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Libraries to celebrate Family Literacy Day

♣ Asheboro, Ramseur and Randleman libraries will get festive with fun and educational activities for families in recognition of National Family Literacy Day, November 1.

Celebrated annually in the U.S. since 1994, this event is an occasion for libraries to shine a spotlight on activities that promote learning experiences for children and families.

Asheboro

At the Asheboro library, the celebration will move to Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stations will be set up around the library with early literacy skill-building games and activities for children. Each station also will have handouts for parents with tips and ideas to extend early learning opportunities at home.

Activities kick off with a storytime and also will include:

- Story Wall: participants will help build a story one sentence at a time.
- **Puppets:** make a puppet to take home.
- Letter Recognition: a game that

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Bigfoot lurks in Archdale?

♣Will there be a Sasquatch sighting at the library?

Bigfoot researcher Michael D. Greene will talk about his nationwide quest for the legendary beast at 7 p.m. Friday, November 2, at the Archdale Public Library.

The event is free and the public is invited.

In search of Sasquatch, Greene has traveled from Bella Coola, British Columbia, to the Teslin River, Yukon Territory, to Bluff Creek, California, to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington, to the Adirondack Mountains of New York state, Florida's Everglades and to North Carolina, where he now makes his home near Salisbury. He has a thermal film image of what appears to be a Sasquatch moving through the North Carolina woods at night, and in 2011 was filmed by an Animal Planet crew for the show "Finding Bigfoot."

Greene has a masters of science degree in behavioral psychology, is a court-qualified Questioned Documents Expert and for 20 years was Chief Investigator for a state fraud bureau.

He is a pilot and a former EMT and an 18-year member of the National Ski Patrol. When not "Squatching" he can be found sailing his catamaran ALL I ASK out of Norfolk, Virginia.

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

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336-498-3141 Fax 336-498-1139 122 Commerce Sq. Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

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

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from the director

Ross A. Holt



The library goes to school

♣ It's Tuesday, October 15, as I write this, and Ramseur librarians Sandra Livingston and Sandy Jarrell are talking to Coleridge School fifth graders about North Carolina Book Award nominees.

There's nothing unusual about that, except that Sandra and Sandy haven't left the library, and the students are at the school.

The librarians and the students are communicating via Skype, the online face-to-face video communication tool.

It's the latest way in which librarians reach out to students in schools, and to their parents as well. But library involvement with the schools is a longstanding tradition.

Elementary school classes routinely visit the libraries for storytimes and other events. The Seagrove library hosts holiday and other special programs for various classes in grades K-3 and the pre-K program, and North Carolina programs for fifth graders.

It's not unusual to find Seagrove librarian Barbara Luther dressed up as turkey, or a Christmas tree, or a pumpkin or Johnny Appleseed, depending on the holiday or the season. When the weather is bad, Barbara takes storytime to the school.

Classes from various schools frequently visit Asheboro's Children's Room. For years teachers from Lindley Park School have walked their kindergarten classes up to the library (one memorable day, the combined



Ramseur librarian Sandra Livingston Skypes with Coleridge School fifth graders.

kindergartens posed for a photo at the fountain).

Now, children's librarian Susan Coltrane visits the school each month to bring storytimes to them.

We also reach out to the kids and their parents during "Family Night" events at various Asheboro City and Randolph County elementary schools. Last school year, staff from the Circulation and Children's departments set up shop during about 15 of the events to make families aware of the library and our services, and to issue library cards to anyone who wanted one.

Sandra and Sandy have another Skype session set for tomorrow with another of the Coleridge fifth grade classes, and will continue with monthly meet-ups with classes in different grades.

And countywide, we will continue to seek innovative ways to maintain the exchange between school and library.





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promotes this key early literacy skill.

- Go Fish: fish for letters or shapes.
- Play-Doh: make letters and shapes out of Play-Doh.
- **Hopscotch:** land on colors, shapes and letters and call out their names.

Kids and families can register for library cards, and an information station will provide an opportunity for community organizations involved in family literacy to reach out to participants.

Each child participating will be given a Reading Passport to be stamped at each station and during future trips to the library. When the passport is filled, children will receive reading rewards.

Randleman

The Randleman Public Library will host a series of events on Thursday, November 1, beginning with "Family Pajama Preschool Storytime" at 10:30 a.m. Parents, caregivers and children are encouraged (but not required) to wear their pajamas as they enjoy stories, activities and music.

Three copies of *Reading Magic* by Mem Fox will be given away, along with information about the library's preschool "Read to Me" program and early literacy.

At 3 p.m., The Dixie Hick (library staff member Tammy Crotts) will drop by to entertain children of all ages with an unusual fairy tale and a slightly scary story. At 3:30 p.m., the library will screen the movie *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*.

While supplies last, every child 5-12 years old and teen 13-17 years old who registers for a library card will receive a free book.

Ramseur

The Ramseur library is collecting children's books to donate to the Ramseur Food Pantry. The library's regular storytime at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, November 1, will focus on family literacy with the theme "Read to Your Bunny." Library staff also has prepared a handout for parents featuring tips and techniques to promote children's development of pre-literacy skills at home.

Kids to get hands-on with science

♣ Children can make the link between literacy and science through free, hands-on after-school science programs at the Asheboro library.

The series, "Hands-On Science," will kick-off at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 26, and will continue on the last Thursday of each month.

Librarians will guide kids through a series of experiments, teach them scientific vocabulary, and lead them to the proper conclusions by asking them questions during each science experiment. Each child will be given all supplies necessary to complete a take home project and will be

guided step-by-step.

"Reading and books are directly connected to science and math, and it can all be a lot of fun when we put it all together," says children's librarian Melina Simpson.

Upcoming programs will include Windmills, November 26; Plastic Bottle Boats, December 27; Wind Speed and Direction Indicators January 31; Air-Powered Rockets, February 28; and Water Wheel Lifting Gears, March 28.

Children in grades 2-6 are invited to participate. Registration is required; call 336-318-6804 to sign up or for more information.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October

Luna Book Club: The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams, 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 30.

Archdale Book Break: The Road to Grace: The Third Journal of the Walk Series by Richard Paul Evans, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 16.

Men in Black Book Club:

American Gods by Neil Gaiman, Noon, Thursday, November 15.

Liberty Book Club: Fourth Tuesday, Liberty library. Call 622-4605 for details.

Ebook-on-the-Go

Ebooks-on-the Go will be offered again at 3 p.m. Monday, November 5, at the Asheboro library. Bring your e-reader for one-onone assistance.

> Archdale Library Friends

Fall Book Sale

Sat., Nov. 17, 9am-4pm Mon., Nov. 19, 9am-6pm Tues., Nov. 20, 9am-2pm

Great Bargains! 10433 S. Main St. Archdale, NC 27263

Randleman Public Library BOOK SALE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Third Saturday
of each month
124 Commerce Pl.
next to the library.

Send holiday mail to heroes at Seagrove

The Seagrove Friends of the Library's Crafting for A Cause series continues with Holiday Mail for Heroes, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, at the Seagrove library.

Anyone age 18 and over is invited to make Christmas cards for soldiers serving overseas.

Call the library at 873-7521 to sign up.

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