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An Applewhite Family Christmas

Join three generations of the musical Applewhite family, **7 p.m. Tuesday, December 1** at the Asheboro library, for a concert of Christmas music sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It's free and everyone is invited to hear the Applewhites, their children and grandchildren perform many genres of music including sacred, traditional, Celtic, folk, contemporary — and some surprises.

A 'Christmas Present' from Lane & friends

Put worry away and focus on the joys of Christmas 2009 with "Christmas Present: A Holiday Evening with Lane Ragsdale and Friends," **7 p.m. Thursday, December 17** at the Asheboro library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the concert is free and the public is invited. Lane's latest cabaret, arranged and accompanied by the indispensable

Lisa Johnson (who's also accompanying the Applewhites), will focus on all we have to celebrate and will include favorite musical selections and stories of 2009. This year, a harpist will join the group.



Ongoing & Upcoming

Monday, November 23

Movie Monday for Adults:
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Tuesday, November 24

Asheboro Reads: *Still Life* by Joy Fielding, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

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Library wins three state awards

♣ **Three library projects have won outstanding program awards from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA).**

Summer Reading publicity, RandQuest.org and the Liberty Public Library renovation claimed top honors for medium-sized libraries. Library staff will receive the awards at an NCPLDA meeting in December.

Publicity for the Summer Reading Program won the Outstanding

Promotional Program Award. In June, the library sent a colorful flyer home with some 17,000 K-8 students in the Asheboro City and Randolph County Schools.

The effort significantly increased participation in the Summer Reading Program, driving up the number of children obtaining library cards by 39 percent and program attendance by 34 percent.

Randquest.org, the library's research portal, won the Outstanding Service

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Seniors to get weatherization advice; Mrs. Santa to visit for kids — see page 2

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State Library: from the gov't; here to help

♣ On November 16, State Library consultant Raye Oldham paid a site visit to the Randolph Public Library.

Former consultant Frannie Ashburn has been assigned to another section of the state. Frannie is director of the Center for the Book, which sponsors community reads and a statewide contest for secondary school students. Raye is the consultant for Continuing Education in the Library Development Section of the State Library.

Due to budget cuts, travel has been restricted for state employees so site visits have been limited. Nonetheless, close contact between the State Library and public libraries throughout the state is maintained through North Carolina Public Library Directors Association conferences, the North Carolina Library Association biennial conference and the many workshops that the State Library provides for library staff. Plus the consultants are always a phone call or email away for answers to perplexing library questions.

As part of the State Library's Five Year Plan, and under the direction of State Librarian Mary Boone, consultants will visit each public library and quiz staff on a number of issues. What is your community asking for that prompted a new service? What kind of support are you getting from the community, from your governing body? Are your facilities adequate to meet community needs? And, if not, what are

your building plans? Is your collection funded sufficiently? Do you have enough staff members, and do they have access to adequate training, to meet community needs? Is your Internet connection adequate to the demand placed on it?

All these questions are designed to help the State Library determine the needs of public libraries and how to help meet those needs.

One need under consideration is a statewide library card. In theory, a single library card would provide you with access to material in the collections of all the participating North Carolina public libraries via your local library's catalog, with delivery provided.

Plans are in the very early stages, with the focus on how a catalog shared among many public library systems might work. Georgia and Indiana already offer a statewide library card, as does a consortium of South Carolina libraries.

Assistant Director Ross Holt is part of a working group looking into the concept.

The State Library also is considering the Randolph County Public Library as one of 15 JobSearch centers in the state due to the county's large population and high unemployment rate. Via a federal grant, the library would receive laptops, fiber optic cable and increased bandwidth to further help job seekers find employment.

If the plan goes through, the JobSearch center resources would be available in mid-to-late 2010. Stay tuned!

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Library offers weatherization talk

♣ Weatherization to reduce energy bills by making houses more energy efficient will be the topic of a presentation at 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, at the Asheboro library.

Regional Consolidated Services staff will talk about how to take advantage of the program, which offers the elderly,

persons with disabilities and low-income families weatherization services at no cost.

Typical work may include caulking, insulating, sealing air leaks, installing vapor barriers, installing smoke/carbon monoxide detectors and replacing light bulbs with CFL bulbs.

Eligibility is based on combined household income.

Mrs. Santa to host breakfast for kids

♣ Children of all ages are invited to come for Breakfast with Mrs. Santa at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 5, at the Asheboro Public Library.

A light breakfast will be served, after

which Mrs. Santa, a.k.a. performer and storyteller Cynthia Moore Brown, will share stories with the audience.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the breakfast is free and all kids are welcome.

Statewide awards flow to library

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Innovation Award . Creation of the portal, which provides easy access to the library's online research resources, led to a marked increase in awareness of the resources, more than doubling the use of some databases and racking up 3009 visits to the site between February and June.

Renovation of the Liberty library, which included new carpet and a creative re-orientation of bookshelves to make the building's floor plan more open and inviting, received the Outstanding New/Improved Library Facility award.

Liberty Librarian Susan Primm and Town Manager Roger Davis collaborated on the project.

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Luna Book Club: *I Feel Bad About My Neck: and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman* by Nora Ephron, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Tuesday, December 1

Christmas Music with the Applewhite Family: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Wednesday, December 2

Weatherization program by Regional Consolidated Services staff: 3 p.m., Asheboro library.

Monday, December 7

Movie Monday for Adults: *Four Christmases*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Thursday, December 10

Senior Book Club: Holiday party; talk about your favorite book of the year. 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Thursday, December 17

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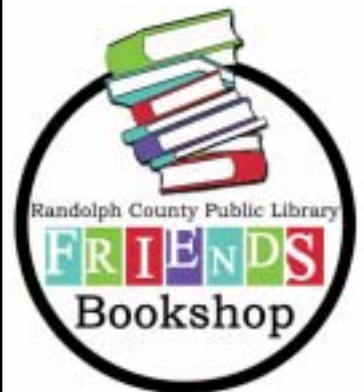
Book discussions

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Senior Book Club: Holiday Party! Pick the best book you have read all year and talk about it. 2 p.m. Thursday, December 10, at the Asheboro library.

Library discussion groups are free and open to all. Refreshments are served.



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- Dr. James M. Rich, P.A.

Library offers computer classes in English, Spanish

The Asheboro library offers free computer classes at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and occasional Saturdays. Classes alternate among basic computing, Internet, email, advanced

Internet and Word. On Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. an online job application class is taught. Spanish language versions of the classes are available at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays.



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