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## NEWS

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*Lush forests and snowy mountains greet Zoo Society travelers in New Zealand.*

## Jones to present Oceania travels

♣ Breathtaking images from a fall (spring, down under) expedition to Australia and New Zealand will highlight a travelogue by Janet Jones.

Jones will talk about the N.C. Zoological Society trip at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 24 at the Asheboro Public Library. The program, sponsored by the Friends, is free and the public is invited.

Says Jones: "New Zealand was lush and green, with some amazing geothermal fields around Rotorua, steam rose from lakes and rivers and seeped through paths and streets. It was also the heartland of Maori culture.

"Gardens in New Zealand were filled with spring flowers, and mountains and waterfalls made for spectacular scenery on South Island.

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## 'Let's Talk' series to explore faiths

♣ A "Let's Talk About It" reading and discussion series at the Asheboro library during February and March will consider how novelists approach America's religious diversity.

Entitled "Faith Differences, Different Faiths: Exploring Religion in Modern American Fiction," the series will take place at 7 p.m. every other Thursday beginning February 3. Each session will be moderated by a scholar who will introduce the evening's novel and facilitate the discussion; refreshments will be provided.

Anyone who wishes to participate may do so; extra copies of the books are on hand at the library. Novels up for discussion include:

- February 3: *In the Company of Women* by Mary Gordon;
- February 17: *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok;
- March 3: *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker;
- March 17: *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko;
- March 31: *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving.

Some aspect of religion forms the core of each novel. Gordon probes the relation between five women and Catholicism, while Potok examines the tension between modern Orthodox and Hasidic Judaism in Brooklyn, New York.

Walker uses religion to sharpen her examination of race, class and gender. Silko's American Indian characters are caught in the conflict between traditional beliefs and those more recently introduced.

Irving, meanwhile, considers how people arrive at

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**Contractor named for Seagrove library project...see inside**

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**from  
 the  
 director**

by Richard Wells



# Brooks General Contractors to build Seagrove library

♣ **The January 3 meeting of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners was important to everyone who is in support of the new Seagrove Public Library.**

At that meeting, the commissioners voted unanimously to award the contract for the new library. Even though everything was going as planned, any project like this can be derailed or delayed before the contract is awarded. We now have a done deal.

Brooks General Contractors of Greensboro will be the company responsible for constructing the library. The project had three bona fide bids from three respected companies, and Brooks was the lowest at \$684,753.

Architect Dean Spinks has worked with this company in the past and highly recommends their work and integrity. Brooks General Contractors has been in business since 1895. This is very reassuring.

The project will require some eight months. As this is written, it is sunny and 65 degrees: perfect construction weather! By the time all the pertinent permits are secured and everything is ready for grading, we could experience a foot of snow! So, a definite beginning

date is still in question. Maybe in late January and early February we will still have spring weather and we can begin in earnest.

The library will be built of brick, with a sloped roof and many windows. It will be 5,568 square feet.

The contractor is not responsible for any of the furnishings (carpet, chairs, tables, shelving, etc.). Funding for the furnishings will have to be raised through donations. This was intended from the beginning. The funds appropriated by the county were used to build as much square footage as possible. Furniture can be added later as funding or donations allow. Square footage is much harder to add.

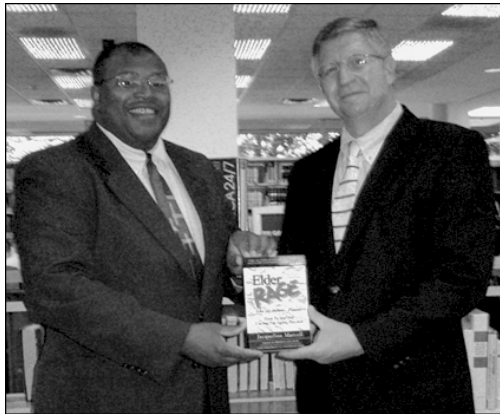
The fundraising goal is \$75,000. That amount will furnish the new library nicely.

Since much fine furniture is made right here in Randolph County, the plan is to use local manufacturers for tables, chairs, and upholstered pieces. Anyone who has visited the Asheboro and Archdale libraries has no doubt noticed the high quality of the furnishings. It all came from Randolph County companies.

We plan for the same in Seagrove.

## Senior center donates books

Randolph County Senior Adults Association Program Developer John Butler presents Library Director Richard Wells with a copy of the book *Elder Rage, or Take My Father... Please!: How to Survive Caring for Aging Parents* by Jacqueline Marcell. The RSAA purchased eight books, one for each library and Extension Services. The books were purchased by using RSAA Family Caregiver



Support Program grant funds at the suggestion of the Randolph County Family Support Group.

## Jones to present travelogue

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"In Australia we stayed on a sheep station, had kangaroos racing alongside our vehicle and saw wombats in the wild. We stayed on Kangaroo Island..., one of the best places to see Koalas and also to find sea lions, fur seals and the spiny echidna.

"Tasmania delighted us with wallabies and possums and we were able to see elusive Tasmanian devils and quolls in a wildlife breeding center.



**A Tasmanian devil — not something you see every day.**

We traveled up the east coast and stayed in a rain forest before flying out to one of the barrier reef islands, an idyllic place where it was possible to snorkel straight off the beaches and very quickly be floating over an amazing array of corals and fish, with an enormous variety of shape, color and pattern.

"The trip ended with a few days in Sydney and an opportunity to see the famous opera house and explore some of the sights in the area."

## 'Let's Talk' looks at faiths

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and sustain religious faith in the contemporary world.

The "Let's Talk About It" series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Funding for the program statewide is provided by a Library Services and Technology Act Title I grant administered by the State Library of North Carolina, Department of Cultural Resources.

## Archdale to host bi-lingual family reading program

The Girl Scouts, Community in Schools, SBC Foundation and the Archdale Public Library will offer "Follow the Reader," a Spanish-English literacy program, to girls in K-5 English as a second language

(ESL) programs or who would benefit from help with reading skills. For more information about the afternoon sessions, call Anita Harrison at 336-337-7818.

## Reading group

The Asheboro library afternoon reading and discussion group Asheboro Reads, which meets from 2-3:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month, continues with *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant on January 25, and Tracy Chevalier's *The Girl with the Pearl Earring* on February 22.

Anyone interested is invited to attend; copies of the books to be discussed are available at the library.

## Liberty Friends

The newly-formed Liberty Friends of the Library will meet at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, at the library.

## Internet classes

Library Internet class times changed at the first of the year.

Classes now take place at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays and 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Classes last an hour and alternate among Internet, e-mail and advanced Internet.

Call the library at 318-6800, menu option 4, to sign up for a class.

## Book sale

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

# Friends of the Randolph Public Library

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

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**In Honor of: Suzanne Tate**

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