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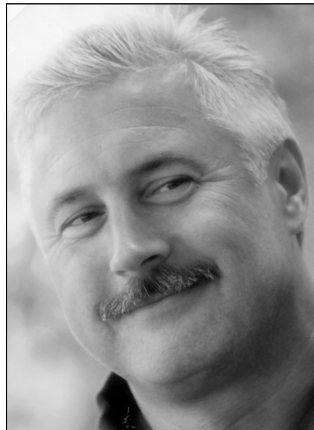
## Civil War comes to library in December

♣ The received wisdom about life in North Carolina during the Civil War is not nearly as interesting as what actually happened, says author Philip Gerard.

Hot off a popular series of articles in *Our State* focusing on personal and thematic elements of the war, Gerard will talk about his discoveries at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 13, at the Asheboro library.

The talk is free and open to the public.

Gerard is the author of many historical novels set in North Carolina, including *Cape Fear Rising* and *Hatteras Light*. He has also written nonfiction books addressing topics ranging from the history of the schooner yacht *Brilliant* (*Brilliant Passage*) to World War II Germany (*Secret Soldiers*).



**Author Philip Gerard**

He is the chair of the department of creative writing at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and lectures widely on the art and craft of writing history-based stories.

His book *Creative Nonfiction: Researching Stories of Real Life* is a standard in college classrooms across the country.

Gerard's appearance is part of *Civil War 150: Exploring the War and Its Meaning Through the Words of Those Who Lived It*, a national programming initiative in recognition of the war's sesquicentennial presented by The Library of America in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of America, supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Polar Bear!

**Zoo educator to debut new children's book with reading, storytime**

♣ Discover the real life of Willie, one of the NC Zoo's polar bears, when author and zoo Visitor Educator Tonya Weeks visits the Asheboro library at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 8.



**Tonya Weeks**

Weeks is author of *I Am Polar Bear*, in which readers can learn about Willie's daily life, polar bear anatomy and ways to protect this endangered species. "I have always been an animal lover and the big guy just spoke to my heart. I had no choice but to tell his story," Weeks says.

The reading/storytime is free and the public is invited.



## Davis to play for holidays

Virtuoso guitarist Larry G. Davis will present "A Ridges Mountain Christmas" at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 20, at the Asheboro Public Library, featuring tunes for the holiday season. The show, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

IN MEMORIAM CHARLESANNA FOX

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*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



## Charlesanna Fox, 1910-2012

♣ As this newsletter goes to press, we have learned of the passing of Charlesanna Fox



She was 102.

Not only did she build the Randolph County Public Library system during her tenure as library director from 1949 to 1977, she also influenced the leaders who would take the library into the 21st Century and carry her vision onward: Suzanne Tate, Richard Wells, Linda Shirley, Arlene Smith, Marsha Haithcock and many others.

Charlesanna's philosophy and imprint can be felt in our seven service objectives, drafted in 1963 but still amazingly current:

1. To assemble, preserve and administer, in organized collections, books and related educational and recreational material in order to promote, through guidance and stimulation, the communication of ideas, an enlightened citizenship and enriched personal lives.
2. To serve the community as a center of reliable information.
3. To provide a place where inquiring minds may encounter the original, sometimes unorthodox and critical ideas so necessary as correctives and stimulants in a society that depends for its survival on free competition of ideas.
4. To support educational, civic and cultural

activities of groups and organizations.

5. To provide opportunity and encouragement for children, young people, men and women to educate themselves continuously.

6. To seek continually to identify community needs, to provide programs of service to meet such needs, and to cooperate with other organizations, agencies and institutions which can provide

programs or services to meet community needs.

7. To provide opportunity for recreation through the use of literature, music, films and other art forms.

Charlesanna's influence extended beyond the boundaries of Randolph County. During her century-long lifetime, she was a towering figure in North Carolina librarianship.

She served as president of the North Carolina Library Association from 1953 to 1955, and during her tenure presided over the racial integration the NCLA.

She was named Citizen of the Year by the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce in 1999. In 2008, she was awarded North Carolina's highest honor: the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Look for a full tribute to Charlesanna in next month's newsletter.

# Early start!

## Library to offer lapsit storytime for babies

♣ It's never too early to share the building blocks of reading skills with your child.

With that in mind, the Asheboro library Children's Room will offer a storytime for babies and their parents/caregivers at 10:30 a.m. Mondays starting December 3.

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children ages 0-18 months for a 20-minute lapsit storytime that incorporates age-appropriate books, music, rhymes and movement.

The storytime is free. For further information, contact Melina Simpson at 318-6804.

## More events for children, families

**Hands-On Science: Windmills!** Learn about windmills by making one to take home, 3 p.m. Thursday, November 29, Asheboro library. Grades 2-6; call 318-6804 to register.

**Milk and Cookies with Santa:** Holiday stories from Santa Claus; holiday crafts; cookies and milk at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 6 at the Asheboro library. Call 318-6804 to sign up.

**Hands-On Science: Plastic Bottle Boats!** 3 p.m. Thursday, December 27, Asheboro library. Grades 2-6; call 318-6804 to register.

**Board Game Bonanza:** 10-noon Friday, December 28. Children of all ages are invited for a morning of gaming fun with classic board games such as Twister, Sorry!, Jenga, Candyland and Monopoly.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *A Land More Kind Than Home* by Wiley Cash, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 27.

**Luna Book Club:** *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 27.

**Archdale Book Break:** 1225 *Christmas Tree Lane* by Debbie Macomber, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 18.

**Men in Black Book Club:** Meet to select titles for the new year. Noon Thursday, December 20.

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

## AHS yearbooks digitized, now online

♣ The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center has completed digitization of 22 years of Asheboro High School's Ash-Hi-Life yearbook.

The volumes can be accessed at [www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/high-school-yearbooks](http://www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/high-school-yearbooks); select Randolph County and

then Asheboro High School. Yearbooks available include 1932; 1938-1942; 1945; 1947-1961.

To protect individuals' privacy and limit the scope of the statewide high school yearbook digitization effort, the Digital Heritage Center accepted only yearbooks older than 50 years.

## Archdale to offer Ebooks-on-the-Go

♣ Get one-on-one help from library staff with ebooks, e-readers and the library's Digital Depot ebook site during two 'Ebooks-on-the-Go' sessions at the Archdale library.

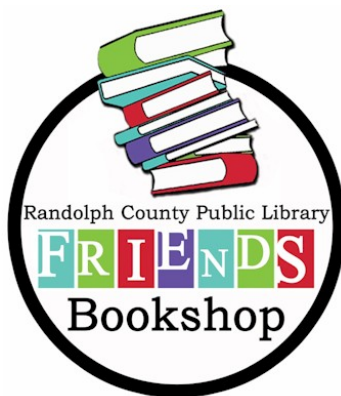
The drop-in sessions will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, and 9-noon Friday, November 30. They are

free and no registration is required.

Learn how to search for ebooks at the Digital Depot site, check them out and download them to your e-reader, tablet or other device.

Nook users should bring their Nooks, laptops and library cards. Kindle users should bring their Kindles and library cards.

Staff will be available to help on a first-come first-served basis.



*The Friends of the Library Bookshop is closed during renovation of the Sunset Theatre. Please find a selection of used books for sale at the Asheboro library.*

### Randleman Public Library BOOK SALE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Third Saturday  
of each month  
124 Commerce Pl.  
next to the library.


## Mark calendars for author Wiley Cash

Meet Wiley Cash, author of *A Land More Kind than Home*, at 1 p.m. Monday, February 11, 2013, at the Asheboro Public Library. Cash's appearance is sponsored by

the Friends of the Library, Sorosis Book Club and Thursday Study Club.

The library's Asheboro Reads Book Club will discuss the book at 2 p.m. Monday, November 27.





**YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year.**

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 By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

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