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Live virtual children's activities join line-up

♣ Science experiments and reading go live in January as children's librarians in Asheboro and Liberty introduce new interactive virtual activities for kids.

Children ages four and up, with adult supervision, can join **Lexi in the Lab** and learn how to conduct fun science experiments with materials already found at home, at 2:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. First up is "Elephant Toothpaste: Fun with Catalysts" on January 12.

Call the Asheboro Children's Room at 336-318-6804 to sign up and receive a Go-To-Meeting link.

Kids age 10 and up can join in **Read with Me**. Children's Room staff member Emily Ledbetter will read passages aloud from a book and talk with participants about what



Lexi Spencer of the Asheboro Children's Room formulates "Lexi in the Lab."

they have read together. At the end of each session, participants will vote on whether to continue the book at the next session or start a new one.

Read with Me will take place at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month via Google Meet; call the Children's Room to receive a link. The first session, on January 12, will feature *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

Every Friday, the Liberty library will host **Snack and Story** at 11 a.m. via Zoom. Children can grab a snack, enjoy a story and maybe sing some silly songs. Email library@townofliberty.org for a link.

There's more in store for children and families, including a video series that will aid parents in developing their own early literacy-focused storytimes at home, and a live visit with a musician from the North Carolina Symphony — see page 3.

Initiative adds free WiFi in library parking lots

♣ Free 5G WiFi now is available in library parking lots as part of the state's NC Student Connect partnership.

The new WiFi network is in action at Archdale, Asheboro, Franklinville, Liberty, Ramseur and Randleman libraries, with installation at Seagrove expected soon. To connect in the vicinity of a library, look for NCGuestWiFi in your device's list of available networks.

Intended to create accessible sites where students can connect to the Internet to download lessons in order to complete assignments at home, the parking lot WiFi is available 24/7 and filtered to be compliant with the Child

Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Although provided primarily for students, it's available for anyone with a mobile device to access.

Regular library building WiFi networks remain available as well, and may extend into the parking lots. At Liberty, the town also provides free WiFi covering the library/town hall parking lot.

NC Student Connect is a partnership among state government agencies to increase Internet access in underserved communities. In addition to WiFi access sites, the \$40 million project is providing 100,000 hotspots for students and remote learning professional development for educators.

January brings new NC LIVE resources —see page 2

Archdale
336-431-3811
Fax 336-431-4619
10433 S. Main St.
Mon-Thur 9-8;
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
336-824-2232
Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 8:30-5

Randleman
336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
142 W. Academy St.
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Sat 9-1

Seagrove
336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
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Extension Service
336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



NC LIVE: still the jewel in the crown

♣ I've referred to NC LIVE before as the jewel in North Carolina's library crown.

So it remains. To say that NC LIVE is the state's "online library" is not descriptive enough to communicate the value that it brings to North Carolinians.

Established in 1998 and funded by the General Assembly, NC LIVE has as its primary mission to make research resources available to everyone in the state through public libraries, universities, private/independent colleges and community colleges. The initial concept was that even someone in the state's most remote place would have access to the research power available to a freshman at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Through its collection of databases, NC LIVE now offers over one billion articles, streaming videos, ebooks, audiobooks and learning tools in all fields. (Did you know that you can access *Consumer Reports* reviews and ratings free through NC LIVE?)

A recent study showed that through its statewide licensing of resources and other services, NC LIVE saves public libraries almost \$18 million in costs that the libraries would have to bear if each were to obtain those resources on its own.

Every three years, NC LIVE reviews its collection with the intent of getting the most bang for its buck. I have the honor of serving as one of three public library representatives on the Resources Advisory Committee, which makes the recommendations to the NC LIVE governing group, the Librarians Council.

It's time once again to usher in some exciting new resources, and say goodbye to others. Following is what's new as of January 1.

Returning after a three-year absence is **Learning Express/PrepStep** (formerly Learning Express Library). It's a suite of e-learning solutions that provides interactive tutorials, practice tests, ebooks, flashcards and articles for academic skill building, standardized test preparation, career development and more. It replaces the Gale Testing and Educational Reference Center.

Transparent Language replaces Mango Languages. Transparent provides a fun, effective and engaging experience for learners of all levels looking to build their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in a foreign language. It offers over 110 languages, including English for speakers of over 30 languages, and includes a mobile app.

Gale In Context: Biography profiles some 600,000 individuals from all time periods and areas of study; it replaces EBSCO Biography Reference Center.

Films on Demand Just for Kids will be added to the popular Films on Demand platform. The streaming collection includes kid-safe, advertisement-free educational videos from Sesame Street, The Electric Company, Dr. Seuss, the Berenstain Bears, Franklin and thousands more.

Access NC LIVE resources with your library card or REAL2 student ID via the library's research site, Randquest.org; at randolphlibrary.org/REAL2; or directly at NCLIVE.org.



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Randleman to host live symphony event

And other January events at libraries around the county...

♣ Learn from a North Carolina Symphony musician how instruments make their sound, join in a sing-a-long and read a book about music in “Music Discovery” at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 21.

Hosted by the Randleman library, the live, interactive Zoom event is geared toward preschool and elementary school age children, who can pick up supplies from the library to make a tambourine to play along. Call the library at 336-498-3141 to register and receive a link to the event.

Also at Randleman, Kids K-8th grade can have a **Blizzard of Fun** with the January pick-up activity pack. Make a Melting Snowman, a Snowball Launcher and more. Call the library to reserve a kit.

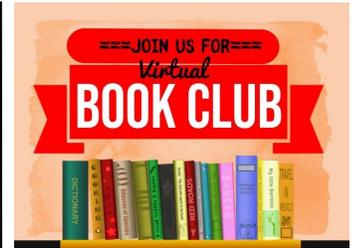
Adults and teens (ages 11 and up) at Randleman can have **Photo Cube Fun**. Use

your imagination, supplies provided and items from around your home to create a photo holder to celebrate the new year. Call the library to register and pick up materials.

For teens, there’s also a digital photography and colors in a glass experiment as part of the project.

The Liberty library is offering a **Paper Snowman** activity kit for families; pick one up at the book drop anytime in January while supplies last. Teens and adults, meanwhile, can accessorize their masks by making a **Mask Lanyard** with paperclips and buttons; kits are available as above.

Meanwhile, the popular Asheboro craft program **Stick Around** for ages five and up returns to Facebook.com/randolphlibrary at 1 p.m. every other Friday beginning January 8. First up: Salt Dough/Homemade Playdough Creations.



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, January 28. 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: *Girl, Stop Apologizing* by Rachel Hollis at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 21. 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.

Liberty Bookwalk

Talk a walk while reading a book at Liberty’s Freedom Park. Start beside the shelter next to the playground at the park’s main entrance off Butler Avenue; follow the story as you follow the walking trail. Look for another story at Paul Henry Smith Park in January.

Parents: develop your own storytimes!

♣ A new library video series will help parents and families create their own storytimes using techniques proven to promote early literacy success.

“Your Library At Home,” presented monthly by the Asheboro library Children’s Room, is an instructional series of how-to videos to assist parents and families with building elements of early literacy, such as reading, writing, talking, singing and

playing, into homemade storytimes.

The videos will debut at noon on the last Thursday of each month on the library’s Facebook page (Facebook.com/randolphlibrary) and YouTube channel.

The first installment will appear on January 28. Learn how to create felt board stories, pick picture books for a child’s reading level, compose a storytime and read aloud like a children’s librarian, and more.

Randleman issues ‘Winter Reading Advisory’

♣ Keep warm this winter with your favorite library books, and read to win!

The Randleman library is offering readers age 16 and older a chance to win two Walmart gift cards. Participants can

track their reading from January 1 to March 31; each adult or teen book read in any format (print, ebook, e-audiobook) counts as a chance to win.

To register, call the library at 336-498-3141 or 336-498-1139.



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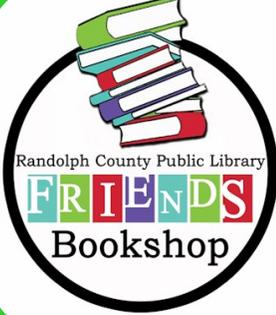
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