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## Original play to cap Randolph Reads events

### Talk by Jerry Bledsoe, further discussions also on tap

♣ Stories of those who feel invisible in our community will inform *Black Blue & Invisible*, an original play created for Randolph Reads: *Invisible Man* by actor/playwright Mike Wiley.



Mountain, Deb in *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, Veda Scott in *Freedom Song* and a recurring role on *One Tree Hill*.

Wiley holds a masters in fine arts from UNC-Chapel Hill. He has created several

The show, sponsored by the City of Asheboro, will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27 and 3 p.m. Sunday, September 28, at the Sunset Theatre. The production is free and the public is invited.

*Black Blue & Invisible* interweaves three elements: Chip Womick's interviews for his *Courier-Tribune* series on invisibility; Wiley's own personal narrative; and parts of another play, *Sketches of a Man* by Dr. Kashif Powell, which explores Ellison's work.

Wiley says *Black, Blue & Invisible* proceeds from Ellison's question, "Why am I so black and blue?" He calls the play a thoughtful investigation of what shared experiences evoke the feeling of invisibility.

"*Black Blue & Invisible* is a look back and a look ahead," Wiley says. "Where have we come from as a society and how much further do we have to go to understand the multitude of cultures that walk beside us today?"

Wiley will be joined in the production by Powell, a post-doctoral performance studies student at Northwestern University; Aya "Hope" Shabu, a professional dancer, choreographer, teaching artist and arts administrator living in Durham; and Rasool Jahan, an actress with many stage, film and TV credits including Puck in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Rebecca in *Cold*

of one-man shows including *The Parchman Hour*, about the Freedom Riders, and *A Game Apart*, about Jackie Robinson.

In *DAR HE*, his play about Emmett Till, he performs more than 30 characters. A film version of the play garnered major film and acting awards at numerous festivals, including Best Actor at the Harlem International Film Festival.

#### Jerry Bledsoe on Censorship

*New York Times* best selling author Jerry Bledsoe will talk about his experiences with banned books and censorship at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 25, at the R. Alton Cox Learning Resources Center Auditorium, Randolph Community College.

This event also is part of RCC Cultural Arts series.

#### Book Discussions

Discussions are scheduled at the county's public libraries as follows:

- **Archdale**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 23;
- **Asheboro**, 5 p.m. Thursday, October 9 (wrap-up discussion);
- **Liberty**, 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 30;
- **Randleman**, 4 p.m. Thursday, September 25.

All Randolph County has been invited to read and talk about *Invisible Man* by a partnership of community groups including *The Courier-Tribune*, the Friends of the

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**Storyteller Ron Jones to present scary tales** — see page 3

**Archdale**

336-431-3811  
 Fax 336-431-4619  
 10433 S. Main St.  
 Mon-Thur 9-8;  
 Fri 9-6; 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

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the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



# "Learning doesn't stop at 3:30"

## ♣ "Learning doesn't stop at 3:30."

That's the mantra of Dr. Terry Worrell, the new superintendent of the Asheboro City Schools.

We've always had close relationships with both our school systems, but we've embarked on a new — dare I say, unprecedented — initiative with the city schools to bind school to library in a way that encourages kids to keep learning and reading outside the classroom.

Over the years we've been quite successful at reaching individual schools at key moments. Children's and circulation staff members have issued card at school Family Nights. Children's and branch library staff often take storytimes into classrooms, and school groups often visit the libraries.

The Ramseur library is entering into its third year of reaching classes at Coleridge Elementary School via Skype.

But we've never really attempted anything on the district level all at once.

The goals of this new initiative are to ensure that every student in the city school system has a library card, and that they are aware of the resources the library has to offer, from the books on the shelf to the rich variety of online research resources available 24/7.

Our first effort toward these reaching goals took place during the opening week of school: with great support from teachers, media coordinators and administrators, library staff members and Friends of the

Library volunteers participated in "Family Night" orientations at each of the system's five elementary and two middles schools, the high school, and the Early Childhood Development Center.

The staff and volunteers issued 324 new library cards to enthusiastic students and parents during the three days these events took place! At North Asheboro Middle School, we even ran out of cards.

It stretched our intrepid staff to cover so many schools simultaneously and operate the library as well, but they met the challenge with aplomb. A special "thank you" is due to the Friends volunteers who helped out: Linda Covington, Jan Dough, Sue Farlow, Steve Grove, Rich Powell and Mary Alice Rich.

Library staff also will be present to promote the library and issue even more library cards at upcoming Parent-Teacher Association and first report card events.

As we are reaching new library cardholders, our Children's Services and Reference librarians will visit classrooms throughout the schools to talk about NC LIVE and all the other wonderful resources the library offers — as well as homework help and free WIFI.

We also plan to host a special night for teachers at the library, and special events for each school.

Learning doesn't stop at 3:30 — and the library is the community resource that enables students to keep reading and learning after the school day ends.

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# Randolph Reads activities conclude

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Randolph Public Library, the Asheboro City Schools, the City of Asheboro, the George Washington Carver Community Enrichment Center, the Randolph County Public Library and the Randolph County Schools.

The purpose of the project is to allow people from all walks of life to have a

common literary and artistic experience around the novel, and to be able to share their views on the themes and issues of being invisible in Randolph County.

For more details, visit [www.randolphreads.org](http://www.randolphreads.org) or contact Assistant Library Director George Taylor at 318-6814.

## Hear ghostly tales with storyteller Ron Jones

♣ Storyteller Ron Jones will present the Halloween-themed "Ghostly Stories for Families" at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 23, at the Asheboro library.

Jones's appearance is free and the public is invited. It's sponsored by the Friends of the library.

Jones, a former library administrator and consultant, has been a professional storyteller for ten years.

Ron Jones ►



## Archdale library Author Breakfast to return

♣ The popular fall Author Breakfast will return to the Archdale Public Library from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, October 25.

The meet-the-authors event is free and the public is invited; a continental breakfast will be provided.

Call 431-3811 to reserve a spot.

Area authors appearing this year include: Mary Ball, inspirational romance; Nick Barry, children's adventure; Estie Bennington, memoir; Cara Bevan, children's; Dale Crotts, mystery; Julia Ebel, folklore/nostalgia; Joe Eckstein, children's; and Rachel Westriru, fantasy.

The Author Breakfast is sponsored by the Archdale Library Friends.

## Computer classes resume in Asheboro

♣ The Asheboro library's popular Easy PC Free Computer Classes will resume in October.

Two seven-week sessions will be offered, one running Wednesdays from October 1 to November 12 and the other on Saturdays from October 11 to November 22. The sessions take place from 10-11:30 a.m.

The classes cover everything from

turning on the computer, setting up an email account and surfing the web to using Microsoft Office products such as Microsoft Word.

Participants can use the library's Windows 7 laptops or bring their own if Windows 7 and Microsoft Office are installed.

The sessions are free but class size is limited; call 318-6803 to sign up.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger, Tuesday, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 30.

**Luna Book Club:** *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 30. (Asheboro)

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:**

Books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 15. (Asheboro)

**BOB Book Club:** *How Tia Local Came to Stay* by Julia Alvarez, 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 1 (4th & 5th graders, Asheboro library)

**Archdale Book Break:** *Lost in Shangri-La* by Mitchell Zuckoff, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 21.

## Carnival goes on

The Every Child Ready to Read Pre-Literacy Carnival for children ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers continues its travels to libraries around the county:

**Randleman**, 4 p.m. Friday, September 24; **Seagrove**, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, September 25; **Archdale**, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 30; **Ramseur**, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 2.

## Ramseur movie

The Ramseur library will host a Movie and Popcorn Night featuring *Room on the Broom* at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23. Call 824-2232 to sign up.

***Get 'Gross but Good' in Randleman library Family Fun Night***

The Randleman library invites families for an afternoon of "Gross but Good" stories, games, food and fun. The event is free but space is limited; call 498-3141 to register.

**LEGO**

**Free-Build Fridays continue!**

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## memorials & donations

**In Memory of: Anne B. Neely**

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**In Memory of: Hal H. Walker**

By: Mr. and Mrs. Steele Redding

**In Honor of: Susan Coltrane**

By: Thurman and Helena McBride

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**In Honor of: Scottie Michelle**

By: Marion McIntosh



### Sessions now available!

*Read with a therapy dog, for children ages 6-12*

**Saturday September 27, 10-11 a.m.**

**Tuesday, September 30, 4-5 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 14, 4-5 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 18, 10-11 a.m.**

**Tuesday October 28, 4-5 p.m.**

**Call 318-6804 to sign up!**

### Archdale Family Film Nights

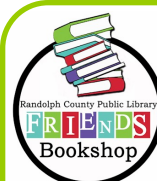
*Showtimes at 7 p.m. Fridays*

**September 26: The Lego Movie**

**October 10: Fly Away Home**

**October 24: Peter Pan**

**November 14: Frozen**



### End of Month Special!

**Books by Nora Roberts, all Cliffs Notes**

**50% OFF**

**Thursday, Sept. 25; Tuesday, Sept. 27; Saturday, Sept. 30**