



Beadle to wrap up poetry project

♣ Western North Carolina poet, journalist, editor and freelance writer Michael Beadle will be in residence at the NC Zoo during the week of September 10 as the third and final wordsmith in the Poetry of Conservation project.

Beadle will conduct workshops at the zoo and headline two community events:

- Reading and Open Mic, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, at Lumina Beer & Wine;
- Lunch and Learn, Noon Thursday, September 13, at the Randolph Arts Guild.



Michael Beadle

The open mic and the Lunch and Learn are free and the public is invited.

Beadle's poems have appeared in numerous literary journals. He also has published two chapbooks and a CD, and as a journalist has over 1,500 articles to his name.

The Poetry of Conservation is a partnership among the zoo, the library and the Arts Guild. Lines of verse selected by the poets in residence will be sculpturally installed in key public areas of the zoo to raise awareness about nature and conservation issues.

Temperance to unravel with talk by author Ben Spencer

♣ Author Ben Spencer will discuss the inspiration behind his novel *Temperance Unraveling*, and the eight-year process of writing it, at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 30, at the Asheboro library.



Ben Spencer

inspired by Asheboro's history as a "dry" town and its 2008 alcohol referendum. It was a quarterfinalist for this year's Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award.

Spencer, who grew up in the Farmer area, is an avid reader of

literary fiction and a devoted writer who has spent the last 10 years honing his craft.

He is currently at work on a new novel about a brick mason and his three sons.

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

The novel — his first — is

Seagrove blanket project yields 'Crafting for a Cause'

♣ The Seagrove Friends of the Library Project Linus initiative, in which community members made blankets for those in need, has led to 'Crafting for a Cause,' which continues into the fall.

Events take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Seagrove library:

- Hospice Angels (make paper

angels for Christmas meal trays), September 18;

- **Project Linus Blankets**, October 16 (a \$3 tax deductible contribution requested for blanket materials);
- **Holiday Mail for Heroes** (make cards for soldiers overseas), November 13.

Anyone 18 and over can participate. Pre-register for the workshops by calling 873-7253.

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Grant to get 'Every Child Ready to Read'

♣ **Learning begins at birth; parents and other caregivers are a child's first and best teachers; and children who become proficient in reading have a better chance at lifelong success.**

These are the jumping off points for Every Child Ready to Read, research-based parent/caregiver education program that the library will offer to the community in the coming months.

In the early 2000s, it became apparent to the Association for Library Service to Children and the Public Library Association that most early literacy initiatives focused on children. Children could further benefit, they concluded, if parents and caregivers — as they read and interact with children in the ordinary course of their lives — could help them build specific pre-literacy skills that had been shown to facilitate learning to read later on.

So the two groups worked with researchers and educational experts to develop Every Child Ready to Read. Now in its second edition, the program invites parents and caregivers to library-based workshops where they can hone their reading-at-home skills and learn proven techniques to ensure their children's reading success.

We will begin the program in late 2012 or early 2013 with workshops at each library. We also plan to carry them to other places where we can reach parents and

children, such as day cares and other community centers.

Community partners are on board: we will be working with the Randolph Community College Early Childhood Program and the Randolph County Partnership for Children.

After initial workshops for parents, subsequent events follow with activities for parents and children together. They include:

- Fun for Parents and Children;
- Fun with Letters for Parents and Children;
- Fun with Words for Parents and Children;
- Fun with Science and Math for Parents and Children.

Every Child Ready to Read workshops are free and broad-based: all parents and caregivers are invited regardless of skill or confidence level.

The ECRR techniques also are useful in group settings, so library staff will be trained in the techniques, which will become standard practice for storytimes and other library programming for children age 0-5. Staff workshops also will be available for day cares and community groups that work with children in the age range.

The project 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.

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Smith retires after 50-year career

♣After a career in libraries that spans 50 years, Irene Smith will retire from the Randolph County Public Library on August 31.

Of those 50 years, Irene spent 16 here, first as a reference librarian and assistant head of the Reference Department, then as head of the Technical Services Department.

"Irene is a consummate professional," says Library Director Ross Holt. "She's loved and respected by the staff, who – just like the library director – often turn to her for advice all sorts of library matters, not just those related to her immediate job. And she can complete the New York Times crossword in no time flat!"

In the Reference Department, she assisted countless patrons with questions, research, homework or simply finding a good book.

She also managed the Interlibrary Loan service, and in 1998 developed, and for years taught, the library's free weekly computer classes that continue to this day. In this role she helped hundreds of



Irene Smith

community members master using the Internet, email and NC LIVE.

As head of Technical Services, she is responsible for leading a staff that orders, receives, catalogs and processes some 42,000 books and other library materials each year, and is a key member of the library's management team.

Irene worked her way into libraries at age 15 as a summer "Volunteer" at the Hampton, VA, public library. When she turned 16 at the end of the summer, she was hired as a page.

She earned a B.A. in art history and a masters of library science from Florida State University, and is a member of the Beta Phi Mu library science honor society. Before joining the Randolph library staff, her career included stints at Florida State, Wake Forest University as curator of slides and prints in the Art Department, and the Lee County, NC, Public Library.

After retiring, she plans to travel with her husband Bobby, who recently retired after a career with the NC Zoo.

Fuller pens more teen angst, kissing

♣A teen-oriented supernatural series is up next for local author Tara Fuller, who debuted her first novel last spring.

Now, Fuller will introduce *Inbetween*, the first book in a series called Kissed by Death, during a Friends of the Library Program at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 6.

Her talk is free and the public is invited.

Inbetween concerns a 17-year-old girl who always seems to have to dodge potentially fatal accidents, and a boy she's falling in love with who might just have something to do with the cause of them.

Fuller is an Oklahoma-born, Asheboro-based writer who says her novels are delightfully full of teen angst and kissing.

Mason elder law seminars return

Asheboro attorney Bob Mason will repeat his very popular elder law and care



workshops in September and October at the Asheboro library. The sessions are at 2 p.m. Wednesdays as follows:

- **How to Avoid an Elder Law Train Wreck,** September 12;
- **How to Pay for Nursing Home Care Without Losing Your Shirt,** September 26;
- **Make Sure Your VA Benefits Aren't AWOL,** October 10.

The workshops are free and the public is invited.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Dry Grass of August* by Anna Jean Mayhew, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 28.

Luna Book Club: *Stiltsville* by Susanna Daniel, 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 28.

Archdale Book Break: *Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 18.

Men in Black Book Club: *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells, Noon, Thursday, September 20.


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

Crotts to debut new novel Death Watch

Local novelist Dale Crotts will debut *Death Watch*, the newest installment in his Macy Merit/Spencer Rawlings series of thrillers, in a reading and signing at 7 p.m. Thursday,

September 20, at the Asheboro library.

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



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