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Anna Jean (A.J.) Mayhew

Friends to host Novelist Mayhew

♣ Award-winning North Carolina author Anna Jean (A.J.) Mayhew will speak at a Friends of the Library event, 7 p.m. Thursday, October 4, at the Asheboro Public Library.

Her appearance is free and the public is invited.

Mayhew's acclaimed first novel, *The Dry Grass of August*, won the 2011 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for fiction. The novel concerns a white teenager on an eye-opening family trip through the south in the era of segregation.

A Charlotte native, Mayhew is writer-in-residence at the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities. She is currently working on her next novel, *Tomorrow's Bread*.

Specialist to tout services for the deaf, hard of hearing

♣ Learn about free state services for the deaf and hard of hearing during a special presentation at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, at the Asheboro Public Library.



Adrienne Fuller

Adrienne Fuller, hard of hearing specialist at the Greensboro Regional Center, Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, N.C. Department of Health and Human

Services, will talk about the agency's services including advocacy, counseling, skills development, and assistive devices not just for the deaf and hard of hearing, but also for people who are deaf-blind and speech

impaired.

Her presentation, which is free and open to the public, also will include an opportunity for hands-on experience with specialized equipment such as amplifying devices and TTY telephones.

Friends hold the fort at in-the-library bookshop

♣ Displaced temporarily by Sunset Theatre construction, the Friends of the Library Bookshop has set up a scaled-down operation in the Asheboro library.

Spilling out of the former photocopier room across from the Circulation Desk, the "Book Cupboard" still offers a range of

popular items, from recent bestsellers and children's books to VHS videos.

Friends bookshop volunteers are staffing the Book Cupboard from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the days the bookshop was previously open — Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays — to chat with customers and promote the

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Newspapers, yearbooks online; new library mobile app — see inside

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History marches on(line)

♣ **"The Atlanta (GA) Constitution says that the most wonderful cures of dyspepsia are being made around Athens by taking a spoonful of fine sand after each meal, and that people who have been suffering for years are entirely relieved...."**

So said the editors of the *The Asheboro Courier* on October 15, 1884. They go on, however, to note the opinion of a New York newspaper that "most people... would prefer the dyspepsia."

This edition of the *Courier* is the first in a run of issues that are now available in electronic format at DigitalNC.org, the website of the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center.

Meanwhile, a slew of Asheboro High School yearbooks is about to be get the same treatment and soon will be accessible.

The Asheboro Courier

Digitization of the newspapers was a pleasant surprise, as we had only mentioned it as a "wish list" possibility to DigitalNC Program Coordinator Nicholas Graham when we worked with him last spring to place online several key Randolph County history books, including *Randolph County 1779-1979* and *The Architectural History of Randolph County, North Carolina*.

In fact, we had begun our own newspaper project with a private vendor who scanned Courier microfilm reels from 1907 to 1922 and provided us with one PDF

(a compact, computer-readable file) per newspaper issue. Obviously, linking from our website to individual files representing approximately 52 issues each year for 15 years was proving quite cumbersome.

Issues on DigitalNC range from two in 1884 and one in 1891, to a mostly complete run from 1903-1917 excluding 1913. We will work with the center to fill in the gaps from our microfilms. To view the newspapers, go to digitalnc.org and select Counties —> Randolph —> Newspapers.

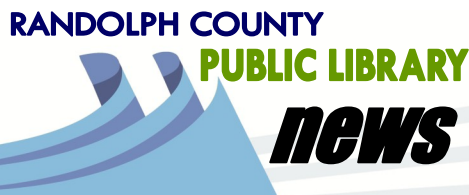
"The letters AHS will never die..."

Some 22 years of *Ash-Hi-Life* editions from the Randolph Room collection also will be digitized and made available online as part of DigitalNC's High School Yearbook Digitization Project.

Each volume will appear on the Internet Archive site (archive.org) as it is scanned; once the entire collection is complete it will be added to the DigitalNC.org. To respect the privacy of individuals pictured and limit the scale of the project, only yearbooks at least 50 years old will be digitized.

College and university yearbooks from around the state have been comprehensively digitized; view them at digitalnc.org/exhibits/college-yearbooks. Yearbooks from several high schools already are online at the same address.

For all this work we say to the N.C. Digital Heritage Center, in the tradition of high school yearbooks everywhere, "Love ya mean it, don't go changing!"



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Friends staff in-library bookshop

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Friends. When the cupboard is unattended, items can be purchased at the Circulation Desk.

Friends volunteers include Bookshop Committee Chair Janet Jones, Cathy Adams, Dolores Burton, Linda Covington, Alice Dawson, Hope Haywood, Margaret Hogan,

Elizabeth Provancha, Carol Rich, Linda Thomas and Marian Wallace.

Prices include a 2/\$1 special on VHS videos; hardback books, \$2; paperbacks \$1; trade paperbacks \$1.50; and magazines, 4/\$1. There's also an ongoing clearance cart of items for 50 cents. Proceeds go to library book budgets.

Learn about ebooks and e-readers

♣ The library has scheduled more "Ebooks-on-the-Go!" sessions for the public.

The ebook and e-reader primers will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday, September

25; 10 a.m. Friday, October 19; and 3 p.m. Monday, November 5. They are free and the public is invited. Kindle owners should bring their Kindles and library cards; Nook owners should bring nooks, laptops and library cards.

Ramseur collects books for charity

♣ The Ramseur library is collecting new and gently used children's books during the month of October for the Ramseur Food Pantry to provide to its users.

The project leads up to National Family

Literacy Day on November 1. A special storytime at Ramseur on that day will be among several events at the libraries in recognition of the day; look for details in next month's newsletter.

Mason seminars

Asheboro attorney Bob Mason's elder law seminars continue:

- **How to Pay for Nursing Home Care Without Losing Your Shirt,** 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 26;
- **Make Sure Your VA Benefits Aren't AWOL,** 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 10.

The workshops are free and the public is invited.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey* by the Countess of Carnarvon, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Luna Book Club: *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 25.

Archdale Book Break: *Cheap: The high Cost of Discount Culture* by Ellen Ruppell Shell, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 16.

Men in Black Book Club: short stories by H.P. Lovecraft, Noon, Thursday, October 18.

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

Genealogy start


The Randolph County Genealogical Society will present Getting Started with Genealogy, 10 a.m. Saturday, October 20 at the Asheboro library. The program is free and the public is invited.

Celebrate Johnny Appleseed's Birthday

Children are invited to have their pictures made with Johnny Appleseed and try out some apple-related crafts at a birthday party for the legendary tree-planter at 3 p.m. Thursday,

September 27, at the Asheboro library.

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



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

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