



Randolph Room on display

Artist Ed Rich paints a path through history of Back Creek area

♣ Join local artist Ed Rich for a visual journey through the history of the Back Creek area, 6 p.m. Thursday, October 22, at the Asheboro library.

Through extensive research into his family's 275-year history in the Randolph county area, Rich began to trace the original roads and paths inhabited by his family and their neighbors.

His journey took him through a changed landscape, looking for the last traces of earlier residents, including the mills, dams, and natural scenes of Back Creek and Caraway Creek.

During his presentation, Rich will take a walk through time and space with his paintings and the story of his journey through local history.

Rich, a Randolph County native and lifelong resident, owns and operates the American Classic Motorcycle Company and Museum in Asheboro. He restores antique bikes and cars, and has been known as the "motorcycle artist," with many of his paintings on display at the museum.



Ed Rich showing off some of his paintings in a 1985 photo from the Randolph Room's Historic Photograph Collection, and recently.

Largely a self-taught painter, Rich received early inspiration from Dwight Holland, who taught art when Rich attended Park Street (now Loflin Elementary) School in Asheboro.

Celebrate Family History and Archives Month with open house

♣ The Randolph Room invites you to an open house celebrating Family History and Archives Month, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, October 6.

The open house will showcase the Randolph Room's extensive physical and digital local history and genealogy resources, from family surname files, yearbooks, maps, books, microfilm and photographs, to online tools such as Ancestry, HeritageQuest and locally-created Revolutionary

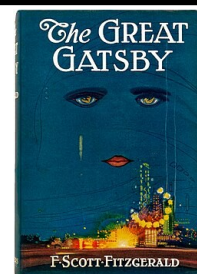
War research databases.

Also on display will be archival works-in-progress to help viewers understand the processes librarians use to preserve historical material, and how those processes can be adapted for use at home with family memorabilia.

A scavenger hunt will let participants test their sleuthing abilities, and door prizes will be awarded. Stop by and stay a while, or just take a walk through. All ages are welcome.

Archdale to host Great Gatsby-themed escape room

Step into a 1920s Great Gatsby-style escape room at the Archdale library, 6:30 p.m. Friday, October 30. Luxury meets deadly feuds as a glamorous party takes a sinister turn, and it's up to you to solve a murder before time runs out. Dress in your finest Roaring Twenties attire (optional) for an evening of intrigue and suspense. Will you solve the mystery, or will you be boats against the current, borne ceaselessly into the past? Ages 18 and up; call 336-431-3811 or visit the library to sign up.



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Sat 9-1

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Extension Service

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

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Ross A. Holt



A new LEAF

♣ **“We want to start a granite and marble countertop cutting business. Does the library have anything that can help?”**

I received this question in the early 2000s at the Reference Desk from a mother and her adult daughter who wanted to start a family business. They wanted to know what start-up costs would be, what kind of equipment they would need, and how to start planning.

I came up dry in several of our traditional reference books and directories. Then I fired up NC LIVE, the at-the-time new consortium that licenses research databases for public, university, independent/private college and community college libraries statewide.

In NC LIVE's vast array of resources, I found a full-text article in a trade journal about a family who started a countertop cutting business — in North Carolina, no less. Just what the doctor (or the patron!) ordered.

Through NC LIVE and other sources, libraries can provide meaningful help to entrepreneurs as they bring their visions to life. Yet barriers exist to our resources reaching this particular audience.

Sometimes librarians — being generalists — aren't specifically trained in this kind of research, and many of the NC LIVE resources require in-depth skills. At the same time, libraries may not be top of mind for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

A new initiative is seeking to change that. The Libraries for Entrepreneurial Advancement Fellowship (LEAF) empowers library staff to support the entrepreneurs and small business owners in their communities. Developed by NC IDEA, a private foundation supporting entrepreneurial and economic

empowerment in North Carolina, LEAF also involves NC LIVE and BLINC (Business Librarianship in North Carolina), a section of the North Carolina Library Association.

“Libraries are lifelong learning hubs and the foundational incubators of innovation,” says Carlo Diy, NC IDEA program manager.

Earlier this year, LEAF selected its third cohort of 14 librarians and library staff in the state, and I'm pleased to report that our Archdale Public Library Manager Ashley Rose is among them.

In March, Ashley participated in a two-and-a-half day, in person fellowship and skill-building event. Virtual support, as well as mutual support among the fellows, continues.

She is now reaching out to local entrepreneurial organizations, and will inaugurate the initiative in an Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce Lunch and Learn at noon Wednesday, October 28 (details TBA) to raise awareness about how the library can help.

And the library's resources are powerful: **Data Axle**, a comprehensive business and market research tool; **Entrepreneurial Learning Initiative**, a mindset training course; the **ProQuest Entrepreneurial Collection**, which includes free industry reports, full text articles, video clips, market research reports, start-up plans including, templates and forms, and more; **Social Explorer**, a visualization and data-mapping tool with thousands of data indicators.

And there's yet more, all available from anywhere with your library card; find them at www.randquest.org.

If you or your organization wants to learn more, reach out to Ashley, arose@randolphlibrary.org or 336-431-3811.



Author Claire Merrick to present reading

♣ Novelist Claire Merrick will read from and talk about her urban young adult novel *The Screaming Tree* at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, at the Asheboro library.

Inspired by a real tree in Asheboro, the book centers on a small town in Tennessee where a tree with two knothole “faces” seems to embody two warring spirits.

As long as the spirits remain content, the town thrives, but everyone fears what



Claire Merrick

might happen if their feud spills beyond the branches.

When 13-year-old Bea Durant moves to town with her father, they are presented with a set of rules for their side of town. But a reckless decision on a stormy night releases one of the spirits, forcing Bea to protect her new home.

Merrick, a former news producer for Fox8, now writes what she is passionate about: magic, mystery and good vs. evil with a dash of horror.

Libraries to offer Halloween activities ...and other activities around the county

♣ Four libraries will host activities for Halloween at the end of October.

Asheboro Children’s Room will offer **Trick or Treat at the Asheboro Library**, 4-5:30 p.m. Friday, October 30. Bring your costumed child for treats from your local library friends.

Teens at the Archdale library are invited to make cookies as spooky as they are delicious in **Monsters & Mummies Cookie Decorating**, 4 p.m. Friday, October 23. Ages 12 and up.

Liberty library will join the **Trunk or Treat** hosted by the Liberty Parks and Recreation Department, at Freedom Park, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, October 31. Treats and free books will be available and other local organizations will be set up to give away treats. The library will close at 11 a.m. for the event.

There will be **Trick or Treat, Bugs to Eat & Halloween Parade** at Randleman’s Preschool Story Times, 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30. Kids are invited to wear a not-so-scary costume and parade around the library. For birth-age 5, with an adult caregiver.

Learn Canva

Interested in learning how to use the graphic design resource Canva? The Randleman library will offer “Why Learn Canva? Design Skills for Everyday,” 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 13 for ages 16 and up. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Ethereal jellyfish

Reclaim your creative side and paint an “Ethereal Jellyfish” at the Franklinville and Seagrove libraries. Bring a canvas any size. Seagrove, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 10. Franklinville: 2 p.m. Sunday, October 11.

Wolf painting

If ethereal jellyfish aren’t your thing, teens ages 12-18 at the Asheboro library can pick up brushes for “Preppy Possum Wolf Painting” with Nikki Cherry Needham, 4 p.m. Monday, October 19. Ten seats are available; call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Pumpkin painting

If neither ethereal jellyfish nor wolves are your thing, create your own “Fall Pumpkin Painting” at Liberty, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 8, or 10 a.m. Saturday, October 10. Call 336-622-4605 to register.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Night Hunter* by Natalie Moss, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 27.

Archdale Book Break: *The Mighty Red* by Levi Allen, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 20.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club. Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Monday, October 19.

Liberty Afternoon Book Club: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, 1 p.m. Tuesday, October 20.

Liberty Brunch Book Club: *We Are All Guilty Here* by Karen Slaughter, 11 a.m. Saturday, October 24.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you’ve read recently.

Archdale, Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 13.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 6.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 2.

Randleman Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 16.

Seagrove, Un-Book Club, 4 p.m. Friday, October 30.

Liberty’s community altar returns

In honor of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), the Liberty library will build a community altar during the week of October 28-November 4 to celebrate authors, illustrators and beloved figures

in the world of literacy. Stop in to learn more about those being memorialized, and find out about the tradition of community altars during Día de los Muertos.



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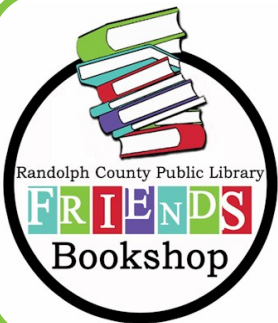


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Libraries offer experiences for homeschoolers

♣ **Four libraries will offer experiences tailored for homeschool families during October.**

Archdale's Homeschool Explorers will take on "The Great Pumpkin Drop Challenge" at 10 a.m. Friday, October 16. Learn about pumpkins before designing and building a protective basket — then test the result with help from the Archdale Fire Department. Ages five and up.

Liberty's Homeschool Lab will

study how candy corn reacts to different liquid environments, 2 p.m. Thursday, October 15. Ages K-5th grade; call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

At **Ramseur**, join Ron Hall for "Every Leaf Has a Story," all about leaves and trees, 1 p.m. Friday, October 16.

At **Seagrove's Homeschool Adventures**, 1 p.m. Tuesdays, it's "Surviving History" for kids 7-11. Find out what it was like to live during the American Revolution in 1776, the Dust Bowl in 1939, and other historical moments.