



Ongoing & Upcoming

Thursday, December 17

"Christmas Present: A Holiday Evening with Lane Ragsdale and Friends": 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Monday, December 21

Movie Monday: *It's A Wonderful Life*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Thursday-Saturday, December 24-26

Closed for Christmas.

Friday, January 1

Closed for New Years.

Monday, January 11

Movie Monday: *Julie and Julia*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Thursday, January 14

Photographer Rick Smith: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Monday, January 18

Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday.

Monday, January 25

Movie Monday: *Taking Woodstock*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Tuesday, January 26

Asheboro Reads: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

(more on page 3)

Donkeys and monuments: Jones journeys through Egypt

♣ Helping people by helping their working animals was the focus of Janet and David Jones's recent trip to Egypt.

But the pair also had the opportunity to visit the country's monuments and engineering feats, from the Sphinx to the Aswan High Dam.

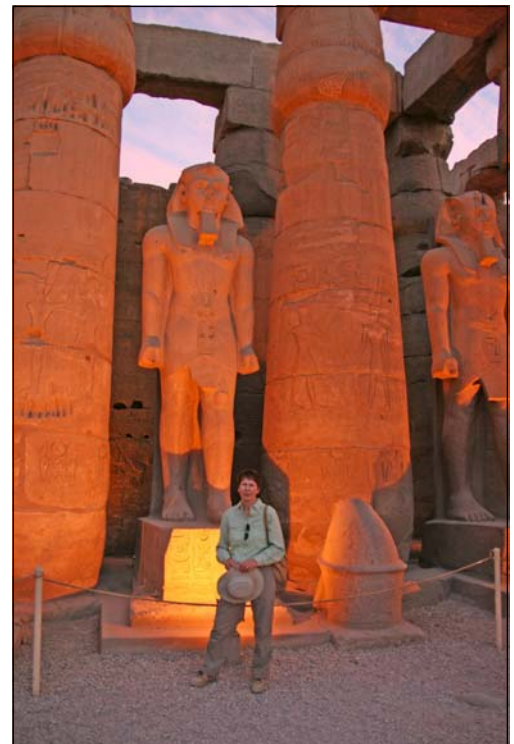
"A Journey through Egypt" will be the topic of a travelogue by Janet Jones at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 28, at the Asheboro library. The program is free and the public is invited.

David Jones, director of the North Carolina Zoological Park, has been associated for many years with the Brooke Hospital for Animals. The charity sees to the health of working equines — mostly donkeys and horses — thereby helping some of the neediest people in the world.

The hospital's 75th anniversary in the land where it was founded was the purpose of the Jones's visit.

"We had a fascinating trip using the mornings to visit local clinics and go out with the mobile clinics to the villages, to treat donkeys and some horses, and then visiting ancient monuments and temples in the afternoons," Janet Jones says.

"We started our trip to Egypt in the south at Aswan where we visited the temple of Philae, sailed in a felucca on



Janet Jones will show images from her trek through Egypt at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 28, at the Asheboro library.

the Nile and also saw the High Dam and the unfinished obelisk. We moved north visiting the temples around Luxor where there are many magnificent temples that impress with their sheer size, the skill of the carving and the engineering involved in erecting them.

"We then flew to Cairo which is a

(continued on page 3)

Archdale
336-431-3811
Fax 336-431-4619
10433 S. Main St.
Mon, Wed, Fri 9-6;
Tues, Thur 9-8;
Sat 9-5

Asheboro
336-318-6800
Fax 336-318-6823
201 Worth St.
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-5

Randolph Room
336-318-6815
Mon, Thur-Sat 9-5
Tues, Wed 9-9

John W. Clark
(Franklinville)
336-824-4020
111 Sumner Place
Mon-Fri 2-6

Liberty
336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-4605
239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon, Wed, Fri 9-5;
Tues, Thur 9-7; Sat 9-1

Ramseur
336-824-2232
Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 8:30-5

Randleman
336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
122 Commerce Sq.
Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

Seagrove
336-873-7521
530 Seagrove Plank Rd.
Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;
Sat 10-3

Extension Service
336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

Dial-A-Story
336-318-6833

*from
the
director*



ALA president visits NC library directors

♣ **Camila Alire, recently elected president of the American Library Association, spoke at the North Carolina Public Library Directors semi-annual meeting in early December.**

She comes highly recommended to the position. She is currently Dean Emerita at the University of New Mexico and Colorado State University. She has been director of many types of libraries including college, community college, special and school libraries.

She has been widely recognized for her role in library advocacy. She has presented workshops all across the United States on library advocacy, serving the Latino community and other timely topics. Named by *Hispanic Business Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in the country, Camila was named REFORMA's Librarian of the Year in 1997. REFORMA is the national association whose mission is to "promote library and informational service to Latinos and the Spanish speaking." The organization is an affiliate of the ALA.

Camila charged that the ALA is facing a "new norm" in the wake of the financial crisis and that libraries will have to fight for funding like never before. However, she strongly believes that libraries are in a unique and "nimble" position to adapt to and meet the needs of the community, regardless of what those needs are. The library plays an essential role in the life of a

community, just as vital as that of the police force and the fire department. Statistics show that two thirds of adults in the United States have a library card. Folks may use their library card every day to access services and information, while they may call on other essential services like the fire and police departments much less frequently.

The two initiatives Camila will be focusing on during her tenure will be advocacy and literacy. Advocacy because librarians can always use help articulating their library's value to the powers that be. The Literacy Initiative will be a focus because there are so many forms of literacy. Adult and family literacy is what most people associate with "literacy" but there is also information literacy, digital literacy, economic literacy and cultural literacy. All are issues that libraries can play a key role in solving. She has formed a Leadership Workgroup to identify audiences and establish goals for the two initiatives in order to address these challenges.

With Camila Alire at the helm of ALA, libraries have a capable and dynamic leader. We were fortunate to have her in Winston-Salem for not one, but two, sessions. Kudos to president of NCPLDA Mark Pumphrey, director of the Polk County Public Library, and Camila's friend and able "handler," Jackie Beach, Director of the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library, for snaring her!

**randolph county
public library**
news

The **Randolph County Public Library NEWS** is published monthly by the Asheboro Randolph County Public Library and the Friends of the Library. To subscribe, join the Friends by returning the membership application on page 4.

Suzanne Tate, Director • **Donna Hall**, President, Friends of the Library •
Ross Holt, Editor • **Printing** by Hunsucker Printing Co.

Smith to introduce photography book at Friends program

♣ Award-winning photographer Rick Smith will show images from his new book, *Vanishing Icons*, at a Friends of the Library program, 7 p.m. Thursday, January 14, at the Asheboro library.



Rick Smith

Vanishing Icons, published by Lonesome Oaks Press, features images captured over 30 years depicting weathered barns, farm houses, farm equipment and other “icons” of the rural countryside. Smith says the photographs are silent witness to a fading rural landscape.

Smith will sell and sign copies of his book after his presentation.

Now a North Carolina resident, Michigan native Smith honed his skill working in one of the largest photography studios in Detroit. After moving to North Carolina in the early 1970s, he opened and operated a commercial advertising studio for over 25 years.

He has lectured at the Rochester Institute of Technology and is a regular lecturer, workshop leader and contributor in the Randolph Community College photography program.

Travelogue to depict Egypt trip

(continued from page 1)

large bustling modern city contrasting with the ancient pyramids and sphinx which are in the suburbs on the edge of the desert, a truly memorable sight especially as you get close to them. We had an opportunity to visit the brick kilns on the outskirts of Cairo, with the Brooke mobile clinic, and saw young boys driving donkey carts into the

kilns to unload bricks ready for baking.

“We also visited the Citadel, an old fortification in the north east of the city where we visited the Mohammed Ali Mosque.

“This trip was particularly interesting because as well as being immersed in such an ancient civilization we could go out into the villages and meet local people and those trying to help them.”

Ongoing & Upcoming (continued from page 1)

Tuesday, January 26

Luna Book Club: *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink, 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Monday, February 8

Movie Monday: *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*, 2 p.m., Asheboro library.

Thursday, February 18

Iraq War veteran and Author Eric Cox: 7 p.m., Asheboro library.

Thursday, April 29

Holly George Warren: Time and location TBD.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 26.

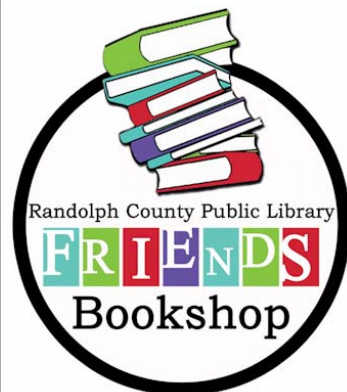
Luna Book Club: *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink, 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 26.

Senior Book Club: January through March plans for the Senior Book Club will be announced soon.

Library discussion groups are free and open to all. Refreshments are served.

Authors signing

The library will recognize local writers in January with a display. Group signings now take place at the Friends Bookshop during Asheboro’s monthly “Out and About” events.



10-2 Tues., Thurs., Sat.
226 Sunset Ave., Asheboro
Donations accepted

Randleman Public Library

BOOK SALE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Third Saturday
of each month
124 Commerce Pl.
next to the library.

Seagrove library gets \$1,500 grant from Presnell Foundation

A \$1,500 grant from the H. Clay and Wavie M. Presnell Foundation will buy large print books and books on CD for the Seagrove Public Library. The foundation was established to “help

finance recreational and educational facilities such as museums, libraries and medical facilities open to public use within North Carolina” and other charitable objectives.



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year.

Mail to: Friends of the Library
P.O. Box 2806
Asheboro, NC 27204
Memberships are tax deductible

- Student \$5
- Adult \$15
- Family..... \$25
- Patron \$100
- Benefactor..... \$250
- Lifetime..... \$500
- Corporate Sponsor... \$ _____

YES! I'd like to help: ___ Programs ___ Receptions ___ Book Sales ___ Membership

Randolph County Public Library
 201 Worth Street
 Asheboro, NC 27203
Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 Asheboro, NC 27203
 Permit No. 50



memorials & donations

In Honor of: Hilda N. Craven
 By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

In Memory of: Doris Gardner Cockerham
 By: Frankie and Linda Shirley

In Memory of: Blannie Crouse Keith
 By: Arlene and Tony Smith

In Memory of: Elizabeth "Bookie" Lewis
 By: Mitch and Scottie Michelle

In Memory of: Roxanna Selkregg Pace
 By: Sorosis Book Club

In Memory of: Reverend Dr. Howard G. Allred
 By: Steve and Dianne Wrenn

In Memory of: Dr. J. Thomas Murphy
 By: Asheboro Public Library Foundation
 Betty W. Bunker

In Memory of: Iris Ann Dodson Stone
 By: J.B. and Claire Davis
 Peggy D. Moore

Arlene and Tony Smith
In Memory of: Sen. Russell G. Walker, Sr.
 By: Arlene and Tony Smith
 Thursday Study Club

In Honor of: Sue Duggins
 By: Helen B. Hawthorne

In Honor of: Jonna Libbert
 By: Susan Coltrane
 Ralph and Naomi Kilpatrick

In Honor of: Reynolds Lisk
 By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

In Honor of: Mary Parker
 By: Helen B. Hawthorne

In Honor of: Barbara Presnell
 By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill

In Honor of: John Pugh, Jr.
 By: Jimmy, Pam and Allie Hill