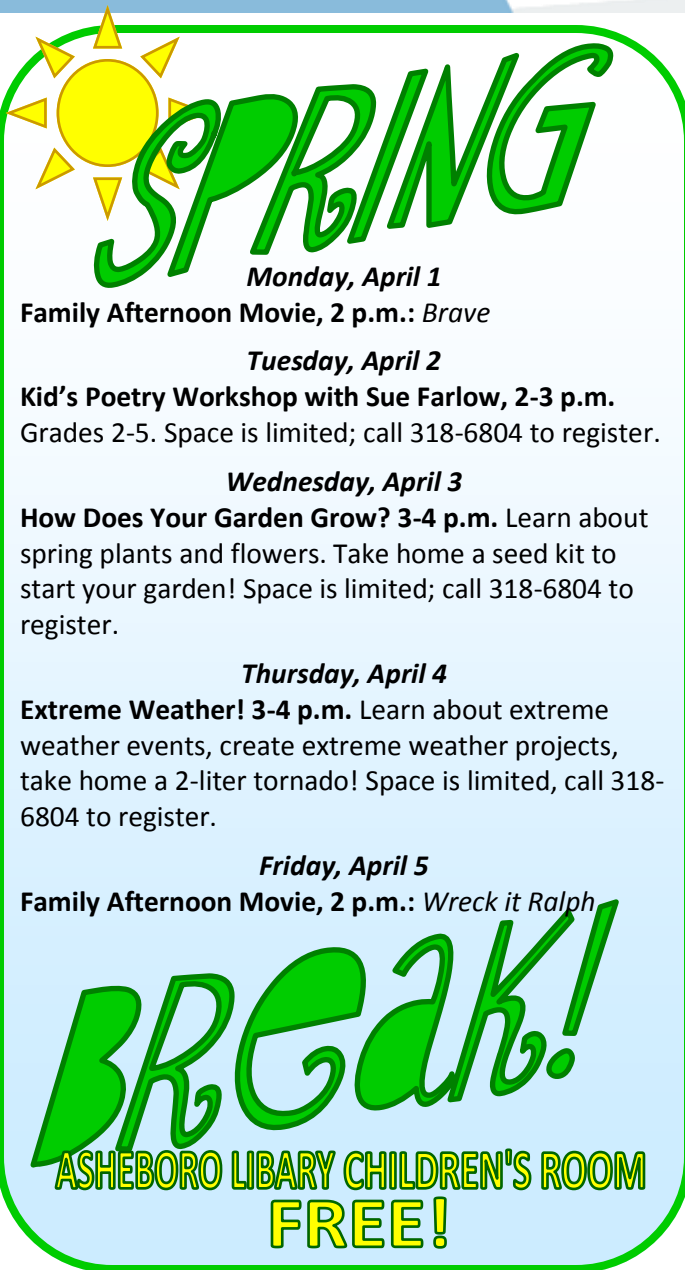


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SPRING
Monday, April 1
Family Afternoon Movie, 2 p.m.: *Brave*

Tuesday, April 2
Kid's Poetry Workshop with Sue Farlow, 2-3 p.m.
Grades 2-5. Space is limited; call 318-6804 to register.

Wednesday, April 3
How Does Your Garden Grow? 3-4 p.m. Learn about spring plants and flowers. Take home a seed kit to start your garden! Space is limited; call 318-6804 to register.

Thursday, April 4
Extreme Weather! 3-4 p.m. Learn about extreme weather events, create extreme weather projects, take home a 2-liter tornado! Space is limited, call 318-6804 to register.

Friday, April 5
Family Afternoon Movie, 2 p.m.: *Wreck it Ralph*

BREAK!
ASHEBORO LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM
FREE!

Mason's elder law seminars return

♣ Asheboro attorney and elder law expert Bob Mason will reprise his popular series of seminars on the many legal issues facing the elderly and their families.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the seminars are free and the public is invited. Sessions will be held on three consecutive Mondays in April at the Asheboro library.

The first session, at 2 p.m. April 8, covers essentials such as wills and trusts, powers of attorney, health care advance directives, insurance, second marriages, planning for a child with disabilities, and laying the ground work for long term care planning.

The next session, 2 p.m. April 15, addresses the costs of nursing home care (nearing \$7,000 monthly in many facilities).

The third session, 2 p.m. April 22, covers the VA Aid and Attendance program, a great benefit for certain veterans or widows of veterans that most people either are unaware of or do not understand.

Mason is a Board Certified Specialist in Elder Law by the North Carolina Board of Legal Specialization, and both past and incoming chairman of the Elder Law Section of the North Carolina Bar. He also is an author and frequent lecturer on elder law/special needs law topics.



Bob Mason

Project Linus resumes in Seagrove

Project Linus, which provides easily-crafted blankets to children in need, is underway at the Seagrove library, sponsored by the Friends of the Seagrove Public Library. Blanket-making sessions are at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 9 and May 14. Participants are asked to contribute \$3 for material costs. Call the library at 873-7521 to sign up.

UFO program to land in Archdale

Lakita Adams, state director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) will present "UFOs — What Do We Know" at 7 p.m. Friday, April 12 at the Archdale library. The lecture will include a brief history of UFOlogy and some North Carolina UFO cases along with MUFON information. The talk is free and the public is invited.

Archdale

336-431-3811
 Fax 336-431-4619
 10433 S. Main St.
 Mon-Thur 9-7;
 Fri 9-6; 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

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 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

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the
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Ross A. Holt



Public Libraries: 100 years at the core

♣ **It's the time once again that we renew our call for state funding of public libraries to remain strong.**

Library advocates will meet in Raleigh on Library Legislative Day, Tuesday, March 26, to talk with our legislators about the impact of the state's Aid to Public Libraries fund on the citizens through their libraries.

In the current and previous biennial budget cycles, the legislature has focused on identifying core government services for sustained funding. Simply put: public libraries have been a core government service for over 100 years.

In 1897, the General Assembly enabled cities and towns population 1,000 and over to establish municipal libraries; soon the population restriction was removed. The legislature itself chartered several libraries, including those in Durham, Raleigh and Charlotte.

In 1909 the General Assembly created and funded the North Carolina Library Commission to develop public library service statewide.

In 1911, the legislature enacted a law that allowed 25 percent of registered voters in any city or town to call for a referendum on the creation of a public library. If the issue passed, the library could be publicly funded and would be "forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city or town."

The commission, meanwhile, undertook its mission by evangelizing for the creation of local libraries, consulting, and offering

traveling book collections for underserved areas. Over the next 20 years, more and more communities established libraries with a mix of public and private funding. But the efforts lacked consistency and libraries were especially scarce in rural areas.

In 1937, the General Assembly approved aid for public libraries, and in 1941 made support of libraries a matter of state policy, providing a fund to "increase, improve, stimulate and equalize library service to the people of the whole state."

The funding served as a catalyst, and most counties that didn't already have libraries established them.

Public libraries primarily are funded by their communities, but historically, the state has an interest in ensuring effective library service to all North Carolinians. State aid to this day remains a relevant and critical component of library funding.

In a county library system like ours, state aid accounts for 10 percent of our operating budget — not exactly pocket change. It's even more important in rural areas served by multi-county library systems, where state aid can comprise as much as 35 percent of the budget.

State Aid is a key part of the mix that enables our public libraries to meet the needs of the citizens, who visit their libraries some 40 million times each year. Support of public libraries remains a core service of state government.

For more on the history of our state's public libraries, see The State Library and Library Development in North Carolina by Thornton W. Mitchell.

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Test drive 'Every Child' parent workshops

♣ Parents can learn the five activities that prepare children for reading as the library test-drives its new Every Child Ready to Read workshops.

Free workshops for parents/caregivers will be offered from 11-12 Saturday, March 23 and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2 at the Asheboro library. They will show how

parents can incorporate the five activities — talking, singing, reading, writing, playing — as they read to their children.

Children are invited, and refreshments will be served. RSVP to 318-6804 or ECRR@randolphlibrary.org

The ECRR project is funded by a federal Library Services and Technology Act grant via the State Library of North Carolina.

Don't be fooled: get (truly) free credit report

♣ Don't be fooled by catchy jingles: there's only one place to get your free annual credit report.

Come to free information sessions at Noon Tuesday, April 9, or 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Asheboro library to learn how safely to obtain the free credit report to which you are legally entitled.

Computers will be available after the

program for you to make a request and view your report online. You can also pick up an Annual Credit Report Request Form to have copies mailed to your home.

To request your credit history information, you will need your name, current address, previous addresses from the past two years, Social Security number and monthly mortgage payment.

Call 318-6803 to sign up.

Library adds baby, bilingual storytimes

♣ Asheboro children's librarians are offering an additional lapsit storytime for babies, and will resume bilingual storytimes in April.

A 9:30 a.m. lapsit storytime each Wednesday will join the existing 10:30 a.m. Monday storytime. The lapsit storytimes

are for children age 0-18 months and their parents.

A bilingual English/Spanish storytime will be offered at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month starting April 3.

The storytimes are free and open to the public.

Learn computers, email, Excel in library classes

♣ Free Asheboro library computer classes continue in April as follows.

Computer Basics, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 2;

Email Basics, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 16; **Excel Basics**, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30.

Classes last one hour. Call 318-6803 to sign up.



Sessions now available!

Thursday, April 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 6, 10-11 a.m.

Saturday, April 13, 10-11 a.m.

Thursday, April 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27, 10-11 a.m.

Call 318-6804 to sign up!

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26.

Luna Book Club:

Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 (Asheboro).

Men in Black Book Club:

Old Man's War by John Scalzi, Noon Thursday, April 18 (Asheboro).

Archdale Book Break: *In Cognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain* by David Eagleman, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

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

Hands-On-Science

Kids in grades 2-6 can learn about and make water wheel lifting gears at 3 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28 at the Asheboro library. Call 318-6804 to sign up.

Ebooks-On-The-Go

The library has scheduled more "Ebooks-On-The-Go" for anyone who needs help with their e-readers or with library ebooks. Librarians are available during the sessions for specialized, one-on-one assistance.

Sessions are free and will take place as follows:


- Wed., March 27, 1 p.m.
- Friday, April 12, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, April 23, 4 p.m.

Hunt Easter eggs, meet Easter Bunny at Asheboro library

Kids can get into the swing of spring with an Easter egg hunt and storytime at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 at the Asheboro library.

Children will be divided into age-

appropriate groups for activities that include the hunt, a craft and a story; the Easter Bunny is expected to appear. Sponsored by the Friends, it's free and the public is invited.



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

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P.O. Box 2806
Asheboro, NC 27204
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