

# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*



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## Ongoing & Upcoming

### Thursday, August 11

**"Digging Up Dinosaurs,"** fossil expert Phil Senter, 7 p.m., Archdale library. Free.

### Tuesday, August 16

**Basic computing class,** 9:30 a.m., Asheboro library. Free.

### Thursday, August 18

**Education advocate Marisol Romero,** 7 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

### Monday, August 22

**Movie Monday:** *The Eagle*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library. Free.

### Tuesday, August 30

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**Luna Book Club:** *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan, 7 p.m., Asheboro Library. Free.

### Thursday, October 14

**"A Taste of the South,"** Friends of the Library fundraiser with cookbook author Sheri Castle, 7 p.m., Pinewood Country Club.

## Ebooks to arrive August 22

♣ The library's "Digital Depot" collection of downloadable ebooks will go live on Monday, August 22.



library's own websites, [randolphlibrary.org](http://randolphlibrary.org) and [randquest.org](http://randquest.org).

The ebooks also will be added to the library catalog. A simple title

search will indicate whether a copy in ebook format is available, and a keyword search solely for ebooks also will be available.

Ebook borrowers will have to download and install a small program from the website. Then, they will be able to check out ebooks, download them and transfer them to an e-reader.

Initially, ebooks will be available for all e-readers except Amazon.com's Kindle. Kindle ebooks will be available soon, possibly as early as September.

Borrowers will check out ebooks from the Depot, a website provided by the library's ebook vendor. The website will be reachable directly, or from the

## Randolph Room seeks photos of armed services veterans

♣ The Randolph Room is seeking photographs of county residents who have served in the U.S. military to add to the online Randolph County Historical Photograph Collection

Photographs can be donated or loaned for scanning. The images will be available for viewing in the collection, a compendium of more than 2,100 photos accessible via the library catalog or at [www.randolphlibrary.org/historicalphotos.htm](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/historicalphotos.htm).

The project is the brainchild of Barry Chandler, a library patron who retired after a 20-year Army career. Finding few photographs of veterans in the collection, he suggested soliciting more as a tribute to local people who served, and for the historical record.

To submit a photo, visit the Randolph Room at the Asheboro library or call 318-6815. The historical photo collection began in 2003 with the scanning of 1,500 photos held by the Randolph Room and depicting people and events from the late 1800s through the 1960s.

## Friends to host "Taste of the South" fundraiser

Save the date for Friday, October 14, 7-10 p.m., as the Friends of the Library present "Taste of the South" at Pinewood Country Club. The event will be gourmet dinner/demonstration by Sheri Castle, author of *The New Southern Garden Cookbook*. Tickets on sale soon; more in next month's newsletter.



**Archdale**  
336-431-3811  
Fax 336-431-4619  
10433 S. Main St.  
Mon, Wed, Fri 9-6;  
Tues, Thur 9-8; 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**  
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

**Dial-A-Story**  
336-318-6833

*from  
the  
(retired) director*  
**Charlesanna L. Fox**



## Remembering the first Asheboro librarian

♣ **Blanche Walker served as Asheboro's first librarian. Retired Library Director Charlesanna Fox, who turns 101 this month, penned this reminiscence.**

The Asheboro Librarian from 1936 until 1963 was Mrs. Blanche Cox Walker.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.R. Cox who lived on Academy and Main Streets. This place is now owned by the Central Methodist Church. The Church and the parking lot are located where the home was originally located.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox had six daughters, one of whom was Blanche. She was a graduate of Salem College. She married James Walker. They had a son and a daughter.

The Asheboro Library Association asked Mrs. Walker to come to work after Carrie Brittain, one of their members, had to leave to go to summer school.

She began work in 1936 and was the only Asheboro Librarian until the Asheboro and the County Librarian were joined in 1963.

She was there every day from 9-6 o'clock. There was no annual or sick leave. Blanche stayed after the City Hall was closed at 5 p.m. five or six days a week and worked on Saturdays so that people who worked five days could come to the library. At times, members of the Library Association helped out.

She worked this way until 1954 when the County Library was able to employ Leota (Jack) Fritz to work one day a week. She

very seldom took any annual or sick leave.

The Asheboro Public Library was on the first floor of the City Hall from 1938 until 1963 when it merged with the Randolph Public Library headquarters in a new building on Worth Street.

The library was on the first floor and has an entrance on the south. There was another door leading to the hall which could be locked when the library was open and the City Hall was closed. John Church was the faithful janitor for the City Hall including the library.

The library was furnished with beautiful library furniture featuring shelving, tables, and chairs — all gifts from local civic clubs, organizations and individuals. The furniture was a lovely soft green.

After 25 years, the Asheboro Library became very crowded. There was room for only one table for children and one for adults and the charging desk and a few other things.

In 1963 the Asheboro Library was moved to the new location on Worth Street which houses the headquarters of the Randolph County Library. Mrs. Walker was made a Reference Librarian.

She was now of retirement age but she had seen the changes and growth. She left for the Retirement Home in Southern Pines. Her son had died and her daughter was married and living in Pennsylvania.

There are many persons in the county today who will remember Mrs. Walker and the Asheboro Public Library at the City Hall.

# Friends to host education advocate



♣ **Barriers that young people face in obtaining a higher education due to their immigration status will be the focus of a talk by Marisol Romero at 7**

**p.m. Thursday, August 18, at the Asheboro library.**

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

A rising senior at Harvard studying human development and regenerative biology, Romero graduated from Asheboro High School in 2008.

She is spending the summer volunteering with the Latino Coalition of Randolph County to help educate the public on access to higher education for young people who are immigrants but have already substantial ties to the United States.

# Library resumes computer classes

♣ **Popular one-hour free computer classes have resumed at the Asheboro library.**

Every other Tuesday, Reference librarians will teach a class from 9:30 a.m. Computer Basics classes are scheduled for August 16 and 30, and September 13.

An Email Basics class is scheduled for September 27. October classes will be announced soon.

The Computer Basics class is designed for those with little or no computer knowledge. It will include demonstration and hands-on practice that will enable participants to become familiar and comfortable with using the mouse and keyboard as well as learning computer terminology.

Classes are limited to eight people per session, so call 318-6803 or visit the Reference Desk to sign up.

# Jonna Libbert retires after 18 years

♣ **Children's librarian Jonna Libbert retired in May after 18 years with the library.**

The multi-talented Libbert joined the Children's Room staff in 1993. She says she has enjoyed interacting with children over the years as she conducted storytimes, and her artistic ability is evident in the visual material she created for library's collection of storytime material.

She also created bulletin boards for the

Children's Room, and was responsible for all the art displays and collections that adorned library walls and cabinets.

Libbert also served on the library's Quiz Bowl committee and the State Library of North Carolina's Summer Reading Program committee. She continues to write a column on books for *The Courier-Tribune*.

She is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends, and as an avid reader, isn't expected to stray too far from the library.

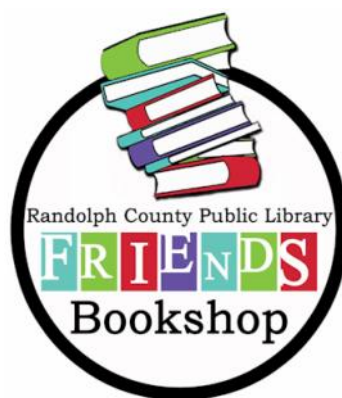
## Book discussions

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**Luna Book Club:** *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 30.

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

**Library discussion groups** are free and open to all. Refreshments are served.



**10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Tues., Thurs., Sat.**

**226 Sunset Ave.,  
Asheboro**

**629-1536**

***Donations accepted at  
the bookshop***


**Randleman Public Library  
BOOK SALE**

**10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Third Saturday  
of each month  
124 Commerce Pl.  
next to the library.**

***Brownstone Book Fund  
donates one hundred  
children's books***

The library has received a gift of 100 new children's books for pre-k through early readers from the Brownstone Book Fund, a private foundation in New York City. Each of

the state's 75 public library system received the gift, which is intended to foster early reading, a love of books, and parents and children reading together.



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

**Mail to: Friends of the Library**  
**P.O. Box 2806**  
**Asheboro, NC 27204**  
*Memberships are tax deductible*

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**In Memory of: Janet Lucas Graves**  
 Catherine B. Aaron  
 Children of Clarence & Dellamaie Cagle  
 Barbara L. Lassiter  
 Howard L. Lively

**In Memory of: R. Glen Keyes**  
 By: Lynne R. Qualls

**In Memory of: Glenda Auman Lilly**  
 By: Cynthia Pierce

**In Memory of: Emily Spicer**  
 Jennifer Kiessler  
 Randolph County Partnership for Children

**In Memory of: Steven D. Scarboro**  
 By: Gail Swaringen

**In Memory of: Nannie B. Scott**  
 By: Lynne R. Qualls

**In Memory of: Arlene Smith**  
 Cynthia Pierce  
 Linda and Frankie Shirley

**In Memory of: Iris Ann Stone**  
 By: Jeff Stone

**In Memory of: Claude Edgar Tucker**  
 By: Bobby & Denise Lowe Burgess

**In Honor of: Rebecca Bell**  
 By: By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

**In Honor of: Suzanne Benhart**  
 By: By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

**In Honor of: Celeste Brady Burns & Family**  
 By: Sally Hart Brady

**In Honor of: Megan Crotty**  
 By: Martha and Roger Crotty

**In Honor of: Alice Dawson**  
 By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

**In Honor of: Dwain & Heidi Gullion & Family**  
 By: Ramseur Public Library