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## news

### Ongoing & Upcoming

#### Tuesday, September 29

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#### Monday, October 12

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

#### Wednesday, October 14

**Medicare for Beneficiaries and Caregivers:** 3 p.m., Asheboro library.

#### Thursday, October 15

**Senior Book Club:** *Piece Work* by Barbara Presnell, 2 p.m.  
\*\* now at Asheboro library\*\*.

#### Monday, October 19

**Movie Monday for Adults:** *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*, 2 p.m. Asheboro library.

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**Archdale Writers Group:** 6:30 p.m., Archdale library.

#### Tuesday, October 27

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

## Piece Work

### Presnell poetry book, play document work in Asheboro's textile mills

♣ Life and work in Asheboro's textile mills are the focus of a series of events in October built around Asheboro native Barbara Presnell's book of poetry *Piece Work*.



Barbara Presnell

Presnell will read from her work at a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library, 7 p.m. Thursday, October 22, at the Randolph Arts Guild's Sarah Smith Self Gallery. The reception is free and the public is invited.

Then, Randolph Community College will host the Touring Theatre Ensemble of North Carolina's dramatization of *Piece Work*, 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, at the RCC Auditorium. A discussion led by Presnell, Touring Theatre Artistic Director Brenda Schleunes and the cast will follow.

The performance is free; seats can be reserved by calling 633-0244 (leave your name, phone number and number of tickets required) or at [www.2009piecework.eventbrite.com](http://www.2009piecework.eventbrite.com).

Meanwhile, library's Senior Book Club will discuss *Piece Work* at 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 15, at the Asheboro library.

Based loosely on the textile manufacturing plant where Presnell's father worked until his death in 1969, *Piece Work* uses the voices of workers to tell the story of an industry that once flourished in the region, shaping the lives of people who worked in the plant as well as those who

lived among them, and chronicles the industry's demise in the early 2000s.

A portion of the poems was awarded the 2004 Linda Flowers Prize from the North Carolina Humanities Council. The full collection won the 2006 Cleveland State University (CSU) Poetry Center's First Book Prize, and was published by CSU in 2007.

Presnell, whose poetry has appeared in many journals and anthologies, now lives in Lexington.

The Touring Theatre's adaptation of *Piece Work* premiered in May at the Greensboro Historical Museum. The Greensboro-based troupe is a non-profit, professional theatre company that produces original productions based on literature and historical documents.

## Pottery auction to benefit library — see page 3

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## Kissing books goodbye?

♣ **A recent CNN.com article says books could be a thing of the past should Google get its way and digitize everything.**

Regardless of that outcome, libraries are changing institutions. Though they still are a place to access and share information, "libraries are not warehouses for books," according to Helene Blowers, digital strategy director of the Columbus, Ohio Metropolitan Library.

We're also hip here. We have a website, Facebook page, a Myspace page, Twitter feeds, RSS feeds, blogs and the like. Amy Keith Barney, George Taylor, Ross Holt and Betty Bunting do a monumental job of inputting and updating information. If it's not current, it's not worth posting.

We have our share of handheld items here also. Many patrons comment on how fast we can put new books in their hands. One extremely well-read patron once told us that books she seeks appear in our catalog much faster than in the public library her best friend frequents in a much larger city.

Books take you to a place you may never have the chance to visit. Reading is a form of meditation and an exercise for the imagination. Books inspire. Take the example of our current governor, the Honorable Beverly Perdue, who is the spokesperson for September's NC Library Card Sign Up Month. Growing up as the

daughter of a coal miner in Appalachia, she remembers getting her first library card and reading books about how other folks lived. It was then that she began dreaming "big dreams." Books "made her believe in the magic of living." Pretty solid endorsement from our standardbearer.

The "Potters for Peace" in Seagrove were recently inspired by a book, *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. This man raised money to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan so that the children in those countries could be educated inside a real school with real books and writing instruments. Mortenson decided that terrorism might be better fought with education than with military tactics. Beth Gore and John Melage organized the "Potters for Peace" and raised money for Mortenson's schools through the sale of specially crafted tea cups and bowls. So many customers were inspired by the book that the pieces sold out in one weekend (see story in *The Courier Tribune*, Monday, September 8, 2009).

And finally comes the story of a man who had given up on children of the digital age and their lack of interest in print media. As he was leaving the public library late one evening, he witnessed a young girl clutching a book tightly to her chest as she walked with her family to the outside book return. As she reached the deposit box, she took one last look at the book, then kissed it and quickly slid it into the box.

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# Donor gives pottery for auction in memory of librarian Memory

♣ Two classic pieces of traditional Seagrove area pottery will be auctioned to benefit the library in what will become an annual event.

The pottery was donated to the Friends of the Library by Stanley Hicks of Enid, OK, in memory of Marjorie Whittington Memory (1918-2009) of Randleman. Memory was author of *A History of the Randolph Public Library, 1935-1967*, which she completed as her master of library science thesis at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Hicks, a pottery expert and collector, was a friend and colleague of Memory at the UNC-Greensboro library.

To inaugurate the auctions, Hicks has donated a teapot and a tea bowl. The teapot, a Jugtown piece, was made in 1978 by Vernon Owens in a Sandhills glaze.

The tea bowl is an old Jugtown piece by Ben Owen circa 1930 in Chinese blue. The bowl has a large amount of red in the glaze which makes it more valuable.

## The Auction

The pottery will be on display at the Randleman Library September 28-October 3, the Seagrove Library October 5-10 and the Asheboro Library October 12-22.

The silent auction will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, October 19, at the Asheboro library, and close at 5 p.m. Thursday,



**The Friends of the Library will auction a Jugtown teapot and a Jugtown tea bowl donated by Stanley Hicks in memory of his friend and colleague, librarian Marjorie Whittington Memory.**

October 22. The winning bid will be announced at the Friends of the Library program featuring Barbara Presnell at 7 p.m. that night at the Randolph Arts Guild (see front page).

## How to bid

To bid, visit the Asheboro library to obtain a bidder number. Bidders will be able to place their number and a bid on bid sheets accompanying the pottery display through the close of the auction.

All bidding must be in person; no phone, fax or email bids will be accepted.

# Specialist to provide Medicare tips

♣ "Medicare for Beneficiaries and Caregivers" is the topic of a presentation at 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, at the Asheboro library

Jo Ellen Needham, Randolph County Senior Adults Association

information and assistance director and Senior Health Insurance Information Program coordinator, will provide information for anyone new to Medicare or who wants to learn about options for themselves or family members. The talk is free and the public is invited.

***Iris Stone,  
former librarian,  
passes away***

Iris Stone, Reference Librarian at the Asheboro Public Library from 2003-2004, died Monday, September 7. She was a public school teacher and media specialist in the public schools

for 30 years before coming to work at the Asheboro Public Library as a reference and collection development librarian.

## Book discussions

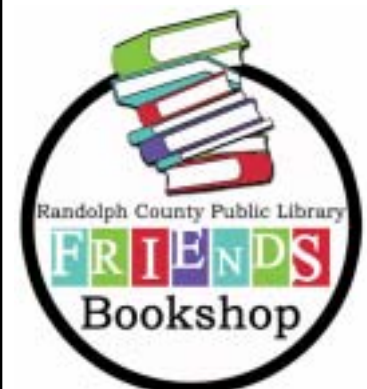
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Anyone interested in the **Book Club for Men** can contact Jonathan Farlow at 318-6827 for details.

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



**10-2 Tues., Thurs., Sat.  
226 Sunset Ave., Asheboro  
Donations accepted**

**Randleman Public Library**

## BOOK SALE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Third Saturday  
of each month*  
124 Commerce Pl.  
next to the library.

## Randolph County Public Library



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**P.O. Box 2806**

**Asheboro, NC 27204**

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