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Meet the authors at breakfast in Archdale

♣ Connect with area authors in a relaxed setting during the Archdale Library Friends Author Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, October 25, at the Archdale Public Library.

The meet-the-authors event is free and the public is invited. A deluxe continental breakfast will be provided by members of the Archdale Library Friends.

Space is limited; call 431-3811 to reserve a spot.

Area authors appearing this year include: Mary Ball, inspirational romance; Nick Barry, children's adventure; Estie Bennington, memoir; Cara Bevan, children's; Julia Ebel, North Carolina folklore/nostalgia; Joe Eckstein, children's; and Rachel Westriru, fantasy.

Each author will speak for 15-20 minutes, followed by a Q&A period about the author's writing. The authors will sell and sign copies of their books after the presentations.

The Author Breakfast, a recurring event at the library, resumes this year after a three-year hiatus.

From top: Ball, Barry, Bennington, Bevan, Ebel, Eckstein and Westriru



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♣ A new collection of over 1,200 downloadable ebooks from North Carolina-based publishers is now available from the library and NC LIVE.

The collection, called Home Grown Ebooks, includes both fiction and non-fiction titles for adults, teens and children, with books contributed by publishers including Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, Crossroad Press, Gryphon House, Ingalls Publishing Group, John F. Blair Publishing, McFarland, Press 53 and UNC Press.

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Asheboro library to host Teacher Appreciation Night

The library invites teachers and those who work with the schools to enjoy some down time during American Education Week, November 16-22. Drop in at the Asheboro library any time from 3-7 p.m. on Monday, November 17, to enjoy homemade treats from the Friends of the Library, and register for a chance to win door prizes. Sign up for a library card if you don't have one, and replace a lost or damaged card at no cost (be prepared to a show school ID).

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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Richard Wells: coach of the team

♣ **When the first edition of this newsletter appeared in July 1992, Richard Wells was eight months into his tenure as library director.**

In his inaugural "From the Director" column, he focused not on his plans or his background, but on the changes taking place at the library and the people behind those changes. He concluded: "I am simply the coach of a very good team."

Freeing people to do what they do best, and trusting them to do it, has been the hallmark of Richard's career, both as library director then as county manager (I certainly wouldn't be in a position to write this column without his inspiration and support). He's also incredibly effective in building relationships among people, institutions, local governments and other interests.

These talents have led to an incomparable string of accomplishments and advancements for the library and for the county. But as much as Richard is loathe to take credit, he's quick to share it — or just give it away!

Richard became library director in 1991, a difficult time for the library system. "We are working hard here to modernize the Asheboro/Randolph Public Library, particularly in the manner in which we accomplish our duties in serving the library users of Randolph County," he wrote in that first newsletter column.

And modernize he did. Within a year, a new library building was underway in Archdale, along with a new governance

arrangement between the city and the county. Within two years, Asheboro voters had passed a bond referendum to expand their library, and within two more years that expansion was complete. Within six years library functions were computerized.

Also within two years, Richard was named Director of the Year by his colleagues in the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association.

Then there was the new Seagrove library, a partnership among the county, the town and the Randolph County Schools. Groundwork was laid with the city and the county for the new Asheboro library parking lot. Collaboration with the Randolph County Partnership for Children resulted in projects that have had a life-changing impact on children and families.

Meanwhile, Richard headed up the efforts to preserve the 1909 Randolph County courthouse. As county manager, he saw the initiative through to completion, using the talents of our county building inspectors, who faced uncertain futures as construction slowed during the recession.

Speaking of the recession: county government weathered it with Richard at the helm, with no mass layoffs, no furloughs and no significant cuts to services.

Richard will be the first to credit all who had a hand in making these things happen: county and municipal elected and appointed officials; library staff and supporters; county staff and department heads; and community leaders. And rightly so.

But Richard was coach of the team.



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OPENING AT THE LIBRARY

School-age kids invited to join in Readers' Theater

♣ **Make reading come to life during November at the Asheboro library through a Readers' Theater for school-age kids.**

This fun and interactive activity will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. on four Saturdays in November. Children participating will pick a play script and practice it for three Saturdays beginning



November 1, and perform it for family and friends on the fourth, November 22.

In readers' theater, actors perform using the script, so no memorization is required. Kids participating must be able to read, but no theatrical background is necessary.

Parents are encouraged to stay and assist.

HALLOWEEN!

Libraries to hold (not so) scary events for kids, teens

♣ **Children and families are invited to have some ghoulish fun at the Asheboro and Archdale libraries for Halloween.**

The Asheboro Public Library Children's Room will host a **Halloween Monster Mash** at 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 29. It's free and the public is invited.

Hear silly stories, make a monster mask and have a monster roar contest. Children are invited to wear their costumes for a costume parade around the library.

Afterwards, stay for pictures in the Halloween photo booth and sample some tasty treats.

Children of all ages and their families

are invited to the Archdale Public Library's annual **Halloween Party** at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 28. Costumes are optional. Slightly spooky stories and goody bags will be offered, and refreshments will be served.

No registration required; call 431-3811 for more information.

Teens: Photo Booth, Scary Book Chat

Teens at Asheboro can dress as their favorite book character or scary creature and have their pictures snapped in the "Scary Photo Booth Cosplay" at 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 29. The photos will be posted to the library's Facebook page.

A Halloween party and Scary Book Chat will follow.

Kids invited for aviation expert, activities

♣ **Ever wonder how planes fly?**

Find out and celebrate Aviation Month as the Asheboro library's Children's Room hosts a representative from the North Carolina Aviation Museum and Hall of Fame to discuss aviation of all sorts at

4 p.m. Thursday, November 13.

The presentation is free and open to the public. It primarily is intended for children ages 4-10 and their families.

The presentation will include exciting activities and crafts that will demonstrate the science behind flight.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Headmaster's Wife* by Christopher Greene, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 28.

Luna Book Club: *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty, 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 28. (Asheboro)

Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club: Laura Ingalls Wilder event with books, food, crafts, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 19. (Asheboro)

BOB Book Club: *Extra Credit* by Andrew Clements, 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 5 (4th & 5th graders, Asheboro library)

Archdale Book Break: *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 18.

Movie & popcorn

The Randleman Public Library's Movie & Popcorn series will feature Disney's Maleficent at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, November 20, at the library. The screening, for all ages, is free and the public is invited. Space is limited; seating is first-come first served.

Bledsoe ebooks

True crime books by Jerry Bledsoe are now available in electronic format. Visit randolph.lib.overdrive.com to read *Bitter Blood*, *Blood Games*, *Before He Wakes* and *Death Sentence*.

Learn how to make a Williamsburg Swag at Randleman library

Join former Randleman library manager Louise Hudson to learn how to make a Williamsburg Swag wreath, 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, at the Randleman Public Library.

The event, for anyone 18 and older, is free but space is limited. Call 498-3141 to sign up. It's sponsored by St. Paul Museum, Burge Florist and the Randleman library.



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