

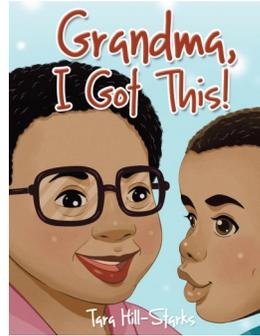
Asheboro native Tara Hill-Starks to share her new children's book in virtual reading

♣ JJ is a young and energetic boy.

He learns valuable life lessons taught by his adoring and wise grandmother. JJ puts these lessons into action! He shares his toys and counts his blessings. JJ makes his grandmother proud. Will JJ remember these lessons when Grandma goes away? What can you learn from Grandma?

Find out when author and Asheboro native Tara Hill-Starks debuts her children's book, *Grandma, I Got This*, in a virtual reading at 5:30 p.m. Friday, February 26. The virtual venue for the reading will be announced shortly.

Hill-Starks is an education professional who has a



Author Tara Hill-Starks and the cover of her book.

passion for children and didactic learning. *Grandma, I Got This* is inspired by the teachings she received from her grandmother as a young child, as well as wisdom shared by her pastor, the Rev. Dora Atlas, as an adult.

Atlas established the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Asheboro, where Hill-Starks volunteered. Proceeds from sale

of the book go to benefit Our Daily Bread and other charitable causes.

A 1992 Asheboro High School graduate, Hill-Starks holds a Master's in Business Administration degree. Prior to a corporate career, she taught in the Randolph and Guilford County schools. She currently resides in Myrtle Beach with her husband and son.

Liberty receives grant for community literacy

♣ Children will be able to read and learn while their parents visit Liberty's local laundromat, and the community will talk about early literacy, as a result of a grant received by the Liberty library.

The \$3,000 "Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries" grant, sponsored by the American Library Association, is one of 200 awarded across the nation.

The grant will fund installation of a book tree kit from the LaundryCares Foundation in the Coin Laundry at 509 S. Greensboro Street. The kit includes a tree-canopy bookshelf and a child-size table and chair set, as well as

educational posters and information.

The project also will include live virtual community discussions about early literacy, and take-home kits with books, learning activities and manipulative items.

Another component will be meetings of families and caregivers to discuss the importance of children's education and early literacy and open doors to a more in depth discussion of equality, diversity and inclusion.

"We can work to help families improve our community through children's education, but also gain an understanding of how we at the library can truly help and communicate with our community," says Library Manager Brenda Hornsby-Heindl.

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Finding Fox in women veterans archive

♣ **We public librarians sometimes don't find out about the impact of our work until years later.**

It might be the adult from out of state, back home visiting family, who drops by to talk about the influence of the library on their lives and to say thanks.

Or it might be an email from a colleague that alerts us to the column in the January issue of *Our State* magazine by editor and Asheboro native Elizabeth Hudson, in which Hudson reminisces about her childhood experiences at the Asheboro library and the worlds opened to her by former Library Director Charlesanna Fox.

Called "Paths Forward," it's a wonderful piece about how youthful library visits echo through the years of a person's life (read it at ourstate.com/from-elizabeth-hudson-paths-forward/).

Writing it entailed a revelation for Hudson about Fox herself, who had an impressive career outside Randolph County that included serving as a librarian for the Marine Corps base at Camp Lejeune during World War II, and for the 14th Naval District at Pearl Harbor after the war.

Hudson discovered this and more about Fox while looking up something else in a unique treasure called the **Betty H. Carter Women Veterans Historical Project** at UNC-Greensboro. The archive collects papers, photographs and artifacts from women veterans augmented with oral histories of many of the veterans.

It currently houses the papers of some 650 veterans ranging from World War I to

the present and some 425 oral histories.

Fox's is one of those. Conducted in 1999 by researchers Eric Elliott and Herman J. Trojanowski (when Charlesanna was 89 years old — she passed away in 2012 at 102), the extensive interview covers her background and some reminiscences about her student years at UNCG, then known as the North Carolina College for Women, but focuses on her career as a military librarian.

Fox's personality clearly shines through, from her precise and objective recall after 50-plus years to her patient but exacting corrections of the interviewers when they make incorrect assumptions or misunderstand what she has said.

Three photographs donated by Fox accompany the interview — Charlesanna outside of a residence in Honolulu, and at Pearl Harbor in 1947; and a Camp Lejeune library truck circa 1943-1945.

Other veterans associated with Randolph County appear in the collection, including Lunary Love, an Air Force nurse in the 1950s; Laura Avis Gibson, who served in the Coast Guard during World War II; Charlotte Holder Clinger, an Air Force veteran who later served with the Central Intelligence Agency; Mildred Curtis Scott, who served in the Women's Army Corps Military Police during World War II; Rachel Brower Twiddy, an Army nurse during World War II; and Maj. Shirley McCorquodale Lyle, a decorated Army nurse who served from 1939-1960.

View the collection and read these fascinating oral histories at tinyurl.com/bcwvhp.



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Print a 3D Valentine in Asheboro event

And other February events around the county...

♣ Want to create a one-of-a-kind, 3D Valentine for your friends or family?

The Asheboro library Children's Room is hosting a virtual Print Party during February that will enable participants to print a Valentine on the library's 3D printers.

Participants can follow instructions at www.randolphlibrary.org/children.htm to create and submit designs. The printers will hum and the 3D Valentines can be picked up curbside at the library.

The party is best for ages 10 and up.

Backyard Bird Count

Join the Liberty library's Great Backyard Bird Count, a community science project to collect data on wild birds.

Pick up an identification packet and participation worksheet at the library from February 5-13. The count will take place February 12-15.

The packet also will include a paper bird craft.

For further information, call the library at 336-622-4605.

How Sweet It Is...

Valentine's Day is the theme of the Randleman library's Welcome to the Adventure STEAM Activity Packs in February for kids grades K-8.

Call the library at 336-498-3141 to sign up, and pick up a kit. Activities include

Crystal Heart, Binary Coding Bracelet, Gum Drop Construction, Flying Cupid's Balloon Rocket, 3D Valentine Card, and Geometric Heart.

Take-Home Craft Kits

Both Randleman and Liberty are offering take-home craft kits for teens/adults, and Liberty has kits for kids.

In Randleman, Connie's Make & Take offers anyone age 11 and up the opportunity to make a string art heart canvas. Teens who also check out a book and submit a review will have a chance to win an LED star string art kit.

Call 336-498-3141 to register and pick up supplies.

In Liberty, February's Pick-Up Craft is a potpourri satchel — a sweet gift to give away or make to pamper yourself. Materials can be found in the yellow bin by the library book drop while supplies last.

Liberty's Pick-up Craft for children and families offers the opportunity to create an expressionistic design based on the work of artist Alma Thomas.

Purchase of the 3D printers was supported by funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-00-19-0034-19).

Liberty to host 'Pottery and Poetry' talk

♣ Enslaved potter David Drake will be the focus of a live, virtual Poetry and Pottery talk at 3 p.m. Thursday, February 18, hosted by the Liberty library.

Drake incorporated poetic verses into many of the pieces of pottery he created.

Drake was the first known African American potter to sign his work.

The talk also will explore records of pottery made by enslaved and free people of color prior to the Civil War.

Email library@townoflibertync.org to receive Zoom link.



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, February 25. 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 Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley at 6 p.m. Thursday, February 18. 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.

Storytime at home

The Asheboro library Children's Room debuts its first "Your Library at Home" video at noon, January 28, focusing on interactive Read-Alouds. The video series helps parents and caregivers develop their own at-home storytimes. Find it at facebook.com/randolphlibrary.



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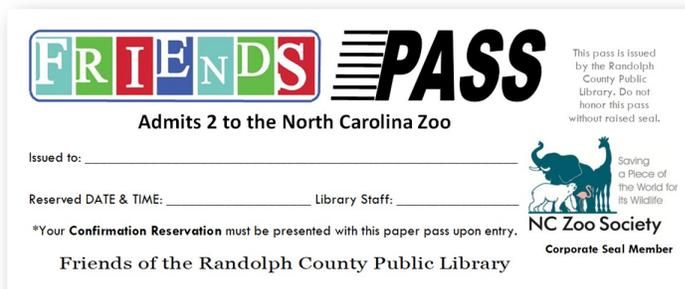
Friends of the Library passes to NC Zoo return

♣ Visit the North Carolina Zoo for free with the return of the Friends Pass.

The passes, funded by the Friends of the Library, provide free admission for two people, but have been on hold due to pandemic restrictions in place at the zoo.

Now, the program has resumed, but with a few extra steps on account of requirements at the zoo to keep numbers of visitors at safe and manageable levels.

To reserve a pass, call the Asheboro library at 336-318-6801. On contacting the library, the zoo visitor will receive information about the process and be directed to contact the zoo to arrange a time for the visit.

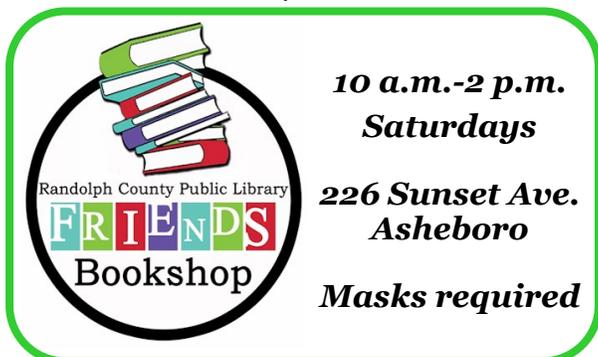


After the reservation is made with the zoo, the library will issue the Friends Pass. The visitor will then present the pass at the zoo at the time of the visit.

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