

# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*



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## UNC CLEF HANGERS



## Celebrated *a cappella* group to usher in Asheboro library's 75th anniversary

♣The UNC Clef Hangers will perform as the Asheboro Public Library celebrates its 75th anniversary at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 8, at the Sunset Theatre.

Vocalist/accompanist duo Lane Ragsdale and Tom Liles will open for the 15-member Tar Heel student ensemble.

The concert, sponsored by the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, is free and the public is invited.

Founded in 1977, the Clef Hangers first performed in the Pit in April, 1978. Since then, "the Clefs" have released 23 professionally-produced studio albums and have toured worldwide. During a tour in New York, the group performed for the nation on *Good Morning America*.

In 2004, the Clef Hangers won a Contemporary *A Cappella* Recording Award for best soloist. Alumni include American Idol finalist Anoop Desai.

The concert kicks off the Asheboro Public Library's 75th anniversary year. The library opened its doors on February 10, 1936, in two rooms above the Standard Drug Store in downtown Asheboro (see "Happy 75th, Asheboro library" on page 2 for more history).

The idea for the library originated with a local bridge club in 1935. The group organized itself as the Randolph Library Club, and has become the Asheboro Public Library Foundation.

The Foundation manages donations and bequests for improvement of the Asheboro library. As recipient of a bequest from Louise Swaim, a longtime local music teacher, the Foundation over many years has provided music-related material and performances for the community through the library.

*Pictured above: The UNC Clef Hangers perform with Chancellor Holden Thorp (center, with medal) at UNC Chapel Hill's 2010 commencement. Photo-Dan Sears, UNC-CH.*



***Tiger! Jones to present India travelogue*** —see page 3

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## Happy 75th, Asheboro library!

♣ **On February 10, 2011, the Asheboro Public Library turns 75.**

The library opened to the public on that day in two rooms above Standard Drug Store in downtown Asheboro.

The year prior, a group of nine bridge players began a discussion about the need for a public library in Asheboro. They had no books, no money and no location, but a burning desire first to have a library for the community, and a countywide system of libraries in the future.

Their discussion led to the formation of the Randolph Library Club. Pulling little red wagons door to door, the members set about soliciting books and funds from the community.

In October of 1935, the Club sponsored a Halloween Carnival to raise funds for cards and labels for the books. Mrs. W.A. Underwood Sr. secured a rent free space above the drug store. The members cleaned the rooms, made curtains for the windows and had shelving installed.

Despite 8 inches of snow on the ground, the library opened on February 10 and nearly all the 384 books checked out the first day!

Over the next few years, members volunteered to keep the library open. In 1937, the City of Asheboro allocated \$25

a month to support the library. In 1940, the Randolph County Commissioners appointed a board of trustees and appropriated \$50 a month in order to receive State Aid support from Raleigh.

The members of the Board of Trustees were: G.C. Gilmore of Julian, W.P. Rogers of Franklinville, Dr. C.D. Kistler of Randleman, M.E. Johnson of Ramseur, and T. Fletcher

Bulla and Charles W.

McCrary, Chairman, of Asheboro

Over the next few years, the library would move to the Asheboro Armory, then to the Municipal Building and finally to the basement of the Randolph County Courthouse before moving to its current location on Worth Street in 1964 by virtue of a \$300,000 bond issue. The present 25,000 square foot

renovation of the original library on Worth Street was made possible by a city bond referendum in April 1993.

That original group of civic minded women became the Randolph Library Association, Asheboro Public Library, Inc. and finally the Asheboro Public Library Foundation. The Foundation's goal is to manage donations and bequests for capital library improvements.

As you can see from the newsletter, the Foundation has scheduled exciting events to commemorate this grand birthday!

### The Asheboro Public Library Foundation

#### Charter Members

Betsy Armfield  
Virginia Barker  
Carrie Brittain  
Margaret Hammond  
Alice Lewallen  
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Dorothy Whitaker

# Noise, bustle, color (and tigers!): Jones to present India travelogue

♣ Janet Jones will present a travelogue featuring highlights from a N.C. Zoo society trip to India in a travelogue at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 20, at the Asheboro library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the travelogue is free and the public is invited.

Jones reports: "Some of the highlights included a trip to Varanasi, which is a pilgrimage destination for many pious Hindus and lies on the northern bank of the Ganges river. The banks of the river are where people are cremated, priests hold religious ceremonies, and people wash away their sins in the Ganges River.

"We visited the 10th Century temples at Khajuraho with their intricate carvings and roofs arranged like series of graded peaks rather like a mountain range.

"We went to three National Parks and as well as the deer and exquisite birds, were lucky enough to have several sightings of tigers. We travelled to Agra to see the Taj Mahal which is very beautiful



**Janet Jones visits the Taj Mahal.**

and as you get close you discover the intricate and delicate carvings decorating the walls and surfaces.

"Our final destination was Jaipur, the 'pink city', named for its *terra cotta* walls. We saw the Amber Fort and the Palace of Winds and stayed in the Rambagh Palace, which was the summer home of the Maharaja of Jaipur and has been converted into a hotel.

"A visit to India is full of noise, bustle and color and the amazing sight of cows, regarded as sacred, wandering through the streets, walking down the roads or just sitting in the middle of the road with the traffic streaming around them!"



**India's national parks provided N.C. Zoo Society travelers with several tiger sightings during a trip in April.**

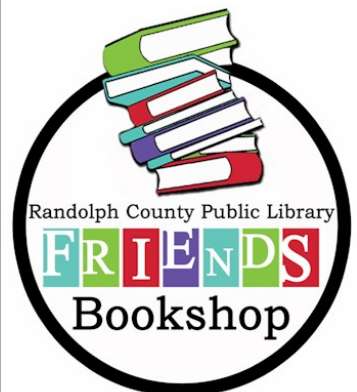
## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, Asheboro library.

**Luna Book Club:** Free Read: share a favorite book, 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 28. For 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier.

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

**Library discussion groups** are free and open to all. Refreshments are served.



**10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Tues., Thurs., Sat.**

**226 Sunset Ave.,  
Asheboro**

**629-1536**

**Donations accepted**

**Randleman Public Library  
BOOK SALE**

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

**New library cards  
to be available  
February 1**


Colorful new library cards will be available on February 1. Anyone who gets a library card will be able to choose from among six colors.

First-time cards are free; current

cardholders can trade for 50 cents; and lost cards can be replaced for \$1.

Look for more details in next month's newsletter.





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

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

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**In Memory of: Joan Brightman Culberson**  
 By: Sam and Sansia Coble  
 Steve and Diane Frost

**In Memory of: Helen B. Coble Hawthorne**  
 By: Sam, Sansia, Addy, Bayleigh, Cassidy and  
 Sydney Coble

**In Memory of: Coy Wade Jarrell**  
 By: Garry McBride

**In Memory of: Hope V. Stinger**  
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**In Honor of: Charlesanna Fox**  
 By: Margaret Fox Miller and Spencer Fox