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NEWS



Seagrove to open in new digs Oct. 10

♣ **The Seagrove Public Library will reopen in its new building at 1 p.m. Monday, October 10, with expanded hours.**

The library will serve not just patrons from Seagrove proper, but also those from the entire southern part of the county. New hours will be Monday-Thursday, 1-7 p.m.; Friday, Noon-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10a.m.-3 p.m.

An open house, dedication and hot dog cookout (with no speechifying) will take place from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, October 15; the public is invited to tour the new library to the tunes of guitarist Larry G. Davis.

The library closed on September 8 for the move into the new, 5,500 square foot facility that's a slightly larger replica of the Archdale library building as built in 1992. Located at 530 Seagrove Plank Road immediately north of Seagrove School, it features a spacious public service area and a large meeting room.

The library also will reopen with all new computers. The number of public Internet stations will increase from one to four, and a second library catalog computer will be added.

New furnishings, including shelving ranges and tables, have been built to match the library's existing maple furniture, which will be reused in the new children's area.

The new building replaces the Seagrove Grange Hall, a cinderblock building that has been home to the library for more than 30 years. It sits on land donated by the Randolph County Schools.

The City of Archdale contributed its library's blueprints for the project, and architect Dean Spinks donated the site plan.

Funding for the project was provided by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners and donors from the community (more on the donors in next month's newsletter).

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 the
 director**

by Richard Wells



“That someday is here”

♣ The new Seagrove library will open Monday, October 10.

The open house and dedication will be 4-6 p.m. Saturday, October 15. There will be no speeches! There will be a hotdog cookout at the library hosted by the Seagrove City Council. The Public is cordially invited to see the library, have a good ‘dog and meet friends. Larry G. Davis will provide music in his own unique style.

Honestly, what would you rather do on a Saturday afternoon in October: listen to speeches, or have a cookout with neighbors at the new library? Seagrove Mayor Mike Walker and the city council knew the answer to that question. They know their community!

This will be an excellent opportunity to say thank you to the many people who have made this library possible. At the top of that list is the Randolph County Board of Commissioners: Chair Harold Holmes, Vice-Chair Darrell Frye, Robbie Davis, Phil Kemp and Arnold Lanier. They made the decision to build the library for southern Randolph residents, and they appropriated the funds to do so. And do not forget County Manager Frank Willis!

The Seagrove city Council has committed to support the library as it has for over 30 years. Seagrove’s per capita support is very large: the town only has some 240 residents.

Another large thank you goes to the Seagrove Public Library Board of Trustees. This group is a perfect example of what hard work, persistence and a positive attitude will get you in the end: success! No one knows how many drawings, book sales, pottery sales, muffin sales and hot dog sales this group did for 30 years to support their library. Not once have I heard discouragement from them, even when the prospect for a new library looked bleak. Their attitude has always been, “every little bit helps; we will get there someday.” That someday is here.

The Seagrove Grange must be mentioned. Although no longer in existence, the Grange constructed the cinderblock building that has housed the library. The members built it themselves. They rented the building for a nominal fee for over 30 years. We found out later than the rent they charged was only enough to pay the insurance on the building. Even after the Seagrove Grange dissolved, the State Grange kept the same arrangement. If you meet someone who was associated with the Grange, tell them thank you also.

Next month’s column is reserved for recognition of the staff and the many people who made donations to furnish the new library.

Join us on Saturday, October 15 for the dedication of the new Seagrove Public Library. It is going to be a hot dog good time.

Novelist Carolyn Booth returns to library to discuss new book

♣ Author Carolyn Booth will read from and discuss her new novel *Bandeaux Creek* during a Friends of the Library program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 20 at the Asheboro Public Library.



Carolyn Booth

The program is free and the public is invited. Refreshments will be provided — including a tasty treat prepared by Booth from her cookbook, *Aunt Mag's Recipe Book: Heritage Cooking from a Carolina Kitchen*.

Now a Cary resident, Booth was born in Bladen County between the Black and Cape Fear rivers — the setting of her first novel *Between the Rivers*.

That book chronicled the struggle of Maggie Lorena Ryan and her family to build a satisfying life in a place where the hardships of rural life challenge daily existence.

Bandeaux Creek picks up the tale during the Roaring 20s, an era of encroaching modernity when Maggie embarks on a writing career that takes her north, and separates her from her family — complicating her ultimate return.

A third novel, *Penderlea*, is the works and will carry Maggie Ryan's story into the Great Depression and New Deal era.

Learn more about Booth and her writing at www.carolynbooth.com.

Bledsoe, Farlow, others to join Archdale Writers' Forum Breakfast

♣ Four area authors will headline the Second Annual Writers Forum Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, October 8, at the Archdale Public Library.

During a light breakfast, Jerry Bledsoe, Jonathan Farlow, Helen Goodman and Gail Gurley will discuss their work. Ample time will be provided for attendees to ask questions and purchase books for signing.

The breakfast is free and the public is invited, but registration is required. Call the library at 431-3811 to sign up.

Bledsoe, of Asheboro, is the *New York Times* best selling author of *The Angel Doll* and a slew of true crime books including *Bitter Blood* and *Before He Wakes*.

Archdale resident Farlow, a reference librarian at the Asheboro Public Library, is author of the novels *Holy War* and *Brouhaha*, and is a columnist for the *Tri-County Chatter*.

Goodman is author of *Jess* and *Murder in Eden*.

Gurley, a reporter for the *Chatter*, is author of *Birdhouse: a Gift of Hope*, *Tales from the Sunroom*, and a forthcoming book about NASCAR.

Poetic angst

Got some ya-yas to get out? The Asheboro library will host a poetry reading Open Mic and Halloween costume party for teens at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 18.

Wear your costume on your back and your angst on your sleeve and bring your own or your favorite poetry to share (costumes and angst not required).

Taylor elected

Archdale library manager George Taylor has been elected director-at-large of the North Carolina Library Association's Public Library Section.

Asheboro Reads

Asheboro Reads continues with more thought-provoking discussions, which take place from 2- 3:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the Asheboro library.

Upcoming titles include: **September 27:** *Blessed are the Cheesemakers* by Sarah-Kate Lynch; **October 25:** *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris; **November 29:** *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.

Book sale

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

Ramseur kids' essays to appear in statewide storytellers' journal

Essays by kids participating in the Ramseur Public Library's Summer Reading Program will appear in the *Journal of Tar Heel Tellers*, the newsletter of the North

Carolina storytelling Guild. The kids were asked to write short essays on a topic related to medieval times in conjunction with the appearance of storyteller Sylvia Payne.

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