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'Breakfast Santa and Kim'

Friends event to feature children's author & jolly old elf himself

♣ Children and their parents can have "Breakfast with Santa and Kim" — that's Santa Claus, of course, and Kimberly Johnson, a noted children's book author, storyteller and reading advocate.



**Kimberly Johnson
and Itty Bitty Frog**

Breakfast featuring biscuits provided by Chik-Fil-A will be served at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, November 18, at the Asheboro Public Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the breakfast is free, but registration is required.

To register, come by the Children's Room or call 318-6804 by November 16. Children attending the breakfast must be accompanied by an adult.

Johnson will read from some of her six children's books, and as a motivational speaker, will promote reading to children and parents.

A Shelby native, Johnson has appeared on the Today Show and at the White House. She holds an associate's degree in early childhood education and completed the advanced poetry writing program at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Find out more at www.simplycreativeworks.com.

St.. Nick will make an appearance as part of Hospice of Randolph County's **4th Classic Christmas Festival of Trees** (see page 3).

Library to market teen services with new grant

♣ Senior project got you stumped?
Sophomore project got you in a slump? Need a place to work on a homework project with your classmates?

The library can help, and a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) marketing grant will help the library spread the word through a project called "Teens: Discover the Endless Possibilities @ Your Library."

The project will identify the library among teens as *the* place to study and collaborate, and will include programming for teens; creation of a Teen Advisory Council; a teen-oriented website; a newsletter; branded material such as library cards and welcome

kits for new library card registrants; outreach to schools and teen-centered businesses; a teen component of the Summer Reading Program; workshops for staff on working with teen library users; and transformation of the Asheboro library's current "Young Adult" area into the "Teen Corner."

The Teen Advisory Council will swing into action in November, and plan a kickin' kick-off of the project, slated for January.

The project arose out of statewide workshops sponsored by the State Library of North Carolina focused on marketing library services. Archdale library manager George Taylor and Asheboro reference

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Novelist Kelly to appear at Friends program

Greensboro author Susan S. Kelly will read from her new novel The Last of Something during a Friends of the Library program at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 26 at the Asheboro Public Library. The program is free and the public is invited.



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**from
 the
 director**



by Suzanne Tate

Randleman started on faith, shoestring

♣ **The Randleman Public Library started in June 1941 “on faith and a shoestring,” former Library Director Charlesanna Fox said.**

Wartime restrictions made a public library a real community need. The Randleman Lions Club with support from the Randolph Library Association sponsored the library, which opened over the People’s Bank on Main Street. Claudia Fox was librarian. In 1949 the Randleman Library Association, made up of local civic leaders, took over the library, which moved to the former home of Dr. Dennis Fox. In 1953, the association became Randleman Library Incorporated. Donations and the county library’s support kept the library going.

The library moved to quarters near Randleman Elementary School in 1954, and opened on October 15. The City of Randleman added its support to the library, and in 1972 the library became part of city government. In 1956, Edith Sink replaced Fox as librarian, and was followed by Ruth Linthicum in 1963.

The library opened in a new building designed by J. Hyatt Hammond Associates in Commerce Square on August 16, 1973, made possible by a federal grant and the city. A 1,500



Donna Toomes, Connie Axsom, Tammy Crotts, Sherrie Hunt.

square-foot addition in 2000, paid for by the Ferguson Trust Fund, created larger meeting, children’s and staff areas.

The meeting room, widely used for community events and classes, is named for Howard and Mescal Ferguson, generous lifelong donors.

The library houses a collection of Randolph County art and pottery started by Doris Dorsett, who became head librarian in 1983, and Louise Hudson. Dorsett retired in 1993 and was followed by Hudson. Karen Richardson became librarian in 2002, followed by Donna Toomes in 2005. Toomes and assistants Sherrie Hunt, Connie Axsom and Tammy Crotts continue the tradition of gracious service to the community.

Reading programs have been a focus from the outset, held weekly since 1945 when Mrs. Weaver Lineberry, a local teacher, conducted a storytime for 40 children. The children’s area features a delightful reading nook and hand painted mural which incorporates local heritage and North Carolina history. With the permanent exhibit of local crafts and beautiful landscaping, provided for by the Ralph and Edith Talley Memorial Fund, the library is a feast for the eyes as well as the mind.

Hospice's 'Festival of Trees' to return to library in November

♣ The Asheboro library once again will host the 4th 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 17, and run from November 18-December 3. Admission to the tree lighting is one canned food item.

From 1-6 p.m. Sunday, December 3, the festival will be a stop on the Volunteer Center's Holiday Tour of Homes.

The festival also will feature two events for children: "Breakfast with Santa and Kim" at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, November 18 (see page 1), and another Santa Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 2.



A Yule forest sparkles during last year's Festival of Trees.

In preparation for the Festival of Trees, businesses, community groups and civic leaders sponsor decorated trees. The money raised enables Kids Path to provide counseling and health services to children who have been diagnosed with a chronic or life-threatening illness.

Library to market services to teens

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librarian Amy Keith participated in the workshops, and determined that promoting awareness of teen services was a key issue for the library.

Workshop participants could submit a grant proposal, and the Randolph County Public Library's request was one of only two successful proposals statewide. Projects proposed were to market existing services, not create new ones.

The \$15,611 LSTA grant is administered by the State Library, part of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Library to offer 'MySpace for Parents' programs

♣ Want to find out how kids are using MySpace?

Join us to take a look at the popular social networking site. Learn what MySpace is, how kids are using it and what you can do to help make your child's MySpace experience positive and safe. We will talk about profiles, friends and groups.

Workshops will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 9, at the Archdale Public Library, and 7 p.m. Thursday, November 16, at the Asheboro Public Library.

The programs are free and the public is invited.



Auto repair

Car trouble? The library can help.

The Auto Repair Reference Center is now available online at www.randolphlibrary.org/automotive.html.

The database, which contains detailed repair information and wiring diagrams for most cars and light trucks 1945-2003, can be accessed from any computer that has an Internet connection.

You need your library car number to log in.

Asheboro Reads

Next up for Asheboro Reads is *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice, 2-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31.

The title for November 28 is *Evensong* by Gail Godwin. Asheboro Reads meets at the Asheboro library on the last Tuesday of each month. Anyone who wants to talk about the month's book is invited.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library book sale will take place from 9-3 p.m. Saturday, October 28 at the Friends Book Store off the Asheboro Public Library parking lot.

'Playaways' make audiobook listening easy

The library has acquired its first two 'Playaways,' mp3 players that contain pre-loaded audiobooks. The first two titles are James Patterson's *Beach Road*

and Christopher Paolini's *Eragon*.

The devices include an installed battery and a backup battery. The Playaways are now available for check-out.

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