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*The Adequates (standing: Don Monroe, Tom White and Allen Holt; seated: Philip Shore III) will perform Christmas tunes and Barbershop standards at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 15 at the Asheboro library.*

## Barbershop group to croon for Christmas

♣ Asheboro's celebrated barbershop quartet The Adequates will perform a holiday concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 15, at the Asheboro library.

The concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

The Adequates are Allen Holt, Don Monroe, Philip Shore III and Tom White. The group has won top honors in the Senior Games talent show for two years running, and is much in demand for local performances.

The group will perform holiday tunes as well as barbershop standards.

## Aporkalypse Now!

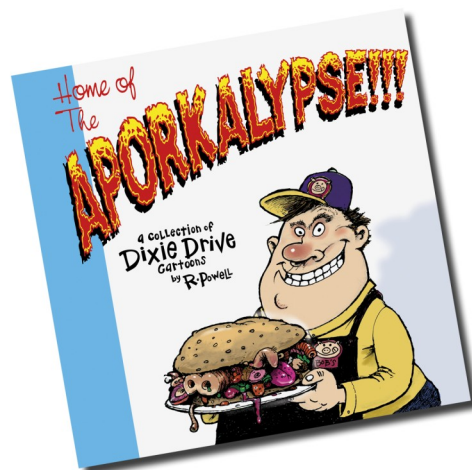
### *Powell debuts cartoon collection*

♣ Observations about everything from regional gastronomic habits to "the sandwich that broke all the rules" can be found in *Home of the Aporkalypse!!!*, a collection of Rich Powell's Dixie Drive cartoons.

Powell will talk about his book at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 8, at the Asheboro Public Library, and will have copies on hand to sell and sign.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.

Powell, an artist and illustrator, lives in Asheboro with his wife Frankie and daughter Bailey. His illustration work has appeared in magazines as crazy as *MAD Magazine* and as classy as *Our State*, on board games, in computer games and apps, on t-shirts and ball caps, in ads and anywhere else that can hold ink (or pixels).



Dixie Drive appears in *Get This!*, the weekly entertainment supplement of *The Courier Tribune*. *Home of the Aporkalypse!!!* covers roughly the first year-and-a-half of the cartoon in an 88-page soft-cover book.

Citizens of Randolph County will particularly enjoy familiar names and places mentioned in these cartoons.

***Key county history books digitized, available online***

***Farlow pens new novel; more e-reader workshops; tree-trimming for teens & tweens***

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the  
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**Ross A. Holt**



## Key county history books go online

### ♣ I must confess. I destroyed a Randolph County history book.

I did it with the best intentions. Honestly.

But I took a copy of *Randolph County, 1779-1979* — the authoritative county history — and sliced the binding loose with a box cutter. Then I cut apart the sections of the codex and used a paper cutter to cut away the folds.

The idea was to use the scanning capability of our office copier to digitize the book and make it available online.

Due to factors beyond my control — the copier would not scan odd-sized pages fully — my efforts failed. The goal of putting this resource and other similar ones online, however, still tugged at me.

The history book, published by the Randolph County Historical Society and the Randolph Arts Guild in commemoration of the county's bicentennial, is exhaustive in scope. With its photographs, illustrations and primary source excerpts, it's the first place to go for this county's history.

But it's designed for reading and browsing, not necessarily for research. The indexes are very general. The book's structure, which moves era-by-era, makes it difficult to follow a single thread — the development of the railroads, or of the county's schools, or of a town — over time.

A simple keyword search capability would overcome all these problems and more effectively unlock the historical

treasures held within.

This is now a reality thanks to Reference librarian and Randolph Room staff member Rachael Kuehl, who has coordinated with the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center to digitize a copy of *Randolph County, 1779-1979* and place it on DigitalNC ([library.digitalnc.org](http://library.digitalnc.org)), the Heritage Center's online collection. The online presentation shows an image of each page, with zoom-in and zoom-out capability — and keyword searching.

The Center also has digitized and posted Sidney Swaim Robins's *Sketches of My Asheboro: Asheboro, North Carolina, 1890-1910*, and will make Mac Whatley's *Architectural History of Randolph County, NC*, available soon. A fourth title, *Randolph County Business Directory, 1894*, had already been digitized and posted.

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center is a statewide digitization and digital publishing program housed in the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The center works with cultural heritage institutions across North Carolina to digitize and publish historic materials online.

With our county's key history books out of print, the center's work will keep them available and accessible for readers and researchers everywhere.

Meanwhile, I've got one copy of the history book that's essentially a stack of loose pages. Maybe I'll make historical hats... or perhaps, paper boats.



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# Someone's trying to keep family secrets secret in Farlow's new novel

♣ **First, some bumbling terrorists hid out in Welbourne County, NC, in Jonathan Farlow's *Holy War*.**

Then, Ashewood Falls' mayor got some unexpected election opposition in *Brouhaha*.

Now, family secrets come to the fore in a favorite aunt's unpublished novel in *Stuck in the Middle*, Farlow's latest tale of small-town intrigue.

A longtime library staff member, Farlow released *Stuck in the Middle* in October as an ebook via Amazon.com for \$2.99, and online at [jonfarlow.webs.com](http://jonfarlow.webs.com) for free. Hard copies also can be purchased



**Jonathan Farlow**

for \$10, directly from Farlow.

The plot concerns Jimmy McFarland, a sports reporter with a large, eccentric extended family. His aunt Zephyr dies suddenly, leaving him instructions in her will to promote a thinly-veiled tell-all she has written about a prominent area family.

But one member of this family may not want the secrets revealed, and when another death follows, Jimmy becomes suspicious.

Farlow is also a columnist for *Our Hometown* newspaper. He lives in Archdale with his wife Kathy and daughters Sara and Emily.

## Library offers E-reader 101 sessions

♣ **Learn about e-readers and ebooks at workshops in Asheboro and Archdale.**

The sessions will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 6 at the Asheboro library, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, at the Archdale library. They're free and anyone who wants to learn about e-readers is invited.

The presentation will include a demonstration on how to use the Digital Depot, Randolph County Public Library's new ebook lending service, to borrow eBooks, as well as an overview of the considerations involved in buying an eReader. There will be time after the presentation to try out a Nook or a Kindle with assistance from library staff.

## Teens, 'tweens invited to trim tree

♣ **Teens and 'tweens ages 10-18 are invited to make Christmas ornaments for themselves and for the Asheboro library Christmas tree from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, December 1, at the library.**

The workshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and is free.

The ornaments will be on display for the month of December on the Library's main Christmas tree. Participants will have an opportunity to handcraft a variety of ornaments from various patterns.

This year's Christmas tree theme will be "Why I Love the Library — Let Me Count the Ways." Ornaments will be made from felt and variety of papers.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** B.Y.O.B. (Bring your own book!), 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 29.

**Luna Book Club:** *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett, 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 29.

**Archdale Book Break:** *The Christmas Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 20.

**Liberty Book Club:** Fourth Tuesday, Liberty library. Call 622-4605 for details.

**Library discussion groups** are free and open to all. Refreshments are served.

## Archdale JobLink

JobLink's NC SHARE Network has set up shop at the Archdale library on Mondays and Tuesdays in December. SHARE is a computer lab with a JobLink staffer on hand to assist with job searching, applications and resumes, and more. For more information contact JobLink at 633-0304 or the library 431-3811

## Stories sought


How have North Carolina's libraries made a difference in your life? NC LIVE, the state's online library, is collecting your stories in order to tell the state's library story. To participate, answer the question, "\_\_\_\_\_ was made possible by NC libraries" at [www.nclive.org/mystory](http://www.nclive.org/mystory).

***Friends stock library Christmas tree with potential presents***

Themed, wrapped packages of gently used books will be available for sale under the library's Christmas tree, which will go up on December 1. The packages, which make excellent

presents, will cost \$5 and will be sorted by genre (romance, mystery, suspense, etc.), and are available courtesy of the Friends of the Library Bookshop.





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

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