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Bright Star troupe returns with 'Tell-Tale Tale' As Asheboro library slates new children's activities, with outside art events

♣ Spooky stories and poems will come to life in Bright Star Touring Theatre's live, interactive performance of "A Tell-Tale Tale" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 27.

Sign up for the Zoom event at tinyurl.com/rcplttt.

The performance blends Edgar Allen Poe's rich language with expert storytelling to provide an enriching experience for middle-grade viewers. Works presented include "The Tell-Tale Heart," "The Bells," "The Raven" and more.

In addition to the Bright Star performance, October will be filled with other special events, ongoing activities and the return of in-person programs with three outdoor Art in the Park experiences.

Special Events

- **Halloween Special FX**, 2 p.m. Tuesdays October 6, 13, and 20 via Facebook and YouTube. Join librarian Ms. Savvy for creepy, fun and quick make-up tutorials, including old-age, scars and goosebumps, all from easy-to-access supplies. Pick up a free Special FX Craft Bag at the Asheboro library while supplies last. Call 336-318-6804 to arrange pick-up; best for ages 8 and up.
- **Book & Treat**. During the week of October 26-31, drop by the library and pick up a Book & Treat craft bag, including surprise treats. No sign-up required; best for ages 12 and under.
- **Virtual Costume Parade!** Submit your child's Halloween costume to AsheboroChildrensRoom@gmail.com;



Bright Star presents "A Tell-Tale Tale."

pictures will be posted to Facebook and the Children's Room website on October 31.

Ongoing Events

- **Minutes for Mindfulness**, posted at noon Mondays, October 5 and 19, is a virtual program that teaches mindfulness practices in quick and fun ways for the whole family; best for ages 4 and up.
- **Creative Writing Corner**, posted at noon Monday, October 26, considers short stories, poetry and how literary devices affect the meaning and tone of writings. This month features Edgar Allen Poe. Best for ages 10 and up.
- **Family Sing-Along**, posted at 10 a.m. Tuesdays October 13 and 27. Develop early literacy skills through singing, reading, playing, talking and writing with a sing-a-long/read-a-long that's fun for the whole family.
- **What's Cookin'? Mug Edition**, posted at 4 p.m. Wednesdays, October 7 and 21. Calling all budding chefs! Follow recipes made with ingredients you already have at home, made in a coffee mug with a microwave. First-time participants can pick up a What's Cookin' mug while supplies last. Ages 5 and up with adult supervision.
- **Asheboro Art Adventures and Art in the Park**. On Thursdays, October 1, 15 and 29, tune in at 1 p.m. for a virtual program about famous artists, and experiment with art techniques at home. Then, at 1 p.m. on the next Fridays (October 2, 16 and 30), join children's librarians at a local park for a safe experience creating art. Call 336-318-6804 to reserve a spot. Best for ages 4 and up.

Find virtual programs at [Facebook.com/randolphlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randolphlibrary) and Randolph County Public Library on YouTube.

Ken Jennings Sunset Series appearance rescheduled again

The Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series event featuring all-time Jeopardy! Champion Ken Jennings has been postponed again due to pandemic concerns, and now is anticipated to take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 28, 2021. The event previously had been rescheduled to October 24, 2020.



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Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

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Sat 9-5

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Wed-Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

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Sat 10-3

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

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Library to get strategic

♣ **Like Hannibal Smith, we love it when a plan comes together.**

We saw how our Strategic Plan for Library Facilities in 2014 helped us identify and ultimately meet many building needs.

We also have seen how the 2016 Randolph County Strategic Plan continues to shape the course of county government (not the least element of which was its focus on business continuity and inclusion of one goal in particular, “Increase communicable disease preparedness and awareness” — which have stood the county in good stead these last several months).

So we are assembling an A-Team representing a cross-section of the community to help us craft a strategic plan that will guide the library system through the next three to five years. The process will run from now through April 2021, and will result in a plan that is actionable, rooted in the community, and useful for the library system as a whole as well as by individual branches, and which refreshes our mission and our vision.

Shepherding us through the initiative will be Susan Brown, director of the Chapel Hill Public Library. Susan is an experienced consultant and speaker on library matters (“Bobby Fett at the Circ Desk: Leadership



Strategic planning consultant Susan Brown, director of the Chapel Hill Public Library.

Lessons from The Empire Strikes Back” was a big hit at the American Library Association Conference in 2014).

In 2016, Susan led the Chapel Hill library through a groundbreaking, year-long UX (User Experience) reinvention. While she was serving as director of the Lawrence (Kansas) Public Library in 2014, the library received the ALA’s prestigious John Cotton

Dana Library Award Public Relations Award.

Guiding Susan through the process will be a steering committee made up of members involved in the life of the library, including library users, community leaders and local officials. The steering committee includes Melissa Blalock, Perry Conner, Kevin Franklin, Ryan Gibbs, Steve Grove, Jamie Harris, Hope Haywood, Don Herndon, Sharon Michaels, John Ogburn, Marcelo Pariz, Missy Rankin, Trina Raya-Andrade, Thomas Rush, Angie Thomas, Tiffney Thompson, Audrey Trogdon and Larry Warlick.

In addition, many more local leaders and community members will be interviewed, asked to participate in focus groups, or surveyed as the process unfolds.

Stay tuned for updates as the process continues and look out for announcements about ways you can help. If you would like to offer input, please drop me a line at rholt@randolphlibrary.org.



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PAT gets SLNC CARES grant for iPads

♣ The library's Parents as Teachers (PAT) program has received a SLNC (State Library of North Carolina) CARES grant for iPads that will enable participating families to better engage in virtual home visits.

The PAT program sends a PAT coordinator into the homes of families in which young children are at risk of not being ready to start school. The coordinator helps educate parents to read with children and engage in other activities that will prepare their children to succeed.

The library's two PAT coordinators, Amanda Ratliff and Alex Chavez, serve 42 families. When the Alex and Amanda switched to virtual home visits at the start

of the pandemic, they discovered that about half the families could participate only on older smartphones.

The \$8,080 grant will cover the cost of 20 iPads and cases/stands to be loaned to those families while they are enrolled in the program. The devices also will enable the families to access NC KIDS Digital Library ebooks and other online resources.

This project is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) 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 LS246551-OLS-20).



Virtual Book Clubs

Asheboro: Join us for a book club using the library's Go-To-Meeting online conference tool, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, September 24. 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.

Liberty: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr at 6 p.m. Thursday, October 15. Email library@townoflibertync.org for a link to the live, interactive discussion, and call 336-622-4605 or stop by the library for a copy of the book.

Courier archive

Full text articles from *The Courier-Tribune* online edition 2000-present, including local news, sports, obituaries and more, now are available in a new library research resource. Log in with your library card or REAL2 student ID and PIN at tinyurl.com/rcplct.

Blackbeard to raid Randleman library

♣ After a stop in Asheboro in August, Caleb Sigmon's "Blackbeard's Pirate Adventure" will sail to Randleman at 4 p.m. Friday, October 30.

The virtual show, which features daring swordfights, pirate shanties, magical effects and a hilarious talking parrot, will debut at [Facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary) (viewers do not need a Facebook account) and will be available through November 6.

There's also lots of Halloween fun (call the library at 336-498-3141 to sign up and arrange pickup of material):

Connie's Make and Take: Scare the doldrums away with an Autumn Scarecrow Magnet. Pick up a kit at the library and with a little imagination, transform wood chips, a button and flannel into a scarecrow magnet. Ages 16 and up.

Create and Explore: Spooky Spider Fun! Teens and tweens ages 11-15 can use their "Spidey sense" to make a mini-mason



jar spider. Then experiment to find out how spiders eat their prey and why they don't stick to their own webs. Read a fun book and complete an activity for a chance to win a DIY Robot Spider Kit.

October Activity Pack: Shake, Rattle & Roll — Bones, Bones, Bones! Pick up an activity pack to learn all about bones and skeletons. Activities are differentiated by age groups. Ages K-8th grade.

Preschool Story Time: New stories at 10:30 a.m. each Friday at [facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randlemanpubliclibrary); register for the first time and receive a Welcome Bag with literacy tips, games and craft supplies.

Free Ancestry.com access extended thru December 31

Free remote access to Ancestry Library Edition, the library version of Ancestry.com, has been extended through December 31. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/randrm> to log in with your

library card/REAL2 student ID and PIN.

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

Liberty library to bring Halloween to Freedom Park

♣ Enjoy spooktacular activities during “Halloween in the Park,” 2-4 p.m. Saturday, October 31, at Liberty’s Freedom Park.

Events will include a ghoulish race, a graveyard obstacle course and a Halloween craft. The library will offer books and candy.

The event is sponsored by the Liberty Public Library and Liberty Parks and Recreation.

All ages are welcome. The park is located at 800 Hamilton Drive.

Librarians launch podcast

Library staffers Dave Bare, Samantha Colwell and Savvy Harn have launched “Dave and the Borrowers,” a monthly podcast reflecting on questions of history, literacy, current events and librarianship.



The August episode concerned “cancel culture” and the literary landscape. September’s will focus on the importance of local history with County History Librarian Mac Whatley. Visit Dave-and-the-Borrowers.simplecast.com, and keep an eye out at [Facebook.com/randolphlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/randolphlibrary) and Twitter (@RCPL) for new installments.

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UPDATE ON INCREASED ACCESS TO LIBRARY BUILDINGS

The Randolph County Public Library is currently establishing procedures for safely welcoming the public back into our buildings. We expect to announce soon how and when we will increase access to the libraries for browsing and computer/WiFi use.

memorials & donations

In Memory of: James Culberson
By: Beverly L. Hoover
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In Memory of: Audrey Grant
By: Joe Hardin and Nancy Fogleman

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Suzanne Tate and Philip Shore

In Memory of: Evangeline Kivett Parks
By: Suzanne Tate

To the Friends of the Library

In Memory of: Tony Goldston
By: Myra Gaddy

Liberty opens for computer visits

♣ The Liberty library is offering in-house computer/Internet access to the public.

Use of the computers in 30-minute sessions is available by appointment or walk-in, with no more than four users at a time admitted to the library. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Call the library at 336-622-4605 to set up an appointment.