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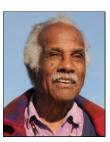
Famed children's author Ashley Bryan to visit

♣ Author, artist and teacher Ashley Bryan, a leading figure in children's literature for over 40 years, will share his wisdom at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, at the Asheboro Public Library

Bryan's appearance is free and the public is invited. It's sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The program will include display of Bryan's artwork, and a sing-a-long of spirituals that Bryan illustrated for his recent books *Walk Together Children*

and *I'm Going to Sing*, to be led by Philip Shore and other local performers.



The 89-year-old Bryan was the first African American man both to write and illustrate a children's book, and has earned numerous honors including the Arbuthnot Award for lifetime achievement, the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award and several Coretta Scott King awards and honors.

Author and artist

Ashley Bryan prepares

an illustration for one

of his children's books.

His work draws on African American traditions and folklore, blending the rhythms of the oral tradition in his writing with a wide range of media in his art.

He studied at Cooper Union and Columbia University, and taught art at Dartmouth College. He lives on Little Cranberry Island off the coast of Maine.

'Bedtime Bonanza' launches Every Child Ready to Read® * Bring the kids in their PJs for a "Bedtime Bonanza"

♣ Bring the kids in their PJs for a "Bedtime Bonanza" as the library kicks off Every Child Ready to Read®, its new early childhood literacy initiative for the whole family.

Bedtime Bonanza is free and will be offered at five locations in the library system. It will include a storytime, an age-appropriate craft and refreshments.

Parents/caregivers, children age 0-5 and older siblings are invited to any of the sessions as follows:

- Asheboro, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14;
- Archdale, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30;
- Randleman, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4;
- Seagrove, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11
- Ramseur/Franklinville, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 at Ramseur.

During each event, librarians will provide parents/caregivers with tips about how incorporate five key activities — talking, singing, reading, writing, playing — as they interact with their children. Employing these techniques has been shown to build pre-literacy skills that help ensure children will be ready learn to read when they begin school.

Every Child activities for parents/caregivers and children will be ongoing, and the techniques will be part of library storytimes for babies through preschoolers.

Every Child Ready to Read®, developed by the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Services to Children, is based on research about language, early literacy skills and how children learn. The techniques give parents and caregivers simple but powerful ways to help kids develop the language and other skills they need to learn to read.

The Randolph County Public Library 'Every Child' initiative is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

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

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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

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from the director

Ross A. Holt



Tell us how we're doing!

♣ Got a kudo to pass along about the library, or an ax to grind?

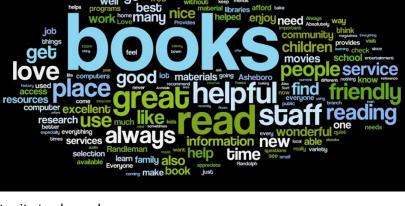
Of course you can tell us anytime, but each spring we formalize the process with our annual patron satisfaction survey.

It's an excellent opportunity to channel your thoughts about and experiences with the library into categories that enable us to see what we're doing right, and how we might improve.

The survey is available on our websites, randolphlibrary.org and randquest.org, and on paper in the library. It's posted to our Facebook page (facebook.com/randolphlibrary — like us if you haven't already) and distributed to our email list.

The first part asks about some performance measures that our public service departments report to county administration. How long did you have to wait when checking out? Was your reference or genealogy question answered to your satisfaction? Did you find the children's book you were looking for?

These are followed with some openended questions that lets you share your library experience with us. Why is the library important to you? What do we do best? What could we do better?



We also ask if using the library has helped you achieve a goal — we want to hear your library success story.

The image accompanying this column is a word cloud from the 2012 survey results. It depicts, by the size of the words, the frequency with which they were used in the responses in relation to each other.

Of course "books" is front and center (don't ever think that technology has done away with them!). "Read" and "reading" also are prominent. But we're very proud that at the next level you see "helpful," "staff," "friendly," "people" and "service."

We get constructive criticism too. Parking was mentioned frequently before the new lot was constructed, and we hear occasionally about noise in the library. We try to make corrections where we can (although one suggestion about a daily door prize of fresh fruit is probably not practical).

So please take this opportunity to tell us how we're doing!





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Green living programs continue

"Green Living at the Library," a series programs sponsored by the library and Randolph County Cooperative Extension, continues thru June at the Asheboro Public Library.

The programs are free and the public is invited, but space is limited. Call 318-6803 or 318-6000 to register. Coming up:

Herbs 101, 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 14. Learn how to grow, dry, freeze, cook and creatively use herbs with Family and Consumer Extension Agent Katie Rangel and Master Gardener Vernece Willet.

Vermicomposting, 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. Master Gardener Ruth Held will talk about using worms in composting.

Backyard Chickens, 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 4. Learn about brooding care, purchasing the right breed for the backyard "farm," and forage management with Area Agricultural Extension agent Dan Campeau.

Writer Angie Kinghorn to speak



♣ Blogger/essayist Angie Kinghorn will talk about her writing at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at the Asheboro library.

Her appearance, sponsored by the Friends, is free and the public is invited.

Asheboro native Kinghorn is an attorney-turned-writer of memoir and fiction. Her work has been published in *The Literary Anthology of Write on the Edge* and the *BlogHer 2012 Voices of the Year* compilation. She was recognized as a 2012 BlogHer Voice of the Year.

Find out more at angiekinghorn.com.

'Hundred Expressions' returns in May

♣ "The Hundred Expressions of Children," an exhibition of artwork inspired by projects in four area preschools, will be on display from May 4-24 at the Asheboro library.

An opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

The exhibit includes work from

students at The Children's Center, The Growing Place Child Care Center, Precious Memories Preschool and Shepherd's Way Day School. It is sponsored by the Randolph County Partnership for Children.

The artwork results from projects that the children in each preschool have undertaken to learn more about a topic or interest.

RCPC gives \$25k for children's books

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

The grant will be divided among the seven libraries and the Extension Services

department to boost material for children age 0-5 and their parents.

One of RCPC's priorities is ensuring that children have access to reading material. The organization has provided the library with several previous grants for books and other children's materials.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 28. Luna Book Club: TBD, May 28, 7 p.m. (Asheboro) Men in Black Book Club: Liberating Atlantis by Harry Turtledove, Noon Thursday, May 16. (Asheboro) **Archdale Book Break: Miss** Julia Rocks the Cradle by Ann B. Ross, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. **Liberty Book Club:** Fourth Tuesday, Liberty library. Call 622-4605 for details.

Online safety

Asheboro library staff will present "Social Media and Internet Safety for Parents and Teens" at 2 p.m.
Thursday, May 23, and again at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 30.

It's free and the public is invited.

The one-hour class is designed to create common ground between parents and teens who use social media, and will include an overview of basic Internet safety, Facebook security and privacy settings, and an introduction to the microblog site Tumblr.

Issues covered will include cyber-bullying, trolls, social media etiquette, and potential dangers of Facebook, Tumblr and other social media sites.

Boomer- Senior-Caregiver Expo headed for mall

Visit the library's booth at the Boomer– Senior– Caregiver Expo, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Randolph Mall, and learn about outreach to older Americans, as well as ebooks and other library services; and enter to win a gift basket.

The Expo also will feature entertainment, educational seminars and free health screenings.

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