



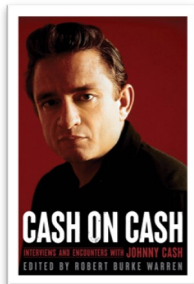
'Cash on Cash'

Sunset Series returns with life of Johnny Cash in words and music

♣ Singer-songwriters Robert Burke Warren and Casey Noel will trace the life of Johnny Cash in words and music as the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series returns, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 22, at the historic Sunset Theatre in downtown Asheboro.

Their appearance is free and the public is invited.

Warren is author of *Cash: Interviews and Encounters with Johnny Cash*, forthcoming in September from the Chicago Review Press. In the book, Warren charts the evolution of Cash and his music through interviews Cash gave from the 1950s through the early 2000s, and provides his own commentary on Cash's words.



Warren is a novelist, educator, and music journalist based in the Catskill Mountains of New York. His music writing has appeared in *Vulture*, *Paste*, and *Salon*, among other publications.



Robert Burke Warren and Casey Noel



As a performer, he played bass for the Queens, New York, based garage rock band The Flestones and has forged a career on his own as a singer-songwriter. He also presents educational rock 'n' roll performances for children as "Uncle Rock."

He is married to Grammy-nominated music journalist, author, Janis Joplin biographer and Asheboro native Holly George-Warren.

Noel is a North Carolina-based singer-songwriter. A single entitled "Page 52" off her 2020 EP *Not Just Pretty Words* was added to Spotify's Emerging Americana playlist.

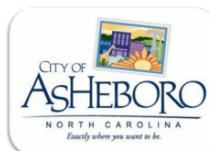
She has performed at Floydfest, Byrds Creek Music Festival and Bristol Rhythm and Roots, and has opened for roots musician Molly Tuttle.

Begun in 2018, the Sunset Series brings high-profile speakers and performers to the Sunset Theatre. It

is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Randolph County Public Library.

Stay tuned for announcement of the 2023 lineup, which is expected to feature six events, later this fall.

For further information, call 800-626-2672. The Sunset Theatre is located at 234 Sunset Avenue.



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Catching up with the Sunset Series

♣ **The performance of Robert Burke Warren with Casey Noel promoted on the front page of this newsletter signals the return of the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series.**

It's not a return, exactly — the Sunset Series never really went away. It just got disrupted, like everything else.

The brainchild of former Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau Executive Director Tammy O'Kelley, the series is modeled on Guilford College's Bryan Series. Sponsored by the HNCVB, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Library, its intent is to bring in high-profile speakers and performers in order to draw visitors from out of town; to provide a cultural outlet for residents; and to showcase the historic Sunset Theatre.

The HNCVB and the city provide funding; the city provides the theatre and logistics; and the Friends do the legwork selecting and booking the presenters.

And some legwork it is! Booking an author or musician from the area might be as simple as a few phone calls. Scheduling a nationally-known figure, on the other hand, involves coordinating dates, negotiating contracts, making travel arrangements, making local arrangements and tending to the presenters' needs while in town.

Dr. Frances Jones, then-president of the Friends of the Library, handled all this with aplomb from the series' inception in 2018, booking 13 acts through last fall — postponing, renegotiating or canceling at least four of them due to the pandemic.

Taking over from Frances on behalf of

the Friends will be local musician Mark Dillon — although “local musician” isn't nearly a sufficient description. Mark, who holds a PH.D. in music education, teaches commercial music at Guilford Technical Community College and songwriting at UNC-Greensboro.

He plays guitar and banjo with the Zinc Kings, a band dedicated to preserving the music of the North Carolina piedmont, and has a long career as a professional musician. His music business acumen well qualifies him for the Sunset Series role — and he likes to be in a position to give musicians performance opportunities, as well!

The series kicked off in January, 2018, with Dr. Elliot Engel, the popular literary lecturer, and drew enough people that the theatre balcony was opened for seating.

Next, Asheville street musician Abby the Spoon Lady packed the house, and made it necessary to turn away over 100 people. Mark says that in the music community, Abby put the Sunset Theatre on the map. One attendee drove 10 hours from Tennessee to see the show.

Most recently, the series featured *Jeopardy!* GOAT Ken Jennings and local bluegrass musicians Dewey and Leslie Brown. In between the series brought to the community a diverse group of authors, performers and public figures — and a total audience of over 2,000.

For 2023, six events are anticipated — three in the spring and three in the fall. Look for the same eclecticism and keep an eye out for an announcement of the lineup.

Talk to focus on Choctaw Nation

♣ “The Choctaw Nation and Indian Removal” is the topic of a talk by UNCG history professor Dr. Greg O’Brien at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 10, at the Asheboro library.

O’Brien’s discussion will focus on the interaction between the Choctaw Nation and the United States as the Choctaws, in 1830, became the first Indian nation to sign a removal treaty exchanging millions of acres in Mississippi for land in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.



Dr. Greg O'Brien

The talk will cover how the state of Mississippi threatened the Choctaws, how Choctaw people resisted banishment, and how the U.S. government forced the issue with passage of the Indian Removal Act.

O'Brien is head of the UNCG Department of History. His research focuses on Native Americans in the U.S. south, American environmental history and the Revolutionary War era. He is author or editor of five books and numerous articles.

Asheboro hosts Halloween bash

...and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ Visit the Asheboro library for thrills, chills and a pumpkin or two at the Spooky Halloween Bash, 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 28

The bash begins with a spooky storytime. Come in costume and parade around the library; enjoy crafts, games and a pumpkin decorating station. Fun for the whole family!

Women in STEAM & Coding

Join Girl Scout Troop #40057 as they conduct a kid-led science event celebrating “Women in STEAM & Coding” at 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 4. Try your hand at coding critters and learn about popular scientists. Best for all ages.

Book clubs for kids

Kids can share favorite books they’ve recently read in book clubs at Asheboro and Randleman.

The Asheboro Children’s Room will host the **Graphic Novel Book Club** at 4 p.m. on the third Friday of each month beginning October 21. Discuss your favorite novel,

dress up in a spooky costume, enjoy snacks and learn how to draw a creepy character; best for ages 7 and up.

At Randleman, the **Book Look Club** for kids in grades 6-8 will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 14.

Randleman also will host a **How To Steal a Dog Book Discussion** at 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 21 for kids in grades 3-8. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up. There will be free pencils, bookmarks, stickers and a book for all participants. It’s part of the North Carolina Humanities Council’s Great Reads from Great Places.

Ramseur book sale

Visit the Ramseur library for a Sidewalk Booksale on Saturday, October 15, during the town’s Day on Main Street celebration. The library will be closed but there will be lots of books to choose from.

Book to Movie at Liberty

Liberty’s Book to Movie Friday film will be *The Lovely Bones*, 1 p.m. October 14.

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Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *When Ghosts Come Home* by Wiley Cash, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 27.

Archdale Book Break: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 18.

Liberty Book Club: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Kruger, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 20.

BYO Book groups

At these book discussion groups, talk about a book or two that you’ve read recently:

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 11;

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, October 17.

Discuss short stories and essays.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up, 1 p.m. Monday, October 24, Liberty Senior Center, 128 S. Fayetteville Street.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 7;

Ramseur Book Club, 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 4;

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 27.

Learn the basics of family research in ‘Genealogy 101’

New to genealogy? Learn the basics of researching your family tree in “Genealogy 101” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13, at the Asheboro library.

Randolph Room staff member Kendra Lyons, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, will conduct the class.

More events at libraries around the county... *continued from page 3*

Asheboro computer classes

Internet Basics, 3 p.m. Wednesday October 4 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 20. Learn about searching, browser tools, recognizing ads, privacy and more.

Cloud Storage, 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 12 and 11 a.m. Thursday, October 27. Learn about options for online storage of photos, documents and more.

Día de los Muertos at Liberty

In honor of Día de los Muertos, build a community altar during the week of October 31-November 5 at the Liberty library to celebrate ancestors, lost loved ones and lost pets. Help set up the altar at 10 a.m. Saturday,

October 29, with photographs and other items in memoriam. Items can be picked up on November 6.

Mug Decorating!

Join Dave the Teen Librarian and Savvy B. in the Asheboro Library Teen Zone to decorate your own mug with Sharpies. 4 p.m. Monday, October 3. Ages 12 and up; mugs provided.

Ramseur boosts hours

The Ramseur library has extended its hours, and is now open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays.

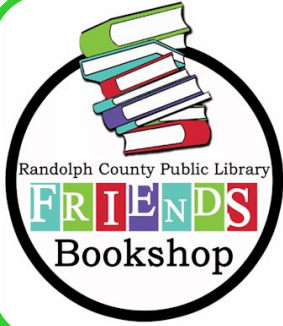
Check your local library for more activities and events!

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In Memory of: Liz Dix
By Walter and Cookie Sprouse

In Memory of: William (Bill) Jones
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Library events to explore Lumbee culture

♣ **Mark your calendars for two events at the Asheboro library in November that invite adults and children to explore the culture of the Lumbee and other indigenous peoples.**

The Children's Room will host an "Indigenous Peoples Storytime" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 2, featuring Lumbee storyteller Stephen Bell. The storytime will include stories, activities and crafts.

Bell is an American Indian Education coordinator with the Guilford County Schools.

Then at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 10, Raven Stanley will present a free, hands-on textile pinecone craft activity as well as a short history lesson on the importance of the pinecone for the Lumbee, the largest Native American tribe in North Carolina.

Stanley is an enrolled member of the Lumbee tribe.