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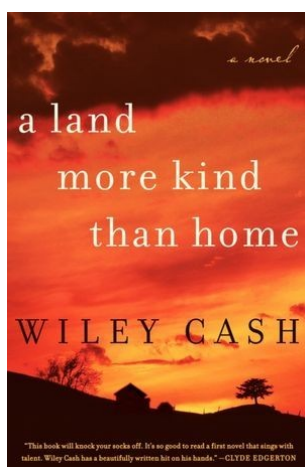
Celebrated novelist Wiley Cash to speak at Friends of Library event

♣ Meet Wiley Cash, author of the acclaimed novel *A Land More Kind Than Home*, at 1 p.m. Monday, February 11, at the Asheboro Public Library

Cash's appearance is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Sorosis Book Club and the Thursday Study Club. It's free and the public is invited.

A literary thriller set in the mountains of Madison County, N.C., *A Land More Kind Than Home* has received all sorts of accolades since its publication in May 2012. It's a *New York Times* Best Seller and Notable Book of 2012, and a *Library Journal* Best Book of 2012.

It was named among Best Fiction of 2012 by *Kirkus Reviews* and Books-a-Million; as the Debut of 2012 by the UK Crime Writers Association; as a Discover Great New Writers selection by Barnes and Noble; and as a Southern Bookseller's Alliance Pick.



"The first thing that struck me about Wiley's novel is the beautiful prose; the narrative is strong, clean, direct and economical.... I think this could be the beginning of a long, fruitful career."

—Ernest J. Gaines

"This book will knock your socks off. It's so good to read a first novel that sings with talent. Wiley Cash has a beautifully written book on his hands."

—Clyde Edgerton

Cash, a North Carolina native, currently lives with his wife in West Virginia. He holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he studied fiction writing under Ernest J. Gaines and spent five years missing the mountains of North Carolina — a place Gaines encouraged him to write about.

Cash realized that in writing about home, he could recreate that place no matter where he lived.

In *A Land More Kind Than Home*, Jess Hall is a curious, adventurous boy growing up in a place where people tend to protect their own and keep old secrets buried. But when Jess's autistic, mute brother sees something he shouldn't, the

brothers are separated and the world as Jess knows it is shattered.

The title is taken from the closing lines of Thomas Wolfe's *You Can't Go Home Again*.

Library to screen GSO sit-in documentary

In observance of Black History Month, the Asheboro Public Library will show the film *February One: The Story of The Greensboro Four* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 12. Through the use of first-hand accounts, rare archival footage, photo stills and re-enactments, the documentary recounts the story of four young men whose sit-in demonstrations would have a profound impact on the Civil Rights movement. Discussion follows. The screening is free/the public is invited. Call 318-6861 for details.



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the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Should auld acquaintance be forgot?

♣ **As the new year begins, it's a time to consider past accomplishments and future challenges.**

It's also a time to think of friends, as Robert Burns urged us in his famed verse, and to say a word of thanks to our best friends — the Friends of the Library.

The contribution that the Friends make to the cultural life of the community is inestimable, as is the additive value that they bring to library services.

Probably the highest profile Friends project is the Friends of the Library Bookshop (temporarily shuttered during Sunset Theatre construction), run by an intrepid group of volunteers. All proceeds from the bookshop go directly to library book budgets, supplementing the public funding we receive.

The Friends also sponsor most library programs, performances and author appearances that you enjoy throughout the year.

In 2012 alone, the Friends brought you Johnny Appleseed biographer Howard Means; author A.J. Mayhew; local authors Tara Fuller, Ashley Memory, Ben Spencer and Thomas Rush; courthouse aficionados David and Barbara Poe; and virtuoso guitarist Larry Davis. Dickens expert Dr. Elliott Engel brought down the house in a lively presentation at the Friends annual meeting, and elder law expert Bob Mason packed the house in repeat presentations of his three-part workshop series.

For kids, the Friends covered two-thirds of the cost of the Summer Reading Program, which featured some 125 storytimes, performances and other special events during June, July and August. In addition, the group sponsored very popular stand-alone events including master storyteller Betty Foust, Valentine's card-making, a Dr. Seuss birthday party, a "Hop To It" Easter event, a Johnny Appleseed birthday party, a Hunger Games movie premier party, LegoMania for Teens, and more.

Meanwhile, the Seagrove Friends of the Library wove Project Linus blankets and parlayed that effort into Crafting for a Cause. The Archdale Library Friends marshaled a periodic book sale that has brought in increasing revenue to augment the library's book budget.

Truly, we — and the community — could not do without our Friends.

There's a caveat, however, in all this success. The only way it happens is with a strong Friends membership. While the bookshop is self-sustaining, funding for all the authors, children's programs and musical performances come directly from the Friends budget — which means they are paid for by Friends memberships dues.

And that means you!

If it's time to renew your membership (your renewal date is on the mailing label), please do so. If your membership has lapsed during the past few years, please resolve in this new year not to let that auld acquaintance be forgot — and rejoin now!

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Dunlap pens personal, social memoir

♣ Author Annette B. Dunlap will debut her memoir *The Gambler's Daughter: A Personal and Social History* at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 7, at the Asheboro library.

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

Her book chronicles her experiences growing up in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill Jewish community with a father who was a compulsive gambler and a mother who was



Annette Dunlap

determined to hold her family, and her marriage, together.

Dunlap was born in Pittsburg and moved to North Carolina in 1977. She has been a freelance journalist for over 30 years whose articles have appeared in various regional newspapers including *The Courier-Tribune*.

Her first book, *Frank: The Story of Frances Folsom Cleveland, America's Youngest First Lady*, was published by SUNY Press/Excelsior Editions in 2009 and in 2011 received the Ella Dickey Literacy Award.

Get creative with Valentine's cards

♣ Kids from preschool-age to teens are invited to make creative Valentine's Day cards at 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, at the Asheboro library.

Children and teens can get creative with paper, markers, glitter and more! You supply the labor and creativity, and the

library will provide all the supplies needed and instruction on how to make a variety of cards, and to decorate gift bags.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is free. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information call 318-6804.

Randleman kids: read for circus tix

♣ Kids — are you interested in reading some cool library books, and earning circus tickets at the same time?

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus and the Randleman Public Library have teamed up to allow you to do just that! Kids can earn a ticket to the February

2013 *Ringling Bros.* circus simply by doing their library reading! Children ages 2 to 12 are eligible and must enroll in the program at the Randleman library. Librarians will give you more details about the program when you stop by to sign your child up.

Tickets are limited so stop by the Randleman Public Library today!

Sessions now available!

Saturday, February 2, 10-11 a.m.
Thursday, February 7, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 9, 10-11 a.m.
Saturday, February 23, 10-11 a.m.
Call 318-6804 to sign up!



Hands-On Science continues In January

Kids can learn about wind speed and direction indicators during the next Hands-On Science, at 3 p.m. Thursday, January 31, at the Asheboro library.

Children in grades 2-6 are invited to make devices that they can take home. It's free but registration is required; call 318-6804 to sign up.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 29.

Luna Book Club: *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 29 (Asheboro).

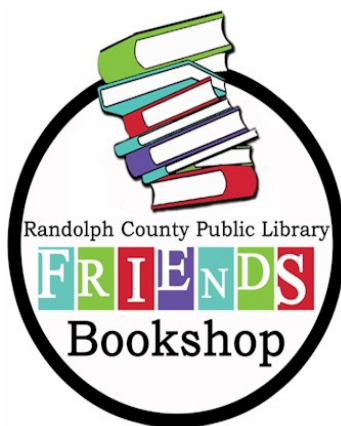
Men in Black Book Club: *Foundation* by Isaac Asimov, Noon Thursday, February 21 (Asheboro).

Archdale Book Break: *Same Kind of Different as me* by Ron Hall, 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 19.


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

Computer classes

Asheboro library computer one-hour classes continue, with Internet Basics on January 29; Computer Basics on February 5; and Email Basics on February 19. The free classes start at 9:30 a.m. Call 318-6803 to sign up.



The Friends of the Library Bookshop is closed during renovation of the Sunset Theatre.



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

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