

# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*



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## Furlong to share Amish experience

♣ Meet author Saloma Miller Furlong, who has documented her break with her Amish community in two memoirs, at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the Asheboro library

Miller's appearance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

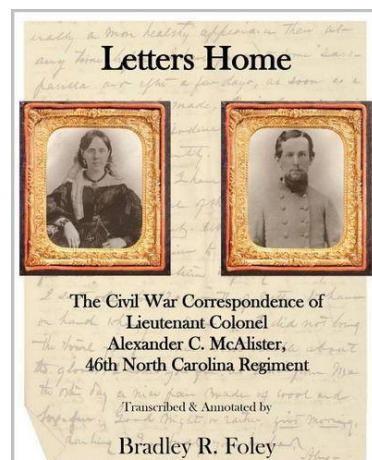
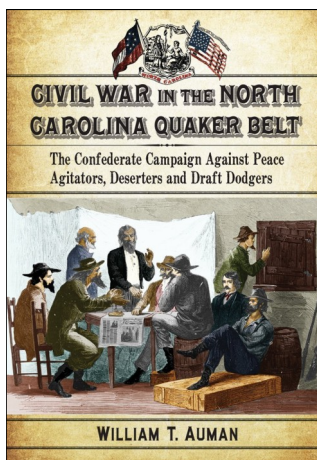
Miller is author of *Why I Left the Amish* and a sequel, *Bonnet Strings: An Amish Woman's Ties to Two Worlds*, which was published this month. She also was featured in the *American Experience* documentary "The Amish," which aired on PBS in 2012.

Her first book covers her coming of age in an Ohio Amish community, and her departure from it in a quest for freedom and more formal education. Her new book explores her experiences outside the Amish world — and her temporary return when a delegation from the community appeared to take her back.

Furlong graduated from Smith College in 2007. She and her husband David, a toymaker, live in Massachusetts and appear in a new *American Experience* documentary, "The Amish: Shunned," airing this month.



**Saloma Miller Furlong**



## CIVIL WAR AT HOME

**Foley, Whatley to discuss new books**

♣ Historians Mac Whatley and Brad Foley will present "A Tour of Randolph County's Civil War Past" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Asheboro library.

Foley will talk about his recently-published book, *Letters Home: The Civil War Correspondence of Alexander C. McAlister, 46th North Carolina Regiment*. The letters, between McAlister and his wife Adelaide, are a firsthand account of the war's impact on one of Asheboro's leading citizens and his family.

Whatley will explore *Civil War in the North Carolina Quaker Belt*, the late William T. Auman's account of seven Confederate military operations conducted against deserters and Unionists in central North Carolina. "The book is the work of Bill's lifetime, and an important contribution to Randolph County history," Whatley says.

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

## ***Stick around the library for 'Duct Tape Designs'***

Join the Asheboro Public Library's TeenZone and Children's Department at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, for "Stick Around the Library: Duct Tape Designs." Learn to make fun and useful items including wallets, clutch purses and mobile phone covers. For children 8-up and teens; call 318-6804 to sign up. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

For more Spring Break activities, see page 3.

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*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



## LBPH: another NC library gem

♣ **One day back in 2002, a colleague introduced me to a library visitor.**

**"Ross, this is Mr. Holmes. You've got to hear his story."**

Mr. Holmes was George Holmes, a semi-retired clergyman and former chemical engineer. He had dropped in to say thanks.

He explained that while working for an engineering firm in Asheboro in the 1970s, he had suffered two detached retinas, a long-term complication of a World War II injury. He found himself recuperating from emergency surgery, unable to see for a while with limited vision for a long period following — and facing the prospect of being unable to work.

"It's frustrating when you think your working days are over," he said. "It's scary."

He wanted to say thanks because during his recuperation, friends referred him to the library and then-Director Charlesanna Fox for resources the visually impaired. In short order, he was receiving material such as EPA reports in large print and audio (LP record!) formats, essential reading if he was to keep up with his fast-moving job.

"The library kept me working," he told me. "I never thought the library would turn your morale around."

As has been the case since 1958, if, like Mr. Holmes, you have a temporary or permanent visual disability, or another physical disability that makes it difficult for you to read, the library community has a powerful helper for you: the North Carolina

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), operated by the State Library of North Carolina.

Through mail and downloads via its website (<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/>), LBPH provides free reading material in the latest forms of assistive technology, including: large print books; Braille books; audiobooks with specially-designed readers; assistive controls for audio readers (remote controls, breath switches and extension levers); Descriptive Video Service for films; downloadable Braille books, audiobooks and magazines; and more.

Reference and readers advisory services are available by phone, and LBPH provides a book club and a summer reading program. The LBPH website also offers a variety of reading resources in a visually-friendly design.

You don't have to be legally blind to use LBPH services, and schools or care facilities that work with people who have disabilities can receive services.

To begin using LBPH, contact our Extension Services department (318-6816). A librarian will visit you and help you fill out the application, which includes creating a profile of your reading tastes. Shortly after LBPH receives the application, you'll begin receiving reading material by mail in the formats of your choice, at no cost.

The LBPH is a critical link in providing library services to all North Carolinians.

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### RANDOLPH COUNTY

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# SPRING BREAK!

## School's out! Join in the fun at the Asheboro library

### Grow Your Own Dinner!

4 p.m. Monday, April 14.

Kids can learn about common plants used in their food, identify seeds and watch them grow. Each child will go home with a seed starter kit of his or her choice, featuring vegetables and herbs we eat daily.

### Stick Around the Library: Duct Tape Designs

4 p.m. Tuesday, April 15

Kids, tweens and teens can learn to make useful and fun accessories with the ever-popular household product, duct tape. Make three or more items including wallets, clutch-purses and cell phone covers. Ages 8-up.

### Cartooning for Kids

4 p.m. Wednesday, April 16

Rich Powell will help kids in grades 2-5 who are just discovering their cartooning talent create and make their own kooky characters.

Call 318-6804 to sign up. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

## Celebrate spring, Easter at the libraries

♣ Dig out from a long, cold winter with fun and free spring and Easter events for kids and families at the libraries.

**Celebrate Easter** in fun, family fashion at the Asheboro library, 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, with stories, songs, games, crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

**In a Spring Garden** with Oscar and Elsa Gonzales, dress up your garden with pretty pots during a Ramseur library springtime event. 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17. Call 824-2232 to sign up.

**Get Egg-cited — it's Spring Time** at Randleman at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, with stories and activities. Kindergarten and up; call 431-3811 to sign up.

Archdale will host an **Earth Day Celebration** for children and their families at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. Enjoy games, crafts, stories and refreshments.

Have a **Spring Splash** in an Every Child Ready to Read Family Fun Night, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at the Asheboro library. Call 318-6804 to sign up.

## Buy and sell safely using Craigslist

♣ Ron Osborne, of Ron Osborne Classic Mopar Restoration, and a Randolph County Sheriff's deputy will team up to help you buy and sell safely on Craigslist.

The free program will be offered twice,

at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15 and 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at the Asheboro library. No sign-up is required. Osborne is a veteran Craigslist buyer/seller.

It's sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and the public is invited.

## Asheboro to repeat Heritage Quest online genealogy class

The Asheboro library's popular Heritage Quest class will be repeated at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 9. Heritage Quest is an online treasury of American genealogical resources

made available by NC LIVE, the state's online library.

The class is free and the public is invited. Space is limited; call 318-6804 to sign up.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29.

**Luna Book Club:** TBA, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. (Asheboro)

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:** "History Alive" with Pfeiffer College students as historical figures, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30. (Asheboro)

**Archdale Book Break:** TBA (nonfiction selection), 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

## Health screens

Randleman's Path to Good Health program continues with free mini-health screenings, 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2.


## Jobseeking help

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. Free, first-come first-served; no registration is required.

## E-Stuff session

The Asheboro Reference staff will offer an E-Stuff open Session at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 24. Bring your device and learn how to download ebooks, audiobooks and magazines.





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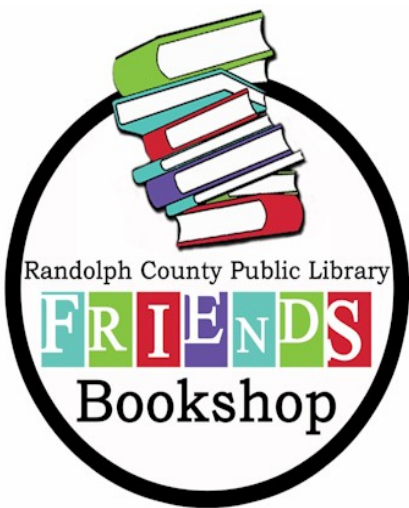
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