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Summer Reading goes virtual

♣ Library Summer Reading is taking a different tack this year, but the array of events and activities are as vibrant as ever.

With buildings closed, performances and storytimes have gone virtual on Facebook and YouTube, and hands-on activities are pick-up/take home. Reading rewards are available with online reporting of minutes read.

"This year more than ever, it's important that kids keep reading during the summer," says Samantha Colwell, head of Children's Services. "Reading helps children pick up where they left off when the next school year starts. Library summer programs provide a fun, no-pressure way to do that."

The fantasy, fable and fairy tale oriented theme asks young readers to "Imagine Your Story." Options to participate vary from library to library; find details, links and a complete schedule at www.randolphlibrary.org/summer. Even though most virtual performances and storytimes are produced or sponsored by an individual library, anyone can tune in.

Several events are live and interactive via Zoom or similar platforms; visit the website for times and links.



**Bright Star Touring Theatre;
Science Tellers; Caleb Sigmon**

Performances include Bright Star Touring Theatre's *Aesop's Fables* and *Once Upon a Time* interactive live shows, multiple times June 16-25; and Caleb Sigmon's "The Wizard Experience," based on The Wizarding World of Harry Potter available via YouTube July 20-25.

Asheboro will host NC Zoo educators; Yasu Ishida's "Origami Magic"; music and laughs with the Curly Fries Band; and more. Randleman will present an additional Caleb Sigmon show, "Fabulous Fable Forest."

Appearing at different times for both the Asheboro and Randleman libraries will be Science Tellers with "Dragons! Return of the Ice Sorceress"; folk musical/storyteller Sharon Clarke; and the Grey Seal Puppets' "Tangle of Tales."

Asheboro, Archdale, Liberty and Randleman libraries all will offer virtual storytimes and other programs.

Meanwhile, pick-up/take home activities are available at Asheboro, Liberty and Randleman libraries; check out the website or contact the libraries for details.

Bright Star Touring Theatre and Caleb Sigmon's "The Wizard Experience" 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.

*Imagine
Your
Story*



SUMMER READING 2020!

Once Upon a Time there was a summer filled with fantasy and fairy tale themed virtual performances and storytimes, take home activities, and more!



featuring
**Bright Star
Touring Theatre
Caleb Sigmon**

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Fax 336-431-4619
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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

John W. Clark
(Franklinville)
336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 2-6;
Wed 10-2; Sun. 2-5

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.
Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;
Sat 10-3

Extension Service
336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Pandemic is no match for PAT

♣ **All sorts of things got stopped in their tracks by the COVID-19 pandemic, but not Randolph County Parents as Teachers (PAT).**

While most PAT programs around the state were shut down, ours kept right on going, albeit in a non-traditional way.

Parents as Teachers sends highly-trained parent educators into the homes of families where children are at risk of not being ready to start their education when they reach five years of age.

The PAT coordinators' job is to help parents develop the skills they need to prepare their children to succeed in school. But with families in sometimes dire straits, the work often goes beyond imparting skills to helping the families achieve the wherewithal to apply those skills.

Our program, which we operate under contract with the Randolph Partnership for Children, has been in full swing for 18 years, and has reached some 200 children in 100 families. Children in the early cohorts are now enrolled in various college programs throughout the state and in the local early college program, or have entered the workforce — or are having children of their



Photos provided by PAT families during virtual visits: top, Brandy; bottom, Paisley and Ronald.

own, and vowing to read to them because of what they learned through PAT.

Our champion PAT coordinators — Amanda Ratliff and Alex Chavez — pour their hearts and souls into serving 25-30 families each.

So when word came to suspend home visits indefinitely, Alex and Amanda deftly pivoted. They took a week in their offices to craft a carefully considered plan...

...and kept going.

Since the third week in March, they have conducted two to three virtual video home visits each day, using whatever means their families have — FaceTime, WhatsApp, or others. Before visits, they carry out no-contact drop-offs of learning materials and activity kits for the kids.

"We have seen SO many more interactions between the caregivers and children as a result of virtual visits," Amanda says. "We have seen more fathers involved now as a result of the virtual visits as well! Our families are forging ahead and many have or are currently experiencing job loss. Our families teach us every day about brave resilience."

LSTA grants fund 3D printers, accessible children's furniture

♣ New 3D printers will support the library's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and children will find the Liberty library more accessible, thanks to two recently-received Library Services and Technology Act grants.

In December, the Liberty library was awarded a \$4,959 Diversity and Inclusion mini-grant to create a comfortable children's area in which kids of all abilities, mobility, sizes and ages can interact with library materials and with one-another in a space that is physically accessible, easily understood and visually navigable.

The changes will include movable and flexible furniture, and reorganization of books to increase interest and visibility — all leading to enhanced early literacy.

3D printers and PPE

In May, the Randolph County Public Library received a \$3,000 COVID-19 Response mini-grant for the purchase of

two 3D printers and a variety of filament.

The printers will be used in regular library educational programming, but can also be redeployed to mass produce building blocks for personal protective equipment (PPE), such as headbands for face shields. The PPE then can be provided to first responders or community groups to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The library was inspired to pursue the grant by libraries that used their 3D printers to make much-needed PPE as the pandemic developed.

During normal use, one of the printers will be stationed at the Asheboro library and one on the Mobile Library or shared among library branches for programming.

Both projects are supported by funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-00-19-0034-19).

UNCG prof Cooper to explore women's suffrage in live, interactive, virtual talk

♣ On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and women achieved the long-fought-for right to vote.



Cooper

For the amendment's 100th anniversary, UNC-Greensboro lecturer Dr. Mandy L. Cooper will re-examine the fight for women's suffrage in a live, interactive virtual talk, "Votes for Women: The Nineteenth Amendment at 100," at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23.

Anyone can join via Go-To-Meeting: log in at www.randolphlibrary.org/events/suffrage.html about 10 minutes before the scheduled time, or call in at **1-517-317-3122**. For assistance, call 336-318-6808.

Although Cooper places the amendment at the center of a long and continued fight for suffrage, she also notes that some women in the U.S. already had the right to vote — and others would continue fighting for it for decades.

Cooper is a Lecturer of Women's and Gender History at UNCG.



Virtual Book Club

Join us for a book club using the library's Go-To-Meeting online conference tool, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, June 25. 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.

Ebooks move

The library's ebook collection has moved to the RB Digital platform. Find the free RB Digital app in your app store, and contact the library at 336-318-6803 if you need help setting it up.

Find instructions at www.randolphlibrary.org/images/rbdigital_how_to.pdf.

Ebooks on the Overdrive platform/Libby app are no longer available; however, continue to access NC KIDS Digital Library content via Overdrive/Libby.

**Access
Ancestry.com
free thru Jun 30**

Free remote access to Ancestry Library Edition, the library version of Ancestry.com, has been extended through June 30. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/randrm> to log in with your

library card and PIN.

Ancestry Library Edition is usually available only at the library, but Ancestry.com is offering access from anywhere during the pandemic.

Author tells tales of notable NC women in virtual talk

♣ A woman disguised as a Civil War soldier. A couple of famous pirates. A daredevil aeronaut. An internationally famous sharpshooter. And a first lady who “really, really, really” liked being married to the governor.

Award-winning author and storyteller Randell Jones will discuss these and other notable North Carolina woman in “Famous and Infamous Women of North Carolina,” a virtual talk available July 11–18. Keep an eye out at Facebook.com/randolphlibrary and www.randolphlibrary.org for a link.



Randell Jones

Jones’s talk is a lighthearted look at some serious history — the roles and accomplishments of a few notable women, among so many — in whom we can all take pride as being part of the fabric which makes North Carolina so special.

Jones is author of *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone and Scoundrels, Rogues and Heroes of the Old North State*, among other books. In 2013, he received the History Award Medal from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and has received two Kentucky History Awards from the Kentucky History Society.

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Summer Reading performances (clockwise from top left: Yasu Ishida, Bright Star Touring Theatre, storyteller Sharon Clarke, Caleb Sigmon's Fabulous Fable Forest, The Curly Fries Band. See front page for more!