

# RANDOLPH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY *news*



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## Ramseur Skype initiative wins statewide award

♣ The Randolph County Public Library has received the 2014 Outstanding Library Promotional Project Award for medium-sized libraries from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association for the Ramseur Public Library's outreach to Coleridge Elementary School students via Skype.

Ramseur librarians Sandra Livingston and Sandy Jarrell began presenting book talks and library information to Coleridge students in 2012 via the online face-to-face communication tool at the suggestion of Media Specialist Christina Whitten.

The first sessions took place with fourth and fifth grade classes in fall 2012. During the 2013-2014 school year, the librarians Skyped with fifth grade classes in October, and with the entire student body in February.

By the end of 2013-2014, the project had reached 668



*Sandy Jarrell and Sandra Livingston talk about North Carolina lighthouses in a Skype session with Coleridge School fourth graders.*

students. As a result, the library saw a marked increase in use of the library by the students.

The Ramseur librarians note that often when children registered for cards, the whole family would do so as well.

The effort impressed both parents and students, Livingston says. "Patrons who are parents have commented that they saw photos of us Skyping on the school's web page and on the library's website. They were amazed that this technology was being used in this way — not just for social media," she says.

"The children recognize us at the grocery store or at church and when we are out in the community, telling their parents that we are those library ladies they saw on TV at school. They are genuinely excited to see us. It makes our day."

The library received the award at the directors association meeting earlier this month.

## Join the Reading League at the Asheboro library

♣ Elementary students in the Asheboro City Schools are invited to read books of their choosing for school reading logs in the quiet of the Asheboro library meeting room.

Children are invited to drop in to read from 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday. Library staff are authorized to sign the logs, and library materials are available for reading.

A Parent/caregiver must accompany children age 6 or younger; children 7-10 must have a parent/caregiver present in the building.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**FRIENDS FAMOUS TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

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*Tickets \$50, includes buffet dinner, on sale soon!*

***Sunset Cultural Series, New NC LIVE resources, Randleman move*** —see inside

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*from  
the  
director*

**Ross A. Holt**



# Randleman: One for the record books

♣ **When Donna Toomes joined the Randleman Public Library staff in 2002, she never expected to have to move a library — much less plan a new one from the ground up.**

But that's just what Donna, who became library manager in 2005, will have accomplished when the Randleman library reopens in its new building on February 2.

The Randleman Board of Aldermen had envisioned a library expansion for some time, and the relocation of the Richard Petty Museum moved that goal closer to reality. With the unanimous support of the alderman and Mayor Bucky Jernigan, and city administrators Ron Nyland and Nick Holcomb, the project got underway in February 2014, with construction managed by the city's Public Works Department. Library IT specialist Ian Fletcher also has provided key input as the project has progressed.

Responsibility for shaping the new library, however, has fallen to Donna. "Over the past year Donna has planned, coordinated, and executed every detail of a library expansion project," says City Manager Nick Holcomb.

"She has spent countless hours working on the building layout, material and furnishing selection, contractor bidding, coordinating with vendors, and the move itself. She has done this while balancing future library needs of the community within a budget. The City couldn't ask for more from an employee, and the new library is an asset that will be here in

Randleman for generations to come."

All this meant a steep learning curve, which Donna negotiated with aplomb. Her razor-sharp mind honed in on details that could become problems if not addressed, and her experience helped find the balance between the needs of the public and the requirements of operating a library.

Working with Donna was Phillip Barton, retired director of the Rowan Public Library and a library facility consultant with over 25 years experience. Phil previously worked with us on renovation of the Asheboro Children's Room and a plan for a new Franklinville library, and recently carried out our overall strategic facility planning effort.

Completely simpatico, Donna and Phil have collaborated to create a stunning library that will surprise and delight visitors. "Working on the Randleman Library project has been a wonderful experience, thanks in large part to Donna," Phil says.

"I believe her sincere commitment to providing great library service to the citizens of Randleman and the surrounding area will be readily apparent in the new facility. The new library represents more than simply a larger building. Donna and her loyal staff have worked diligently to create an inviting, comfortable and dynamic library that will be equipped to serve citizens of all ages for years to come.

"The new library reflects the desire on the part of Donna and her staff to provide the community with something truly special. Christmas 2014 will certainly be one for the record books in the Randleman community thanks to Donna Toomes."

# NC LIVE resources to change in January

♣ **Many of the electronic resources available through NC LIVE and the library will change in January, but coverage provided by the powerful research tools will remain unrivaled.**

The changes are due to recent purchasing decisions by NC LIVE. The state's online library reviews its databases and other electronic research subscriptions every three years.

The biggest change involves access to magazine and journal articles, language learning and auto repair. More streaming videos have been added, and several resources for elementary and middle school age students have been replaced by a single database. Some of the highlights:

- **Magazine and Journal articles.** Access to hundreds of thousands of magazine and scholarly journal articles in tens of thousands of publications will be provided by *ProQuest Central*, which replaces *EBSCO Host*.
- **Language Learning.** *Pronunciator*, provided by NC LIVE, will replace the library's *Mango Languages*.
- **Auto Repair.** The library will add the online *Chilton Library* to replace the *Auto Repair Reference Center*.
- **K-12 research resources.** The *SIRS Knowledge Resource* will replace a variety of databases aimed at K-12 students.

- **Other new resources.** The powerful *Literary Reference Center* will replace a similar but less extensive product. New science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) resources will be added ranging from basic to advanced. *Reference USA*, a popular marketing tool, will return after not being renewed in the previous cycle. *Films on Demand* will offer tens of thousands of streaming educational, business and training videos; documentaries; how-to videos; indie films; music performances; and more.

- **Not going away.** *HeritageQuest* (genealogy), *Learning Express Library* (test preparation), various ebook collections, *Morningstar Investment Research Center*, *PBS Video* and many other resources will remain available from NC LIVE; *ResuméMaker* and *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center* will remain available from the library.

- **Going away.** Leaving the NC LIVE collection will be *Jobs & Career Accelerator*, *NoveList*, *Small Engine Repair Reference Center* and several other databases.

All the resources can be accessed with your library card via the library's research website, [randquest.org](http://randquest.org) (which will debut a new look shortly to feature the new resources), or NC LIVE directly at [nclive.org](http://nclive.org).

## Every Child plans more polar play days

♣ **Don't let the cold weather keep you inside!**

Children age 0-5 and their parents/caregivers are invited to more Every Child Ready to Read Polar Play Days at libraries around the county in January, featuring outdoor activities that demonstrate the

five keys to reading readiness.

The schedule is as follows:

- **Archdale**, 10:30 a.m. January 8;
- **Asheboro**, 10:30 a.m. January 20;
- **Liberty**, 11 a.m. January 6;
- **Ramseur**, 10:30 a.m. January 22;
- **Seagrove**, 1:30 p.m. January 15.

## Archdale to host Lego show-and-tell With Bricks 4 Kidz

"Lego Creations — Show and Tell" at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 30, at the Archdale library will give children a chance to show off their Lego creations and learn about Bricks 4 Kidz

kits and theme-based models that provide the building blocks for an imaginative learning experience.

It's free and refreshments will be served. Call 431-3811 for details.

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads:** *The Daring Ladies of Lowell* by Kate Alcott, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 27.

**Luna Book Club:** *Funny in Farsi* by Firoozeh Dumas, 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 27. (Asheboro)

**Max and Imaginary Friends Children's Book Club:** *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 14. (Asheboro)

**BOB Book Club:** *Sinking of the Titanic, 1912* by Lauren Tarshis, 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 7 (4th & 5th graders, Asheboro library).

**Archdale Book Break:** *Walking on Water* by Richard Paul Evans, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 20.

## Ice Tea Party


Children and their families are invited to sip warm beverages in tea party fashion at 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, at the Asheboro library.

Bring your little ones, dress up, and enjoy hot tea, cider and light snacks. Space is limited so call 318-6804 to sign up.

## Draw with Czop

Join Marvel Comics artist John Czop for a free demonstration on how to draw comics at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 15, in the Asheboro library TeenZone.

Pencils and paper will be provided so participants can follow along.



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

**Mail to: Friends of the Library**  
**P.O. Box 2806**  
**Asheboro, NC 27204**  
*Memberships are tax deductible*

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### SAVE THE DATE!

The Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc.  
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## THE UNC CLEF HANGERS

Carolina's Oldest A Capella Group

4 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Sunset Theatre  
Tickets \$15, on sale soon

## memorials & donations

**In Memory of: Lois Taylor Brown**  
By: Reviewer's Book Club

**In Memory of: Irene Manks Reed**  
By: Howard and Patricia Burkart

**In Memory of: Frances Rosemary Schuck**  
By: Happy Bookers Book Club

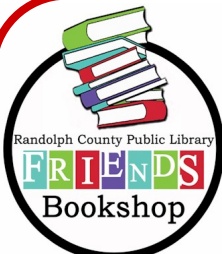
**In Honor of: Ben Frazier**  
By: Thursday Study Club

**In Honor of: Sanau Marma**  
By: Susan Coltrane

### To the Friends of the Library

**In Memory of: Irene Reed**  
By: Hazel Anderson  
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Suzanne Tate

**In Honor of: Richard T. Wells**  
By: Randolph County Economic  
Development Corporation  
Amanda Ratliff



**End of Month  
Special**

**RELIGION  
BOOKS**

**50% OFF**

**Tuesday, December 23**  
**Saturday, December 27**  
**Tuesday, December 30**  
*Closed Christmas Day*

Regular hours 10-2 Tuesdays, Thursdays,  
Saturdays  
**226 Sunset Ave. Asheboro**





Much Ado

Photo by Michael Bailey



Hamlet

Photo by Michael Bailey



Beekman Boys

## Friends bring Beekman Boys to Sunset series

♣ A Friends of the Library-sponsored appearance by The Fabulous Beekman Boys in May will cap the Sunset Cultural Series, which begins with the Bard in January at Asheboro's historic Sunset Theatre.

First up will be performances of *Hamlet* and *Much Ado About Nothing* by the American Shakespeare Center of Staunton, Virginia. In between, concerts, plays, dance, lectures, polar bears and a curious mechanical sound show will take the stage, all hosted by a variety of local institutions, as follows:

- The **American Shakespeare Center** will perform *Hamlet* at 7 p.m. Friday, January 16, and *Much Ado About Nothing* at 7 p.m. Saturday, January 17, hosted by the City of Asheboro. Adults, \$20 per show or \$30 for both; students, \$10 per show. Tickets available at the Asheboro Cultural and Recreational Services Office, 241 Sunset Ave., 626-1240, and at the door.
- **Vocalist and pianist Paul Saik**, 3 p.m. Sunday, January 25, hosted by the Randolph Community Concert Association. Adults, \$20; students, \$10. Tickets available at the door.
- **Steel Magnolias**, Friday and Saturday, February 27-28, and Sunday, March 1; Friday and Saturday, March 6-7,



and Sunday, March 8 (showtimes TBA), presented by RSVP Community Theatre. Adults, \$15, students and seniors \$12; tickets available in February at the Randolph Arts Guild and at the door.

• **North Carolina Potters Conference**, 9 a.m. Saturday, March 7; three lectures hosted by the Randolph Arts Guild. Admission \$20 at the door.

- **Time Constraints**, a sound performance by Invisible, 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, hosted by the Randolph Arts Guild. Tickets \$10, available beginning January 15 at the Randolph Arts Guild, and at the door.
- **Polar Bears and a Changing Planet**, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 9, hosted by the NC Zoo. FREE; no tickets required. (Also a 10 a.m. show at the Zoo for kids.)
- **Salem College Dance Performance**, 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, hosted by Randolph Community College. FREE. Tickets are not required but are available in advance at <http://2014-2015rcculturalartsseries.eventbrite.com>.
- **An Evening with the Fabulous Beekman Boys**, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 14, hosted by the Friends of the Library. FREE; tickets not required.

Visit [www.sunsetculturalseries.com](http://www.sunsetculturalseries.com) for more information.



Time Constraints



Potter's Conference

Photo by Greg Stewart



Salem Dance



Paul Saik

# Randleman relocation: the particulars

## *What to expect while the library is closed, including due dates and holds*

♣ The Randleman library will close at 6 p.m. Friday, January 9, and reopen at 10 a.m. Monday, February 2, in its new location at 142 West Academy Street, the former location of the Richard Petty Museum.

The closure will affect items checked out and items on hold as follows

- **Due dates.** No items will be due during the period the library is closed. Due dates for items checked out from Randleman that would have been due in the library's closing window will be extended until after reopening.
- **Book drop.** Material checked out prior to closing may be returned to the book drop at the new library after January 9, or to any other library in the county. No overdue fines will accrue after January 9 on items checked out from Randleman.
- **Holds awaiting pick-up.** All items on hold and awaiting pick-up by Randleman library patrons must be

checked out by the end of business on Thursday, January 8.

- **Unfilled holds placed thru December 29.** Holds placed by Randleman patrons thru December 29, but not filled by January 9, will be suspended until after February 2. The suspended holds will maintain their place in the queue, but will not be filled until the library reopens. Anyone who wants to un-suspend one of these holds and change the pick-up location must call the library prior to closing time on January 9.
- **Unfilled holds placed after December 29.** The pick-up location for holds placed by Randleman patrons after December 29 will default to the Archdale Public Library, 10433 S. Main St., Archdale. The pick-up location can be changed to any other library when placing a hold. The pick-up location for these holds will remain as the Archdale library or the selected library even after the Randleman library reopens. Call the library at 498-3141 for more information.

## CELEBRATE E-READER UN-BOXING DAY

♣ Have you unwrapped a shiny new tablet or e-reader this Christmas? Excited to download free ebooks, audiobooks or magazines in seconds?

Visit the Asheboro library Reference Desk anytime on **Saturday, December 27**. Librarians will be on hand to help you get started. No appointment necessary.

Can't drop in on Un-Boxing Day? No worries: more sessions are on tap in the library meeting room:

- Tuesday, January 6, 10 a.m.
- Thursday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.

If you prefer a private session, call 318-6803 for an appointment.

## ACA enrollment continues

♣ Specialists from MERCE will be on hand at the Asheboro library to assist with Affordable Care Act health insurance enrollment.

Help will be available from 3-6 p.m. Thursday, January 15, and Thursday, February 12, in the meeting room. A list of documents to bring is available at the library.

## Journal wins state award

♣ The Randolph County Genealogical Society's journal has received the North Carolina Genealogical Society's 2014 Award of Excellence for a journal published by a local genealogical society.

*The Genealogical Journal* provides transcriptions of original Randolph County records such as estate records, family Bibles, marriages and deaths. It also includes family research articles submitted by society members.

The journal has been published semi-annually or quarterly since 1977.

Society members Jean Covington-LaCoss and Paula York accepted the award at the NCGS annual meeting in Durham on November 15.

## Historical news featured

♣ The Randolph Room is providing historical news items to *The Courier-Tribune* for a new weekly feature.

The tidbits run on the same day that the historical event occurred. The first item appeared in the October 3 newspaper and covered the 1949 opening of the Commercial College of Asheboro.

Keep your eyes peeled each week for more local historical news!