

# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*



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## Friends bookshop reopens

♣ After a year-and-a-half, the Friends of the Library Bookshop reopened at its 226 Sunset Avenue location on Saturday, February 15.

Hours remain same, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The bookshop also is accepting donations of books.

A ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, to celebrate the reopening.

"Many people have been anxious to know when we would be open again and keep telling us how much they have missed the opportunity to come and browse and see what new treasures they can find, and we are excited that the day has finally arrived," says Janet Jones, chair of the Friends Bookshop Committee. Jones leads a hearty crew of volunteers who run the shop.

All proceeds from the sale of the used books and other



**Volunteers Elizabeth Provancha, Rusty Hammond and Jackie Derr help prepare the Friends bookshop for reopening.**

items go entirely to support the library's book budgets.

The bookshop closed in July 2012 when renovation of the neighboring Sunset Theatre began. Theatre plans called for dressing rooms to extend into the bookshop's sorting area.

The City of Asheboro installed a freight elevator so that upstairs space could be used, and carried out other renovations.

"It could not have happened without the city and the city maintenance department who

have worked so hard to get us back and running and who solved every problem, small or large, as it arose with speed and efficiency," Jones says. "We also thank the county who helped move endless boxes of books from the library to the Bookshop and we especially thank our volunteers who have worked many hours to get all the books back on the shelves to get ready for the opening."

### Bring 'Angry Birds' to life

♣ Join the Asheboro library TeenZone for a live action version of the Angry Birds video game, from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

The game will feature a live action slingshot and other opportunities to knock down and rebuild a "piggy fortress." There also will be Angry Birds themed crafts and additional games

The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and teens are invited.

### Operation Improv troupe to visit Randleman library

♣ Operation Improv will spring into action for a children's program at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Randleman library.

The troupe is comprised of high school students from Randolph and Moore counties, who will entertain you as they take your ideas and put them into action.

Kids in kindergarten and up are invited. It's free but space is limited; call 498-3141 to sign up.

### *Seagrove to host Auman Civil War book presentation*

*A DVD made by the late William T. (Bill) Auman on his book Civil War in the North Carolina Quaker Belt will be the focus of a program at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Seagrove library. The showing is free and the public is invited.*

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# The gift of stories

♣ **Good teachers inspire us to great things. Teachers can identify talents that we did not know that we possessed and invite us to explore areas of study that we would not have believed would interest us.**

I still often think of my best teachers. I probably did not let on back then how valuable they were to my education and personal growth because that would not have been “cool.” Some of my memorable teachers read aloud to my classes and, for sharing the glorious world of literature, I am extremely grateful.

The first book that I remember being read aloud to my school class was E.B. White’s “Charlotte’s Web” in third grade. I lived in upstate New York then, and Mrs. Wilson would read us a chapter each day. All squirming would cease and we would sit enthralled listening to the adventures and troubles of Wilbur the pig, Charlotte the spider and that conniving rat, Templeton. I thought a lot about that day’s chapter in the hours afterward and eagerly looked forward to the next day’s reading. Weekends were too long and I could not wait to get back to school to hear more. A few tears were shed in my class at the close of that beautiful book. Charlotte is one of the noblest characters in all of literature.

About half way through that school year, I moved to North Carolina. Ironically, the next year, my fourth grade teacher was also named Mrs. Wilson. She was, as they say, “old school,” a little stern and not one to put up with nonsense, but she also extended us the great kindness of reading aloud to the class. Each day, after lunch, she would read to us in a clear, impassioned voice and through her I was exposed to the wonderful works of Fred Gipson

— “Old Yeller” and “Savage Sam.” Like “Charlotte’s Web,” these tales were heartwarming and tragic and deeply moving and I have not forgotten them, though it has been ... well, let’s not dwell on how long ago that was.

One would have thought that we would have outgrown being read aloud to by the time we reached middle school, but my mathematics and science teacher, Ms. Barnack, often read to us and I loved it. She also encouraged us to read and if we kept a reading log, she would give us extra credit for our reading, applied to our science grade.

Ms. Barnack was practicing teaching “across the curriculum” long before it became a buzzword. She read us classic science fiction short stories and, memorably, a selection from the classic work of fantasy fiction, “The Hobbit,” by J.R.R. Tolkien. That proved to have lasting effect on me. I read and continue to re-read that book and its sequel, “The Lord of the Rings,” every few years and they are very dear to me.

Of course, such experiences should inspire us as parents and grandparents to read to our children. In addition to opening new worlds to our little folk, reading to kids is one of the family-friendliest activities you will ever share.

I took this to heart and read often to my children as they grew up. My wife also read to our kids, and shared childhood favorites such as the “Little House” and “Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle” stories. Often, I was as entertained by the books as they were and we shared some great stories together. “Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh” by Robert O’Brien is a great tale that I had somehow missed growing up, but was able to experience with my son. I once remember reading nearly three hours straight, until I was

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# Use Heritage Quest to track ancestors

## *...and other learning opportunities at Asheboro in March*

♣ **Randolph Room librarian Rachel Kuehl will offer her popular Heritage Quest class at 10 a.m. Friday, March 14.**

Heritage Quest is an online treasury of American genealogical resources and is available free through your home computer using your library card.

Find out how to use this rich resource to learn more about your family's past in a hands-on workshop. Registration is required; call 318-6803 to sign up.

### ***Other learning opportunities***

**E-Stuff Open Help Session:** Bring your e-reader, tablet or other device and get one-on-one help setting up for downloadable library ebooks, audiobooks and magazines.

## Celebrate Dr. Seuss and more for kids

♣ **Say "Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss" at 4 p.m. Monday, March 3, at Asheboro, and 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 25 at Archdale.**

There will be Dr. Seuss books, crafts, games and refreshments — and in Asheboro, a special guest appearance by the Cat in the Hat!

### ***More at the Asheboro library***

**Children's Music & Movement:** A lively, weekly half-hour of songs, rhymes and movement for children ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers, 3:30 p.m. Fridays beginning March 7. Movement helps develop early literacy skills such as

10-11 a.m. Thursday, March 6.

**By Hook or By Crook:** Learn from Senior Adviser Warren Coble how to avoid criminal lures and baits that often trap seniors at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 14.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Learn about how 911 works, what you need to do to prepare for an emergency and more with a team of experts from Randolph County Emergency Services. Offered twice, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 25.

**Affordable Care Act:** Get assistance signing up for health care with Certified Application Counselors from Merce, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11 and 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

All events are free and the public is invited.

memory, patterning, vocabulary and imagination. Participants will use shakers, scarves and other instruments to move to the music and keep the beat!

### ***Every Child Ready to Read Parent***

**Workshop:** Parents/caregivers can learn five easy ways to prepare young children for reading before they get to kindergarten, 5 p.m. Friday, February 28.

**Family Fun Night:** Bring your stuffed animals and dolls for a "Pet Party," 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. For kids age 0-5 and parents/caregivers; older siblings welcome.

All events are free and the public is invited.

## The gift of stories

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hoarse, because he and, I must admit, I, were so anxious to reach the end of one of the "Harry Potter" novels.

I encourage you to share the gift of stories, and read to the young people in your life as

often as you can. I promise that it will be rewarding time very well spent.

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## ***Book discussions***

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Girl You Left Behind* by Jojo Moyes, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 25.

**Luna Book Club:** TBA, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. (Asheboro)

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:**

*D.E.A.R — "Drop Everything and Read"* featuring books by Beverly Cleary, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 (Asheboro)

**Archdale Book Break:** *The Last Original Wife* by Dorothea Benton Frank, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 18.

## ***Health class***

Join Casey Mapp-Ahmed, of the UNCG School of Nursing for free BMI measurements and a health education class called "The Path to Good Health" on Wednesday, March 5, at the Randleman library.

BMI measurements will be offered from 2-3 p.m., and the class from 3-4 p.m. It will cover cardiovascular disease, nutrition and health weight loss.

The program is free and the public is invited.

## ***Author Furlong***


Mark your calendars for an appearance by Saloma Miller Furlong at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the Asheboro library. Furlong is author of *An Inside Look at Amish Life*. Find more in next month's newsletter.

## ***Job seeking assistance continues at Asheboro***

Specialists from the Randolph County Career Center are available to help individuals complete job applications and resumes from 9 a.m.-noon on the second Wednesday of

each month, and 1-4 p.m. on the third Wednesday.

Help is free, and available on a first-come first-served basis; no registration is required.



**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: Richard Garkalns**  
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**In Honor of: Elbert Lassiter**  
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**In Honor of: Reynolds Lisk**  
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**ARCHDALE LIBRARY**  
**FAMILY FILM NIGHTS**  
**7-8:30 p.m. Friday**

**March 14: An American Tail**  
**March 28: Meet the Robinsons**  
**April 11: The Fox and the Hound**  
**April 25: Despicable Me 2**

**FREE Admission!**

**FREE Refreshments!**

