

RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*



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WELCOME BACK!

Libraries have reopened to the public; curbside continues

♣ **The Randolph County Public Library is welcoming the public back into its buildings.**

The libraries are open as of Monday, March 22, with visit times limited to 30 or 60 minutes depending on the library, and limited capacity to promote the health and safety of visitors and staff.

Face coverings are required to visit the libraries; anyone who is not wearing a face covering will be accommodated to the degree possible outside the library. Social distancing also is required.

Hand sanitizer is provided.

Services available include browsing and checkout; desktop computers and Internet; and WiFi and study tables. Curbside pickup of requested items and computer printouts continues at all libraries. Free parking lot WiFi

WE'RE OPEN!

Archdale

60 min. visits; Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat. 9-1

Asheboro

60 min. visits; Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat 9-1

Franklinville

30 min. visits; Mon-Thur 10-6, Sun 1-5

Liberty

30 min. visits; 9-5 Mon, Wed-Sat; 9-7 Tue

Ramseur

60 min. visits; Mon-Fri 9-5

Randleman

60 min. visits; Mon-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-12

Seagrove

30 min. visits; Tues-Fri 10-6, Sat 11-3

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remains available at all libraries.

With the number of desktop computers reduced to maintain social distancing, laptop computers can be checked out at some libraries for use in the building or on the grounds.

Hours and services at each library may vary due to staffing and building limitations. Limits on the number of people in a building at any one time may require visitors to wait a few minutes before entering the building, or return later. Due to capacity limits, time limits ensure that everyone who wants to visit the library has a chance to do so.

The library building closed to the public on March 16, 2020, as a Randolph County state of emergency was declared due to the pandemic.

For full details, visit www.randolphlibrary.org/open.

In-person library storytimes return—outdoors

♣ **With library buildings opening back up, spring also brings a safe return to in-person storytimes at area parks.**

The **Asheboro Children's Room** will present "Storytime at the Park" for all ages at 10 a.m. Tuesdays April 13 and 27. Participants will read picture books, sing songs and complete an easy craft for ages 3-6, and find play in the everyday as they develop early literacy skills.

To maintain social distancing, space is limited, so call 336-318-6804 to sign up and get the location and other

details. The storytimes will take place weather permitting.

The **Liberty library**, meanwhile, will host "Storytime in the Parks!" at two town parks for children birth to age 6. The socially-distanced events will include interactive readings, songs and other activities, including bilingual and intercultural language exploration.

The storytimes take place rain or shine at 3:30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays at Freedom Park, and at Paul Henry Smith Park on the second and fourth Fridays. Meet at the picnic shelters at each park.

Children's author Hoffman to present storytime — see back page

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.
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



Recovery

♣ For the second time in a decade, the nation finds itself recovering.

Ten years ago, it was a massive economic shock that sent the economy into a tailspin. Now, it's the pandemic.

We appear to be seeing light at the end of the tunnel. With an apparent waning of the virus and a rapidly increasing number of vaccines in arms, it appears to be time to begin the recovery.

As was the case 10 years ago, public libraries – as each community's center for lifelong learning – will play a key role in helping people get back on their feet.

The support that libraries can provide falls into four broad categories: catching kids up; getting back to work; bridging the digital divide; and reaching out.

Catching kids up. As traditional centers of study, research and homework help, libraries can retune these service to focus on the learning gap that has grown while in-person learning has been difficult. Designated homework help blocks each day, in-person tutoring and online tutoring resources can provide key support as kids reclaim ground in school.

Some libraries over the past 10 years have experimented with social work specialists in the library to lend an ear and direct people in need to the right local resources. Programs of this type can be reoriented to help families cope with the interruptions in schooling.

By engaging with students and parents in an intentional and focused way, libraries can hasten the process of getting kids

caught up while helping to reduce the “learning loss” burden in the classroom.

Getting back to work. In the Great Recession, libraries played a critical role in helping displaced workers find and apply for jobs, and develop the skills they need to succeed in the new economy; the same applies now. In addition to computer/Internet access and one-one-one assistance, libraries can offer classes and clinics, and partner with local employment and workforce development agencies.

Bridging the digital divide. As I noted in this space last month, there's always more libraries can do to bridge the digital divide. Developing or expanding technology lending initiatives – laptops or Chromebooks and mobile hotspots are at the top of many libraries' agendas, as is upgrading in-house capabilities – especially WiFi. Partnering with other local agencies to bring WiFi to “broadband deserts” in the community is another area of exploration for libraries.

Reaching out. Service at the “point of need” —reaching people where they are — is becoming more urgent. Neighborhoods, community centers, parks and other gathering places all are venues where libraries can deliver materials and services. (We're champing at the bit to get the Mobile Library back on the road).

As excited as we are about welcoming people back into our buildings, we're equally excited about the potential for service innovations that not only help people rebuild their lives now, but also build capacity for the library's future.

Star Party to cap weeklong science fest

♣ A NASA ambassador, take home science crafts, at-home experiment kits, the Statewide Star Party and more will highlight a weeklong science festival hosted by the Asheboro library Children's Room.

All ages are welcome; sign up for events and get all the links at randolphlibrary.org/children.htm.

It all takes place April 12-17, as follows:

- **Astronomy Trivia** online, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 15 (best for kids age 8 and up);
- **UNC Virtual Science Expo**, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday, April 16, featuring virtual skywatching event at 8 p.m.

- **NASA Ambassador Anastasia Vail**, sharing her enthusiasm about the moon and Mars, 6 p.m. Saturday, April 17 via Google Meet;
- A **take-home science craft** available for pick-up all week at the Asheboro library; and
- An **at-home science experiment kit** also available all week at the library.

The N.C. Science Festival's annual Statewide Star Party is made possible through the generous support of the NC Space Grant.

Learn about immunity-boosting meals And other events around the county...

♣ Immunity-boosting meals will be the topic of a five-week live, virtual Zoom workshop at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning April 13.

Aimed at adults, the sessions will be lead by Kimberly Titlebaum, a nutrition educator with the Recipe for Success program of UNC-Greensboro's Department of Anthropology. The Zoom link will be posted at [Facebook.com/randolphlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randolphlibrary) one week prior to each session, or can be requested by emailing mcarter@randolphlibrary.org.

Recordings of each session also can be viewed until the next session begins.

Pick-up crafts, lessons continue

New pick-up crafts and educational kits will be available for all ages at the Randleman and Liberty libraries in April.

Liberty features **Blackout Poetry** for all ages using pages recycled from old books. Finished work can be brought to the library where it will be displayed on a new gallery wall. Pick up the kits from the yellow bin beside the book drop.

In Randleman, **Connie's Take & Make** features "Tea Pot Time" for ages 16 and up; create a unique teapot craft. Teens age 11-15 can make a paracord **Friendship Bracelet**; check out a book for a chance to win a Bracelet Maker Kit. For kids K-8th grade, it's a **Backyard Science** activity pack. Sign up for kits at 336-498-3141.

Funny animal, um... sounds

For some April Fools humor and fun, learn from a guest naturalist through the Liberty library about "Funny Animal Farts" at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3. The live, interactive Zoom event will feature books, videos and a whole lot of laughter. The Zoom meeting ID is 991 6736 9513; pass code 064712.

El día de los libros in Liberty

The Liberty library will host an in-person, outdoor celebration for El día de los niños/El día de los libros starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, featuring a bilingual storytime with books, songs, and cultural performers. Stay for supper with food trucks, and at 7:30 p.m., the movie *Coco*. Rain date is Saturday, May 1.



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, April 29.

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

Liberty: *Not Her Daughter* by Rea Frey, at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 15. 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.

Felting class

The Liberty library will host a Virtual Needle Felting Class for adults and teens (and younger children with adult supervision) at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 15 via Zoom. Learn how to make a colorful needle-felted flower pin. Check out a felting kit for the class with your library/REAL2 student ID (the kits will need to be returned).

Call the library at 336-622-4605 to sign up and receive a link.



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[Facebook.com/RandolphCountyPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/RandolphCountyPublicHealth)



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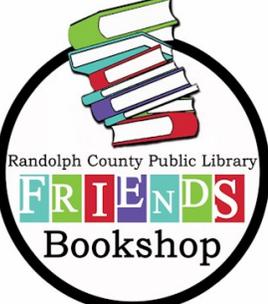
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Saturdays**

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Asheboro**

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By Michael and Tammy O'Kelley

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Author Amalia Hoffman to present storytime

♣ **What's the SCARIEST, MEANEST, most TERRIBLE monster you can imagine?.**

Join award-winning author and illustrator Amalia Hoffman at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, via Google Meet for a storytime and Q & A about her new book, *My Monsterpiece*, a humorous celebration of imagination that invites kids to create their own



Amalia Hoffman

monster masterpieces with everyday material.

The meeting link is <https://meet.google.com/hzu-reer-ets>.

Using found objects like buttons, cereal, string, along with traditional paints and fun

cutouts, My Monsterpiece encourages children to pour over the details and look around them for materials that can be turned into art.