;
- Libraries encourage readers of all ages, stages and interests;
- Libraries are essential partners in community well-being and civic life;
- Library staff are empowered, engaged and connected.

Under each of these priorities, specific action steps abound, from making our buildings and our service more accessible, to developing a unified identity that respects the individuality of our community libraries; from being more intentional and outcome-based about our programming to engaging with community organizations to assess and meet needs.

As this plan goes from being to becoming, in five years as we look back, the community will be able to say, “We love it when a plan comes together.”



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UFO researcher: 'they' are watching us

♣ Join UFO researcher Rob Shelsky to learn about alien encounters in "Travel to the Darker Side of the Moon," a virtual program at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 19 at tinyurl.com/rsufo.

Citing actual cases and invoking the principle of Occam's Razor, Shelsky arrives at some startling disturbing conclusions about the UFO phenomenon — and a possible alien agenda.

Shelsky will highlight a NASA report and cite various reported encounters to make a case that aliens are watching us, perhaps with ill intentions.

Participants who ask a question or

engage with Shelsky will be entered in a drawing to receive three of his books.

Shelsky, an avid and eclectic writer, is author of numerous science fiction, fantasy and horror novels, and non-fiction books on unexplained phenomena, including *Darker Side of the Moon: "They" are Watching Us* and *Deadly UFOs and the Disappeared*. He has spoken on the topic of UFOs at the Library of Congress, and was an on-camera expert for a television show on the subject.

He also is a former field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, and a former investigative columnist for *AlienSkin* magazine.

Celebrate Hispanic heritage at Liberty

♣ The Liberty library will recognize Hispanic Heritage Month with several events, and invites community members to create a community altar for Día de los Muertos.

Regularly scheduled storytimes at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 5 and 12, will be in Spanish in honor of the month.

At 1 p.m. Thursdays, October 7 and 14, it's **Taste of Hispanic Heritage Month** for children and families. On October 7, learn how to make a delicious salsa with ingredients from the library's garden. On October 14, learn about horchata and how to make it.

Libraries to incubate, hatch chicken eggs

♣ Observe the incubation and early life of chicks at the Franklinville and Seagrove libraries during October and November in "Ready, Set, Hatch!"

Incubation begins at Franklinville using heritage breed chicken eggs donated by Randolph County 4-H. Follow the progress

Then at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 30, teens and adults are invited to **Make a Community Altar** in honor of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), November 4-9. The altar celebrates ancestors as well as lost loved ones, family members and pets. Help set up the altar, and then add photos or items related to a lost loved one or pet.

Items and photos also can be dropped off throughout the week, and can be picked up on November 11.

The library's weekly **Drop-in Craft**, available anytime the library is open, will have a Hispanic heritage theme during the first two weeks of October, including a mini-candy skull pinata and a worry doll.

on social media, and learn about how the chicks develop in an in-person program at 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 13. When the chicks hatch in November, they can be observed at the Seagrove library and the program will be repeated there.

Check in on the "chick feed" at www.randolphlibrary.org/franklinville.



Book Discussions

Asheboro: *Educated* by Tara Westover, Tuesday, October 26, 2 p.m.

Liberty: *The Pioneers* by David McCullough, 6 p.m. Thursday, October 21. Call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for a copy of the book.

Banned books

The September edition of *Dave and the Borrowers* will feature Banned Books Week, the annual American Library Association event that recognizes banned, challenged or otherwise censored books. The podcast will go live on September 30 at Dave-and-the-borrowers.simplecast.com, and all your favorite podcast platforms.

Sidewalk sales

Pick up bargain books as Franklinville and Seagrove host sidewalk book sales. Franklinville's will take place from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, October 17, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, October 18-21. Seagrove's will take place from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, October 12-15, and 12-2 p.m. Saturday October 16.

Liberty to feature books on money and savings for kids

Liberty's Diverse Book Night, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, October 5, will feature local author Sandra Bartell, who will share her books designed to teach children about money and savings.

Diverse Book night is a monthly event highlighting new books added to the library's collection, and to learn about books that the participants are reading.

Sylvan mural graces Asheboro Children's Room nook

♣ A mural in the Asheboro Children's Room nook designed by librarian Becky Knorpp is now complete.



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The woodland scene depicts rolling meadows under a blue sky with billowing white clouds. Rabbits, deer, a fox

and a salamander cavort in the natural environs as a brook babbles by, and an owl peeks from a hollow in a tree.

Cushiony logs for seating complete the scene.

"Every family who enters the room is taken with the space and uses it right away to play with puppets and read together. It's sublime," says Head of Children's Services Samantha Martin.



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In Memory of: Sue Floyd Farlow
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In Memory of: Henrietta Menius
By: Carol Rich

To: Friends of the Library
By: First United Methodist Church
Sarah Shoffner

Get lawn care tips

♣ Join Horticulture Agent Annie Mills for "Piedmont Lawn Care," a virtual program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 14, at tinyurl.com/piedlc.

Mills, of Randolph County Cooperative Extension, will share advice on establishment and care of lawns; advantages of various grass species; sustainable lawns; and lawn alternatives. Attendees can pick up a *Carolina Lawn Care* booklet.

MISSION

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VISION

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VALUES

Service - We serve with heart and provide friendly, helpful faces and welcoming, accessible spaces. We are positive and responsive, compassionate and kind, and greet everyone with a smile.

Teamwork - We work together in order to better serve our community. We are flexible, adaptable, and respectful of our coworkers and community members.

Inclusion - We embrace people from all walks of life and provide a safe, judgement-free place for all. We remove barriers to access, value diverse perspectives, and welcome traditionally marginalized voices.

Curiosity - We are open to new ideas, especially when they challenge our own beliefs and assumptions. We believe that the library and the community thrive when minds are inquiring and hearts are open.

Stewardship - We are co-owners of community assets and caretakers of public resources. We engage the community in decision-making and promote trust, transparency, and accountability in all we do.

Read the full document at www.randolphlibrary.org/strategicplan

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Collect and circulate material for enlightenment and recreation
- Provide reliable information and research resources
- Support educational success and lifelong learning
- Offer programs for individual and community enrichment
- Provide a place for everyone

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- **Libraries are welcoming, accessible, and inclusive for all**

While it is easy to say “libraries are for all,” it can be hard to make that a reality. We are committed to doing the work to make our libraries truly a place for everyone.

- **Libraries encourage and engage readers of all ages, stages, and interests**

Reading is both an essential life skill and a source of lifelong comfort and joy. Regardless of reading ability, interest, or taste, we are committed to serving readers.

- **Libraries are essential partners in community well-being and civic life**

Libraries change lives. We believe that we can play an even greater, more vital role in supporting the mind, body, and soul of the county and its residents.

- **Library staff are empowered, engaged, and connected**

Our staff are our most valued and valuable resource. In order to deliver on our mission and achieve our vision, we must invest in supporting and developing our team.

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