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Need tech help? Call the P.R.O.S.!

♣ Need help setting up your device for ebooks, filling out an online application or learning new technology?

Meet virtually face-to-face — and share your computer or device screen for on-target assistance — with the P.R.O.S. at the Randolph County Public Library.

P.R.O.S. stands for Patrons Requesting Online Support. Reference librarians Dave Bare, Meghan Carter and Harris Mason are standing by with the library's Go-To-Meeting software (similar to Zoom) to provide one-on-one help.

Get assistance with a new device; get set up to download library ebooks, e-audiobooks and e-magazines; get assistance filling out online forms and applications; get homework or research help; get a library card; and more.

Initiate a session by calling 336-318-6801. One of the P.R.O.S. may be available to help immediately, or may set up a time for a later meeting. A link to join the virtual meeting will be sent to your email.

To access the service, you need desktop/laptop computer with camera, a tablet/iPad or a smartphone; and an Internet connection. If your computer does not have a microphone, you can call a toll-free number for simultaneous voice communication.

With your consent, the P.R.O.S. can look at your screen and advise you as you work.



Santa, Grinch to usher in holidays

♣ Kids can enjoy holiday fun with a virtual twist, including a Facebook Live version of the popular “Breakfast with Santa.”

Meanwhile, storyteller and illusionist Caleb Sigmon returns not just as the Grinch, but as Santa Claus and all the characters in *A Christmas Carol* in three YouTube performances.

“Breakfast with Santa” morphs into “Santa Storytime LIVE!” at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 19, at [Facebook.com/randolphlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randolphlibrary), for children of all ages. Santa will report live from the North Pole and read a Christmas picture book during a very special Facebook Live streaming appearance.

He'll also read letters he has received from... you! Mail, email or drop off (at any library) your child's letter to Santa, who may select it to read aloud during his appearance.

Email letters to asheborochildrenroom@gmail.com; mail them to Santa & Library Elves, Asheboro Public Library, 201 Worth Street, Asheboro, N.C.; or drop them off at the library. All letters will receive a response from Santa.

See page 3 for more about Caleb Sigmon's events!

Writer to present 'flash fiction' workshop —see back page

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336-431-3811
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Fri 9-6; 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-Tues 9-8
Wed-Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

Franklinville
336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
Mon-Thur 10-6; Sun 1-5

Liberty
336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-2665
239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon, Wed-Fri 9-5;
Tues 9-7; Sat 9-1

Ramseur
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Randleman
336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
142 W. Academy St.
Mon-Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-1

Seagrove
336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
Tues-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-3

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

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Virtual programs: here to stay

♣ **“Stick Around,”** the virtual craft program developed by Asheboro Children’s librarian **Becky Knorpp**, will be featured statewide by **UNC-TV** in February.



Becky Knorpp in “Stick Around.”

Focusing on creating art with found objects, “Stick Around” installments were posted on the library’s Facebook page and YouTube channel weekly during the spring and summer (it’s now on hiatus in favor of “Asheboro Art Adventures”). “Stick Around” attracted the attention of the producers of “Block Party LIVE! At Home Edition,” which airs on UNC’s digital network for children, Rootle/PBS Kids, and features learning activities available around the state.

“Stick Around” is just one of an array of fun, creative and educational virtual programs that our enormously talented staff have developed to extend service during the pandemic, and to help children cope with changed circumstances.

From March-October, 369 virtual events have been viewed 74,355 times, enabling us to reach an entirely new audience. When in-person programs return, virtual programs likely are here to stay. In addition to special events like the Caleb Sigmon performances, regular children’s programs now include:

- Archdale’s “Storytime with Ms. Carol,” posted at 10 a.m. Thursdays;
- Liberty’s “Family Storytime,” 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays;

- Randleman’s Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Fridays;
- Asheboro’s “Minutes for Mindfulness,” 10 a.m. every other Monday (quick and fun mindfulness practices for the whole family);

- Asheboro’s “Creative Writing Corner,” 1 p.m., third Monday (for kids age 10+);
- Asheboro’s “Family Sing-Along,” 10 a.m. every other Tuesday (helping kids develop early literacy skills through singing);
- Asheboro’s “What’s Cookin’? Mug Edition” (budding chefs can create delicious recipes with a mug, a microwave, and ingredients found in the home), 4 p.m. every other Wednesday;
- “Asheboro Art Adventures,” 1 p.m. every other Thursday.
- Extension Services is posting storytimes every now and then, occasionally including a sign language component.

There are virtual programs for adults as well, including the Asheboro and Liberty book clubs and events such as the live, interactive writing workshop coming up in December (see back page).

Most programs remain accessible after they are posted. Find them on library Facebook pages and the Randolph County Public Library YouTube channel.

Note: “Stick Around” returns with a special holiday edition at 1 p.m. Friday, December 18; pick up a free craft bag to follow along. Call 336-318-6804 for details.



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Caleb Sigmon returns with virtual Grinch, more classic holiday tales

♣ Storyteller and illusionist Caleb Sigmon is back with a trio of classic Christmas tales.

This time, the performances of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Expedition*

North Pole and *A Christmas Carol* will take place on the Randleman and Asheboro library Facebook pages. Each show will be available for a week after it is first posted. All ages are welcome! See below for details about each performance.



How the Grinch Stole Christmas

4 p.m. Friday, December 4,
[Facebook.com/
randlemanpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary)

6 p.m. Monday, December 7,
[Facebook.com/
randolphlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randolphlibrary)

He's mean! He's green! And he's back to steal Christmas! Everyone's favorite grouch drops in for a visit in this musical romp with laugh-out-loud comedy and silliness.

Interact in real time with all the characters during the immersive visual experience — your heart will grow three sizes!



Expedition North Pole

4 p.m. Friday, December 11,
[Facebook.com/
randlemanpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary)

6 p.m. Monday, December 21,
[Facebook.com/
randolphlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randolphlibrary)

Join Santa Claus himself on an interactive, whirlwind journey to the North Pole! Step inside the magical toy shop as the elves work on new inventions. Meet Mrs. Claus in her kitchen where you'll learn the secret to her special cookies. Snuggle up by the fire as Santa relives "The Night Before Christmas."



A Christmas Carol

6 p.m. Monday, December 14,
[Facebook.com/
randolphlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randolphlibrary)

4 p.m. Friday, December 18,
[Facebook.com/
randlemanpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary)

A tour-de-force, one-man spectacle of storytelling, magic effects, puppetry and imagination transports you to a bitterly chilly Christmas Eve night. Caleb Sigmon plays all characters we know and love, embodying Scrooge, Tiny Tim and a lifetime of Christmas memories in Dickens's classic tale.

Make a Grinch ornament in Randleman craft event

♣ Make a lovely Grinch ornament for yourself or a friend at the Randleman library in December.

"Connie's Seasonal Celebration Make

and Take" for tweens, teens and adults will include all the supplies necessary.

Call the library at 336-498-3141 to register and pick up a kit, available while supplies last.



Virtual Book Clubs

Asheboro: Join us for a book club using the library's Go-To-Meeting online conference tool, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, November 12 (the date is earlier due to the Thanksgiving holiday). Talk about 1-2 books you've read recently, and join a free-for-all discussion at the end. You will need a computer with sound and a microphone to participate; you can also join by phone.

To sign up, contact Meghan Carter, mcarter@randolphlibrary.org. You will receive a link to the conference.

Liberty: *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 17. Email library@townoflibertync.org for a link to the live, interactive discussion, and call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for a copy of the book.

Chat with us

Chat Reference now is available via the library website at www.randolphlibrary.org. Click on the "Have a Question" box at the bottom of the screen to chat with a librarian.

Asheboro library introduces notary public service

Need a document notarized? Call the Asheboro library 336-318-6801 and set up an appointment with a notary public on the library staff. At present there is no charge.

The service is available to anyone who can travel to the library. COVID-19 prevention measures will be observed during the notarization process.

Learn how to turn real-life experiences into 'flash fiction'

♣ Learn how to take real-life experiences and turn them into marketable stories in a live, interactive, virtual flash fiction workshop.

"Flash Fiction Holiday Escape," hosted by the Seagrove library, will take place at 3 p.m., Thursday, December 10. Call the library at 336-873-7521 or email cjohnson@randolphlibrary.org to sign up and receive a link. The event is open to all.

Flash fiction is a term for very short stories — often a few hundred words. During the hour-long workshop,



Ashley Memory

writer Ashley Memory will discuss how to take your experiences — humorous or profound — and put them down on paper with an eye toward publication.

Memory is a popular writing teacher who has led workshops across central North Carolina. Her writing has appeared in *The Sun*, *Solstice Literary Magazine*, *County Lines* and *O. Henry*. She is known for

plucking story ideas straight out of *Southern Living*, which inspired a zany, enduring classic published by *Okay Donkey* entitled, "Holiday Party Etiquette for Insects Recently Transformed into People."

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Paul, Patricia, Dominic and
McKenna Zullo

Seagrove, Franklinville extend hours

♣ **The Franklinville and Seagrove libraries are now available morning to evening, instead of just in the afternoons.** Fridays and Saturdays.

Seagrove is offering service 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays, and is closed Sundays and Mondays.

Franklinville is offering service 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, and is closed

Extending the daily hours meant closing one additional day each week, but making the libraries accessible in the morning as well as the afternoon was a worthwhile trade-off, says Charity Neave Johnson, manager of both libraries.

The new hours will remain the same once the libraries are fully reopened to the public.