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## Engel to return for Dickens' 200th

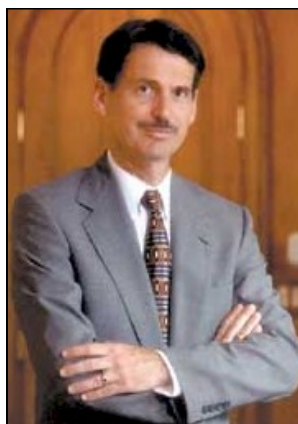
♣ It's the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, and who better to celebrate it than scholar, performer and lively lecturer Dr. Elliot Engel?

The popular Dickens expert will keynote the Friends of the Library annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in the second-floor meeting room of the 1909 Historic Courthouse at 145 Worth Street. Engel's talk is free and the public is invited.

Using anecdote, analysis and large doses of humor, Engel will bring Dickens to life in an imaginative, delightful presentation filled with infectious enthusiasm and radiant wit.

Engel, who lives in Raleigh, has taught at UNC Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, Duke and UCLA. He is author of ten books, and his lecture series about Dickens ran on PBS stations across the country.

Proceeds from the sale of his books, CDs and DVDs have raised funds for the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London, which Dickens helped found in 1852.



*Dr. Elliot Engel*

## RCPC gives \$25K grant for children's books

♣ The Randolph County Partnership for Children has awarded the library a \$25,000 grant for children's books, DVDs and other material.

"Ensuring all children have access to books is a critical priority for the Partnership for Children," says RCPC Executive Director Pauline McKee. "The foundation for literacy begins before a child enters school. We are fortunate to have a library system which is accessible to families in multiple locations across the county."

The grant will fund purchase of material for children ages 0-5 at all seven library branches.

## Library to host exhibit of pre-k student art

♣ Art by children in local preschools will be on display at the Asheboro library May 5-May 21, with a reception featuring performances by the children at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

The exhibit, entitled "The Hundred Expressions of Children," sponsored by the Randolph County Partnership for Children, will travel to the Randolph Arts Guild after its stay at the library.

It includes work from The Children's Center of Asheboro, The Growing Place, Precious Memories

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## ***Liberty library to celebrate 70th birthday with art exhibit, more***

*The Liberty Public Library will celebrate 70 years with an exhibit of work by local artists from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the library. Both established and emerging artists will be featured. Refreshments will be served, and harpist Clarke Carriker will provide music. The event is free and the public is invited. To give back to the community, the library will sponsor a Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure on Saturday, May 5. For more information, call the library at 622-4506. The library was established by local civic groups and opened its doors on April, 17 1942.*

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## The Poetry of Conservation

♣ **Good poetry, observed T.S. Eliot, communicates before it is understood.**

That concept underlies "The Poetry of Conservation," a new partnership between the North Carolina Zoological Park and the library that will bring poets-in-residence to the zoo over the next few months.

The poets will choose lines from up to 40 poems focusing on nature and conservation to be installed in highly visible, creative ways throughout the zoo. "Visitors are not always inclined to stop and read the signs that focus on conservation," says Ellen Greer, the zoo's curator of design.

"Poetry has the ability to convey messages in fun, creative and quickly-grasped ways. The spirit of conservation can be presented through short snippets of poetry that, though they do not demand a large time investment from visitors, are memorable."

While in residence, the poets will lead poetry workshops for children and adults, and hold readings at the zoo and the library.

Each poet also will create an original work or works based on the theme. These poems, along with poetry generated through the workshops, will be presented in a final compilation on the zoo's website.

Sue Farlow, a retired Asheboro High School English teacher and past president of the North Carolina Poetry Society, has identified and recruited as poets-in-residence three North Carolina poets whose work reflects the nature and conservation

themes of the project. They are:

- **Pat Riviere-Seel**, week of June 25. Riviere-Seel, also a past president of the N.C. Poetry Society, is Associate Editor of *Asheville Poetry Review* and has taught poetry writing classes for UNC Asheville's Great Smokies Writing Program and College for Seniors. Her first book of poetry, *No Turning Back Now*, was published in 2004 and was nominated for a Pushcart Prize.
- **Bill Griffin**, week of July 8. Griffin, from Elkin, is a family doctor and geriatrician who received the poetry society's Poet Laureate Award in 2009. His collections include *little mouse* (2011) and *Snake Den Ridge, A Bestiary* (2008).
- **Michael Beadle**, week of September 10. Beadle is a journalist, freelance writer and editor who has published two chapbooks of poetry and a CD of his poems. He frequently performs and teaches poetry in schools, festivals and conferences.

The Poetry of Conservation was inspired by "The Language of Conservation," a partnership between the Wildlife Conservation Society and Poets House in New York City that installed lines of verse in six zoos around the country between 2008 and 2010. Evaluations of the projects showed that the installations were exceptionally successful in communicating the message of conservation.

Dates for zoo and library events will be announced soon.

# Seminars to cover elder care issues

♣ Asheboro attorney Bob Mason will present three seminars on elder law and care during May at the Asheboro library.

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

The first session, "How to Avoid an Elder Law Train Wreck," 2 p.m. Thursday, May 10, will cover wills, trusts, powers of attorney, health care directives, long term care planning and more.

The second session, "How to Pay for



**Bob Mason**

Nursing Home Care Without Losing Your Shirt," 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17, will address planning for nursing home costs.

The third session, "Make Sure Your VA benefits Aren't AWOL," 2 p.m. Thursday, May 24, will raise awareness about often-overlooked long term care benefits for veterans and the spouses of deceased veterans.

Mason is a Board Certified Specialist in Elder Law and a Certified Elder Law Attorney. He also is a past chair of Hospice of Randolph County, and is a frequent speaker on elder and disabilities law issues.

## Local libraries join 'World Book Night'

♣ Three libraries will join institutions and individuals worldwide to celebrate World Book Night on Monday, April 23, by giving away free books.

Asheboro library staff will give away copies of ten recent bestsellers from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Wal-mart and from

4-6 p.m. at the Randolph Mall location of Chick-Fil-A. Archdale and Randleman libraries will distribute the books at locations to be announced. Books will be available while supplies last.

The event originated in Great Britain in 2011 as a way to celebrate and promote the joy of reading. Find out more at [www.us.worldbooknight.org](http://www.us.worldbooknight.org).

## Archdale to focus on service group

♣ The Archdale library will spotlight Therapeutic Alternatives Inc. in a program at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 25.

The organization is a comprehensive provider of mental health, developmental

disability and substance abuse services, including a 24-hour year-round Mobile Crisis Management response service.

Founded in 1958, it operates clinics and crisis centers, and provides referrals and case management. The program is free and the public is invited

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Preschool and the Early Childhood Development Center. The artwork arose from projects that the kids undertook to learn more about a topic or interest.

During the reception, three of the preschools will present performances based on their projects.

The exhibit and the reception are open to the public.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Paris Wife* by Paula McClain, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.

**Luna Book Club:** *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.

**Archdale Book Break:** *Folly Beach* by Dorothea Benton Frank, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

**Men in Black Book Club:** *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams, Noon, Thursday, May 17.

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

## Seniors, play!

Seniors age 60 and over are invited to "You're Never Too Old to Play" at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Asheboro library. Organized by the Extension Services department, the free event will feature an antiques expert who will talk about and show tools and objects that older Americans would recognize, and about which they would enjoy discussing memories and uses.

## Boomer Expo


Visit the library's booth at the Boomer, Senior, Caregiver Expo, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Randolph Mall, and learn about library outreach to older Americans, as well as ebooks and other services. Enter to win a gift basket.

## Children's Room to host mother-daughter tea party

Come dressed in your best tea party attire for "Tea for 2," a mother-daughter Tea Party at 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the Asheboro library. It's free but space is limited, so

registration is required; call 318-6804 to sign up. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

The tea party is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



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

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