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Library brings downloadable audiobooks, electronic magazines, to device near you

♣ Two new services will offer library cardholders a much wider selection of downloadable audiobooks, and access by computer and mobile device to new issues of many popular magazines.

The audiobooks from OneClick Digital and magazines from Zinio are expected to be available by September 1.

Unlike library ebooks, most of the audiobooks and all the magazine issues will be available for simultaneous use, meaning any number of library patrons can check out the same item at the same time.

The initial collection of some 30 Zinio magazine titles will include *National Geographic Interactive*, *Us Weekly*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *O The Oprah Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *Family Handyman*, *Newsweek* and *Food Network Magazine*, among others.

Magazines issues can be read on a computer or via the



Zinio mobile app on tablets and smartphones. There's no time limit or "due date" on an issue once it's checked out.

The initial collection of downloadable audiobooks from OneClick Digital will include 3,000 popular titles for adults and 1,000 popular titles for children and teens. The library will purchase new titles to add to the collection on an ongoing basis.

Audiobooks in the initial collection will be available for simultaneous use, but those added by the library will be available to one

borrower at a time.

The audiobooks can be downloaded to personal computers and are compatible with any listening device, including iPods and MP3 players. Apps for iPhones/iPads and Android devices are available.

Keep an eye on the library websites, randolphlibrary.org and randquest.org, or like the library on Facebook, to find out when the new services go live.

More high school yearbooks digitized, available online

♣ An assortment of yearbooks from Randolph County high schools is now available online via the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center.

The annuals join 22 Asheboro High School yearbooks added to the online collection last year.

Farmer, Franklinville, Ramseur, Randleman, Seagrove and Trinity high schools are represented with various

editions ranging from the 1940s through the early 1960s. To access the yearbooks, visit www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/high-school-yearbooks and select Randolph County.

To protect individuals' privacy and limit the scope of the statewide yearbook initiative, the Digital Heritage Center accepts only yearbooks that are older than 50 years.

The Digital Heritage Center is part of the North Carolina collection at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Children's Room to offer monthly arts & crafts, science activities

Hands-On Science will return to the Asheboro library, joined by a monthly Arts & Crafts activity. Hands-on Science will take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month beginning September 19. Kids in grades K-5 are invited. It's free but space is limited; call 318-6804 to sign up. Arts & Crafts will take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month beginning September 5, and is for ages 0-12. It's free; no registration is required.

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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



All tech, all the time?

♣ **It seems that this issue of the newsletter is all technology all the time.**

New downloadable audiobook and electronic magazine services. Revamping of the venerable Asheboro library one-hour, one-time computer classes. Open computer labs in Archdale. And iPads in the Children's Room.

While books remain one of our primary focuses — we circulate over half-a-million each year — there's no doubt that our mission to provide for the reading and information needs of county residents must include electronic resources in their increasing variety of formats.

And it also must include what's now being called "digital literacy" — making sure people are able to understand and use the proliferation of computers and mobile devices, and are able effectively to carry out their desired online activities.

While the term digital literacy may be new, it is not a new practice for the library. We began offering computer classes as soon as we started offering Internet access, in 1998.

Then-Reference Librarian Irene Smith developed and taught the classes, which were designed to provide maximum learning with minimal time commitment from those taking the class. They were mix and match: you could take the Basic Internet class and be done with it, or also take the Email class, and later add in the

Advanced Interent/NC LIVE class.

Some people took the same class over and over again until they felt completely confident. Early on, one retired gentleman with an avid interest in archaeology repeated the Basic Internet class many times until he became self-sufficient and could pursue the wealth of online information related to his hobby.

Over the years we have added classes such as Word and Excel, and after much demand, basic computing. We've also offered one-off classes as the need arose, such as online safety and online job applications, and the very popular "Ebooks on the Go" series.

Now, as noted in the story on page 3, you can take a curriculum of seven classes, or pick and choose the ones you want. We also expect to offer a second series of classes staggered with the first, so that if you miss a class in the first track you won't have long to wait before it comes around again.

Meanwhile, Archdale is taking advantage of a set of mobile laptops we purchased to offer Open Computer Labs, in which library staff will be on hand to provide specific assistance for a variety of computer-related questions during given blocks of time.

Of course, we do this kind of thing informally every day. There's always a librarian available to help out — and help you build "digital literacy" — at the time of immediate need.

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Get Technical!

Archdale to offer 'Open Computer Labs'

♣ **Do you need to create an email account to aid a job search?**

Would you like to learn how to create a resume and store it online? Have you been wanting to create a Facebook or Twitter account but don't know where to start? Want to check out free eBooks from the library's Digital Depot?

The Archdale Library is offering "Open Computer Lab" on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 22, 1-4 p.m.
- Thursday, September 12, 1-4 p.m.
- Thursday, September 19, 1-4 p.m.

The labs are free and no appointment is necessary.

Tech-savvy Library staff members will be on hand to answer computer and technology questions. For example, you can get tips on using software like Microsoft Word or Excel, learn how to store and send digital photos, and receive coaching to help you get the most out of your tablet computer or smart phone.

Staff members will entertain all questions and, while they may not be able to answer all queries, will do their best to provide solutions and advice to help you get the most out of your tablet, computer or smart phone.

If your question concerns a portable device, please bring the device with you.

Kids get iPads in Asheboro Children's Room

♣ **Kids who visit the Asheboro library Children's Room will find a new wrinkle on the computer tables: five new iPads.**

The popular tablets are loaded with some 50 learning games and educational apps for toddlers thru elementary school age kids, and covering subjects including reading, math, geography,



physics and more.

The iPads join five existing personal computers, which provide access to child-oriented, educational websites.

The devices will be mounted to tabletops in sturdy frames. Headphones will be provided.

The iPads should be available by September 1. After a test-

run, the availability of iPads will expand to more libraries as funding permits.

Asheboro library revamps computer classes

♣ **The popular one-time, one-hour computer classes at the Asheboro library have received a makeover.**

The various classes now are grouped into seven-week series covering, in order, Computer Basics I, Computer Basics II, Internet Basics, Email Basics, Word Basics, Excel Basics and Publisher Basics.

Participants can take one or more classes, or sign up for all seven.

Students who complete all seven sessions will receive a prize.

The current series began on August 1 and meets Thursdays at 4 p.m.; spaces may be available in the remaining classes. A new series begins on Tuesday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.

To register, call the library at 318-6803.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Flora* by Gail Godwin, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 27.

Luna Book Club: *Drowning Ruth* by Christina Schwarz, 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 27. (Asheboro)

Men in Black Book Club: *The Tomb* by F. Paul Wilson, Noon Thursday, September 19. (Asheboro)

Archdale Book Break: *The Giving Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 17.

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

Beach Bingo

The Archdale library will host a free End-of-Summer Beach Bingo Party at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 13, to continue the fun of the Every Child Ready to Read® early childhood literacy initiative. It's for kids age 0-5 and their parents/caregivers (older siblings are invited, too), and will include a storytime, an age-appropriate craft and refreshments. Bring your favorite beach towel for a special contest!


Friends Bookshop

With work on the Sunset Theatre drawing to a close, it won't be long before the Friends of the Library Bookshop reopens. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

***Books-A-Million
raises funds
for Liberty library***

Shop at Books-A-Million in Asheboro from noon to 4 p.m. on September 14, October 19 and November 23, and help raise money for the Liberty Public Library.

When you make a purchase, just tell the staff that you are a Liberty library patron, and a portion of the sales price will go to the library.



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