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NEWS

Hang out at 'The Corner'

Live band, pizza to kick off revamped teen area

♣ The Asheboro library will introduce its redesigned area for teens with a kick-off featuring performances by local rock band Bantum Rooster with guest Brittnee Loflin, and the dance troupe Grupo Folklórico Guadalupano, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, February 24.

This event will be LOUD!

At lunchtime, pizza will be served for teens ages 13-18. The kickoff, hosted by the library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB), is free and the public is invited.

The new teen-focused area, called 'The Corner' because it keys off of the alcove that houses part of the library's teen-oriented collection of books, magazines, comic books and graphic novels, includes:

- Eight new armchairs with tablet writing surfaces purchased from Jack Cartwright Inc. of High Point;
- Steel display islands for magazines, graphic novels, and featured books, DVDs and music;
- Four new computers featuring Word, PowerPoint, Publisher and Excel plus video editing software and



Bantum Rooster — Doyle Hinkle, Christian Morgan and Shane Morgan, with guest star Brittnee Loflin — will perform for the kickoff of The Corner, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, February 24, at the Asheboro library. Find out more about the band at www.myspace.com/bantumrooster.

- access to research databases such as NC LIVE;
- A new color scheme, and a logo designed by graphic artist Brian Shearer, to set the area apart;
- Bright banners, posters and displays promoting library services to teens and featuring material of interest to teens.

The kick-off also will inaugurate ongoing promotions and programming directed at teens, including a flashy new library card, a quarterly newsletter, monthly programs organized by the TAB, and a teen Summer Reading Program .

The new emphasis on library services to teens is made possible by multiple funding sources see *From the Director* on page 2 for more.



Trade your library card!

If you're in middle or high school, trade in your old library card for the new teen-branded card, FREE! Ask about your new card at your local library checkout desk; new cards will be available beginning February 24.

Williams' arrowhead display to return March 3

The arrowhead and American Indian artifact collection of Warner Williams — regarded as one of the best anywhere — will be on display all day Saturday, March 3 (ONE DAY ONLY this year), at the Asheboro library. Williams will be on hand to answer questions.



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*from
 the
 director*



A recipe for success

♣ The new Teen Corner of the Asheboro Public Library is set to open formally on Saturday, February 24.

Music, dance and food will set a welcome tone for teens to check out the expanded area. Somewhere between the joy of reading as a child and the comfort and diversion lent by adult reading, teens are lost to the library. All over the U.S., libraries are reaching out to this underserved population. Thanks to the perfect collaboration of several organizations, the library has a bold new look and mission to do just that!

Funds from an LSTA grant, administered by the State Library of North Carolina purchased marketing tools such as the new teen library card, a professionally-designed logo, brochures, bookmarks, posters, signholders, and other display items.

The Asheboro Public Library Foundation Inc. provided \$16,500 to furnish the area with new armchairs, computer tables, task chairs, and display islands. In addition, \$1000 from the Louise Swaim bequest, administered by the Foundation, will be used to purchase music books and DVDs which will draw teens to the area. Swaim was a member of the Foundation and a well respected music teacher in Asheboro until her death in 1981.

The Friends of the Randolph Public Library provided funding for the painting

and wallpapering of the area. The Friends also are sponsoring Bantum Rooster, popular local band, and a group of Latino dancers, to kick off the celebration on the 24th. The Friends also commissioned a contemporary artwork by local artist Cori Cagle to be placed in the Teen Corner.

The family of Jared Haft Goldstein, a beloved family physician and ardent library user, established an endowment fund with the library in 1995 following his death. Monies from that account will be used to purchase a set of health reference books appropriate for teens. Goldstein was well known in Randolph County for his caring relationships with patients.

Thanks and kudos go to the committee members involved in the writing and management of the LSTA grant: Amy Keith, George Taylor, Ross Holt, Ann McGlohon, Arlene Smith, Lindsay Shore-Wright and Kari Baumann. A special thank you goes out to Missy Rankin, a member of the Foundation and the Friends, who lent her considerable expertise and time to the selection of colors and fabrics for the Teen Corner furnishings. Missy is a longtime supporter of the library who is always willing to lend a hand!

Join us on February 24th between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for music, dancing, food and fun! In a library, no less.

It will be awesome!



ERHS takes Quiz Bowl honors

In what may be the last Public Library Quiz Bowl competition, Eastern Randolph High School defeated Asheboro High School to win the academic competition. Team members are, (seated) Josh Hirt, Brent Ritter, Stephanie Cornelison and Yochwa Bonilla; (standing) Matthew York, Kevin Poindexter, Casey Junod, Cody Hamlet, Tate Uhl, Coach Justin Burton and Coach Elton Caviness.

Collett Leventhorpe rides again

♣ Authors J. Timothy Cole and Bradley R. Foley will discuss their biography, *Collett Leventhorpe, The English Confederate*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Asheboro library.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Until the appearance of the biography, Leventhorpe was a somewhat forgotten figure from the Civil War in North Carolina. A fortune-seeker who had served in the British army, he immigrated to the United States around 1843.

During the war, he served as a colonel in North Carolina regiments of the Confederate Army. Wounded at Gettysburg, he later served in eastern

North Carolina and finished the war as a brigadier-general in the Home Guard.

In the book, Cole and Foley use photographs, maps, military records, letters, first-hand accounts and even poetry to help bring the Englishman's career to life, both in war and peace.

Cole is a librarian at the Greensboro Public Library and is an archivist at the Guilford College Hege Library. He is the author of *The Forest City Lynching of 1900* (2003) and other articles on Southern history.

Foley is a reference and technical services librarian at the Randolph County Public Library and is editor of *The Guilford Genealogist*. He recently received an Excellence in Publishing Award from the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

Genealogy/Teens

Ever wonder where your family came from? Still wondering if you are actually related to your parental units? Looking for long-lost relatives?

If so, don't miss Genealogy for Teens, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, February 22 at the Asheboro Public Library. Randolph Room librarian Marsha Haithcock will show participants how to get started with family research, how to avoid common mistakes, and offer a tour of the library's genealogy resources.

The program is free and all teens are invited.

Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron, 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 27. The title for March 27 is *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards.

Other upcoming titles include *Can't Wait to get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg, April 24, and *A Three Dog Life* by Abigail Thomas, May 29.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, February 24, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

Seagrove library to host NC Friends meeting

The Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries district meeting will take place from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Seagrove Public Library. The event

is open to any member of a Friends group. To attend, pick up a registration form at the Asheboro library, or contact Donna Miller at 629-6441.

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