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# NEWS



## Stuff a stocking, support the library



**Friends of the Library Tote Bag.** Tote library books and other belongings in this sturdy, roomy canvas conveyor adorned with the Friends logo. \$12; Available at the Asheboro Public Library. Proceeds support Friends programming.

**Page-A-Day Calendars.** Readers and newshounds can start the new year off right with the **Book Lovers Calendar** and the **Wait Wait Don't Tell Me! News Junkies Quiz**. \$6 each; available at the Asheboro Public Library. Proceeds support Friends programming.



**Cookbooks.** Cook up a storm with recipes from Franklinville and Seagrove. Copies of **Recipes, Remembrances and Recollections** are available for \$20 at the Franklinville library; proceeds go toward a new library building in Franklinville. Volumes III and IV of **Southern Randolph County Recipes**, published by the Seagrove Public Library Board, are \$6 each at the Seagrove library; proceeds benefit the library.

**Seagrove Library Mugs.** Have your morning cuppa Joe in the smart-looking 2007 edition of this perennial favorite, created this year by Hatfield Pottery. \$10 at the Seagrove library; proceeds benefit the library.



**Honor someone with a library book.** Donate \$10 to the library in honor of someone you admire. The library will send an immediate acknowledgement to the honoree and to you, and select a book for the collection which will include a plate noting the donor and the honoree. Inquire at any library.

**Calling all Randolph writers**—see page 3

**Archdale**  
336-431-3811  
Fax 336-431-4619  
10433 S. Main St.  
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Tues, Thur 9-8;  
Sat 9-5

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336-318-6800  
Fax 336-318-6823  
201 Worth St.  
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;  
Sat 9-5

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336-318-6815  
Mon, Thur-Sat 9-5  
Tues, Wed 9-9

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Tues, Thur 9-7; Sat 9-1

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Fax 336-824-2232  
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Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

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530 Seagrove Plank Rd.  
Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6  
Sat 10-3

**Extension Service**  
336-318-6816 or 336-  
318-6817  
Mon-Fri 9-5

**Dial-A-Story**  
336-318-6833

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## Unsung N.C. treasure

### Library for Blind offers unique services

♣ **As the holiday season approaches, I was reminded recently of another service or gift, if you will, the State Library of North Carolina makes available to the citizens of North Carolina as a return, of course, on your tax dollar.**

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is a special public library service that loans books, magazines and audio-visual material specially made for anyone who cannot use standard print material due to a visual or physical disability. All materials are sent to subscribers throughout the state at absolutely no charge to the patron.

The service is available to anyone whose visual impairment, be it permanent or temporary, cannot be corrected with eye-glasses. Persons unable to hold a book or turn a page are eligible as are patrons with certain learning disabilities.

Nursing homes and institutions serving people with these disabilities are also eligible.

To qualify for the service, a "competent authority" (doctor, ophthalmologist, optometrist, registered nurse, social worker, counselor, etc.) must certify need by signature. In the

absence of these, certification may be made by a professional librarian or anyone whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress, of which the Library for the Blind is a part.

Once enrolled, patrons are sent a catalog from which they may choose book titles and magazine titles, the same as those found in any public library. Instead of being printed in regular print, they are recorded on 4 track tapes and produced in grade 2 Braille or large type.

Special cassette players are sent to patrons and are repaired as needed.

There is no charge for postage or repair of cassette players.

Please visit the website, which is in large type format at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/lbph.htm> or call the library toll-free at 1-888-388-2460. The service is available to any resident of North Carolina.

Other states have similar arrangements with the Library of Congress.

With 78 million baby boomers turning 60 last year, the Randolph County Public Library has established a goal of increasing our collection of large print titles as well as books in audio format. Look for more about that as well as programming designed to inform and entertain this huge segment of our service area.

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# Calling all authors!

## Friends to host book fair for published local writers

♣ Anyone from Randolph County who has published a book and wants to promote it is invited to join the second annual Randolph Writers Book Fair, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January, 26 at the Asheboro Public Library.

The event is part of Randolph County Writers Month and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Any resident or native of Randolph County who has published a book can participate. "Published" means any commercially-printed, mass-produced book, whether self-published or released through a selective publishing company.

Authors of handcrafted or limited edition books are also eligible. To sign up, call 318-6801.

Each writer will be provided with a table and chairs in the library's

Reading Room. The Friends of the Library will promote the event, invite the public and provide publicity.

Light refreshments will be served.

Last year's event drew 14 area writers to what has become an ongoing part of the library's annual recognition of local authors. From Mary Elizabeth Auman Adams to Ed Yowell, and from the 1700s through the present, the library maintains a list of writers and their works that now includes some 160 names; it is available at [randolphlibrary.org/randolphroom.htm](http://randolphlibrary.org/randolphroom.htm).

The library also presents a display each January that includes photographs of as many of the authors as possible along with as many of the books as possible (although some books can be found only in the Randolph Room).

If you have published a book and are not on the list, please contact the Randolph Room, 318-6815.

## Asheboro Reads

There's no Asheboro Reads meeting in December, but the book club resumes at 2:30 p.m. January 29 with *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman; for February 26 it's *Down River* by John Hart.

## Holidays

The Asheboro, Archdale and Seagrove libraries will close for Christmas Monday-Wednesday, December 24-26; and for New Year's Day, Tuesday January 1.

The Asheboro library will close at 6 p.m. Monday, December 31.

## Computer class

Asheboro library computer classes take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and occasional Saturdays. The free, one-hour classes alternate among basic Internet, email, advanced Internet/NC LIVE, Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Internet, email and Word classes in Spanish are available.

Space in each class is limited; to sign up, call 318-6800 option 4.

## Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take a break for the holidays, but will resume from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, January 26, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

## Keep track electronically...

### Library Elf

Use Library Elf ([www.libraryelf.com](http://www.libraryelf.com)) to get notices about holds and overdues by email. Get due date reminders before an item is due, and manage multiple library cards. (Elf is a third party service not affiliated with the library)

### Email notices

Replace the library's automated phone calls with email for notifications about holds and overdues. Just call or visit your library and ask to change to email notification (you can sign up for both email notification and Elf).

### Email news

Stay up-to-date on library goings on with alerts by email. Go to the library's homepage at [randolphlibrary.org](http://randolphlibrary.org) to sign up. You'll receive a full-color monthly electronic newsletter plus alerts about programs and other events.

## Polar Express to stop for Archdale kids

All aboard the Polar Express as the Archdale Public Library hosts an afternoon of holiday fun, 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, December 19. The free event will feature a

reading of Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* along with cookies and hot cocoa. Participants will create a holiday tree ornament.

# Friends of the Randolph Public Library

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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- Family..... \$25
- Patron ..... \$100
- Benefactor..... \$250
- Lifetime..... \$500
- Corporate Sponsor..... \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Friends of the Library**  
**P.O. Box 2806**  
**Asheboro, NC 27204**  
*Memberships are tax deductible*

**YES!** I'd like to help: \_\_\_Program planning\_\_\_Program Receptions \_\_\_Book Sales\_\_\_Membership

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Randolph Room..... 318-6815

Reference & Information.. 318-6800

## memorials & donations

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By: Worthville Methodist Church

**In Memory of: John Lawrence Skau**  
By: Arlene Smith and Suzanne Tate

**In Memory of: William Ford Van Hoy, Jr.**  
By: Alice and William Holloway  
Lee and Anita Phoenix

**In Honor of: Asheboro Library Staff**  
By: Sorosis Book Committee

**In Honor of: Marian Auman**  
By: Jimmy and Pam Hill

**In Honor of: Sarah Delk**  
By: Jimmy and Pam Hill

**In Honor of: Charlesanna Fox**  
By: Westminster Sunday School Class, First  
Presbyterian Church

**In Honor of: Richard Wells**  
By: Jimmy and Pam Hill