

# Janis: Her Life and Music

## Holly George-Warren brings rock icon to life in new bio

♣ Celebrated music journalist and Asheboro native Holly George-Warren will visit the Asheboro library at 7 p.m. Friday, January 17, to talk about her acclaimed new biography of Janis Joplin.

Published by Simon and Schuster in October to rave reviews, *Janis: Her Life and Music* establishes the Queen of Rock & Roll as the rule-breaking musical trailblazer and gender-bending rebel that she was. George-Warren had unprecedented access to Joplin's family, friends, bandmates, archives and long-lost interviews to create the intimate portrait.

George-Warren is a two-time Grammy nominee and the award-winning author of sixteen books, including the *New*



Holly George-Warren

*York Times* bestseller *The Road to Woodstock* with Michael Lang, and the biographies *A Man Called Destruction: The Life and Music of Alex Chilton* and *Public Cowboy No. 1: The Life and Times of Gene Autry*. She has written for a variety of publications, including *Rolling Stone*, *The New York Times*, *The Village Voice*, and *Entertainment Weekly*.

She teaches journalism at the State University of New York in New Paltz.

She is the daughter of the late Martha and Alvis George Jr. Martha was a longtime Asheboro librarian, and Alvis was an architect who designed the 1964 Asheboro library building and its expansion in 1994, and other iconic local buildings.

# Pulitzer Prize winner to debut Wilmington book

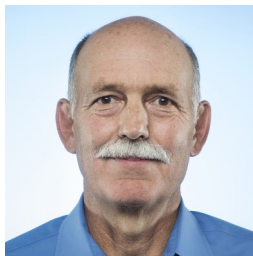
## David Zucchino pens account of violent 1898 NC coup

♣ What has gone down in history as a "race riot" in 1898 Wilmington, N.C., actually was the violent, white supremacist overthrow of a duly-elected, racially-mixed, local government.

The shocking story of that event is the topic of *Wilmington's Lie: The Murderous Coup of 1898 and the Rise of White Supremacy* by David Zucchino, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author.

Zucchino will debut his book at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 30, at the Asheboro library. His talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

In *Wilmington's Lie*, Zucchino uses contemporary



David Zucchino

newspaper accounts, diaries, letters and official communications to create a gripping narrative that weaves together individual stories of hate and fear and brutality.

Zucchino was awarded the 1989 Pulitzer Prize in Feature Writing for dispatches from apartheid South Africa, "Being Black in South Africa," for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Now a contributing writer for *The New York Times*, he has covered wars and civil conflicts in more than two dozen countries, and is a four-time Pulitzer finalist for his reporting from Iraq, Lebanon, Africa and inner-city Philadelphia. He is the author of the books *Thunder Run* and *Myth of the Welfare Queen*.

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***Three Randolph library leaders win top state awards*** — see inside

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**Ross A. Holt**



## A new era for local history

♣ **The decades-long dream of a county history museum — and an expanded Randolph Room — is a step closer to reality.**

With several agencies around the Historic Courthouse relocating, two spaces have become available that constitute a “practical ideal” to meet the longstanding need for a larger local history and genealogy center, and the so-far-unrealized desire of many in the community to tell Randolph County’s unique story through our collections of historical artifacts.

The Adult Day Reporting Center will pull up stakes a 143 Worth Street in January and move to Northgate Plaza. The vacated site, known as the “old administration building” or the “Ag building” (it previously housed county administration, and later Agricultural Extension), can accommodate the Randolph Room, doubling its size.

Meanwhile, the Economic Development Commission already has moved out of the first floor of the Historic Courthouse at 145 Worth Street, and the Tourism Development Authority will depart for a new home in January.

Thus the three large, three-room suites will be free to house displays of historical



*Some artifacts held by the library (clockwise from top left): the 1804 county weights and measures; a starling from the collection of Clarence Lewallen's carved birds; a World War I Company K uniform and associated kit; a daguerreotype of an early Randolph County citizen; locally-collected arrowheads; and a McCrary Eagles baseball jersey.*

exhibits in a county history museum under the auspices of the library.

On December 2, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners designated the two spaces for use as an expanded Randolph Room and museum, and authorized the library to begin planning the project.

The first step is an architectural design phase to develop a preliminary design and cost estimate for renovation of the old administration building, and to explore the needs of the courthouse to house the museum. With that information, a more detailed plan and timeline will be developed.

Randolph County has a compelling story to tell, and our history and genealogy resources draw not just heavy local use but researchers from all over the country. The new facilities will usher in a new era for the preservation, conservation, sharing and promotion of the county’s rich history.

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# Go on 'Blind Date with a Book' in Seagrove

## ...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

### ♣ Are you ready for literary love?

Let the Seagrove library play matchmaker during "Blind Date with a Book." Drop by the library between January 2 and January 9, and let the staff set you up with your "blind date" book.

You will have one month to read your unknown suitor, followed by a discussion with refreshments at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 12.

### 'Keys to Health' in Seagrove

Start your nutritional year off right with "Keys to Your Best Health" at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, at the Seagrove library.

Randolph County Wellness Coordinator Sam Varner will talk about how to begin your journey to optimal health in 2020. Varner, a former U.S. Olympic Team strength and conditioning coach, has degrees in nutrition and food science.

### Tai Chi at Randleman

The Randleman library will offer an eight-week session of "Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention," 10:30-11:45 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, January 6-February 26. The classes will be led by librarian Connie Axsom, a certified Tai Chi for Health Institute instructor.

The classes are free but space is limited; call 336-498-3141 to sign up. Another session will be offered in March and April.

The classes are appropriate for adults who have a high risk of falling and those with arthritis, rheumatic diseases or related musculoskeletal conditions, as well as adults with mild to severe joint involvement and back pain.

### Winter Reading Advisory issued

The Randleman library has issued a Winter Reading Advisory for January 2-

March 31 for those age 16 and over. Keep warm this winter with your favorite library books — and read to win prizes.

Every book read equals a chance to win one of three prizes: a \$50 Walmart gift card; a Kindle Fire HD 8 tablet; or a Kindle Fire 7 tablet.

Visit the Randleman library for details and to register.

### Franklinville's winter wonderland

Got the winter doldrums? Shake things up with "Do You Want to Build a Winter Wonderland?" at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 28, at the Franklinville library. Design your own snow globe, make winter-themed slime, and learn about the unique properties of snowflakes. For ages 8 and up. Presented in partnership with Randolph County 4-H.

### Celebrate Chinese New Year

Join the Asheboro library's Children's Room in a celebration of Chinese New Year at 5 p.m. Tuesday, January 21.

Celebrate the "Year of the Rat" in regional activities, craft a red lantern for happiness, and snack on sweets.

All ages welcome; best for 5 and up. No registration required.

### Seagrove screens Paw Patrol

Bring the family to the Seagrove library at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 18, for a screening of the film *Paw Patrol: The Great Snow Rescue*.

### Votive candles at Liberty

Make and take some lovely votive candles to help warm up the winter blues, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, January 16 at the Liberty library.

*All libraries host a variety of storytimes, special events, hands-on activities and other events for children, teens and adults. Find out more at [www.randolphlibrary.org](http://www.randolphlibrary.org) or visit your local library.*

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *My Story* and *Where There's Hope* by Elizabeth Smart, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 28.

**Book Break (Archdale):** *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 21.

**Book Bites (Archdale) "Un-Book Club":** Talk about the most exciting or interesting book you've read since the last meeting. 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 14.

**Liberty Book Club:** *The Dutch House* by Anne Patchett, 6 p.m. Thursday, January 16.

**Afternoon Delights (Liberty):** *One Day in December* by Josie Silver, 2:30 p.m. Monday, January 6.

## D&D is back

Teens are invited to return to Waterdeep with a brand new year of Dungeons and Dragons at the Asheboro library, Thursdays at 6 p.m. beginning January 9.

## Sweetheart scams

Mark your calendars for "Sweetheart Scams" at 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 27 at the Asheboro library.

Officer Guadalupe Gonzales of the Asheboro Police Department will offer tips and techniques for recognizing scams that start with online romance, but end in tears — and lost money.

Look for details in next month's newsletter.

## Follow along on "A Genealogy Case Study" in new class

Follow along as Randolph Room staff member Kendra Lyons researches a family in "A Genealogy Case Study," 7 p.m. Thursday, January 9, at the Asheboro library and repeated at 1:30

p.m. Thursday, January 23, at the Asheboro Senior Center. Track Lyons' progress and learn where and how to find genealogical records.

# Asheboro to offer 'Living Healthy with Diabetes'

♣ Diabetes affects 12.2 million Americans age 60 and over — or 23 percent of the population.

"Living Healthy with Diabetes," a six week course from 9:30 a.m.-noon Thursdays beginning January 16 at the Asheboro library, can help you better manage diabetes, improve quality of life, and lower health care costs.

The course is free, but space is limited to 15 participants. Visit the library or call 336-318-6803 to register.



In the highly-interactive classes, mutual support and success will build participants' confidence in their ability to manage their health and maintain active, fulfilling lives.

Leading the classes will be Dr. Althea Taylor-Jones and Gail Sherred of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Area Agency on Aging.

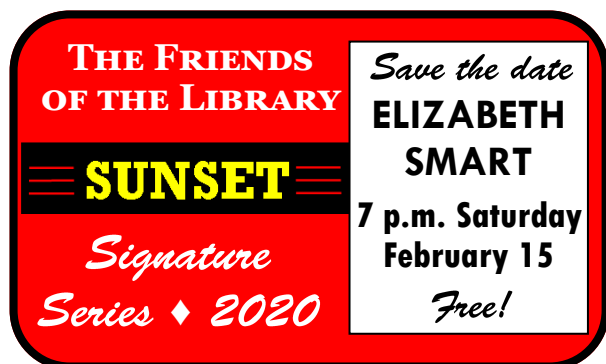
The workshop focuses on problems common to people dealing with Type 2 diabetes: learning to deal with symptoms, managing stress, using medications, and developing healthy eating habits and exercise techniques.

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# Randolph receives top state awards

## *Holt named Director of Year; Frances Jones named Friend of Year; Walker McCrary receives Benefactor's Award*

♣ The North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA) has recognized three Randolph County library leaders with its top personal awards.

Library Director Ross Holt was named 2018-2019 Library Director of the Year; Dr. Frances Jones was named Library Friend of the Year; and Walker McCrary III received the Benefactor's Award. The three were recognized at the NCPLDA annual meeting and awards banquet on December 5 in Winston-Salem.

### ***Ross Holt, Director of the Year***

Holt was nominated by Jennifer Sackett, director of the Lincoln County Public Library, and Michael Roche, director of the Rockingham Public Library, "[b]ecause of his commitment to public libraries, commitment to developing future leaders and willingness to serve whenever asked...."

Noting that Holt has served as president of both NCPLDA and the North Carolina Library Association, Roche and Sackett cited his longtime support for NCPLDA legislative advocacy activities; his service on the NC LIVE Resource Advisory Committee, and his work with NCPLDA on a series of continuing education programs entitled "SO! You Want to be a Public Library Director," designed to prepare librarians for future leadership roles.

### ***Dr. Frances Jones, Library Friend of the Year***

Jones, who currently serves as Friends of the Library president, received the Library Friend of the Year Award. The award recognizes the impact a library Friend has had on library service in their community.

Holt, in his nomination of Jones, said that she rightly could be named Friend of the Century — or Friend of the Millennium.

Jones was recognized for pioneering Randolph Books for Babies, which has delivered over 1,500 reading-themed care packages to families of newborns at Randolph Health; carrying out the first Friends charitable giving campaign,



***Walker McCrary III, Frances Jones and Ross Holt display their N.C. Public Library Directors Association awards at the association's banquet on December 5 in Winston-Salem.***

which has raised over \$32,000 for library programming and Friends activities; and working tirelessly to bring acclaimed speakers and performers to the community.

### ***Benefactors Award to Walker McCrary III***

The Benefactor's Award went to McCrary for his championing of the Mobile Library project. McCrary is president of the Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation Inc., which provided a five-year, \$15,000 per year gift to support the new service.

With the foundation shifting its focus to early childhood literacy, McCrary in late 2017 contacted the library to find out if any such initiatives were planned. It was at that time that library staff were formulating the mobile library concept.

The McCrary gift led to support from the Asheboro Public Library Foundation Inc. The two foundations have fully funded the highly successful project.

The Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation also supports Randolph Books for Babies.

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**Survivor, Author and Child Safety Advocate**

## **Elizabeth Smart**

**7 p.m. Saturday, February 15, 2020**



The abduction of Elizabeth Smart in 2002 was one of the most followed child abduction cases of our time. Through this traumatic experience, Elizabeth has become an advocate for change related to child abduction, recovery programs and national legislation.

**Jeopardy Champion**

## **Ken Jennings**

**7 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020**



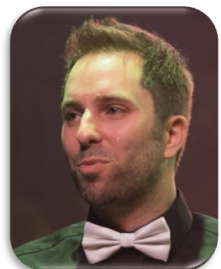
Ken Jennings was a software engineer in Salt Lake City in 2004 when he was selected for the TV game show *Jeopardy!* Little did he know his appearance would extend for 74 games over six months, earning him \$2.52 million and making him the reigning *Jeopardy!* Champion.

**Performance Speed Painter**

## **Tim Decker**

**7 p.m. Saturday  
March 14, 2020**

Tim Decker is a nationally touring performance speed painter who paints celebrity and patriotic portraits live in front of a crowd — often painting with both hands — during a high-energy, upbeat show that combines music, art, humor and audience participation.



## **Top of the World**

**A Carpenters Tribute featuring Debbie Taylor**

**7 p.m. Friday, May 22, 2020**

Who can forget the incomparable music of The Carpenters? You'll sing along as Top of the World brings authentic versions of the songs to the stage.



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