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Storyteller Washington, puppeteer **Sandbank anchor Summer Reading**

♣ Creative activities, virtual performances and the return of in-person events will highlight "Tails and Tales," the library's exciting, animal-themed 2021 summer reading initiative.

In June, internationally-known storyteller Donna Washington will dazzle with animal stories from around the world in a live, interactive Zoom performance at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 15. Pre-recorded performances will premier that week on each library's Facebook page.



Find the link for Washington's live appearance at randolphlibrary.org/ summer.

In July, visit Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory and be spellbound as puppeteer Sandbank uses light and shadow to tell enthralling stories. The live, interactive Zoom show will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 6; visit

Donna Washington

randolphlibrary.org/summer for the link. Recorded versions of the show will appear on each library's Facebook page during the same week.

Betwixt and between, all libraries will offer a host of

virtual and inperson performances, storytimes and activities. See inside this newsletter for details.

Library summer reading programs



Matt Sandbank

normally are designed to offer children fun, no-pressure ways to stay engaged with learning while out of school so that they don't experience a "summer slide" when they return in the fall.

This year's initiative is even more important, as kids and parents address the learning gap that has arisen during the pandemic.

Appearances by Donna Washington and Matt Sandbank are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The project receives support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Teens and adults can join in, too —see inside

Virtual Performances

Live/interactive and pre-recorded virtual performances are available to all viewers regardless of the sponsoring library. Pre-recorded events may be found on the sponsoring libraries' Facebook pages (see back page for a directory), and may be available for a period of time after their premier.

LIVE INTERACTIVE EVENTS

Donna Washington, Storyteller

June 15, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Zoom link at randolphlibrary.org/summer Donna is an internationally-known, multiple award-winning spoken word recording artist and author who entertains, educates and inspires audiences with her vocal pyrotechnics, elastic faces, and deep characterizations that bring folklore, literary tales, and personal narratives to life. Donna has been called a "Walking Disney Movie", and told she was "better than television."

Talewise Presents: Unicorns Break The Cage

June 22, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Zoom link at randolphlibrary.org/summer

A wild adventure about two kids who visit the city zoo and discover all sorts of incredible animals, including a horse who knows in its heart that it's truly a unicorn! The animals join forces to stand up to the tyrannical zoo owner — but do they have what it takes to leave their cages



forever? The story segues into fascinating segments about life sciences and animals, so you'll be entertained — and learn something, too!

Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory

July 6, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Zoom link at randolphlibrary.org/summer

Shadow School is a cross-curricular virtual puppetry program designed for elementaryaged audiences. It features an interactive live show that teaches students a variety of literary devices with fun shadow skits. The live show is complimented by a series of 3 engaging, self-paced online workshops that cover the science of shadows, poetry-writing, and shadow puppet-making. Participants will have access to the self-paced online workshops throughout the month of July!

The NC Zoo Summer Reading Program

July 13, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Zoom link at randolphlibrary.org/summer Join educators from the NC Zoo for a special program featuring live animals!

PRE-RECORDED EVENTS

June

Anytime, Magician Steve Somers, Archdale.

June 8, Tuesday, 4 p.m. Becky's Virtual Animation Program — create and animate your very own bouncing cartoon ball. Asheboro.

June 10, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Once Upon a Time Fairy Tales, Ramseur.

June 10, Thursday, 4 p.m. Sigmon Theatricals' Mr. Chicken's Barnyard Review, Randleman.

June 15, Tuesday, 10 a.m. **Donna Washington**, Archdale.

June 15, Tuesday, 2 p.m. **Donna Washington**, Liberty.

June 16, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Donna Washington, Seagrove.

June 16, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Donna Washington, Franklinville.

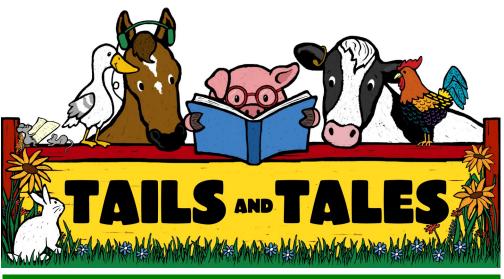
June 17, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. **Donna Washington**, Ramseur.

June 17, Thursday, 4 p.m. **Donna Washington**, Randleman.

June 24, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Musical Tales/Bremen Town Musicians, Ramseur.

June 24, Thursday, 4 p.m. Sigmon Theatricals' Mr. Chicken Goes to the Zoo, Randleman.

June 29, Tuesday, 10 a.m. Virtual Visit with the 4-H Club, Archdale.



Children's Summer Readi

July



July 1, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Historical Tales, Ramseur. July 1, Thursday, 4 p.m. Sigmon Theatricals' Mr. Chicken Goes to the Circus, Randleman.

July 6, Tuesday, 10 a.m. Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory, Archdale.

July 6, Tuesday, 2 p.m. Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory, Liberty. July 7, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Matt Sandbank's Shadow

Caleb Sigmon

Factory, Seagrove July 7, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory, Franklinville.

July 8, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory, Ramseur.

July 8, Thursday, 4 p.m. Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory, Randleman.

July 13, Tuesday, 10 a.m. Randolph County Animal Shelter Pets, Archdale.

July 15, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Folk Tales/Johnny Appleseed, Ramseur.

July 15, Thursday, 4 p.m. Sigmon Theatricals' Mr. Chicken Goes to the Wild West. Randleman.

July 22, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Farm Tales with Mike Hansen, Ramseur.

July 22, Thursday, 4 p.m. Animal Tales, Magic Tricks and Origami with Yasu Ishida, Randleman.

July 27, Tuesday, 10 a.m. N.C. Aquarium — Fort Fisher, Archdale July 29, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Tales from Faraway Spain with Rachel Crotts, Ramseur.

July 29, Thursday, 4 p.m. Sigmon Theatricals' Mr. Chicken Goes to the Aquarium, Randleman.

August 5, Thursday, 4 p.m. Sigmon Theatricals' Mr. Chicken Goes Camping, Randleman.

Yasu Ishida Origami — Randleman, July 22

Ongoing Archdale

Story Time with Ms. Carol, 10 a.m. Thursdays.

Liberty Interactive Storytime Online, anytime, birth-age 6, at https://biy.lyLYLibraryABC. A

storytime that includes books, songs, crafts and science. Randleman

Randleman, Virtual Preschool, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Randleman. Companion take-home activities available at the Randleman library; call 336-498-3141 to reserve a kit.

Reading Rewards

Archdale

Sign up at tinyurl.com/ArchdaleSummerReading2021 beginning June 1. Receive a goody bag with bookmarks, craft supplies, erasers, coupons, gliders, bubbles and more (while supplies last), and be entered in a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer.

Asheboro

Join a Summer Reading competition! Which member of the animal kingdom will reign as the Summer Reading Champion — Team Skink? Team Ocelot? Team Lemur? Report the minutes you read each week and watch your Tail Team grow around the Children's Room. Follow these steps: Sign up! Visit the Children's Room, sign up at 336-318-6804 or randolphlibrary. org/summer; Report the minutes you read each week in person, or at randolphlibrary. libguides.com/children/tailteams; Your minutes will count toward your team; Win extra prizes at the end of the summer! The top 8 readers will win grand prizes.

Franklinville & Seagrove

Sign up, check in for prizes each week and report minutes read to enter a drawing for a grand prize at the end of the summer.

Liberty

Register for summer reading and receive an activity kit including free books. Track books you have read and activities you have completed for a chance to win one of two tablet computers to be given away at the end of the summer.

Ramseur

Keep an informal log of the books you read (or read to your kids); Share with librarians the number of books you have read to be eligible for a prize.

Randleman

Stop by and register for a bag, bookmark, and reading log. Earn small prizes and chances to win Wal Mart gift cards!

Take-Home Activities

Asheboro

Weekly Craft Bags: Pick up a free craft bag each week at the library! Crafts can enhance engagement with virtual programs and are best for ages 3 and up. One bag per child, while supplies last. June 7-12: Whale of a Tale; June 14-19: Storyteller Gloves; June 21-26: Unicorn Slime; June 28-July 3: Peacock; July 6-10: Shadow Puppet Theater; July 12-17: Animal Tails; July 19-24: Origami Animals; July 26-31: Stuffed Owl.

Franklinville & Seagrove

Craft Bags: Pick up craft bags keyed to virtual programs. June 14-19: Storyteller Gloves; July 6-10: Shadow Puppet Theater; July 19-24: Origami Animals; July 26-31: Stuffed Owl.

Liberty

Pick-Up Crafts: all ages; find them anytime in the yellow bin. Week 1: Lion animal pom-pom headband; Week 2: Donna Washington companion craft; Week 3: Dragon pendant necklace; Week 4: Gecko keychain; Week 5: Matt Sandbank shadow puppet companion craft; Week 6: Sheep wool craft; Week 7: Yasu Ishida companion origami craft; Week 8: Monster Bookmarks; Week 9: Painting seashells.

Ramseur

Take home activities keyed to weekly virtual programs premiering on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Pick up a kit for June when you register for summer reading, and another in July.

Randleman

STEAM Take Home Activities: ages Kindergarten and up while supplies last; Call 336-498-3141 to reserve a kit. Animal Cell Model; Bird Feeder and Bird ID Card; Frog Dissection; Bug Jar and Scavenger Hunt; Zoo Animal Building Challenge; Polar Animal Sewing; Snake Dissection; Ocean Slime 3-D Habitat; Safari Sand Art.

Virtual Program Companion Kits: Call 336-498-3141 to sign up for weekly companion activity kits for virtual programs, while supplies last.

In-Person Events

ARCHDALE

Outdoors, weather permitting

John Pledger of Triad Bee Supply, June 17, Thursday, 7 p.m. Nature Craft-time Program, June 22, Tuesday, 10 a.m. Creekside Park Shelter; call 336-431-3811 to sign up or visit the library. Earth, Spirit Taiko, June 24, Thursday, 7 p.m. Japanese traditional drumming.

ASHEBORO

Fridays in the Park

1 p.m., Bicentennial Park. Free ticket required; call 336-318-6804 or visit the library to claim your ticket.

June 11: Storytime; June 18: Music & Movement; June 25: Art in the Park; July 9: STEAM Day; July 16: Storytime; July 23: Music & Movement; July 30: Art in the Park

LIBERTY

All ages unless otherwise indicated.

Special Events

Kick-Off Party: *June 4, Friday, 3 p.m.* Pet Costume Parade (stuffed animals, real pets, your own costume), photo booth, treats and other activities.

Wild Tails! *June 8, Tuesday, 3 p.m.* Meet Animal Ambassadors from Wild Tails NC.

Twister Tournament in the Parks: *June 10, Thursday, 6 p.m., Freedom Park.* Socially-distanced game of Twister, with Liberty Parks and Recreation.

Storytelling with Donna Washington: *June 15, Tuesday, 2 p.m.* View the performance on a big screen in the Town Hall meeting room.

Planning a Pollinator Garden: *June 22, Tuesday, 11 a.m.* Help plan the library's pollinator garden.

Stuffy Sleepover: *Drop-off June 24; pick-up June 24 or 25.* Give your stuffed animal an overnight vacation at the library and see what happens via photos.

Outdoor Family Movie on the Lawn — How to Train your Dragon: June 26, Saturday. Open 7 p.m., movies start at 8:30 p.m. Bring a picnic or enjoy a meal from a food truck.

Creative Mini Golf! June 29, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Paul Henry Smith Park

Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory: July 6, Tuesday, 2 p.m. View Matt's performance on the big screen; Come at 1 p.m. and make a puppet!

Night Walk in the Woods: *July 8, Thursday, 8 p.m.* Learn about animals who are out at night; listen for frogs and birds.

The Scoop on Poop! July 10, Saturday, 10 a.m. Learn how to identify animals by what they leave behind.

Visit with the Twisted T Farm! *July 17, Saturday, 10 a.m.* Meet Georgia the Cow and goats Penelope and Piper.

Caring for Birds in the Summertime: July 20, Tuesday, 11 a.m. Live via Zoom: meeting ID 970 1919 9679, passcode 195694.

Creative Mini Golf! July 22, Tuesday, 6 p.m., Paul Henry Smith Park.

Outdoor Family Movie on the Lawn — Shrek: July 24, Saturday;

open 7 p.m., movie starts at 8:30 p.m.

Bilingual Storytime! *July 30, Friday, 3:30 p.m. Ages birth-6.* **Funny Animal Farts!** *July 31, Saturday, 10 a.m.* Learn and laugh with books and videos.

Closing Party with the Zoo! August 6, Friday, 2 p.m. Liberty Acres Conservation and Education will join the library for a party with some wild animals, crafts and other activities.

Ongoing

Storytime in the Parks: Fridays 3:30 p.m.; first and third Fridays, Freedom Park; second and fourth Fridays, Paul Henry Smith Park. Ages birth-6.

Citizen Scientist Thursdays: *1-3 p.m.* Explore nature on the library porches and in the yards with a backpack kit from the EcoExplore program.

Drop in Craft: Drop in each week while the library is open for a new craft, while supplies last.

FRANKLINVILLE and SEAGROVE Preschool to School Age

Franklinville: 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Riverside Park; call 336-824-4020 to sign up.

Seagrove: 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, library parking lot; call 336-873-7521 to sign up.

Scales and Tails Slime: Franklinville, June 8; Seagrove, June 10. Create spectacular slime inspired by our feathered, scaled and slimy friends!

Pets Rock! Franklinville, June 22; Seagrove, June 24. Design a pet rock and its home.

Buzzzzzz Feeders: Franklinville, June 29; Seagrove, July 1. Make nectar and a feeder to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your backyard.

Animal Magnetism: Franklinville, July 13 and 20; Seagrove, July 15 and 22. Create a cute animal magnet for your fridge in a two-part series.

Make It! Shake It! Eat It! Moooo Cream: Franklinville, August 3; Seagrove, August 5. Ice cream is made from milk — and milk comes from cows! Meet Bessie the Cow courtesy of Randolph County 4-H; make and enjoy homemade ice cream.

STEAM with Randolph County 4-H

School age unless otherwise indicated.

Franklinville: 2:30 p.m. Mondays at Riverside Park; call 336-824-4020 to sign up.

Seagrove: 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, library parking lot; call 336-873-7521 to sign up.

Germination Necklace: Franklinville, June 14; Seagrove, June 16. Sprout a seed using your body warmth, learn about how seeds grow.

Bike Safety: *School age and teens*. Franklinville, June 28; Seagrove, June 30. Learn all about bike safety and don't miss the chance to win a new bike helmet!

Water— the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Franklinville only, July 19. Learn about water quality, test a sample and find out how to keep your water clean.

Fresh Foods Challenge: Seagrove only, July 21. Can you tell the difference between a home-grown tomato and one bought in the store? Canned or frozen food?



Teens and Adults

ASHEBORO Teens

Register and Log Your Minutes Read for Reading Rewards:

Visit randolphlibrary.org/summer and choose the Teen tab. Participant with the most minutes read will receive a pair of TribitFlyBuds wireless rechargeable earbuds.

Summer Days at School with the Mobile Library: SAMS: 12-2 p.m. Monday, June 14; NAMS: 12-2 p.m. Monday, July 19 Summer Madness Tournament of Books: Start out with 16 classic, and 16 new YA books; vote for your favorites each week beginning June 1. Cheer on your favorites as the field narrows: from The Supreme Sixteen! (June 1) to The Last Book Standing (July 26).

TeenZone Summer Book Talks with Savvy, Dave and Sam:

June 1: "This Year's Summer Reading"; June 3: Lost in the Never Woods by Adien Thomas; June 24: Tigers, Not Daughters by Samantha Mabry; July 15: Bruised by Tanya Boteju; July 29: "Final Thoughts, Summer Madness Tourney Review"

randolphlibrary.org/summer — select the Teen tab

FRANKLINVILLE & SEAGROVE Teens & Adults

Franklinville: Riverside Park; call 336-824-4020 to sign up **Seagrove:** Library Parking Lot; call 336-873-7521 to sign up

Mini Succulent Terrariums

Seagrove, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19; Franklinville, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 20 Upcycle a jar into a mini-terrarium with a succulent plant; make a macramé hanger for your plant.

Message in a Bottle Charms

Seagrove, 1 p.m. Saturday, July 10
Franklinville, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 11
Layer sand and other coastal items to create a breezy beach

charm that can be worn as a necklace, made into earrings, or attached to a backpack or purse.

Seed Saving 2.0

Seagrove, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29 Franklinville, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 27 How do you collect and save seeds to grow in your garden next year?

Mosaic Stepping Stones

Seagrove, 1 p.m. Saturday, August 7
Franklinville, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, August 8
Repurpose broken dishes and mirrors into whimsical mosaic stepping stones for your garden.

LIBERTY

Adults

Liberty Book Club

Join via Zoom or in person outdoors, weather permitting. Email library@townoflibertync.org for a link, and call 336-622-4605 to reserve a copy, or visit the library to pick up a copy.

Outsider by Linda Castillo, June 17, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, July 15, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Virtual Needle Felting Class

June 10, Thursday, 3 p.m. via Zoom

Make a colorful needle-felted flower pin. Call 336-622-4065 to register, then check out needle felting kit from the library. A recorded version of the class will be available for those registered who cannot attend.

Telling Your Family's Story — Intro to Genealogy

June 18, Friday, 11 a.m. via Zoom
Learn genealogy basics and get questions answered. Topics will include finding records especially helpful for African American researchers, and creative approaches to finding resources. Meeting ID 913 7716 0120; passcode 396506.

Nailed It! Nail Art

August 5, Thursday, 3 p.m. via Zoom and outdoors in person, weather permitting

Learn how to marbleize and make wavy patterns on your nails. Provide your own nail polish; limited supplies will be available in-person. Meeting ID 950 9823 5634; passcode 540882

Heartstrong Farm Art Exhibition

August 7-September 25; Opening August 7, Saturday, 10 a.m. An exhibition of North Carolina visual artist Les Caison III's pen -and-ink illustrations showcasing the operations of the community-supported-agriculture farm in Staley. **Make and Take with the Artist**, August 21, Saturday, 10 a.m. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

ARCHDALE

Archdale teen and adult program details can be found at tinyurl.com/ArchdaleSummerReading2021.

RANDLEMAN Teens

Register in person and pick up a bag, bookmark, and reading log; be entered in a grand prize drawing for a \$50 Wal Mart gift card.

Weekly Take-Home Activities (while supplies last): 3D Wooden Animal, Build a Birdhouse, Mosaic Animal Art, Bird Marionette, Wobble Bot Animal, Computer Science Unplugged: Animal Pixel Art, Wooden Snake Art, and Origami Book Animal.