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StoryWalk®

Grant to fund storytelling pathways in Franklinville, Liberty

♣ Visitors to the Deep River Trail in Franklinville and Paul Henry Smith Park in Liberty soon will be able to read a story as they walk along.

The library has received a \$10,800 Library Services and Technology Act grant to place StoryWalks in both places.

StoryWalks are weatherproof outdoor panels placed along a trail, each panel sequentially featuring a spread of pages from a children's book. As viewers walk along the trail, the story unfolds.

The intent is to encourage reading among pre-K children in a setting that encourages outdoor activity.

The StoryWalks also will display books in English and in Spanish, early literacy tips for parents and caregivers, and literacy resources in the community.



Cassius Heindl explores a temporary StoryWalk placed by the Liberty library at Paul Henry Smith Park.

The panels are expected to be installed by November, with the books debuting in December. They will officially open in January, with a formal kick-off in March.

Books will be switched out quarterly, and as warm weather rolls around, storytimes and other library programs will take place at the StoryWalk sites.

Partners in the project include the library, the Randolph Partnership for Children and the towns of Franklinville and Liberty.

This project is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and

Library Services under the provisions of the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS249980-OLS-21).

Caison to show Heartstrong artwork at Liberty

♣ A series of drawings made at Heartstrong Farm by artist Les Caison III will open at the Liberty library at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 7, with a reception and meet-and-greet with Caison.

The exhibit will run through September 25. Caison's five-piece series is titled *Heartstrong Farm* and features realistic farm renderings created using a dip pen with locally-made black walnut ink.

The narrative explores the small-scale, community-



Artist Les Caison III with work from his Heartstrong Farm series

supported agriculture farm centered around the historic 1816 Marley house on the Randolph-Chatham line near Staley.

Caison also will host a **Make and Take with the Artist** at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 21, for all ages. Participants will have the opportunity to practice with quill and ink, writing and making drawings.

Caison also will provide a short overview of the Heartstrong project and a description of the walnut ink-making process from foraging to bottling.

Jeopardy! *champ Jennings to kick off Sunset Series* —see inside

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*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Our valiant trustees

♣ Once upon a time, the library was not a county government agency.

It was led by a Board of Trustees appointed by the County Commissioners. The trustees handled all library business, from hiring staff to budgeting.

In the 1970s, the state pushed to have libraries incorporated in local government. Where this took place, boards of trustees became advisory rather than governing.

This happened here in 1974. Although their role has been altered, our trustees remain a vital part of library operations.

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners adopted a Library Ordinance in 1993 that lays out the responsibilities of our board: "Trustees serve as a bridge of communication between the community and the library and, as such, should solicit input concerning the library from patrons."

The trustees also are assigned a role in library advocacy, to "aid in presenting the library perspective to local, state and federal lawmakers."

The trustees have five additional duties: to set library policy; to set fines and fees; to administer the library trust fund, which receives bequests and other gifts; to serve as the final authority if library material is challenged; and to request from the county a performance evaluation of the library director if they feel it is warranted.

There are nine trustees who represent general geographic areas of the county, plus a non-voting representative from Asheboro city government.

Ralph Hardison of Asheboro joined the

board in 1986 and became chair in 1989. I learned only recently that Ralph also served as the first president of the Friends of the Library when it was established in 1973.

Carole Lowe of Tabernacle also has served since 1986, many of those years as vice-chair. Martha Stunda of Trinity was a founder of the Archdale library.

Two trustees served in the same capacity elsewhere before joining our board. Tami Hinshaw of Randleman served on the New Hanover County Public Library board. Steve Grove of Asheboro, current vice-chair, served on the governing board of the library in Martinsville, W. Va.

Sarah Shoffner of Liberty also serves on the Liberty library's advisory board. Sue Spencer, from the Seagrove area, was longtime media director for the Randolph County School System. Former Library Director Richard Wells of Cedar Grove was a natural choice when he retired as county manager. City Manager John Ogburn serves as the non-voting City of Asheboro member.

Lydia Craven of Franklinville recently stepped down after 15 years service. She also served many years as chair of the Franklinville library trustees until operation of the library was taken over by the county.

Although their work is unheralded, our trustees provide critical support for the library — and for me as library director. Their long experience in the community and involvement in the life of the library makes them uniquely qualified to provide advice and guidance. I am truly grateful for their service — and for their wisdom.

Liberty librarian awarded Berea fellowship

♣ Liberty librarian Brenda Hornsby-Heindl is one of 22 librarians in the country to be awarded a Partners in Education library fellowship from Berea College.

The two-year fellowship is aimed at creating stronger relationships between librarians and local schools, and with the community, to help children reach the third grade reading level on time.

In addition to professional development

to support increasing reading outcomes in the community, the fellowship also includes a Vista/Peace Corps worker as a full time library staff member for one year; a stipend to offset Hornsby-Heindl's time, materials and other costs associated with participation; a full scholarship for travel expenses to attend in-person leadership development activities; and a \$5,000 stipend from Save the Children to launch a third-grade reading initiative in the Liberty community.

Grant extends in-house laptop lending

♣ Visitors at any library branch now can checkout laptop computers to use in-house and on the grounds thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act COVID response grant.

The \$3,990 grant supplied seven laptops, augmented by three purchased locally, to enable each library to provide at least one laptop for checkout.

The initial intent was to add to the number of desktop computers available in

the libraries, which had been reduced due to social distancing needs, enabling more people to use the Internet in the library.

The project also will help the library build capacity for future laptop or Chromebook lending for take-home use.

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NASA ambassador to tell 'Sky Stories'

And other events around the county...

♣ Join NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Anastasia Vail for "Sky Stories," a virtual talk at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, August 12.

Vail's talk will feature sky-related stories from around the world, focusing on various cultural interpretations of constellations, the moon and the Aurora Borealis. The storytime is aimed at K-5 audiences, but all are welcome.

Call for antiques and artifacts

The Liberty library will host an Antiques Roadshow style event on Tuesday, September 21, to offering you a chance to

have your collectibles appraised.

Bring a description and/or image of your item, and any story that goes along with it, to the library during August. The appraiser will review it and comment during the event. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

'Bookin' It Back to School'

Join the Liberty library for 'Bookin' It Back to School,' 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, August 17. Get ready to go back to school, and find out how the library can support learning. The event also will feature giveaways, crafts and snacks.



Book Discussions

Asheboro: In-person book group meetings have resumed! *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, Tuesday, August 31, 2 p.m.

Liberty: Hill Women: *Finding a Family and a Way Forward in Appalachia* by Cassie Chambers, 6 p.m. Thursday, August 19. Call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for a copy of the book.

Bookshop hours

The Friends of the Library Bookshop has resumed pre-pandemic hours as of July 1. The bookshop is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Due to a high volume of donations in June, the Friends have stopped taking donations till further notice.

Mini Art Exhibit

The Liberty library invites teens and adults to share their art work in a Mini Art Exhibit ongoing through August. Pick up a canvas and paint supplies at the library, and go wild. Return the completed work for an exhibit at the end of the month. The theme is "Summertime"

Ramseur library hours change; now open Saturdays

The Ramseur library now is open on Saturdays, and also is open later on weekdays.

New hours, effective July 1, are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-

1 p.m. on Saturdays.

It's the first time in many years that the library has been able to offer Saturday hours.



Library receives Rotary grant

Tara Aker of the Randolph Rotary Club presents library director Ross Holt with a \$500 Rotary grant to the library. The funds will be used to purchase books during the summer.

Children's Room 3D printing goes live on Twitch

♣ Watch objects develop on the Asheboro library Children's Room 3D printer via the social media site Twitch

The live-streamed printing appears periodically as the printer creates various trinkets. Viewers can track the printer's progress in real time by following "asheborochildrensroom" at twitch.tv or via the Twitch app, or under the 3D Printing tab on the Children's Room website.

Twitch is a livestreaming site originally developed to enable viewers to watch gamers play video games.

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7 p.m. Saturday
August 28

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In Memory of: William Joseph Allred
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and Josephine Moore**
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***Jeopardy!* champ Ken Jennings to kick off Sunset Series return**

♣ ***Jeopardy!* “Greatest of All Time”** champion Ken Jennings will usher in the return of the Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series with a talk at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 28, at downtown Asheboro’s historic Sunset Theatre.

His appearance is free and the public is invited. The Sunset Series is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Library.

Jennings will talk about his experiences appearing on the game show, his techniques for winning, and how his life has changed since.

Now serving as interim host of *Jeopardy!* following the death of Alex Trebek, Jennings became the stuff of legend when he beat fellow champions James Holzhauer and Brad Rutter to be named the “Greatest of All Time” player.

The honor topped his previous achievements as one of the winningest game show contestants of all time. He still holds three big *Jeopardy!* records: longest winning streak, 74 games; highest regular-season winnings, \$2,520,700; and highest average number of correct responses per game, 35.9.

After his *Jeopardy!* conquest, Jennings became a best



***Jeopardy!* “Greatest of All Time” Ken Jennings**

selling author, penning 12 books including the New York times bestseller *Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird, World of Geography*, and a series of children’s books.

Jennings grew up overseas in Korea and Singapore, where his father worked as an attorney. His only lifeline to American pop culture during those years was TV on the Armed Forces network, where he watched *Jeopardy!* religiously after school every day.

He graduated from Brigham Young University, where he captained the quiz bowl team. He

was working as a software engineer in Salt Lake City in 2004, when he received a phone call notifying him that his *Jeopardy!* Audition was successful.

Following Jennings, upcoming Sunset Series events include:

- Bluegrass musicians **Dewey and Leslie Brown**, 7 p.m. Saturday, October 16;
- Actor/playwright **Mike Wiley** with his one-man show *Breach of Peace: Stories of the Freedom Riders, 1961*, 7 p.m. Saturday, November 6; and
- Performance Speed Painter **Tim Decker**, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2022.

See reverse for details.

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Jeopardy Champion

Ken Jennings

7 p.m. Saturday, August 28, 2021



Ken Jennings was a software engineer in Salt Lake City in 2004 when he was selected for the TV game show *Jeopardy!* Little did he know his appearance would extend for 74 games over six months, earning him \$2.52 million and making him the *Jeopardy!* "Greatest of All Time" champion.

Bluegrass Power Couple

Dewey & Leslie Brown

7 p.m. Saturday October 16, 2021



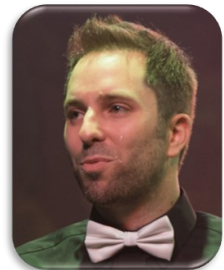
Dewey and Leslie Brown bring together the sounds of Ralph Stanley mixed with Hazel Dickens. Dewey played fiddle as a Clinch Mountain Boy for Dr. Stanley for 11 years. Leslie is about the most authentic mountain girl you will ever meet. Together, their music is powerful and true to bluegrass tradition.

Performance Speed Painter

Tim Decker

**7 p.m. Saturday
March 19, 2022**

Tim Decker is a nationally touring performance speed painter who paints celebrity and patriotic



portraits live in front of a crowd — often painting with both hands — during a high-energy, upbeat show that combines music, art, humor and audience participation.

The Story of the Freedom Riders

Breach of Peace featuring **Mike Wiley**

7 p.m. Saturday November 6, 2021

Actor/playwright Mike Wiley brings to life stories of the Freedom Riders, based on their own words. His one-person play is a living monument to those remarkable young men and women of various races, religions and backgrounds who rose to face the dangers of fighting for just and equal treatment for all.



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