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NEWS

Seagrove library's 'first' family

When four-year-old Tommy Marsh checked out the first book at the new Seagrove Public Library on March 11, 1973, he chose a book on trains.

On Monday, October 10, 2005, Emma Jo Marsh — Tommy's three-year-old daughter— checked out the first book when the Seagrove library reopened in its new building... but she made a beeline for a multimedia story on a library computer.

The more things change, the more they remain the same.



Hospice to forest library with trees —see page 3
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**from
the
director**

by Richard Wells



Community built Seagrove

♣ **Building the Seagrove Library was truly a community effort. The cooperation of local government, the determination of the supporters and the generosity of many made this new library possible.**

Back in 1997, the Randolph County Board of Education donated the property adjacent to the Seagrove School for the new library. Architect Dean Spinks donated a site plan. This was taken from his original plans for the 1992 Archdale Library. The city of Archdale gave us their blueprints. The value of all the above was easily \$20,000. All was freely donated.

Fast forward to June 2004: the Randolph County Board of Commissioners approved the county manager's recommendation of \$750,000 to build the Seagrove Library. Keep in mind that any time the county commits to a large expenditure there will be detractors, no matter how positive the expenditure. The commissioners stood by their commitment to provide a good public library to the southern region of the county. All of us should thank them first! Without their vision, this library would not have been built.

The town of Seagrove and the town council have always budgeted a significant portion of the town's resources for the library and will

continue to do so. If other municipalities in the state spent as much on their library as Seagrove does per capita, we would see more fine public libraries.

The plan from the beginning was to use the construction funds for square footage. Funds for furnishing the library would be raised through donations.

I am pleased to report this objective was achieved with great success. We were fortunate in that the original furniture and shelving was still in good condition. It was showroom samples from Alma Desk Company in High Point. Most of it was cleaned and moved to the new building. By the way: in 1973, all of the shelving, tables, chairs and circulation desk were donated.

The circulation desk was renovated completely by the Randolph County Maintenance Department. They also refinished furniture and built from scratch the computer tables. Their level of craftsmanship is amazing. I do not exaggerate: go see for yourself! The renovation of the circulation desk was funded by the same family who donated the furniture in 1973.

Missy Rankin worked closely with the architect and me on the interior design: her expertise is evident when you enter the building. Her considerable amount of time and knowledge were donated.

The following is simply a list of the

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Community effort built library

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individuals and companies who made the furnishings and enhancements of the library possible. If I were to write the story behind each donation, this would run to twenty pages. I hope it will suffice to say that they generously supported something they believe in very much.

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Library to host 'Festival of Trees'

♣ **Twenty-plus Christmas trees as tall as 12 feet will sprout around the Asheboro library in November.**

The library will host the Center of Living Home Health and Hospice's annual Festival of Trees from Friday, November 11-Sunday, November 22. The theme for this year's festival is "A Classic Christmas."

A fundraiser for Kids Path, a Hospice program that helps children deal with progressive illnesses, the

Festival of Trees recruits corporate and partner sponsorship of decorated trees. The trees will be on display in the library's reading room.

The festival also will include events such as a preview for tree sponsors, two "Santa Breakfasts" for kids from 9:30a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays November 12 and 19, a gingerbread house exhibit, and a stocking competition for adults.

The First Presbyterian Church handbell choir "Bells, Angels" also will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 19.

December brings holiday tunes

♣ **Well-known local performers will kick off the holiday season early with concerts at the Asheboro library.**

Mariano will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 1, and Lane Ragsdale returns to the library at 7 p.m. Friday, December 16. Both concerts,

sponsored by the Friends, are free and the public is invited.

Mariano is a three-member ensemble featuring a unique combination of vocals, piano and marimba. Vocalist Ragsdale last performed at the library in April.

Look for details in next month's newsletter.

Archdale sale

The Archdale Library Friends (ALF) will hold its bi-annual used book sale from 9a.m. -3 p.m. Saturday, November 19, 2005, at the Archdale Public Library. All proceeds benefit the library. Donations to the book sale can be made up to a week in advance. Call the library at 431-3811 for more information.

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.

The title for November 29 is *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson.

Internet classes

Asheboro library computer classes take place at 2 p.m. Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. The one-hour classes alternate among Internet, email, advanced Internet and word processing.

Book sale

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

State library selects Taylor for Master Trainer program

Archdale branch manager George Taylor will participate in the State Library of North Carolina's Master Trainer program over the next few months. The highly selective

annual program is designed to increase the ability of public and academic library staff to plan and present effective internal training.

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