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Clockwise from top left: In World War I France, Lt. Wright Dixon and his brother, Capt. Ben Dixon (Patrick Osteen and Scott Thomas), remember better times; actress Dayna Tietzen explores the role of women in the war; the men of Company K (portrayed James Alton, Scott Thomas, Patrick Osteen, Isaac Klein and Chance Carroll), led by Capt. Dixon, prepare to go "over the top"; Alton uncovers the African American experience; and the war's impact hits home for Asheboro citizens (Alton, Tietzen and Osteen). Photos by Andrea Akin.

'Company K' returns to Sunset stage

♣ By popular demand, Company K: From Asheboro to the Fields of France will return to the Sunset Theatre in August.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 23, and Saturday, August 24; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, August 25. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at rhinoleap.com and Vintage Cottage at 150 Sunset Avenue, or at the door.

The play, by Barbara Presnell, uses letters home and other original documents to tell the story of Randolph County's Company K of the State Militia (later the National Guard) from its formation in 1911 through World War I, when it was sent to France and into battle.

Produced by Rhinoleap Productions in conjunction with the City of Asheboro and the library, and directed by Rhinoleap Artistic Director Jeremy Skidmore, the play features original music by Mark Dillon. The cast is an ensemble of six actors who perform multiple roles.

Company K was originally planned as a one-time only event on September 29, 2018, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the pivotal battle of Bellicourt.

The Randolph County unit was in the vanguard of an Allied attack that ultimately broke the German Hindenburg Line defensive position and hastened the end of the war. The company suffered heavy casualties, including 23 killed — a shocking loss to the small communities of Randolph County.

MESDA curator to explore patriotism in early American samplers

How was patriotism in the early United States channeled through needlework by young girls? Join Jenny Garwood of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) as she addresses the topic in "Expressions of Freedom in Southern Needlework Samplers" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Asheboro library. The talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited. Samplers were typically worked by girls as part of their early education; they included symbols such as eagles and U.S. maps. Garwood will explore the patriotic fervor that was revealed though needlework from the 18th and 19th century South, and the stories of the girls who stitched them.

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from the director

Ross A. Holt



'The jewel of Randolph County'

♣ "The library has inspired so much in my life.... I have learned so many things from this library.

"The library has helped me discover more about myself and has helped me find my favorite books, topics and subjects. The library is one of the most influential places in my life."

So says one Asheboro respondent to our annual Patron Satisfaction Survey, which I promoted here in April.

The responses are in, and they are as thoughtful and moving as ever.

This year, our impact on young children seems to predominate. "My first grader is reading on a 4th grade level because we have been visiting Randolph County libraries his entire life," says an Asheboro parent. A Randleman grandparent says, "We started coming to the library when my grandchild was 2. They do an excellent job in engaging children and I really feel this experience helped prepare my grandson for preschool."

Another Asheboro parent says, "My daughter struggled to learn to read at first, but, because of the available books and the Tails to Read program, she is now an abovegrade reader and enjoys reading now."

Many responses relate to practical assistance the library has provided: "They helped me with my resume and I did succeed in getting the job I was looking for," says an Archdale patron. From Ramseur: "Improved my gardening skills." And



The relative frequency of 367 words appearing in 367 responses to our 2019 patron survey.

Liberty: "Better grades for my schoolwork."

By far, however, library users wrote about what the library means in their lives. "I am a young man with three small children," said an Asheboro patron. "We use the library for everything. I've found it to be one of my 'go-to' places for almost anything I need. My children have been taking part in Children's Room activities for years. Now I'm back in college and I come here when I need computer access. I've used the library for so many things. I'm glad it's part of our lives."

But it's not just about glowing words: we also ask about what we could do better. This year, respondents say they want more quiet at the Asheboro library, Sunday hours, and expanded, more uniform hours around the county.

There's much more; check out all the responses at www.randolphlibrary.org/patronsurvey2019.pdf — including this gem, from Randleman:

"It is the jewel of Randolph County."



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Summer Reading continues with magical story artist Yasu Ishida

Prepare to be amazed, dazzled and bewildered as "Yasu Ishida's Story Circus" anchors the second month of "A Universe of Stories." the library's summer reading initiative, with performances at all libraries.

Yasu's highly visual storytelling includes balloon haiku, in which balloon animals come to life through poetry; "Storygami" — stories illustrated by Origami; magic; and lots of audience participation. Afterwards, kids in the audience can make a simple Origami craft library — for a complete schedule of that they can use to perform their own stories.

Yasu will appear as follows:

- Archdale, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17;
- Asheboro, 2 p.m. Thursday, July 11;
- Franklinville, 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 at Franklinville School;
- Liberty, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18;
- Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18 at the Ramseur Municipal Building;
- Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 11;
- Seagrove, 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 16. There's much, much more at each events for children, teens and adults, visit www.randolphlibrary.org/summer.

Asheboro adds 'Skill Toys Club' for older kids

♣ Kids age 10 and up can impress their friends and become YouTube sensations as "Skill Toys Club" gets underway at 4 p.m. on the first Friday of every month beginning August 2.

The club — open to all — will offer hands-on fun with spinning plates, juggling, flower sticks and more tests of dexterity.

The new event joins Asheboro's

ongoing events, including Mondays featuring KinderPrep or Music and Movement at 10 a.m. for ages 3-5; School-Aged Wednesdays featuring a different activity at 4 p.m. each week; Toddler Time at 11 a.m. Thursdays; and Let's Speak Spanish at 4 p.m. Thursdays.

Also featured at 4 p.m. Monday, August 12, will be a 3D printing session using Tinkercad and Cura for kids age 10 and up.

Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: The Last Romantics by Tara Conklin, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 30. **Junior Book Club** (Asheboro): How Tia Lola Came to Visit/Stay by Julia Alvarez, 4 p.m. Tuesday, August 27. (Children ages 8 and up).

Liberty Book Club: The Suspect by Fiona Barton, 6 p.m. Thursday, August 15.

Genealogy classes

Genealogy classes at Asheboro will feature the virtual and the real.

Find out how to navigate two indispensable online resources in "Hands-On Ancestry and FamilySearch" at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11.

Meanwhile, learn about the trove of resources available at the library in "Welcome to the Randolph Room" at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 8. Staff member Kendra Lyons will talk about the room and tour its collections.

Both classes are free and the public is invited.

Seed saving

Learn tips and tricks for saving seeds from your garden with Randolph **County Cooperative** Extension at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 13, at the Asheboro library. Learn how to start a seed collection and how saving seeds can save on next year's gardening costs.

'Breastfeeding Basics' returns to Asheboro library

Join WIC Nutritionist Jodi Meyer and local advocates for "Breastfeeding Basics" at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 3 at the Asheboro library. Topics for the family-friendly event range from

the basics to working while breastfeeding, and increasing community support for breastfeeding families. Bring your questions and share your stories.

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