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# news

## Libraries to become wireless Internet hotspots



### ♣ Want to use your laptop at the library, but need an Internet connection as well?

The Asheboro and Archdale libraries soon will offer wireless Internet access zones, or hotspots, in and around library buildings.

The hotspots will enable library visitors whose laptop computers have wireless Internet capability to connect at the library at no cost, and to avoid time limits associated with use of library computers.

“At the Reference Desk, we get two or three requests a week for wireless access,” says Assistant Director Ross Holt.

Typical beneficiaries of wireless Internet access at the library will be students who are combining library resources with the Internet and productivity software on their own computers for school projects, and business travelers who want to stay connected while on the road.

Except for time limits and the requirement that users have library cards, all the rules that apply to

users of the library’s computers — for example, rules governing the type of visual material that cannot be displayed on library computers — will apply to users of wireless services.

The library also will not guarantee that the wireless network is secure, meaning that information sent to and from a user’s laptop could be captured by a third party. This caveat is common with public wireless networks.

Nor can the library guarantee that a user always will be able to make a connection in the library, and the library cannot accept responsibility for damage or harm to the user’s computer, software or files resulting from use of the library’s wireless Internet service.

If all goes as planned in Asheboro and Archdale, the wireless services will expand to other libraries in the system. The Asheboro and Archdale libraries expect to deploy wireless Internet access in late July or early August — keep an eye on the website and the *In the Stacks* blog, [www.randolphpubliclibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.randolphpubliclibrary.blogspot.com), for updates, and look for the RCPL Wireless Hotspot signs when the service goes live.

### TWO NEW WAYS TO FIND OUT FAST ABOUT HOLDS, OVERDUES AND DUE DATES!

#### Get email notices from the library:

- Quick notification about holds and overdues
- Call or come by your local library to sign up, or follow the instructions on the library’s website, [www.randolphlibrary.org](http://www.randolphlibrary.org).

Library e-mail notices (above) and Library Elf (see information at right) are separate services. You may use both; sign up for each separately.

#### Get email notices *Library Elf*:

- Quick notification about holds and overdues
- Due date reminders before items are due
- Manage all the library cards in your family
- Find out more and sign up at [www.libraryelf.com](http://www.libraryelf.com).

Note: Library Elf is a third-party service not affiliated with the Randolph County Public Library.

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**from  
 the  
 director**

by Suzanne Tate



# Liberty's cultural hub

♣ **In April 1942, the Liberty Library opened in city hall after organizational efforts by members of local churches, clubs and civic organizations.**



**Carol Kendall and Susan Primm**

Those members included: Durwood W. Martin, H.E. Lovett, Mrs. R.D. Patterson Jr., Mrs. B.B. Dalton, Mrs. Chester Bourne, Mrs. W.A. Kime, Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. J.C. Loflin and Marie Ward.

The library moved to its present facility on South Fayetteville Street in 1966 after receiving funds from Federal Aid, grant money from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and other charitable gifts. Mrs. Juanita Haynes was the first librarian, to be followed in 1968 by Mary Lovett, who served for 15 years. Irene G. Smith was librarian until 1991, at which time Susan Primm took over the helm. Carol Kendall, Barbara Jones and Martha Neal round out the staff.

The library is home to a permanent collection of local art by Liberty artists Zoharetta Foushee, Martha Hundley, Patricia Brower and Ozzie Osborn. Displays reflect the varied interests of this diverse community and have included antique toys, quilts, military

memorabilia, tea pots and Santa figures. The collection features a large number of art books, especially contemporary art of the Southwest.

Cultural events for adults and children have long been a mission of the library. Musical

groups, author readings, tea parties and crafting workshops are frequently on the agenda and are well attended.

Children's storytime is a weekly highlight, serving toddlers, pre-schoolers and various pre-k and daycare groups.

The annual Summer Reading Program has become so successful, in fact, that programs have had to be moved to other community locations. The present 3,400 square-foot facility is unable to accommodate the crowds, which average 150 children and adults per program!

Six internet access and word processing computers will soon be available to patrons with the addition of two new ones from the Gates grant. Technology strikes a balance with culture here!

As the community grows, the library is hoping to expand in order to meet the informational needs and cultural desires of the citizens of Liberty. For more information on the Liberty Library, to make a donation or give a memorial, call Susan Primm at 622-4605.

# Foundation continues library support

♣ **The Asheboro Public Library Foundation, formerly Asheboro Public Library Inc., raises and manages funds for the benefit of the Asheboro Public Library.**

A group of civic-minded women who met to play bridge — Dorothy Whitaker (Wright), Carrie Lanier Brittain, Betsy Allen Armfield, Virginia Barker (Moffitt), Margaret Hammond (Parks), Alice Lewallen (Welborn), Dorothy Lewallen (Sours), Elizabeth Ross (Reese) and Lucy Clyde Ross (Taylor) — founded the organization in 1935 for the purpose of instituting library service in Asheboro with the hope of future library service for the entire county.

The group's original moniker, The Randolph Library Club, became the Randolph Library Association, then Asheboro Public Library, Incorporated, and finally, in 2004, the Asheboro Public Library Foundation.

It is worth noting that Mrs. Charles M. Fox, mother of former county library director Charlesanna Fox, and Mrs. Elvira Worth Moffitt, daughter of Jonathan Worth, governor of NC from 1865-1868, were instrumental in laying the groundwork for a public library as early as 1926. Through their collaboration, they accumulated books and materials to be used in the school library until a public library could be established.

The Asheboro Public Library itself opened on February 10, 1936 above the old Standard Drug Store in downtown Asheboro. Hours were 1-6 p.m.

Almost all of the 384, mostly donated books were checked out the

first day — by the all volunteer staff. Money was tight so the club held all sorts of fundraising events including “a few hillbilly concerts and a contest to determine the most henpecked husband in town.”

Franklinville already had a small library, thanks to the generosity of mill owner John W. Clark. Soon libraries were established in Ramseur and Randleman. The Randolph County Public Library was created in 1940 with the appointment of a Board of Trustees and appropriations from the Randolph County Commissioners. In 1942, Liberty Library opened for service in Liberty's town hall. Seagrove and Archdale established libraries in the early 70s, and the system was in place.

Members of the Foundation today number 30 civic-minded women of Asheboro. Over the years, the Foundation has been responsible for many additions and improvements to the library including, but not limited to, books, audio-visuals, shelving (including the lighted display shelving) and display cases. The Foundation sponsors the Louise Swaim Memorial Scholarship, offered every year to a deserving college-bound student from Randolph County who excels in the musical arts.

The mission of the Asheboro Public Library Foundation is to effectively manage and increase the Foundation's assets and to disperse funds responsibly for the maximum benefit of the Asheboro Public Library. All citizens are encouraged to make a contribution to the Foundation or to name the Foundation as a beneficiary in their estate plans. Donors may call 336-318-6814 for more information.

## Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

The title for August 29 is *March* by Geraldine Brooks.

Asheboro Reads is the discussion group that meets at the Asheboro library on the last Tuesday of each month. Anyone who wants to talk about the month's book is invited.

## Copperheads

The Randolph County Partnership (RCPC) for Children will sponsor the 4th Annual Community Night with the Copperheads at 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 28 at McCrary Park in Asheboro, as the Copperheads take on the Fayetteville Swampdogs. A portion of the \$3 ticket will benefit RCPC; children under 5 are admitted free. The event will feature live music, a car show and giveaways of seven bicycles.

## Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

Donate your no-longer-needed books to the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Bring them to the sale, or contact the library at 318-6801.

**Local traffic.** During Salisbury Street road work, library visitors are considered “local traffic” and can bypass barricades on Cox and Main streets at Worth Street to reach the library parking lot.

## Legislature increases state aid to public libraries

An advocacy effort by the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association has led the General Assembly to increase the Aid to Public Libraries fund by

\$830,248 nonrecurring, bringing the fund's total to \$16,606,258. State aid equalizes library service statewide and is distributed to the state's 75 public library systems.

# Friends of the Randolph Public Library

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**P.O. Box 2806**  
**Asheboro, NC 27203**  
*Memberships are tax deductible*

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**In Memory of: Myrtle Burrow**  
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**In Memory of: James "Fid" Coward**  
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