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Liberty holiday concert to feature The Adequates barbershop group

Asheboro's celebrated The Adequates will perform holiday tunes and barbershop standards, along with a special salute to veterans, in the Liberty Public Library's Holiday Concert, 2 p.m. Sunday, November 10. The performance is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Asheboro to host driving safety, Medicare programs

♣ Learn about Medicare open enrollment and safe driving for seniors.

The programs are free and the public is invited.
Join Certified Senior Advisor Warren Coble for

Medicare and You at 2 p.m. Friday, November 8, at the
Asheboro library. Coble will discuss all aspects of Medicare
open enrollment including Parts A, B, C and D; costs for
high income recipients; help for low income recipients; and
supplements.

Challenges faced by older drivers and strategies for improving driving are topics of **Still Safe Behind the Wheel** with occupational therapist Cyndee Crompton, 3 p.m. Thursday, November 21 at the Asheboro library. Her talk will focus on maximizing driving independence for seniors.

Asheboro library to get new carpet, flooring

♣ After 18 years — and millions of individual feet — the worn-out carpet and other Asheboro library flooring will be replaced come the new year.

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners on October 7 approved purchase of all new flooring for the library, including carpet, vinyl tile and entry area walk-off material, from Shaw Industries.

Funding for the project is provided by the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc.; the City of Asheboro; the Randolph Public Library Trust Fund (Asheboro Building Fund); the Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation; and an anonymous donor via the Friends of the Library.

Installation is expected to begin in mid-January 2014. It will be staged, and will include some evening/weekend work in high-traffic areas, so that the library can remain generally open during the project.

A compressed air "stack lift" will take place so that carpet can be installed under bookcases without requiring removal and storage of the books, allowing for future reconfiguration of library space without the need for more carpet work.

Shaw is based in Georgia but does significant business with libraries in North Carolina. Its recent installations have included Rowan-Cabarrus Community College library, Rowan County Public Library, Central Piedmont Community College library, Davie County Public Library, Gaston County Public Library and Davidson College library.

The current flooring was installed when the building was renovated and expanded in 1994, and includes carpet tiles and broadloom carpet. In addition to heavy wear, soil and staining throughout on both types of carpet, some of the broadloom is beginning to come apart.

Look for more details and schedules as the project develops.

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from the director

Ross A. Holt



It's never to early to say thanks!

♣ There will be plaques, an open house and a reception to recognize all who are helping with the Asheboro library carpet project, but it's never too early to start saying, "Thank You."

Where would we be without the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc.? The Foundation, which traces its origins to the group that founded the Asheboro library, is providing over half the funding for the flooring project.

With its contribution, the City of Asheboro, as represented by Mayor David Smith and the City Council, and City Manager John Ogburn, continues to help make the library exactly where you want to be, in a city that's "Exactly Where I Want to Be."

Further support came from the Randolph County Public Library Board of Trustees as managers of the library's trust fund, of which the Asheboro Public Library Building Fund is a part.

As it has done throughout the library's history, the **Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation** generously continued its support of the library with this project.

An **Anonymous Donor** (you know who you are!) provided a key contribution that helped leverage additional funding.

The stalwart **Friends of the Library** provided logistical support, raising and receiving some of the grant funding.

Two key library supporters helped evaluate and choose the new carpet: **Missy**

Rankin, former president of both the Foundation and the Friends, and former staff member **Amy Keith Barney**, contributed their immense design skills.

Anytime a public institution makes a big purchase, there's a host of policies and procedures that must be followed. We could not have reached this point without the advice and support of Randolph County Purchasing Officer Audrey Alexander and County Attorney Aimee Scotton, and the guidance of County Manager Richard Wells and Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer Will Massie.

And of course the **Randolph County Board of Commissioners** ultimately approved purchasing of the flooring through Randolph County government.

A host of technical issues arise in a project of this nature, too. What, for example, do you do with the old carpet? Recycling is ideal but costly; Randolph County Public Works Director **Paxton Arthurs** found a no-cost solution.

And I could write a paragraph — or a column or a book — every month about the talent and dedication of the **Randolph County Maintenance Department**. In early October, they figured out and repaired (in short order!) a big plumbing problem that, had it not been discovered until carpet removal revealed it, would have presented a major setback during installation.

There will be more "thanks" to come, but for these groups and individuals I can't say it early —or often — enough.

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GOBLINS & GOBBLERS

Libraries invite kids for Halloween, Thanksgiving events

♣ From a "Monster Mash" to a "Turkey Tea," there's plenty of fall fun at the libraries.

All events are free and the public is invited; some require pre-registration.

Every Child Ready to Read will host a Monster Mash Family Fun Night from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, at the Asheboro Public Library. It's free, and aimed at children age 0-5 and their parents/caregivers, but older siblings are welcome too.

There will be talking, singing, reading, writing and playing all about monsters. Visit the Children's Room or call 318-6804 to sign up.

The Archdale library's **Annual Halloween Party** for children and families is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 29. Enjoy spooky stories, games and refreshments. It's free and costumes are welcome. Call 431-3811 for more information.

On the day before Halloween, treat the kids to a **Not-So-Spooky Halloween**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, at the Asheboro library. Read some fun Halloween stories, sing some silly songs and make a not-so-scary Jack-o-lantern to take home. Kids are invited to wear their costumes. No sign-up required.

Once Halloween is over, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. In Randleman, Karen McFetters will lead children in grades K-5 in **Making Corn Husk People** at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, November 21. Space is limited; call 498-3141 to sign up.

Meanwhile, at Asheboro's **Gobble Gobble Turkey Time**, 3:30 p.m. Friday,
November 22, kids can share turkey
stories, both fiction and nonfiction, and
learn about the first Thanksgiving,
thankfulness and sharing. There will be a
Thanksgiving/turkey-related craft as well.

The Asheboro Children's Room also will host a **Turkey Tea** for mothers and daughters to celebrate the season in a more formal way, 2-3 p.m. Saturday, November 23.

Repeating the popular spring Mother and Daughter Tea, real china is used and families are encouraged to dress formally to enjoy tea, hot apple cider and holiday finger food provided by the Friends.

Space is limited; visit the Children's Room or call 318-6804 to sign up. Those on the waiting list for last year's Tea for Two will be offered first registration for this event.

Spence pens WWII historical novel

♣ Christian Strayhorn Spence will introduce her novel *General Pershing's Other Daughter* at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 7 at the Asheboro library.

Her appearance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

The novel focuses on Julia, an American orphan sent to live in Austria during Hitler's rise to power.

Asheboro native Spence holds a masters degree in history from the

University of Nebraska-Kearney, and teaches history in Greensboro.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: Freeman by Leonard Pitts, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 29; The Round House by Louise Erdrich, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 26.

Luna Book Club: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 29 and November 26. (Asheboro)

Men in Black Book Club: TBD, Noon Thursday, November 21. (Asheboro) Archdale Book Break: Rin Tin Tin: The Life of a Legend by Susan Orlean, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 19. Liberty Book Club: Fourth

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

Pottery Center

Find out about the North Carolina Pottery Center and N.C. pottery with center Executive Director Lindsey Lambert at 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 12 at the Asheboro library. Lambert will talk about the center, its mission and its role in promoting awareness of the history, heritage and ongoing tradition of pottery-making in the state through educational programs, collection and preservation, and research and documentation.

Prior to joining the pottery center in 2013, Lambert served as director of Greensboro College's museum and archives.

Hudson to talk about St. Paul Museum, Randleman history

Head to the Randleman Public Library for "St. Paul Museum: A Glimpse into Randleman's Past" with Louise Hudson, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 19. Hudson is retired manager of the Randleman library and is currently chair of its board of trustees.

Her talk is free and the public is invited.

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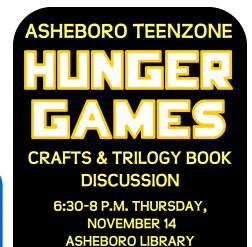
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