



Suzanne Tate



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♣ **Suzanne Tate will retire on January 1 after four years as library director and 36 years with the library.**

Ross Holt, currently assistant director, will succeed Tate as library director, and Archdale Public Library Manager George Taylor will become assistant director.

A new manager for the Archdale branch will be named later this fall.

Tate joined the library in 1974, the first professional librarian hired by longtime Library Director Charlesanna Fox. She served as head of Reference, Asheboro librarian and assistant director before becoming director in 2006.

She also served as interim library director during 1990-

1991, stabilizing the library during a difficult transition.

In 2004, she received the William H. Roberts Distinguished Service Award from the Public Library Section of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA). The award recognizes excellence in public librarianship in North Carolina.

The award nomination was signed by all 33 library staff members, the chair of the library board and the county manager. Richard Wells, library director at the time, wrote, "Suzanne's thirty-year career here could serve as a textbook example for library school students whose goal is providing good public library service. She has served as a

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SAXOLOGY!

7 p.m. Thursday, November 18, Asheboro Public Library — FREE!

Saxology performs American popular songs and Broadway tunes arranged especially for soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxes by area arranging legend Keith Lydick. The group includes Lanny Cox, David Howard, Max Sharpe and Gary Lewis, with Lydick as emcee. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



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*from
the
director*



Children's Room serves all ages

♣ **The Reading Express train in the Children's Room has recently been refurbished and is ready for boarding!**

The train was designed and constructed in 1997 by Tony Smith, son of Head of Circulation Arlene Smith, as an Eagle Scout Project, and delights children of all ages.

The Children's Room serves families with children ages birth through 5th grade. Services include reader's advisory, help with research and school assignments, bibliotherapy, storytimes, special group programs and group tours of the library.

In addition, the Children's Room supports teachers, children's literature classes and services for mentally challenged adults.

One of the most popular events is the Summer Reading Program. The State Library of North Carolina supports the program, and a consortium of state libraries develops each year's theme and materials. Local businesses support the program each summer throughout the county, and generous folks volunteer. Friends of the Library funding and a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council through the Randolph Arts Guild help the library bring quality children's performers to each of the county's seven libraries during the summer.

This year's Summer Reading Program featured 231 programs, 2,995 children registered and close to 10,000 children attending programs throughout the county!

Myra Long is head of Children's

Services. She worked at the library during her high school and college years as a page before completing her masters degree and becoming a full time staff member in 1983.

Jonna Libbert is responsible for the wonderful displays of pottery, crafts, art and collectibles that grace the library throughout the year. She is a regular contributor to The Courier-Tribune with the "Library Window" column, which receives rave reviews from patrons and spurs numerous requests for reviewed books. She is also in charge of the Summer Reading Program for adults. She has been with the library for 17 years.

Susan Coltrane, who has been with the library system for 27 years, began her library career in Archdale where she managed the Archdale branch before joining the Circulation staff and finally the Children's Room staff. She is most at home there, as her expertise is working with children. She is responsible each year for planning the county staff retreat in preparation for the Summer Reading Program. Her staff development program was submitted for a North Carolina Public Library Directors Association award in 2007 and won hands down!

Each year, this staff is actively engaged on the state level in the planning and execution of the annual Summer Reading Program. But their collective heart resides in Randolph County where they look forward to serving patrons of all ages!

Heritage group documents Seagrove

♣ The Seagrove Heritage Project seeks to rescue stories, family histories and old photos from the Seagrove area.

Sponsored by the Heritage Committee of the Seagrove Public Library, the project asks everyone in the area of Seagrove, Erect, Pisgah and Ulah to write stories from the past. The stories will be collected and preserved for future generations.

The project also is collecting photographs taken in and around Seagrove, which will be digitized and made available on the web via the Randolph County Public Library's Historical Photograph Collection (randolphlibrary.org/historicalphotos.htm).

Thanks to a generous donation from Seagrove resident Carolyn Richardson Wheaton, there is space to display a limited number of artifacts. So far, the collection contains old yearbooks, school newspapers, charters for businesses, diplomas, reading glasses, wool carders, foot warmers and

Seagrove Heritage Project Events

- Local author and historian Bill Auman speaks on his new book *The Diary of Mary Elizabeth Auman: Seagrove, NC, 1928-1930: Proto-Feminist in the Age of Jazz*, 7 p.m. Thursday, October 28.

- The Heritage Committee will provide information on the articles and artifacts collected so far, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 9.

Both events, held at the Seagrove library, are free and the public is invited.

diaries — things worth keeping that no one has space to keep.

Anyone interested in submitting stories, photos or artifacts can contact Sue Spencer at srspencer@earthlink.net, 336-873-7487, or see Barbara Luther at the library. Other committee members include Pat Callicutt and Cathy Baiden.

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quiet example of the best in a public library: dedication, civility, and a strong work ethic, someone whom the staff seeks to emulate in word and deed....

"She simply exemplifies the best of what public libraries are all about."

Holt began work at the library in 1986. He was appointed head of Reference in 1994, and assistant director in 2006.

In addition to public service and Reference duties, he shepherded the library's transition from paper records to automation, and managed implementation of public Internet service.

He served as president of NCLA 2001-2003.

Like Tate, he also has helped move the



George Taylor

entire library — twice.

Holt has a masters in library and information studies (MLIS) degree from the UNC-Greensboro.

Taylor was head of the Reynolda Manor branch of the Forsyth County Public Library (FCPL) before

coming to Archdale in 2005. He began his library career in high school, as a page at FCPL's Kernersville branch.

After earning an MLIS at UNC-Greensboro, he worked as a reference librarian at FCPL and headed the library's Periodicals and Government Documents Department.

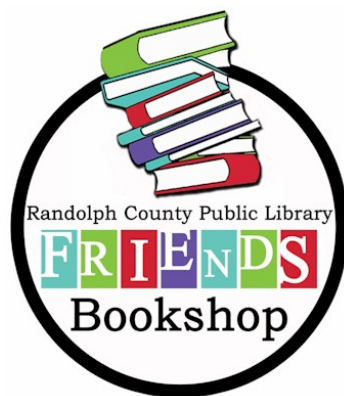
Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *So Much for That* by Lionel Shriver, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 26; *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 30.

Luna Book Club: *Practical Magic* by Alice Hoffman, 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 26; *Unaccustomed Earth* by Jhumpa Lahiri, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 30. December: Free Read — share a favorite book.

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

Library discussion groups are free and open to all.



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of each month
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**Library to present
medicare program for
seniors and caregivers**

"Medicare for Beneficiaries and Caregivers" is the topic of a free presentation at 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, at the Asheboro library. Jo Ellen Needham of the Randolph

County Senior Adults Association will present information for people who are new to Medicare or who want to learn about options for themselves or family members.



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