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***Johnny Appleseed* author to bring Arbor Day to the library**

Howard Means pens Appleseed biography

♣ The real man behind the Johnny Appleseed myth will be revealed when historian and author Howard Means talks about the tree-planting frontiersman at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Asheboro library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Trees NC in recognition of North Carolina's March 16 Arbor Day, the program is free and the public is invited.

Means is author of the acclaimed *Johnny Appleseed: The Man, the Myth, the American Story* published in 2011 by Simon & Schuster. The book traces the story of John Chapman, who moved west from his Massachusetts farm in the 1790s, planting apple trees



Howard Means

across the country and earning the "Appleseed" moniker.

Means was senior writer for Washingtonian magazine from 1877-1982, and editor from 1989-2000. He was critic-at-large and an editorial board member at the *Orlando Sentinel*, and a columnist for King Features Syndicate.

His previous works include the *Money and Power: The History of Business*, a companion book to a CNBC documentary series; *Colin Powell: Soldier/Statesman—Statesman/Soldier*, first biography of Powell; and *The Avenger Takes His Place: Andrew Johnson and the 45 Days that Changed America*. A Lancaster, PA, native, he now lives in Millwood, Virginia.

► **NC Zoo interpretive specialist Bob Langston will read *The Lorax* in a special Arbor Day storytime for children — see other side.**

Gear up at library for *Hunger Games* premier

♣ Gear up for *The Hunger Games* movie premier, and possibly score free tickets or posters, during a craft event and book discussion at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the Asheboro library.

Talk about what you love about the books and your expectations for the movie in discussions led by library

staff. Then, make your very own Mockingjay pin.

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and all *Hunger Games* fans are invited.

Door prizes provided by Cinemark 7 at Randolph Mall include posters and tickets to the movie.

Refreshments will be served.

May the odds be ever in your favor!

Zoo specialist to present *The Lorax* for children

♣ The famed Dr. Seuss tale *The Lorax* will come to life in a special Arbor Day story time presented by NC Zoo interpretive specialist Bob Langston at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 16 at the Asheboro library.

The storytime is free and the public is invited.

The Lorax “speaks for the trees, as the trees have no tongues” against the greedy Onceler, who chops down trees to knit garments for sale.

Langston, a former radio announcer, has worked in parks and recreation since 1990. He joined the Zoo staff in 2000.

Dr. Seuss to get a party on his 108th birthday

♣ Celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with a party at 11 a.m. Friday, March 2, at the Asheboro library.

Children of all ages (even grown-ups) are invited.

Come dressed as your favorite Seuss character, if you like. There will be a big birthday card that everyone can sign, and it will be on display in the library through the month of March.

There will also be stories, games, activities and prizes — and attendees can expect a visit from the Cat in the Hat.

The party is free; refreshments will be served.

Ongoing & Upcoming

Saturday, February 18

E-Readers 101: 10 a.m. Kindles; 10:30 p.m. others. Seagrove library. Free.

Monday, February 20

Movie Monday: *Pretty in Pink*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

Monday, March 5

Movie Monday: *The Quiet Man*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

Thursday, March 8

E-Readers 101: 3 p.m. Kindles, 3:30 p.m. others. Ramseur library. Free.

Tuesday, February 21

Computer Class: Computer Basics, 9:30 a.m., Asheboro Library. Free.

Friday, February 24

Movie: *Cars 2*, 7 p.m., Archdale library. Free.

Tuesday, February 28

Asheboro Reads: *Nothing Daunted* by Dorothy Wickenden, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Tuesday, February 28

Luna Book Club: *The Professor and the Housekeeper* by Yoko Ogawa, 7 p.m., Asheboro Library. Free.

Thursday, March 1

Author Tara Fuller: 7 p.m. Asheboro Library. Free.

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Dr. Seuss Birthday Party: 11 a.m., Asheboro Library. Free.

Tuesday, March 6

Computer Class: Computer Basics, 9:30 a.m., Asheboro Library. Free.

Friday, March 9

Movie: *Princess and the Frog*, 7 p.m., Archdale library. Free.

Tuesday, March 13

One Little Girl: author Rocket Barber and illustrator Scott Harris, 7 p.m., Archdale library. Free.

Thursday, March 15

Men in Black Book Club: *Starship Troopers*, Noon, Asheboro library. Free.

Thursday, March 15

Howard Means: *Johnny Appleseed* author, 7 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

Friday, March 16

The Lorax: Arbor Day storytime with NC Zoo Interpretive Specialist Bob Langdon, 10:30 a.m. Asheboro library. Free.

Friday, March 16

Friday Evening Film: *Moneyball*, 7 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

Monday, March 19

Movie Monday: *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

Tuesday, March 20

Computer Class: Word Basics, 9:30 a.m., Asheboro Library. Free.

Tuesday, March 20

Book Break: *River of Doubt* by Candice

Millard, 2 p.m., Archdale Library. Free.

Wednesday, March 21

Container Gardening: 3 p.m. Archdale library. Free.

Thursday, March 22

Author Ashley Memory: 7 p.m. Asheboro Library. Free.

Friday, March 23

Movie: *Smurfs*, 7 p.m., Archdale library. Free.

Tuesday, March 27

Asheboro Reads: *The Night Train* by Clyde Edgerton, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Tuesday, March 27

Luna Book Club: *Lake of Dreams* by Kim Edwards, 7 p.m., Asheboro Library. Free.

Thursday, April 5

Long Distance Runner Lansing Brewer: 7 p.m. Asheboro Library. Free.

Monday, April 9

Movie Monday: *Schindler’s List*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

Friday, April 13

Movie: *Aladdin*, 7 p.m., Archdale library. Free.

Tuesday, April 17

Book Break: *Road to Devotion* by Cameron Kent, 2 p.m., Archdale Library. Free.

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Seagrove to host blanket-making

♣ Calling all “blanketeers”!

Create blankets for needy children with the Seagrove Friends of the Library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, at the Seagrove library.

The free blanket-making workshop is open to anyone 18 or older, and no experience is necessary. Materials will be provided.

Pre-registration is required; please call Barbara at 336-873-7521 or email seagrovefol@yahoo.com to register.

Simple, tied fleece blankets produced during the workshop will be donated to Project Linus, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans created by volunteers.

Blankets are distributed to seriously ill or traumatized children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or anywhere a child might need a big hug.

As Charles Schulz’s Linus character from the PEANUTS® comic strip was comforted by his blanket, Project Linus strives to do the same and more for children who are in need.

For additional information, call Beth Gore at 910-464-5661, or go to www.projectlinus.org.

Gear up for
THE HUNGER GAMES
—see inside

Asheboro authors!

Fuller to debut teen novel

♣ Author Tara Fuller will debut her teen-oriented, paranormal-themed novel *Perigee Moon* in a Friends of the Library program at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at the Asheboro library.



Tara Fuller

Fuller’s talk is free and the public is invited.

Fuller grew up in Oklahoma, reading R.L. Stine novels by flashlight and dreaming of becoming a writer.

Now living in Asheboro, and having become a writer, she admits to a shameless addiction for zombie fiction,

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Memory pens first novel

♣ A novel in which the hero is an amateur chef will net someone an authentic French crepe pan during author Ashley Memory’s talk at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the Asheboro library.



Ashley Memory

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

Asheboro native Memory will read an excerpt from her novel *Naked and Hungry* and discuss her journey as a writer, signing books afterwards.

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Library, Trees NC plan big Arbor Day events —see inside

Archdale
336-431-3811
Fax 336-431-4619
10433 S. Main St.
Mon, Wed, Fri 9-6;
Tues, Thur 9-8; Sat 9-5

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

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

John W. Clark
(Franklinville)
336-824-4020
111 Sumner Place
Mon-Fri 2-6; Sun. 2-5

Liberty
336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-4605
239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon, Wed, Fri 9-5;
Tues, Thur 9-7; Sat 9-1

Ramseur
336-824-2232
Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 8:30-5

Randleman
336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
122 Commerce Sq.
Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

Seagrove
336-873-7521
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

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



The importance of place

♣ **In 2008, the Liberty Public Library got a facelift.**

As important as the new carpet and paint was the rearrangement of the bookcases. Instead of standing lengthwise across the public service area, they were placed on the diagonal.

The new arrangement (along with white paint on the end pieces that replaced some vintage 1970s orange) opened up the space, made it a lot more inviting and made the library a much more welcoming place.

At the Randleman library not long ago, I noticed that the librarians had moved a large display case from the area just inside the doors; that small act of opening floor space immediately draws you into the seating, computer and stack areas.

Here at the Asheboro library, we recently shuttled our DVD and audiobook shelving into the southwest corner of the building, both making that part of our collection more visible and opening the space in front of the picture windows, where sunlight streams in for most of the day, for seating.

For users of laptops and other personal technology devices, the move also enabled us to increase the number of seats within reach of power outlets in that corner of the building from 16 to 26.

These efforts to put space to better use, or just change things up from time to time, highlight something we tend to take for granted: the library is a place people

don't just need to visit, but a place they want to visit. We so often characterize the importance of the library in terms of need (computer access for job-seeking, for example) that we may forget how important it is simply as a place in people's lives.

Shortly after Asheboro High School issued its first round of laptops, a student told me that his family had wireless Internet access, but he preferred coming to the library because things were so hectic at home he couldn't get any work done.

Illustrator Rich Powell often draws his "Dixie Drive" cartoons at the library. Often you will see all four upholstered wing chairs in the sunny, warm corners of the Asheboro library's magazine area occupied by readers.

One quiet afternoon I heard voices carrying from a table at the back of the library; on gentle investigation I found two fifth-grade friends, one reading to the other.

It's not just inside the library: as I have noted before, the fountain also gives a big "welcome" to library visitors, many of whom pause for moment — or awhile — to chat with friends, read or simply contemplate.

The academics of our profession like to analyze this as "the library as place" or talk about the library as a "third place" (not home, not work or school). It's certainly a valid framework for study, but to us it's the library as home away from home, as refuge, as a community place you don't always have to be, or need to be, but very often, just want to be.

STORYTIMES!

- Toddler
- Preschool
- Family
- Bilingual

Archdale
10433 S. Main Street • 336-431-3811

Archdale-Trinity Early Learning Group Connection, 10 a.m. third Tuesday
Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m. Thursdays
Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

Asheboro
201 Worth Street • 336-318-6800

Family Storytime, 3:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
English/Spanish Family Story Time: 6 p.m. every other Wednesday
Toddler Storytime, 10:10 a.m. Thursdays
Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

Franklinville
111 Sumner Place • 336-824-4020

Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays

Liberty
239 S. Fayetteville St. • 336-622-4605

Family Storytime, 11 a.m. Tuesdays

Ramseur
1512 S. Main Street • 336-824-2232

Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

Randleman
122 Commerce Square • 336-498-3141

Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays

Seagrove
530 Seagrove Plank Road • 336-873-7521

Preschool Storytime, 1:30 p.m. Thursdays

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Author, illustrator to visit Archdale

♣ **Author Rocket Barber and illustrator Scott Harris will discuss their book *One Little Girl* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at the Archdale Library.**

Sponsored by Archdale Library Friends

and the Northwestern Randolph County Arts Council, the event is free.

Barber will read from the book and Harris will display paintings featured in the book. The book is a heartwarming look at one family's adoption experience.

Tara Fuller debuts novel for teens

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Mystery Science Theater 3000 and black and white mochas. She says her novels are delightfully full of teen angst and kissing.

Perigee Moon is set in a small Massachusetts town and follows seventeen

-year-old Rowan Bliss, whose mother has perished in a fire. Rowan meets a mysterious boy named Alex, who holds the key to unlocking her families dark secrets.

The novel was published this month by Crescent Moon Press.

Memory to talk about first novel

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She also will give away the crepe pan to the winner of a random drawing.

Naked and Hungry, about an out-of-work loan officer who retreats to the wilderness only to find it under ecological

attack from shadowy villains, was named one of the season's most promising debuts by *Library Journal*.

Memory is a two-time winner of the Doris Betts Fiction Prize and a nominee for the Pushcart Prize.

Book discussions

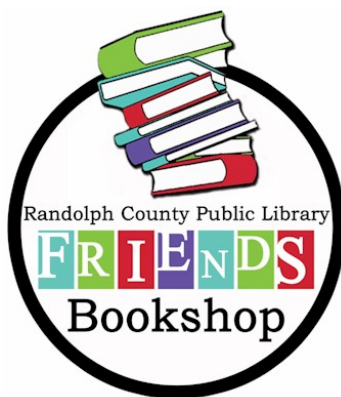
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Luna Book Club: *The Professor and the Housekeeper* by Yoko Ogawa, 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 28.

Archdale Book Break: *River of Doubt* by Candice Millard, 2 p.m. Monday, March 20.

Men in Black Book Club: *Starship Troopers* by Robert Heinlein, Noon, Thursday, March 15.

Liberty Book Club: Fourth Tuesday, Liberty library.



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

**226 Sunset Ave.,
Asheboro**

629-1536

Randleman Public Library

BOOK SALE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Third Saturday
of each month


124 Commerce Pl.
next to the library.

***Bilingual computer
classes begin
in Franklinville***

Bilingual English/Spanish computer classes are underway at the John W. Clark Public Library in Franklinville.

Classes take place at 6 p.m.

Mondays; they are free and the public is invited. The classes are part of the American Dream Starts @ Your Library project funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.



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

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In Honor of: Randolph Easter Grange #1030
 By Randolph Eastern Grange #1030
 members past and present

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