NC Poet Laureate to read

Asheboro to host state library card kickoff

North Carolina Poet Laureate Cathy Smith Bowers will join local poets at the Asheboro Public Library for the statewide kickoff of the annual “Smartest Card” library card sign-up campaign.

A reading by Bowers and an “open mike” organized by the Randolph Writers Group will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 8. It’s free and the public is invited.

The event also will include a press conference hosted by the State Library of North Carolina to promote the library card campaign, which takes place each September. During the campaign, libraries across the state spread the message that a library card is the “smartest card” and encourage state residents to visit their libraries and sign up for a card.

Along with Bowers and the other poets, the reading will feature a tribute to the campaign by Philip Shore III.

Bowers, this year’s statewide spokesperson for the Smartest Card campaign, is the state’s sixth poet laureate, a position from which she serves as an ambassador of North Carolina literature and seeks to raise the state’s consciousness to a greater

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RF Micro Devices co-founder Jerry Neal appears in a one-man show as wireless pioneer Guglielmo Marconi, with vintage telegraph equipment and other artifacts.

Neal’s show explores radio pioneer Marconi

In the early years of the 20th Century, the Titanic got the Carpathia rushing to the rescue and Scotland Yard got its man thanks to a new invention: the wireless telegraph.

This fascinating history comes to life as RF Micro Devices co-founder Jerry Neal performs a one-man show as Guglielmo Marconi, the father of all wireless communication, at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 16, at the Sunset Theatre.

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

Neal promises to keep his audience on the edge of their seats as he steps back in time to delve into the invention and inventor that changed the world.

The multimedia show, which includes a full set, period costume and a demonstration of wireless technology,

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Liberty opens new nature library

Liberty has a new library! The Liberty Nature Research Library formally opened on Thursday, July 29 at 11 a.m. in the Reitzel Center in downtown Liberty.

On hand to cut the ribbon were Carol Stevenson and Maxton King, children of the donor, Henry King, as well as many friends. Presiding over the ceremony was Mayor Pro-Tem of Liberty, Terry Caviness.

The library, one of only two nature libraries in the state, is a tribute to Maxine Frazier King, wife of author and former Courier-Tribune columnist Henry King. Maxine was Franklinville Librarian from 1960-1996.


As Roberson’s health declined, she contacted Henry about moving the library to a permanent location. Carol Stevenson, who works for the Town of Liberty, Town Manager Roger Davis, a lover of libraries in his own right, and Warren Dixon, dear friend of Henry’s and Liberty Library Board of Trustees chairman, jumped at the idea of moving it to Liberty, as it fit perfectly with the planned downtown revitalization.

Fortunately, Roger was able to secure a room in the Reitzel Center for the library. With the assistance of Liberty Librarian Susan Primm and her able staff members Carol Kendall, Laraleigh Bigham and Margee Kindred, the library was assembled by subject and decorated in a nature theme featuring turtle sitting stools, woven rugs depicting wild rabbits, a shell collection, life size bird and fish models and a Kachina doll, which Henry had carved from a felled tree for Carol some years ago.

In fact, much of the décor was selected and ordered by Henry himself to increase ambiance for the visiting children and adults. The library of 1,200 books will be a research and reference library only. A copying machine is on order for duplication of materials.

King has been fascinated with nature since earliest childhood. He built what he believes to be one of the first nature trails in the state behind his house in Franklinville. It led to -- you guessed it -- Sandy Creek. One of his first published works was for Rocks and Minerals magazine around 1948. He was a camp counselor in nature study and crafts when he was a teenager in the Baltimore area because of his knowledge of nature. He began his collection of nature books early on. When he and Maxine married, this became a joint venture of love which continued until her death.

The Liberty Nature Research Library is open Mondays and Saturdays from 9-1 and on Wednesdays from 1-5 pm. Visitors are welcomed and donations in accordance with the theme of the library will be accepted.

Carol Kendall is the Librarian.
Neal appears as inventor Marconi

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focuses on two key events in the histories of both Marconi and wireless: the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 and the “North London Cellar Murder” in 1910 — the first case in which transatlantic wireless led to the capture of a fugitive.

Neal also brings along fascinating displays, including a reproduction of Marconi’s radio transmitters and receivers and reproductions of artifacts from the Titanic.

Neal, who lives in northwestern Randolph County, is executive vice-president of strategic development for RF Micro Devices, the company he helped found.

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appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry.

The Tryon resident encourages all North Carolinians to take time from their busy lives to explore the rich literature and many wonderful resources available at their libraries.

Over five million state residents are card-carrying library users and during the last fiscal year over 37 million visited their libraries. Nine million used library Internet computers.

North Carolina’s “Smartest Card” initiative is part of The Campaign for America’s Libraries, a multi-year public awareness and advocacy effort by the American Library Association. Begun in 2004, the campaign promotes the value of public libraries nationwide.

Asheboro Reads: The Wife’s Tale by Lori Lansens, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Luna Book Club: The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Wednesday, September 8

Smartest Card kickoff: Library card sign-up kickoff featuring NC Poet Laureate Cathy Smith Bowers, 7 p.m. Asheboro library.

Monday, September 13

Movie Monday: Shutter Island, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Thursday, September 16

Jerry Neal as Guglielmo Marconi. 7 p.m., Sunset Theatre.

Library to sponsor workshop for caregivers

Community resources, information and services for seniors and those charged with caring for them will be the topic of a talk by Helen Milleson of Randolph Hospital’s Community Case Management Department at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 8 at the Asheboro library. The program is free and the public is invited.
In Memory of: Betty T. Allred
By: Joan M. Allred

In Memory of: Georgia Betts
By: Sandra and Breck Richardson

In Memory of: Mary Neely DeMauro
By: Anne H. Moore

In Memory of: Helen Brown Coble Hawthorne
By: Cleve and Mary Dunn
Arlene and Tony Smith
Thursday Study Club

In Memory of: AHS Classmates of 1947: Daryl Masteller, Juanita Cagle Lewis and Christine Corder Martin
By: Juanita Jackson Kesler

In Memory of: Ruth White Hayworth
By: Linda and Jane Hayworth

In Memory of: Ruth S. Hussey
By: Dorothy Hoover, Brenda Joyce, Margaret Spencer, Katie Teague and Barbara Wilson(sisters)

In Memory of: Jane G. McGlohon
By: AHS Class of 1944
Jonna Libbert and Susan Coltrane

In Memory of: Preston Strickland
By: Randolph County Tax Department

In Memory of: Major Holman E. Owney, US Army, Ret.
By: NC Child Support Enforcement Agency/Randolph County

In Memory of: Ken Walker
By: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Matney

In Honor of: Cathy Carter
By: Susan Coltrane

In Honor of: L. Barron Mills, Jr.
By: Ginny Dunn

In Honor of: Reviewer’s Book Club
By: Lorraine B. Sherrill