



He's a mean one....

Caleb Sigmon's 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas' returns

♣ He's mean! He's green! And he's back to steal Christmas.

Everyone's favorite grouch will visit each library and the Sunset Theatre during the week of December 5 as illusionist and storyteller Caleb Sigmon returns with his highly celebrated rendition of Dr. Seuss's *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

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

Asheboro's event will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, at the Sunset Theatre, 234 Sunset Avenue.

Performances also will take place at each library as follows:

Archdale: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 7;

Franklinville: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 6;

Liberty: 10:30 a.m. Monday, December 5;

Ramseur: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 8;

Randleman: 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8;

Seagrove: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 7.

Audience members' hearts will grow three sizes as the classical story unfolds in a musical performance that includes live actors, puppets and lots of audience interaction.

True Grass to play 'Country Christmas Concert'

♣ Popular and long-lived local bluegrass/gospel band True Grass will present a "Country Christmas Concert," 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 6, at the Asheboro library.

The performance is free and the public is invited.

The group has played local venues including the Sunset Theatre, the NC Zoo, Randolph Community College, churches, corporate events and others for over 20 years.



Founding members Tim Moon and Gary Callicutt remain with the group.

Moon, a well-known music teacher for over 30 years, plays mandolin and sings lead vocals. Callicutt plays bass and sings tenor vocals.

Matthew Nance plays banjo and sings baritone vocals. William Britt plays guitar and sings most lead

vocals. Fifteen-year-old Nolan Moon plays blistering fast solos as well as beautiful waltz styles on fiddle.

Archdale

336-431-3811
Fax 336-431-4619
10433 S. Main St.
Mon-Thur 9-8;
Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

Asheboro

336-318-6800
Fax 336-318-6823
201 Worth St.
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-1

Randolph Room

336-318-6815
Mon-Fri 9-5:30
Sat 9-12:30

Franklinville

336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
Mon-Thur 10-6; Sun 1-5

Liberty

336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-2665
239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon-Tues 9-7
Wed-Fri 9-5
Sat 9-3

Ramseur

336-824-2232
Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 9-6
Sat 9-1

Randleman

336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
142 W. Academy St.
Mon-Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-1

Seagrove

336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
Tues-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-3

Extension Service

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

*from
the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Ramseur revamp

♣ **The Ramseur library is a lot more spacious all of a sudden — without getting any bigger.**

I've written several times about how, lacking the immediate wherewithal to expand buildings or build new ones, we make creative use of existing space.

The latest example is Ramseur, where library manager Sandy Jarrell and her staff, Tammy Crotts and Jana Richardson, have transformed the densely-packed library into an open, uncluttered space and created a special new children's area.

The venerable library building was built in 1961, and named the Blanche C. Johnson Memorial Building. Johnson's husband, Marion, who died in 1959, bequeathed \$50,000 for the construction of a library building in his wife's memory.

The 3,200 square-foot facility, designed by architect J.J. Croft, was constructed of pink buff brick in a mid-century style, and became a community gem. Many of the cherry wood furnishings remain, as does the clover green shelving.

By 1980, the library had grown and expansion was needed. With a grant from the State Library of North Carolina matched by local funds, a 1,200 square-foot addition completed in 1982 extended the back of the building.

As library services changed over time — the creation of video and audiobook collections in the late 1980s and the advent of Internet and computer services in the late 1990s — the library became more and more crowded. It was time for a re-think.



Ramseur staff Jana Richardson, Tammy Crotts and Sandy Jarrell put the finishing touches on the library rearrangement with the help of Network Administrator Ian Fletcher.

Our primary goal was to create the new children's area in the back part of the library. That would entail shifting the entire collection 90 degrees clockwise.

With a plan devised, Sandy and her staff went to work. Town of Ramseur maintenance workers reinstalled and reconfigured shelving.

By removing or rearranging barriers such as bulky shelving units and display racks, they have opened up a stunning amount of floor space. Seating for work and study is more accessible, and cozy reading areas have been created. There's now a distinct teen area, featuring both teen book collections and seating.

And the children's area now extends across the entire back of the building, with space for kids' iPads and storytimes.

If you haven't visited the Ramseur lately, drop in and take a look at the transformation.

Libraries slate seasonal events

...and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ **Look for Santa at a library near you as the holidays get closer and festive events abound.**

Santa and Mrs. Claus will drop in from the North Pole for a storytime and sing-along, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, December 17, at the **Asheboro library**. Visit the Children's Room for treats, a craft and to have your picture taken with Santa. Free and fun for the whole family.

In **Randleman**, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" for a special photo op. Sign up in November for a photo session date and time in December; photos will be posted on Facebook. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

At **Liberty**, photos with the jolly old elf also will be part of a "Special Santa Storytime" at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 21.

Candy making

Make sweet treats for the holiday season at the Asheboro library. Join North Carolina Cooperative Extension Agent Jeannie Leonard for one of two candy-making classes, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, or 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, December 3. Space is limited to 10 attendees per session; please call 336-318-6803, or visit the library, to sign up. Best for ages 18 and older.

Holiday Party, Book Fair

Meet local authors at a festive "Holiday Party and Book Fair," Noon-3 p.m. Saturday, December 10, at the Liberty library. The authors' books will be for sale as will book-related arts and crafts. Also featured from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. will be an inclusive visit from Black Santa.

Christmas Trees with 4-H

School-age kids can learn about the history and importance of North Carolina as a Christmas tree growing state in

"Christmas Trees with 4-H" at the Franklinville, Liberty and Seagrove libraries. Seagrove, 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 6; Liberty, 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 7; Franklinville, 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 13.

Seasonal crafts

Two libraries will offer seasonal craft activities for children, teens and adults.

Liberty: Drop in and "Make a Gift" by creating a pouring paint ornament, 3-5 p.m. Friday, December 9, or 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, December 17. All ages.

Paint a snowy gnome while enjoying snacks in "Cookies, Cocoa and Canvas Painting," at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, or 3:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15. Call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

In "Snow Scene Craft," Adults and teens can make a snowy scene for the winter holidays at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 8. Call to sign up.

Franklinville and Seagrove: Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays to make "Festive Wreathes and Bows" with mesh and ribbon. Offered twice: Franklinville, 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 14; Seagrove, 4 p.m. Thursday, December 15.

'12 Books Before Christmas'

A holiday surprise awaits you at the Liberty library: "12 Books Before Christmas." Staff will select and specially wrap 12 books that you can pick up already checked out to you, one for each evening of the 12 days before Christmas to unwrap and share with family and friends.

Celebrating Kwanzaa or Hanukkah? Staff also can create packages for "12 Days of Kwanzaa" or "8 Days of Hanukkah."

All ages can participate. Call 336-622-4605, or visit the library, by Tuesday, December 6, to sign up. Packages can be picked up December 9-12.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Untold Story of Eleanor and Alice Roosevelt Longworth* by Marc Peyser and Timothy Dwyer, 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 31.

Archdale Book Break: *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 20.

Liberty Book Club: *The Murder Club* by Richard Osman, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15.

BYO Book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 13.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, December 12. Discuss short stories and essays.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up, 1 p.m. Monday, December 19, Liberty Senior Center, 128 S. Fayetteville Street.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 2.

Ramseur Book Club, 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 6.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 15.

'Tails to Read' continues at Asheboro library

Would you like to see your child's reading skills improve? Give them the opportunity to read to a certified therapy dog in the Asheboro library Children's Room. The friendly, non-

judgmental audience helps kids build reading confidence.

Sessions are available Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

Tech classes focus on Windows 10, Libby app

♣ Get up to speed on Windows 10 and the Libby app for reading ebooks in Asheboro library December tech classes.

The classes are free and each is offered twice.

Understanding how the Windows operating system works is critical when it comes to getting familiar with most computers. Discover the how and why of Windows 10 in **Learn How to Use Windows 10**, 2 p.m. Friday, December 9, and 11 a.m. Thursday, December 22.



Traveling this December to see friends and family? Not sure you want to go out in that cold weather today? Try out the libraries' online ebook, e-audio, e-magazine and e-video service, Libby.

In **Meet Libby** and find out how to download and read ebooks and e-magazines or listen to e-audiobooks with the Libby app for mobile devices. Libby enables you to access and check out thousands of

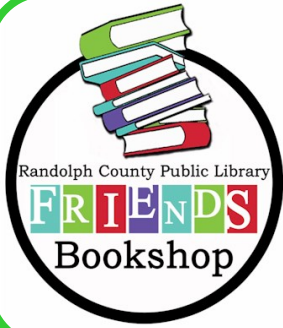
library ebooks and more for free. Classes are at 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 21.

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By: Robert E. and Margaret F. Morrison

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By: Anne Presnell

BIG FRIENDS BOOKSHOP BLOWOUT!

Find just the right holiday gift for that special person (even if it's just you!) during a special sale at the Friends of the Library Bookshop, December 9-15. The sale will kick off from 6-9 p.m. Friday, December 9, during Asheboro's Christmas Downtown (formerly Christmas on Sunset), and will continue the following week during regular bookshop hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, December 10; Tuesday, December 13, and Thursday, December 15. The sale will enable the bookshop to make space for ongoing donations. The bookshop is located at 226 Sunset Ave.

