ARADOLPH COUNTY DUBLIC LIBRARY DECOMPOSE MORENS MO

Randleman library to get new home Move to former Petty Museum building will double space

♣ A spacious, new, state-ofthe-art Randleman Public Library will open on February 2 in the building at 142 Academy Street formerly occupied by the Richard Petty Museum.



The library will close its 122 Commerce Square location on

January 9 as relocation gets underway. The library's space will essentially double, from 6,300 sq. ft. to 12,573 sq. ft.

"The new library will be a 'better library for a better tomorrow' for the residents of Randleman and the surrounding areas," says Randleman Librarian Donna Toomes.

Amenities will include all new furnishings and shelving; a large, inviting area for children; plenty of lounge and study seating for all ages; an expanded computer area;



small group study or tutoring rooms; a conference room for book clubs or other community groups; a large programming space with seating for 80 and associated activity space; and sufficient staff workspace and storage areas.

The current facility, built in 1973, is extremely crowded and lacks space for reading, study,

children's programs and shelving for books.

Expansion of the library is part of the city's effort to reorganize government offices and beautify the Commerce Square area. City Hall was moved to a Main Street building; the police station moved to the former city hall; and the square was landscaped with a stage, a fountain, seating areas and a farmer's market.

Look for details about the move and its impact on library services in next month's newsletter.

The Adequates to present holiday concert at library

✤ The Adequates — with five members, Asheboro's largest barbershop quartet — will sing Christmas tunes and barbershop favorites at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 18, at the Asheboro Public Library.

The performance is free and the public is invited. The group consists of Allen Holt, Charles Loggins, Don Monroe, Tom White and Philip Shore III.

Dog eat your library card? Get free replacement in December

Replace a lost or damaged library card, or simply trade for a new, colorful card, at no cost in December. Usually, card replacements cost \$1 the first time and \$5 for subsequent replacements. These fees will be waived at all seven libraries for December only. Choose from pink, blue, yellow, green, black or white cards.



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from the director

Ross A. Holt



Remembering two library champions

✤ The library lost two steadfast supporters in October with the passing of Iris Bristow and Irene Reed.

Iris Bristow

Bristow passed away on October 16. A dedicated community volunteer, she was a founder and longtime booster of the Archdale

Public Library, and served on the library's first board of trustees.

She helped with fundraising for the library, and advocated for it with city, county and state

governments.

She also helped develop the Archdale Library Friends, and for years provided flowers for the entrance to the library and tended to them.

In 1997, she received the Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian Award. Nominating Bristow, then-Archdale Library Manager Naomi Galbreath stated, "...[S]he offers us all a model of community service — she identifies a need, works to fulfill it and stays with the task for the duration. She does all this in a quiet, unassuming way."

A graduate of Trinity High School and High Point College, Bristow taught elementary school for 25 years in the High Point City Schools and retired in 1988. She received the North Carolina

Governor's Volunteer Award in 2004.

Irene Reed

Reed passed away on October 25. She was a core member of the Friends of the



Library Bookshop volunteer team, beloved by her fellow Friends and customers alike.

Retired Library Director Suzanne Tate, now active with the Friends, said the bookshop was a priority in

Irene Reed

Reed's life. "She loved taking requests in her notebook and providing patrons with the special books they were looking for. She also had a good ear for people and felt genuine compassion for those in need which we all are at some time."

Reed was a native of Beverly, Massachusetts. She graduated from Beverly High School and Mount Ida Junior College. She worked for five years for the CIA in Washington, D.C., and Frankfurt, Germany, and relocated to Asheboro in 1985.

She received a special recognition from the Friends in 2012.



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Iris Bristow

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Children and their families are invited to the Asheboro Public Library for some family fun during the week of December 29-30 while school is out. All events are free and no sign-up is required.

- Science Exploratorium: 2 p.m. Monday, December 29. Drop in and experiment with science related activities that are great for families to enjoy.
- Family Gaming: 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 30. Play tabletop board games and card games with your family and friends.
- Pop Up Bookmaking: 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 31. Learn how to make pop up books using both basic and complex design templates. Create a story related to your pop up and take it home to share.

Arctic Express heads to Liberty

♣The Amazing Teacher, Steve Somers, will bring "Arctic Express" to the Liberty library at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 16.

Join "Conductor Steve" as he takes kids and their families on a magical

holiday train ride to learn about winter festivals around the world, while encouraging the spirit of giving and sharing.

The event is free, and children are invited to wear their PJs. The library also will be accepting nonperishable food donations for the Liberty Association of Churches at the program. Somers is a veteran

educator, entertainer,

motivational speaker and children's author. Using magic, drama, puppetry, stories and music, he makes learning fun wherever he goes.

Every Child Ready to Read goes polar

Bundle up — don't let the cold weather keep you inside!

The Asheboro library will host an Every Child Ready to Read Polar Play Day at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 18 for children age 0-5 and their parents/caregivers.

The free event will feature fun outdoor activities, games and crafts while demonstrating the five keys to reading readiness.

Each of the other libraries will host a Polar Play Day in January — look for a schedule in next month's newsletter.

Jolly Old Elf to visit

Breakfast with Santa 9-10 a.m. Saturday, December 6 Asheboro Public Library

Milk & Cookies with Santa 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 18 **Randleman Public Library**

Free • Children and families invited!

Make a corn husk Nativity scene at Randleman librarv

Join instructor Karen McFetters to learn how to make a Corn Husk Nativity Scene, 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, at the Randleman Public Library.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: The Astronaut Wives Club by Lily Koppel, 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 25. Holiday gettogether: 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, Bistro 42. Luna Book Club: A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail by Bill Bryson, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 25. (Asheboro) **Max and Imaginary Friends** Children's Book Club: O. Henry's "Gift of the Magi," 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 17. (Asheboro) BOB Book Club: Among the Hidden by Margaret Person Haddix, 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 3 (4th & 5th graders, Asheboro library). Archdale Book Break: All *Through the Night* by Mary Higgins Clark, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 16.



Children can learn the basics of crocheting with hands-on instruction, 4 p.m. Thursday, December 11 at the Asheboro library.

Suggested age range is six and up. Needles and yarn will be provided, and participants can take home what they make.

Kindermusik

The Randleman library invites preschoolers to a Kindermusik program with Ellane Campbell, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5. It's free.

The activity is free and anyone age 18 or over is invited.

Space is limited, so preregistration is required. Call 431-3811 to sign up.



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