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Elon history prof to explore Southern cuisine

♣ **Southern cuisine is a blend of the traditions and ingredients of three cultures: Native Americans, British settlers, and people from west and central Africa.**

Elon University history professor Dr. John J. Beck will explore how those influences merged to form a common cuisine — though with many variations — from Virginia to Texas in “Southern Cooking, High and Low: A Short History of the Cuisine of the South,” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, at the Asheboro library.

Sponsored by the library’s Margaret C. Taylor Memorial Culinary Arts Collection, Beck’s talk is free and the public is invited.

Beck notes that traditional Southern fare was created and cooked at home rather than fostered by restaurants —



John J. Beck

whether in the houses of affluent families by African American women before and after the Civil War, or for the social events of less well-to-do people, such as church picnics, wakes and family reunions.

Now Southern food is being taken in new directions by professional chefs who approach the cuisine with the same reverence that they have treated French and other celebrated cooking traditions.

Beck holds a Ph.D. in American history from UNC-Chapel Hill with a specialty in Southern history. He is co-author of *Southern Culture: An Introduction* and is currently working on a history of Southern food.

He retired from a career in the North Carolina Community College System, last serving as Dean of Arts and Sciences at Granville Community College.

Learn to identify species in ‘Traveling Bone Show’

♣ **Can you identify an animal by its skull?**

Test your anthropological knowledge in “The Traveling Bone Show” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, at the Asheboro library.

The all-ages event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Julia Loreth, a biology lecturer at UNC-Greensboro, will bring along both real and model skulls of various species to demonstrate how to identify creatures by their teeth and bones, and how the skulls can help determine gender.

Loreth is co-coordinator for the Regional North Carolina Science Olympiad Tournament, and works with the City of Greensboro’s Elementary School Adopt-a-Stream program.

Find immigrant ancestors in new genealogy class

♣ **Track down your forebears who traveled to America from other countries in “Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors,” 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, August 9, at the Asheboro library.**

Librarian and genealogist Ann Palmer will cover the basics about immigrants to the United States from the 18th through the 20th centuries, and sources where records about them can be found.

The class is free and open to the public.

Because establishing a timeline is one of the best ways to get started, participants will learn how to determine when their families came to America from sources including passenger lists from ships docking at U.S. ports, census and naturalization records and in some cases passport applications.

Popular ‘Slime Lab’ returns to Asheboro library — see page 3

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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Departures and arrivals

♣ What can you say about the departure of your closest professional colleague and good friend?

George Taylor and I met in the hallway of the Curry building at UNC-Greensboro during a class break in the Library and Information Studies program 25 years ago. We quickly became fast friends of the finish-each-other's-sentences variety.

Who else can claim that a graduate school professor had to threaten to separate them during class?

Our careers ran on parallel tracks, with George at the Forsyth County Public Library moving from reference librarian to department head, to manager of the bustling Reynolda Manor branch.

In 2005, then Library Director Richard Wells lured him here to take over the Archdale library. Becoming active in the community, George in 2008 received the Archdale/Trinity Chamber of Commerce's Extra Mile Award.

When I became director in 2011, he was the natural choice for assistant director.

George, however, had a long-term career goal in the back of his mind. A lifelong fascination with Disney theme parks led him to become an expert on the subject — and on theme parks in general.

Now, his blog ("Imaginerding," after Disney's "imagineering"), podcasts, Youtube videos and social media posts have a massive following.

His goal was to become a library director in central Florida, with nearby access to the Disney parks. I am pleased and

proud for him, but sad for us (and me!) to say that he achieved his goal: on July 9, he became Director of Library Services for the Lake County County Library System in Tavares, Florida.

He has hit the ground running in the large, 15-library system. I certainly wish him the best of luck and offer him all my support, but I know he will excel.

With George's departure, the position of assistant director has transferred to the able hands of Niccole Hugg-Suttles, formerly manager of the Liberty Public Library, one of the municipal libraries in our system.

I had the honor of joining then-Town Manager Roy Lynch in the hiring process four years ago that resulted in Niccole becoming Liberty librarian, and I knew then that she would become part of the succession plan for the library system.

Niccole brought a fresh approach to Liberty, and in short order, the number of visitors to the library, the number of items checked out and attendance at children's event skyrocketed. She remade the interior of the library, removing physical barriers, engineering a swap that created a cozy children's area and a more spacious computer center, and brightening up the space with warm, welcoming paint colors.

Previously a media coordinator for the Alamance-Burlington Schools System, Niccole holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary education as well as a masters in library and information studies.

Although she officially started with the county this month, she will remain in Liberty until her successor there is named.

Carron named to head Franklinville library

♣ When Carmen Carron accepted the job of manager of the John W. Clark Public Library in Franklinville, one of her first questions was, "Can I bring my box of musical instruments?"

She explained that she has a collection of kid-friendly instruments that she used in developing children's activities at the High Point Public Library, where she has served two stints, recently and in the mid-2000s, presenting



Carmen Carron

storytimes for all age groups.

While at High Point, she developed the L.E.G.A.C.Y. (Lead by Example, Give a Child Yourself) project, which encouraged shared reading experiences between parents who were incarcerated and their children. She holds a bachelors degree in music and religion from Greensboro College.

Hannah Harris of Ramseur has been named library assistant at Franklinville, starting August 1.

Slime Lab returns to Asheboro library

...and other exciting events for all ages around the county

♣ The big hit of the Summer — Slime Lab — returns to the Asheboro library at 4 p.m. Thursday, August 30.

In "Fluffy Slime Lab," for ages 5 and up, kids will make simple slime recipes with household ingredients to explore the phases of matter, from goopy liquids to slimy solids. It's free, but

registration is required; call 336-318-6804 or visit the Asheboro library Children's Room to sign up.

ALSO AT ASHEBORO

Arts & Crafts, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, August 2, ages 5 and up. Get ready for National Watermelon Day by creating watermelon themed crafts.

LIBERTY

Get Creative, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, August



A creation from the July Slime Lab.

16. Crafts for teens and adults; this month, Marbled Mugs. Turn a plain coffee mug into a work of art using nail polish and your imagination.

Kids Can Create, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays. August 2: STEAM activity: Catapults. **August 9, 23 and 30:** LEGO Free Build. **August 16:** STEAM activity — LEGO Bridge Challenge.

RANDLEMAN

Used Book Sale: 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, August 13-17, and 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 18. Cash sales only; proceeds benefit the Randleman Public Library.

WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Lapsit/Baby, toddler, preschool and family storytimes are offered weekly throughout the county. Find schedules at www.randolphlibrary.org/storytimes.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: The High Season by Judy Blundell, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 31. **The Romanov Empress** by C.W. Gortner, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 28.

Book Break (Archdale):

Book Break is on hiatus for the summer, and returns with **The Glass Castle** by Jeanette Walls, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 18.

Randleman hours

The Randleman library will expand its hours beginning September 1, opening at 9 a.m. each morning instead of 10 a.m. and adding evening hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

New hours will be Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.


WWI exhibit

Visit the Asheboro library through the end of July to view "North Carolina in the Great War," a traveling exhibit from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources highlighting the state's sacrifices in World War I.

The 10-panel exhibit can be found in the library's upstairs Reading Room. It covers topics such as preparations for war, life in the trenches, the home front, the war along the coast, and more.

Teen Zone Talk

As the school year begins, get reacquainted with library databases and other online resources available for research projects and homework help with a **Back to School Library Refresher** at 4 p.m. Thursday, August 16, at the Asheboro library. It's free and all teens are invited. Regular library teen events will resume in September.



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

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To the Friends of the Library

Mayor David Smith
for Books for Babies

Event to honor local WWI unit Company K

Save the date for the evening of Saturday, September 29, as a theatrical event at the Sunset Theatre will honor Randolph County's Company K on the 100th anniversary of the key World War I battle of Bellicourt, in which the unit suffered heavy casualties.

Poet and playwright Barbara Presnell is penning a stage presentation to be developed by RhinoLeap Productions. Details in next month's newsletter.