

# Asheboro library holiday concert to feature Carolers of Christmas Past

♣ The charm of a musical Victorian holiday will take over the Asheboro library as the Carolers of Christmas Past perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 12.

The concert is free and the public is invited. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The a cappella quartet performs traditional songs and holiday carols in authentic, hand-crafted Victorian costume. Their repertoire includes over 70 sacred and secular selections, from Old World to modern.



The Carolers are Jennifer Jordan, soprano; Nate Pendley, tenor; Dennis Ramsey, baritone and Lisa Ramsey, musical director and arranger. Together, group members have 120 years combined singing experience.

Since their founding in 2001, the Winston-Salem based Carolers have performed at the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the

White House lawn, and at the North Carolina Governor's Mansion. They are mainstays at the Dickens of a Christmas Festival in Roanoke, Va., and are performing this holiday season at Old Salem.

## Kids, teen activities to precede Carolers show

♣ Before the Carolers sing on Thursday, December 12, kids are invited to "Christmas in the Children's Room," and teens can make Christmas cards for homebound library patrons.

Both events begin at 5 p.m. and are free and open to the public. They are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Christmas in the Children's Room will feature stories, singing along and dancing to some favorite

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## Harlee to bring Misty Lou Pumpernickel to library

♣ Local author and performer Janet Harlee will bring Misty Lou Pumpernickel from Frog Holler to life in "Don't Get Your Tinsel in a Tangle" at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 19, at the Asheboro library.

Pumpernickel, the main character of Harlee's book *Just a Closer Stumble with Thee*, is a tacky Southern hairdresser who shares funny, touching and sometimes true stories about her zany family and friends. There will be holiday-themed stories as well — and she sings, too!

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*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



## Friends book sales provide key boost

♣ We eagerly anticipate the return, after the first of the year, of a long-lost friend: the Friends of the Library Bookshop.

Operated by a dedicated group of volunteers, the bookshop provides a critical boost to the library's book budgets, and an outlet for readers who want to extend the life of their books. Located at 226 Sunset Avenue, the shop has been closed since July 2012 due to Sunset Theatre renovations.

I can't overstate the importance of the bookshop to the library and our patrons. All proceeds go to the library's book budgets. The money doesn't replace our publicly-appropriated funding, but augments it in key ways. For example, book sale funds provide "bridge" money so that the library can continue to purchase books in June and July while local governments close out old fiscal years and start new ones.

These funds also help jumpstart new collections, such as ebooks, or refurbish existing ones, and fill gaps resulting from unanticipated shifts in patron demand.

Annual sales began in 1976. Donated books piled up in the library until time for the sale, when Friends volunteers and staff sorted them into rough order in the library meeting room for the event. In 1992, the sale moved to the Whitley house, two doors to the north of the library. There was plenty of room to operate, and the garage made a handy space for receiving donated books. In 1994 and 1995, the Friends took the event

### Current and Recent Friends Bookshop Volunteers

Janet Jones, chair; Cathy Adams, Maria Bliss, Linda Bone, Nancy Bunch, Diana Burge, Dolores Burton, Sancia Coble, Linda Covington, Alice Dawson, Jackie Derr, Shannon Dwigans, Roberta Gavin, Et Hacskaylo, Gwen Hall, Rusty Hammond, Audrey Harriman, Hope Haywood, Margaret Hogan, Kandi and Hanna Hughes, Pauline Jarrell, Blanche Keller, Marilyn Koonce, Jim Langer, Myra and Richard Markvart, Donna Miller, Judy Ocheltree, Chris Perry, Barbara Prestridge, Elizabeth Provancha, Ann Pugh, Missy Rankin, Irene Reed, Carol Rich, Lucy Riddle, Brenda Schmidt, Katie Beth Shinn, Philip Shore, Nancy Sizemore, Venetia Smith, Suzanne Tate, Sara Taul, Linda Thomas, Alice and Robert Todd, Marian Wallace, Laurie West

to Center Court at Randolph Mall for two record-breaking years.

The sale resumed at the Whitley House in 1996 and became monthly. Lines would form early on the last Saturday of each month as eager shoppers waited for the doors to open. The sales continued in this manner until 2008, when plans for the new parking lot meant the end of the Whitley house. But the City of Asheboro offered up the downtown storefront and the Friends relocated, opening three days each week.

Now, with the Sunset complete, the city is making improvements to the building and adding a freight elevator so that the upstairs can be used for storage. The intrepid Friends volunteers are beginning to reorganize and restock the space, and soon, the bookshop will be back in business.

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# Libraries host holiday events for kids

♣ **There's lots of Christmas cheer for children and teens at the libraries in December.**

Everything's free and all are invited. Asheboro events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Asheboro and Randleman will have visits from St. Nick. Asheboro will offer **Breakfast with Santa** at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 7. Children and families are invited to listen to stories and enjoy breakfast treats with Santa and friends,

and take pictures with the jolly old elf.

In Randleman it's **Milk and Cookies** with Santa at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19.

In Archdale, the library will have **Christmas Fun for the Family Craft Time** at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 7. Part of Every Child Ready to Read, this event will feature holiday stories with crafts, puppet play, music and refreshments. It's aimed at children age 0-5 and parents/caregivers, but older siblings are welcome as well. No registration is required.

## Harlee to bring character to life

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Harlee's performance is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It's free and the public is invited.

An accomplished storyteller, character actress, speaker and writer, Harlee performs one-woman shows combining story, humor and song through her character.

Her book of Misty Lou Pumpernickel stories was published in July 2013.

Currently, Harlee is Admissions and

Marketing Director at Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro. She has been a Guest Columnist for *The Courier-Tribune* in Asheboro and is former

president of the N.C. Storytelling Guild. For more, visit [www.janetharlee.net](http://www.janetharlee.net).



**Mary Lou Pumpernickel,  
a.k.a. Janet Harlee**

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holiday tunes, and decking the halls with Christmas crafts.

Meanwhile, teens will craft Christmas cards for patrons who are served by the library's Extension Services department.

These patrons are unable to leave their homes or care institutions, and rely on monthly deliveries by librarians.

Younger kids can join in as they finish their activities in the Children's Room.

### ***Navigating the Affordable Care Act***

The Randolph Hospital Insurance Navigation Team will present general information on the Affordable Care Act and answer questions about enrollment, 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, at the Asheboro library. Call 318-6803 or 633-7800 to register.

## ***Book discussions***

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 26.

**Luna Book Club:** *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 26. (Asheboro)

**Men in Black Book Club:** *Holiday Party*, Noon Thursday, December 19. (Asheboro)

**Archdale Book Break:** *Angel at the Table* by Debbie Macomber, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 17.

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

### ***Origami, Legos for kids, teens***

Break the boredom over winter break with origami and Lego activities for school-age children and teens at the Asheboro library.

Learn or perfect your origami skills in **Origami Tsunami** at 3 p.m. Friday, December 27. The library will provide designs and paper; you provide imagination and skill.

**Lego Build**, at 3 p.m. Monday, December 30, will capitalize on the massive supply of Legos collected for each summer's Lego Mania. Build anything you can with thousands of blocks. Not a competition, so no registration required.


### ***More E-Stuff on the Go!***

Learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks and magazines to your tablet or e-reader. First come, first served.

**3 p.m. Friday, December 6, Asheboro library Reference Desk**  
Call 318-6803 for more info.

### ***E-Stuff UnBoxing Day***

**All day Friday, December 27, Asheboro library Reference Desk**  
Expecting a tablet, smart phone or e-reader at Christmas? Staff will be on hand with one-on-one help for setting up your device and downloading ebooks, audiobooks and magazines.



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

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**P.O. Box 2806**  
**Asheboro, NC 27204**  
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**In Memory of: Drew Hacskaylo**  
By: Jim and Carol Rich

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By: Susan McCrary



***Sessions now available!***

**Saturday November 23, 1-2 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 4-5 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, December 10, 4-5 p.m.**  
**Saturday, December 14, 10-11 a.m.**  
**Tuesday December 17, 4-5 p.m.**  
**Saturday December 21, 10-11 a.m.**

***Call 318-6804 to sign up!***