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## Farm livin' is the life for the Fabulous Beekman Boys, at the Sunset May 14

♣ The Sunset Theatre is the place to be at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, as the Fabulous Beekman Boys reflect on their agricultural adventures.

The duo, Randleman native Dr. Brent Ridge and Josh Kilmer-Purcell, will share "10 Things We Learned from Goats, or How We Got Where We Are Today."

Their appearance is free and the public is invited. Part of the Friends of the Library annual meeting, it's the last event of the 2015 Sunset Cultural Series.

A book signing will follow.

The couple purchased the historic 1802 Beekman Farm in Sharon Springs, N.Y., in 2007, as a weekend getaway. When both lost their jobs during the recession and risked foreclosure, they set about to make the farm profitable.

They started with goats, making and marketing cheese and soap. Soon they had drawn other farmers and artisans from the area into the project, which included seasonal festivals and cookbooks, and drew major media coverage.

The Discovery Channel's Planet Green network tracked



*The Fabulous Beekman Boys: Brent Ridge and Josh Kilmer-Purcell.*

their ups and downs in a reality series, "The Fabulous Beekman Boys," which brought them worldwide renown. In 2012, they competed in — and won — CBS's *Amazing Race*.

Ridge is a graduate of Randleman High school and UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine, and also holds an MBA from the New York University's Stern School of Business. While working as a fellow in geriatric medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, he collaborated with world-famous architect I.M. Pei to design a care center for older adults, and recruited Martha Stewart as benefactor.

He later became vice president for healthy living at Martha Stewart Omnimedia, the post he lost prior to the launch of Beekman 1802.

Kilmer-Purcell, from Albany, N.Y., is a journalist and best-selling author of six books including the memoirs *I am Not Myself These Days*, and *The Bucolic Plague*, about the Beekman experience. He grew up in Wisconsin and holds a degree in English literature from Michigan State University.

## Three-part seminar to cover end of life planning

♣ End of life planning is the topic of a seminar series at the Asheboro library during May.

First up is "Beginning the Conversation" with Jessica Allen Crisp of Hospice of Randolph County, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 5. This session will focus on advance care planning and documents.

Elder law attorney Bob Mason will provide more in-depth information about creating the necessary legal documents at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12. The final session will feature senior adviser Warren Coble at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, on the subjects of Social Security, Medicare and insurance.

The seminars are free and the public is invited.

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# Learning to learn to fly

♣ **The late Craig Branson, a founder of the North Carolina Aviation Museum Hall of Fame at the Asheboro airport, loved his warbirds.**

He owned several vintage aircraft, but his favorite was a shiny silver Vultee BT-13 Valiant, a World War II-era trainer.

Then as today, pilots don't learn to fly simply by strapping into the latest high-tech fighter planes. They work their way up from basic trainers to more sophisticated craft.

A demo at one of the Asheboro fly-ins some years ago illustrated this in compelling fashion. Branson buzzed the field in his BT-13. Then an AT-6 Texan — the next step up — cruised past, more powerful and aggressive, more like a fighter plane.

But not quite. Finally came the F4F Wildcat, which tangled with Japanese Zeroes over Midway and Guadalcanal. The Wildcat roared over the runway and powered into a near-vertical climb, leaving its more rudimentary cousins in the wash.

I thought about this aerial learning curve recently while looking at some outcomes of the library's services in the area of workforce development.

The driving force for building a future-ready workforce in Randolph County is, of course, Randolph Community College. But the library often is the first and most accessible place people turn when they're getting back into the workforce, or laid off from a long-term job, or working a couple of part time jobs and looking for something better, or lacking an essential basic

qualification or skill, or needing a quick refresher on the computer.

They come to us with varying skill levels, and varying degrees of experience. We may provide hands-on assistance, show them our array of resources, offer them a class, or guide them to NCWorks or RCC.

In 2013-2014, patrons sought librarians' assistance with job and career-related questions an average of 25 times each day. Some 950 county residents attended one of 82 library classes teaching basic computing/technology skills, and librarians fielded an average of 92 technology questions per day.

In a May 2014 survey, 44 percent of our computer and WIFI users told us they had used those resources to seek jobs in the last year — and 21 percent of those who did so said they were hired for new positions. The numbers are borne out in the comments we receive on our annual patron satisfaction surveys and anecdotally through the year:

- "I have personally used the library computers and Internet to submit an application for a job. And I got the job!"
- "I was able to come here to do my research papers in my college classes... The staff were wonderful in helping.... With their help and services I was able to get my degree and get a much better job to provide for my family."

As with becoming a fighter ace, you have to learn to learn to fly before you can learn to fly. When it comes to finding and and getting a job, wherever you are on the learning curve, the library is here to help you take that next step up.

# SKYHOUND!

## Quadcopter videographers to swoop down on TeenZone

♣ “See beyond” with quadcopter pilots and videographers Josh Hogan and Ben Harless at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, in and around the Asheboro library.

Their visit is hosted by the TeenZone and sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It's free and the public is invited.

Hogan and Harless operate under the name SkyHound and are using quadcopter drones to shoot aerial footage of Asheboro and surrounding communities.

Their slogan is “see beyond” because they love to give viewers a birds-eye view



*SkyHound takes an aerial look at the Asheboro library in a still from one of their videos.*

to help people see the “big picture.”

The pair will talk about flying quadcopters and then demonstrate them in the library parking lot.

## More for teens: board games, book talk, advisory group

♣ Play board games, talk about what you're reading now and help the library shape services to teens during a series of free events in the Asheboro library TeenZone in April and May.

Take a break from school work at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 23, during **TeenZone Game Night**. De-stress with Apples to Apples, Scattergories, checkers and more for a few hours.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, gather for **TeenZone Discussion Night** to talk about what books you have been reading. Give

and get recommendations for what's hip in YA literature, or literature in general.

Want to help the library plan services for you and your peers? Come to an open interview session at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 28, for any teens grades 8-12 interested in joining the **TeenZone Advisory Committee**. This is a chance to show your leadership skills and become more acquainted with the library.

To serve on the Advisory Committee, you must be able and willing to commit to one monthly meeting and 3-5 volunteer hours during any given month. Call 318-6819 for more information.

## Mother-Daughter Tea

*Mothers and daughters are invited to enjoy a special tea party in celebration of Mother's Day, at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, at the Asheboro library. Dress your best in true, proper tea party fashion.*

*Tea, juice and snacks are provided by Friends of the Library. Space is limited so registration is required; call 318-6804 or visit the Children's Room to sign up.*



## Randleman library gets a jump on Summer Reading

“Every Hero Has a Story” is the theme of the 2016 Summer Reading Program, and the Randleman Public Library will kick-off its summer — literally — with a visit from Macon

Martial Arts, at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

The event is for all ages; call 498-3141 for more information.

## Discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:** *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* by Candace Fleming, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

**Archdale Book Break:** *Designated Daughters* by Margaret Maron, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.


## Foley book

Library head of Technical Services Brad Foley has made another contribution to the scholarship of this area's antebellum and Civil War eras in his new book, *North Carolina Slaves, 1826-1865: Articles and Advertisements in the Greensborough Patriot Newspaper*. Though composed from slave owners' perspectives, the news items provide a glimpse into the lives of slaves, and reveal useful information for those tracing African-American ancestry.

## Bead craft

School-age children can make something special for Mother's Day during a bead-crafting event, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 at the Archdale Public Library. The program is free but space is limited; call 431-3811 to sign up.





**YES! I'd like to become a Friend and support the wonderful programs sponsored by the Friends each year.**

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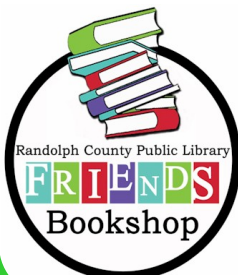
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**In Honor of: Mrs. Doralena Rich (on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday)**  
By: Darrell & Mary Alice Rich

**In Honor of: Gin Wall**  
By: Randolph County Tourism Development Authority Board of Directors

### Archdale Library Friends

## SPRING BOOK SALE

**Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Monday, May 11, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.**

*Sale may continue until stock is liquidated!*

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