

## Trees for Hospice to sprout at library

♣ The Asheboro library will host the 5th Classic Hospice Festival of Trees, a forest of sponsored Christmas trees that raises funds for the agency's Kids Path program.

The festival will begin with a tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 16 (admission is one canned food item), and culminate with the festival as a stop Volunteer Center's Holiday Tour of Homes, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, December 2 (tour tickets cost \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, and can be purchased at the library, the Randolph Arts Guild, Burge Flower Shop, the Collectors Antique Mall and the United Way Volunteer Center).



**The 5th Classic Hospice Festival of Trees**  
**Tree lighting:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16  
**Breakfast with Santa:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17  
**Breakfast with Santa:** 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1  
**Tour of Homes:** 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

The festival also will feature Breakfast with Santa, for kids and their parents at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, November 17, and again on Saturday, December 1. Kids will be able to meet Santa and chow down on breakfast provided by Chick-Fil-A

John Hutton, author of *Sister Maus: A Small Tale of the Sisters House in Salem*, will appear at the breakfast on November 17.

For the festival, area businesses, community groups and civic leaders sponsor decorated trees. The

money enables Kids Path to provide counseling and health services to children who have been diagnosed with chronic or life-threatening illness.

## Hall named Volunteer of Year by state Friends

By Suzanne Tate

♣ Volunteers make good friends, and Friends make good volunteers!

And we can prove it. Our own Donna T. Hall, volunteer *par excellence* for many years, received the first ever Volunteer of the Year award at the annual meeting of Friends of the North Carolina Public

Libraries (FONCPL) on Saturday, November 3, at the Mooresville Public Library. Five awards were presented to the most outstanding volunteer in each of the organization's five regions. President Alice Spuller presented to an incredulous Hall the Central Region award inscribed with these words of commendation: "For Exemplary Service and Dedication to Friends of the Randolph County Public Library."

*More about Donna: From the Director, next page.*

## Lane Ragsdale to present holiday cabaret show

Vocalist Lane Ragsdale will present "Holiday Feeling," a New York-style Christmas cabaret show, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, at the Asheboro library. A collection of songs interwoven with funny and moving stories, the show also will feature Ashley Wicker, Patrick Osteen, Brenda Pulliam, and accompanist/arranger Lisa Johnson. The performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.



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 director*



## Donna Hall named volunteer of year

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Serving as Vice President, President, Program and Fund Raising chairperson, Donna is there whenever a need is present. For years, she has planted and maintained the container gardens which grace the library grounds. She designs and makes tote bags with the Friends' logo as reusable (and most attractive) book bags. She coordinated "A Tisket, A Tasket, A Literary Basket" and "Food for Thought" which brought together authors and a delectable assortment of local edibles for a delightful evening of fun for participants and funds for the Friends organization. She spearheaded the production of the award winning calendar "Easy Riders" which featured librarians on Harley Davidson motorcycles. The calendar won a prestigious award from the NC Association of County Commissioners in the Outstanding County Program competition.

She helped coordinate the recently transformed Teen Corner, which has won state and national acclaim. She collaborated with the Friends to redecorate the entire Meeting Room, which is used frequently by individuals and organizations locally and throughout



**Flanked by husband John and daughter Hannah, Donna Hall displays her Volunteer of the Year award.**

the state. She and former Director Richard Wells painted the room, and Donna put the finishing touches on the project by stenciling on the wall the Friends' motto, "Libraries inform, educate, entertain and enlighten our lives. Books are just the beginning."

With the holiday season approaching, Donna will soon be

volunteering at the library in another capacity. She will don her Santa cap as Hospice volunteer setting up the beautifully decorated Christmas trees for an auction to benefit the Hospice organization. This annual event draws a large segment of the community to the library for an infusion of holiday cheer!

She lends her handiwork, her creativity, and most importantly of all, her time, to bring the library to the community through services and programs that appeal to all ages. Her designation as FONCPL Volunteer of the Year is so very appropriate. We never saw anyone get so much mileage out of a diet Mountain Dew and a piece of cheese.

Congratulations Donna T. Hall on your selection as FONCPL Volunteer of the Year!



**A gift from the Asheboro Public Library Foundation has enabled the library to purchase new music-related DVDs. The first batch has arrived— there are plenty more on the way.**

## Foundation gift buys music DVDs

♣ From “Singin’ in the Rain” to Prince’s “Purple Rain,” a new, music-related DVD collection soon will be available thanks to a gift from the Asheboro Public Library Foundation.

The collection will include concert films, documentaries, Broadway musicals, feature films and instructional videos, and span musical genres including rock, hip hop, gospel, country and blues.

The \$1,000 gift comes from the Louise Swaim fund. Swaim was a longtime local music teacher whose bequest to the foundation promotes music and music education through the library.

The fund has been used to purchase recorded music, music books and shelving for music collections, and to sponsor concerts.

The Asheboro Public Library Foundation manages investments for the benefit of the Asheboro library.

## Asheboro Reads picks new titles

♣ Asheboro Reads, the library’s afternoon book club, has selected books for discussion through February.

Asheboro Reads meets from 2-3:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month. Anyone who has read the book up for discussion is invited.

The discussion is free and refreshments are served.

Coming up on November 27 is *Consequences* by Penelope Lively. There is no December meeting due to the holidays.

The title for January 29 is *The Zookeeper’s Wife* by Diane Ackerman, and the title for February 28 is *Down River* by John Hart.

## News by email

Stay up-to-date on library goings on with alerts by email. Go to the library’s homepage at [www.randolphlibrary.org](http://www.randolphlibrary.org) to sign up.

You’ll receive a full-color monthly electronic newsletter plus occasional alerts about programs and other events.

And remember, a third-party service called Library Elf can help you manage your library material with email hold notices, reminders a few days before items are due and more. You also can manage multiple library cards. Sign up at [www.libraryelf.com](http://www.libraryelf.com).

## Computer class

Asheboro library computer classes take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays and occasional Saturdays. The free, one-hour classes alternate among basic Internet, email, advanced Internet/ NC LIVE, Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Internet, email and Word classes in Spanish are available on request.

Space in each class is limited; to sign up, call 318-6800 option 4.

## Book sale

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

## NC LIVE to provide full-length PBS programming

Nearly 250 PBS programs — including Ken Burns’ *The Civil War* and *Baseball* —soon will be available over the Internet via NC LIVE, the state’s online library. The

programs will be accessible beginning January 1.

Access NC LIVE at [www.randolphlibrary.org/ncliveinfo.htm](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/ncliveinfo.htm).

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*Memberships are tax deductible*

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