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## Friends, Partnership to launch 'Randolph Books for Babies' to inspire reading from day 1

♣ Every one of the 800 children born at Randolph Health (formerly Randolph Hospital) each year will get a jumpstart on reading as "Randolph Books for Babies" swings into action on May 31.

An initiative of the Friends of the Randolph County Public Library and the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC), the project is aimed at acquainting parents of newborns with the important role they play in their babies' brain development, and introducing parents to the resources available at their public libraries.

"Reading to babies contributes to the development of their growing brains and gives them a good start towards a lifelong love of reading and good literature," says Dr. Frances Jones, incoming Friends president.

"When you read to babies it helps speech development as they are taking in information and beginning to learn about speech patterns."

Jones initiated and developed the project with RPC Literacy Specialist Shannon McCrary and hospital officials.

Trained volunteers will deliver specially designed



*Shannon McCrary and Frances Jones display contents of the Randolph Books for Babies kits.*

Randolph Books for Babies kits to newborns' families at Randolph Health. The kits, packaged in a useful tote bag, will include:

- a board book for the baby;
- a children's "My First" library card;
- a handmade reading blanket crafted locally by church groups and other volunteers;
- a schedule of storytimes at the seven libraries and other library information;
- a bibliography of books available at the library that are suitable for each stage of the babies' development from 0 to five months;
- early literacy information from

national education associations;

- information about safe sleep from the Randolph County Health Department.

Jones raised almost \$10,000 in contributions for the project's first year. Donors include RPC, the Acme-McCrary and Sapona Foundation, Chris and Stacy Griffin, William and Dr. Frances Jones, Friends of the Library, the Kiwanis Club of Asheboro, and the Sorosis Club of Asheboro.

Fundraising efforts for year two and beyond are underway; for information about making a contribution call 336-318-6814.

### ~ "Randolph Books for Babies" Sponsors ~

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***Website featuring resources for seniors launches*** — see page 2

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the  
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# Website features senior resources

♣ Back in January, I wrote about how library services to seniors are in transition as the county's age 60-plus population is expected to grow dramatically over the next 20 years.

It's not just the library that faces challenges related to this demographic change, but a host of community groups.

Several of these groups have banded together to create a new website providing comprehensive information about, and links to, a variety of community services and resources for the senior population, family members seeking support for their senior loved ones and other caregivers.

The library, as the community's information hub, is hosting the site, which is now live at [www.randolphlibrary.org/SeniorResources/](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/SeniorResources/).

The site provides access to a wealth of local resources on a wide range of topics including:

- Adult day care;
- Alzheimers care;
- Caregiver support groups;
- Elder law;
- Education;
- Fraud prevention;
- Home care;
- Hospice;
- Housing;
- In-patient rehabilitation and nursing;
- Medical equipment;
- Mental health providers;
- Mental health support groups;
- Out-patient rehabilitation;
- Prescriptions



- Protective services;
- Service agencies;
- Support groups;
- Telephone hotlines;
- Transportation.

The site is a work-in-progress, and more topics may be added as additional resources are identified. Broad community participation is encouraged; any vendor or provider is invited to share information about their services. There is no fee to be listed and no fee to use the site.

Community organizations and vendors wishing to be included can complete a vendor application at [www.randolphlibrary.org/SeniorResources/update.htm](http://www.randolphlibrary.org/SeniorResources/update.htm).

The site is a cooperative venture of the library's Extension Services department, the Randolph County Senior Adults Association, the Randolph County Aging Service Planning Committee and the Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

# THE LIBRARY WANTS YOU TO SHARE WWI MEMORABILIA



## ♣ Did a member of your family serve during World War I?

Do you have artifacts or memorabilia that depict your family member's service?

If so, the Randolph Room would like to have a look as commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the United States involvement in the war gets underway.

"More than 1,600 young men from Randolph County served in World War I, and more than two dozen of them gave their lives. The Randolph Room needs the evidence of their sacrifice so that future digital generations maintain a tangible link to our local history," says



**Members of Randolph County's Company K of the State Militia.**

Mac Whatley, head of the Randolph Room.

Donations of items for preservation and future display are welcome. If donors wish to retain the original memorabilia, flat items can be scanned and returned.

Randolph County soldiers played key roles in the war. Company K, the county's

State Militia (National Guard) unit, was among troops that broke the German Hindenburg Line near Bellicourt, France, on September 29, 1918, hastening the end of the war. The unit sustained over 60 percent casualties including 29 killed.

To share your memorabilia, bring it by the Randolph Room or call 336-318-6815 for more information.

## Presnell depicts impact of war on family

### ♣ The impact of war on families is the theme of a new collection of poems by Asheboro native Barbara Presnell.

Presnell will read from her work, *Blue Star*, in a Friends of the Library talk at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 22, at the Asheboro library.

Her appearance is free and the public is invited.

In the collection, Presnell's poems weave census and military records, letters, journals, and other documents to tell the 100-year story of a Southern family. The



**Barbara Presnell**

title refers to the stars on banners that family members hang in their windows when a son or daughter is in the service.

Presnell is also author of *Piece Work*, a collection of poems built around life and work in Asheboro's textile mills, where Presnell's father worked until his death in 1969.

In 2009, *Piece Work* was adapted for the stage by the Touring Theatre Ensemble of North Carolina.

Presnell, whose poetry has appeared in many journals and anthologies, now lives in Lexington.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Taxidermists's Daughter* by Kate Moose, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27. *The Lost Girls* by Heather Young, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 25.

**Book Break (Archdale):** On hiatus for the summer.

### Ladies Book Club

**(Randleman):** *The Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda, 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 6; *The House by the Lake* by Ella Carey, 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 11. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

## Seagrove movie

The Seagrove library's End of School Year Movie Night, 7 p.m. Friday, June 2, will feature *Moana*. Snacks will be provided.

## Mark calendars

Mark your calendars and look for details in next month's newsletter about the following:

**It's a What!?** 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 19. Join biology professor Bruce Kirchoff for a talk about the exotic ways that flowers reproduce. **White Liquor and White Lies: North Carolina Moonshiners**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29.

K. Todd Johnson, of the Johnston County Heritage Center will discuss NC's history of illicit distilling.

**Cherokee Traditions: From the Hands of our Elders**, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 11.


Western Carolina professor Anna Fariello will focus on Cherokee crafts.

## Learn about the best online resources for genealogy

Ever wonder which online resources to use for genealogical research? Join librarian Ann Palmer for a discussion of the pros and cons of the two major databases,

Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest, 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at the Asheboro library. Palmer also will talk about other sites that are more specialized, such as Newspapers.com.





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

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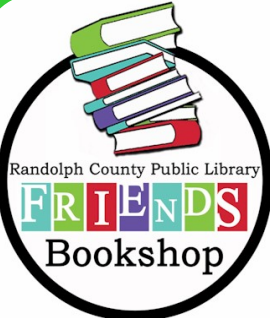
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## memorials & donations

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By: Roy Garner

In Memory of: Brenda Hemphill-Lee  
By: Joyce Garner

In Memory of: Charles Walker McCrary, Jr.  
By: Asheboro Public Library Foundation

In Honor of: Kathryn Bonner "Dede" Reese  
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*Details and full schedules in next month's newsletter.*