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# SUMMER READING 2025

Get ready for a colorful, creative summer experience at the libraries with a vibrant array of interactive performances, hands-on activities and more, as this year's Summer Reading initiative invites us to "Color Our World." Summer Reading offers children and teens a no-pressure way to stay engaged with reading and learning while out of school, so they can avoid "summer slide" in the fall. Adults also can enjoy speakers, events and activities that engage their creativity.

Appearing in June at all libraries is **Jeghetto's Workshop**. Jeghetto, a.k.a. Tarish Pipkins, is an artist and self-taught master builder and puppeteer whose puppets are one-of-a-kind moving sculptures crafted with passion and precision. Learn how



Jeghetto builds and manipulates his puppets in a very interactive show. In July, **CLAWS**, a Chapel Hill-based, volunteer-run animal rescue, will bring animal ambassadors to six libraries. Meet an African Corvid (an intelligent bird in the crow family) and other creatures. Learn about their habits and habitats, and how to safely cohabitate with wildlife. Animals also abound as the **NC Zoo** visits Archdale, Asheboro, Franklinville, Ramseur and Seagrove with their furry (or slithery!) friends; **Wild Tails NC** brings more animals to Asheboro, Franklinville, Liberty, Ramseur and Seagrove; and **Ellie's Exotic Road Show** reaches Liberty and Randleman.



Meanwhile, the always amazing **Sigmon Theatrical** returns with two performances, *Color Circus* at Asheboro, and *The Magic School Bus Live!* at Randleman. Also coming to Randleman are **Steve Somers** and **Mark Daniel**. Asheboro will reverberate with the family-friendly rock 'n' roll of **Big Bang Boom!** and the energetic poetics of **Shepherd Shakespeare**. Amazing illusions and spectacular showmanship will appear in Archdale, Asheboro and Liberty in the form of **Rockstar Magic**, and the **Starlab** inflatable planetarium blows up in Archdale, Asheboro and Liberty. And there's yet more!



## PERFORMANCES AT-A-GLANCE

### Big Bang Boom!

Asheboro, 11 a.m. Friday, July 11.

### Sigmon Theatrical

Asheboro, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17,

*Color Circus*.

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 31,

*The Magic School Bus Live!*

### Corey Hunt and the Wise

Archdale, 6 p.m. Friday, June 6.

### Down to Earth Aerials

Asheboro, 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7.

### Jeghetto's Workshop

Archdale, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 17.

Asheboro, 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 20.

Franklinville, 10:30 a.m. Monday,

June 16.

Liberty, 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 18.

Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19.

Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19.

Seagrove, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday,

June 18.

### Joy the Clown

Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12.

### Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory

Asheboro, 2 p.m. Friday, June 13.

### Mark Daniel

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 24,

*READasaurus Adventure*.

### Rockstar Magic

Archdale, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 29.

Asheboro, 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.

Liberty, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.

### Shepherd Shakespeare

Asheboro, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, As

*You Like It*.

### Steve Somers

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 26,

*Pigments of Your Imagination*.

### ANIMALS!

### CLAWS Animal Rescue

Archdale, 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15.

Asheboro, 11 a.m. Friday, July 18

Franklinville, 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 7.

Liberty, 2 p.m. Monday, July 7.

Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday,

July 16.

Seagrove, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 9.

### Ellie's Exotic Road Show

Liberty, 3 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

Randleman, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10.

### NC Zoo

Archdale, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday,

June 24.

Asheboro, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8.

Franklinville, 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 21.

Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 24.

Seagrove, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23.

### Wild Tails NC

Asheboro, 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 27.

Franklinville, 10:30 a.m. Monday,

August 4.

Liberty, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23.

Ramseur, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 31.

Seagrove, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 6.

Appearances by Jeghetto's Workshop and CLAWS, Inc. are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The project receives support from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.



## ASHEBORO

### Kickoff

**Messy Outdoor Summer Reading Kick-off**, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7. Sign up for Summer Reading and watch Down to Earth Aerials' silk scarf aerialist Amanda Finch perform right outside the library. Art for all ages, including rock painting, chalk designs, color run powder and more.

### Performances

**Matt Sandbank's Shadow Factory**, 2 p.m. Friday, June 13.  
**Sigmon Theatrical's Color Circus**, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 17.  
**Jeghetto's Workshop**, 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 20.  
**Shepherd Shakespeare's As You Like It**, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 24.  
**Wild Tails NC Reptile Show**, 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 27.

**NC Zoo: Carolina's Coolest Animals**, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 8.  
**Big Bang Boom!**, 11 a.m. Friday, July 11.  
**CLAWS Animal Rescue**, 11 a.m. Friday, July 18.  
**Rockstar Magic**, 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.

### Activities

**Board Game Bonanza**, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.  
**Colorful Creature Storytime**, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 15.  
**Colorful Salad Celebration with 4-H**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 22.  
**Starlab Planetarium Storytime**, 2 p.m. Friday, July 25. Inside the indoor Starlab Planetarium!

### Weekly Activities

**Baby Free Play**, 10 a.m. Wednesdays, June 11-July 30.  
**Arts and Crafts**, 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, June 12-July 31. All ages.

## FRANKLINVILLE

### Weekly

**Learn and Play Storytime**, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays; preschool age.

### Performance and Activities

10:30 a.m. Mondays.

**Jeghetto's Workshop**, June 16.  
**Kindness Rocks**, June 23.  
**Color Your Slime**, June 30.  
**CLAWS Animal Rescue**, July 7.  
**Colorful Animal Morphs**, July 14.  
**NC Zoo Ed-Ventures: Animal Wrappers**, July 21.

**Eat the Rainbow**, July 28.

**Wild Tails NC: Animal Ambassadors from Around the World**, August 4.

### Movies

**Sunday Movie Matinee**, 1 p.m. June 8 (*Mufasa*); July 6 (*The Sandlot*); August 3 (*Wild Robot*).



## COLOR OUR WORLD™

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING

**Track your summer reading for prizes and rewards!**

**Sign up at your local library.** Pick up a Reading Tracker Bookmark from your local branch. Track your minutes while you read. Return your completed bookmark to your library for prizes and grand prize entries. **Prizes** will vary at each library, but will include cool gadgets, books, and library gear! **Grand prizes** will include LeapFrogs, colorful drones, 3D Pens, and more. **For more information**, call or visit your local library, or call 336-318-6804.

## ARCHDALE

### Kickoff

**Summer Reading Kickoff Party with Corey Hunt and the Wise**, 4 p.m. Friday, June 6. Kick off a colorful summer of reading, creativity and fun with hands-on activities, chalk art, and folk-rock-country band Corey Hunt and the Wise from 6-7 p.m.

### Ongoing

**Read with Me**, 4-6 p.m. Mondays, June 9, July 14, August 11. Read to a certified therapy animal to build skill and confidence!  
**Storytime**, ages 0-6; 10 a.m. Thursdays.  
**Third Thursday School Age Activities**, ages 5-12; 4 p.m. June 19 (Artist Exploration Stations) and July 17 (Design Your Own Race Car).  
**Creekside Walks with Littles**, families with kids age 0-6; 10:30 a.m. Fridays, June 27 and July 25.

### Performances

**Jeghetto's Workshop**, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 17.  
**CLAWS Animal Rescue**, 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15.  
**Rockstar Magic**, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 29.

### Activities

10 a.m. Tuesdays

**Cooking the Rainbow with 4-H\***, ages 5 and up; June 10.  
**NC Zoo Presents Color Our World**, all ages; 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. June 24.  
**Rock the World with Color**, with Randolph County 4-H\*, school-age; July 8.  
**How Animals Color Our World**, July 22.  
**Starlab at the Library!** All ages; 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

### Special Events

**Family Escape Room: The Lost Mummy\***, 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 27.  
**Family Game Night**, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31.  
*\*Registration required; call 336-431-3811 or visit the library.*

## RAMSEUR

### Performances and Activities

10:30 a.m. Thursdays

**Joy the Clown**, June 12.  
**Jeghetto's Workshop**, June 19.  
**Bees with Amy Pecor**, June 26.  
**Make a Patriotic Shirt**, July 3.  
**Music and Art with Ron and Emily**, July 10.  
**Touch of Heaven Butterflies**, July 17.  
**NC Zoo Presents Color Our World**, July 24.  
**Wild Tails NC**, July 31.



## SEAGROVE

### Weekly

**Learn and Play Storytime**, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays; preschool age.

### Performance and Activities

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

**Jeghetto's Workshop**, June 18.  
**Kindness Rocks**, June 25.  
**Color Your Slime**, July 2.  
**CLAWS Animal Rescue**, July 9.  
**Colorful Animal Morphs**, July 16.  
**NC Zoo Ed-Ventures: Animal Wrappers**, July 23.  
**Eat the Rainbow**, July 30.  
**Wild Tails NC: Animal Ambassadors from Around the World**, August 6.

### Movies

**Saturday Movie Matinee**, 1 p.m. June 7 (*Despicable Me 4*); July 5 (*An American Tail*); August 2 (*If*).

## RANDLEMAN

### Free Family Shows

10:30 a.m. Thursdays unless otherwise noted; ages 5 and up.  
*No day cares please.*

**Jeghetto's Workshop**, 3:30 p.m. June 19.  
**Steve Somers' Pigments of Your Imagination**, June 26.  
**Ellie's Exotic Road Show**, July 10.  
**CLAWS Animal Rescue**, 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16.  
**Mark Daniel's READasaurus Adventure**, July 24.  
**Sigmon Theatrical's The Magic School Bus Live!** July 31.

### Activities

**Art Camp**, K-5th grade, 1:30-2:30 or 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays June 25, July 9, July 23, July 30. Registration required; call 336-498-3141 or visit the library.  
**Preschool Programs**, 10:30 a.m. Fridays, June 20 (Mouse Paint); June 27 (In the Garden with Van Gogh); July 11 (A Magical Day with Matisse); July 18 (Sharing with Renoir); July 25 (A Picnic with Monet); August 1 (Dreaming with Rousseau).

**Ages 5-10 and can't attend the events? Stop by, sign up for Summer Reading, and complete weekly activities for keychains for your backpack (while supplies last).**



## LIBERTY

### Kickoff

**Color Your World with Art**, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 7. Outdoor Art Stations with the Liberty Arts Guild. Create different types of art with real artists.

### Ongoing Activities

**Storytime**, ages 0-6; 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays. *Time changes to 9:30.*  
**Homeschool Lab**, 1 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4, July 2 and August 6  
**Switch It Up!** (Nintendo Switch games), Ages 6 and up, 4 p.m. Tuesdays, June 10, July 1 and August 5.  
**Artist-Inspired Painting\***, all ages; 4 p.m. Monday, June 9; 10 a.m. Saturday, June 28 (Van Gogh); 3 p.m. Wednesday July 9; and 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26 (Brazilian artist Romero Britto).

### Performances

**Jeghetto's Workshop**, 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 18.  
**CLAWS Animal Rescue**, 2 p.m. Monday, July 7.  
**Wild Tails at the Library**, 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 23.  
**Rockstar Magic\***, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.  
**Ellie's Exotic Road Show**, 3 p.m. Thursday, July 31.

### Special Events

**Liberty's 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration**, 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 21, Paul Henry Smith Park.  
**Liberty Library's Giving Garden Collaborative Art Project**, ages 5 and up; 2-3 p.m. June 23-27. Children and families are invited to work with artist Ethan Morrow to create a sculpture for the library's garden space.  
**Art Reception and Sculpture Reveal**, 1-3 p.m. Friday, August 8. Pick up a miniature canvas in July and paint a scene; return the canvas by Friday, August 1 for display during the opening reception featuring the grand reveal of the Giving Garden collaborative sculpture.

### Activities

**Rabbits with 4-H\***, all ages; 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 3.  
**Cookie Palette Making\***, ages 6 and up; 3 p.m. Friday, June 6.  
**Colorful Salads with 4-H\***, ages 6 and up; and teens; 3 p.m. Thursday, June 19.  
**String Art Project**, ages 8 and up; 3 p.m. Friday, June 20.  
**Herpetology (Lizards) with the Greensboro Science Center**, all ages; 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 24.  
**Dash and Dot Robotics\***, ages 5-9; 2-4 p.m. Thursday, June 26.  
**LEGO Robotics\***, ages 8 and up; 2-4 p.m. Monday, July 14.  
**Entomology (Insects) with the Greensboro Science Center**, all ages; 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 16.  
**Kid-Sized Cooking — Pizza!\*** Ages 6 and up; 3 p.m. Thursday, July 17.  
**Garden Centerpiece or Fairy Garden\***, ages 8 and up; 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 22.  
**Teddy Bear Clinic**, all ages; 3 p.m. Friday, July 25.  
**Family LEGO Day**, all ages; 1-3 p.m. Saturday, August 2.  
**Tie Dye at the Library!\*** Ages 8 and up; 2 p.m. Monday, August 4.  
**Starlab at the Library!\*** 5-6:30 p.m. Monday, August 4, and 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 6.  
**Science and Art with 4-H!\*** Ages 6 and up; 3 p.m. Thursday, August 7.

### Movies

**Dog Man**, 6 p.m. Friday, June 13; Dog Man Party, 4:30 p.m.  
**Moana**, 6 p.m. Friday, July 18; Moana Beach Party, 4:30 p.m.  
**Minecraft**, 6 p.m. Friday, August 15; Minecraft party at 4:30 p.m.  
*\*Registration required; call 336-622-4605 or visit the library.*



# COLOR OUR WORLD ADULTS



## Get Organized!

♣ **Declutter your life in “Plot Twist: You’re Organized Now!” at the Seagrove and Franklinville libraries in July.**

Use Ryder Carroll’s bullet journal method and activities from *Organizing for Your Brain Type* by Lanna Nakone to tackle the overwhelming pile of to-dos, dates and life goals in this workshop.

Seagrove: 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 15 (call 336-873-7521 to register);  
Franklinville: 3 p.m. Thursday, July 17 (call 336-685-3100 to register).

### **Also at Franklinville and Seagrove**

#### **Paint with Us: Mason Jar Flowers.**

Add a little farmhouse chic to your décor. All experience levels welcome. Seagrove, 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 10; Franklinville, 3 p.m. Thursday, June 12.

**Scrappy Stitches.** Learn to crochet simple but colorful scrapghan squares.

Seagrove, 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 19; Franklinville, 3 p.m. Thursday, August 21.

Registration is required for each program. For Franklinville, call 336-685-3100. For Seagrove, call 336-873-7521.

## Gun-toting drifter?

### **Archdale author tracks down missing ancestor**

#### ♣ **Why did Thomas Maness go missing?**

Was the disappearance of Beth Saunders’ great-great grandfather the result of a tragic accident? Or did he choose to leave his old life behind? Could he have become the notorious Swain Maness, a gun-toting drifter rumored to have five wives across different counties?

Find out at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Archdale library, as Saunders describes how, using her skills as a journalist and genealogist, she pieced together long-lost clues in a journey that parallels Thomas’s own. Learn about the twists and turns, and unexpected discoveries, that finally brought closure to a century-old missing persons case, and led to the 2024 publication of her book, *The Search for Thomas Maness*.



**Beth Saunders**

### **More Summer Reading events at Archdale**

**Forensics with Archdale Police Department Capt. Justin Trogdon**, 10 a.m. Monday, June 30. Trogdon will take participants behind the scenes of true crime investigations, with insights into the world of forensic science, how evidence is collected and analyzed, and steps investigators take to solve cases.

**Titanic Escape Room**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 18. Step aboard the R.M.S. Titanic for an immersive escape room after hours at the library. The entire library transforms into the doomed ship as you and your team race against time to escape. Will you survive the voyage? Call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

**Beginner Scrapbooking with Beth Saunders**, 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 24.

**Scrapbook Club with Beth Saunders**, 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 22.

## Painting, candle-making

### **Asheboro to host arts and crafts activities**

♣ **Paint a Blue Ridge Parkway scene and make a summer floral candle at the Asheboro library this summer.**

In **Step-By-Step Painting the Blue Ridge Parkway**, a beginner-friendly class at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, instructor Nikki Needham will guide participants to create a painting featuring rhododendrons against the stunning Blue Ridge Mountains. Whether you are new to painting or looking to explore a new technique, Needham will provide clear, step-by-step instructions to help you complete a beautiful landscape.

Then it’s a **Summer Floral Candle Workshop with Kimberly Michele**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10. Make floral-inspired candles to capture the spirit of summer; those soft scents, bold colors, and fleeting blooms that remind us to be fully here. Kimberly Michele will guide you step-by-step through the process of blending oils, pouring wax, and designing your own candle using air-quality-safe ingredients. All materials are provided, and no prior experience is needed. Bring your curiosity and a willingness to play with scent and wax for this fun community night at the library.

Both events require registration; please call 336-318-6803 to sign up.



**Nikki Needham**

# ADULTS cont'd...

## Get gardening tips at Liberty with Alamance Master Gardeners

♣ Join Alamance County Master Gardeners for two gardening workshops at the Liberty library.

First, learn about best practices for a successful garden, 3-4 p.m. Thursday, June 12.

Next, find out how to grow an herb garden, and how to harvest your herbs and use them in culinary creations, 3-4 p.m. Thursday, July 10.

Registration is required for both sessions; to sign up, visit [go.ncsu.edu/libertygardening](http://go.ncsu.edu/libertygardening).

### Also at Liberty

**Patriotic Flag and Star Painting\***, 3 p.m. Thursday, June 5.  
Adults, Teens.

**Watercolor Painting Workshop\***, Noon-3 p.m. Saturday, June 14.

**History Hunting with the Liberty Heritage Museum**, 2 p.m. Fridays, June 6, July 11, August 1.

**Liberty's 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration**, 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 21, Paul Henry Smith Park.

*\*Registration required; call 336-622-4605.*

## Book discussions

**Asheboro Reads**, 2 p.m. Tuesdays, June 24 (*My Dear Hamilton*) and July 29 (*The Berry Pickers*).

**Archdale Book Bites Unbook Club**, 2 p.m. Tuesdays, June 10, July 8, August 12.

**Archdale: Silent Book Club**, 10 a.m. Saturdays, June 7, July 26, August 23.

**Franklinville: Snippets Book Club**, Discuss articles from *The Sun* magazine, 12:30 p.m. Mondays, June 16, July 21, August 18.

**Liberty Book Club**, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, June 19 (*The God of the Woods*); July 17 (*Magpie Murders*).

**Liberty Readers Meet Up**, 1 p.m. Mondays, June 16 (*Hotel Nantucket*); July 21 (*One Hundred Years of Leni and Margo*).

**Randleman Readers Recommend**, 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, Tuesday July 1, Friday, August 1 (ages 16 and up).

**Seagrove: Un-Book Club**, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, June 24, July 29, August 26.

# COLOR OUR WORLD TEENS



### Archdale

**Teen Hangout**, 4 p.m. Fridays, June 13 (Art Exploration), June 20 (Turmeric Sun Prints), July 11 (Jewelry Making), July 25 (Jackson Pollock Splatter Painting).

**Intro to Stained Glass\***, 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2. Ages 12 & up.

*\*Call 336-431-3811 to sign up.*

### Asheboro

**TeenZone Mondays**, 4 p.m. June 16 (Board Games and Summer Reading kick-off); June 23 (Battle of the Books High School Book Club); July 7 (Clean Water Simulation with Randolph County Soil and Water); July 14 (Make Your Own Book Tutorial); July 21 (Battle of the Books High School Book Club); July 28 (Summer Reading Finale and Acrylic Pour Art).

### Franklinville

**Paint with Us: Mason Jar Flowers\***, 3 p.m. Thursday, June 12.

**Plot Twist: You're Organized Now!\***, 3 p.m. Thursday, July 17.

**Scrappy Stitches\***, 3 p.m. Thursday, August 21.

*\*Call 336-685-3100 to sign up.*

### Liberty

**Patriotic Flag and Star Painting\***, 3 p.m.

Thursday, June 5. Adults, Teens.

**History Hunting with the Liberty Heritage Museum**, 2 p.m. Fridays, June 6, July 11, August 1.

**Watercolor Painting Workshop\***, Noon-3 p.m. Saturday, June 14.

**Teen Tuesday!** 4:30 p.m. June 17, July 15.

**Manga Meet Up at the Library**, 1 p.m. Saturdays June 28 and July 19.

**Colorful Salads with 4-H\***, 3 p.m. Thursday, June 19. Ages 6 & up, and teens.

*\*Call 336-622-4605 to sign up.*

### Randleman

**Art Exploration**, ages 11-15; 3:30 p.m. Fridays, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

**Teen Talk Book Club**, 3:30 p.m. Friday, August 15.

### Seagrove

**Plot Twist: You're Organized Now!\*** 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

**Paint with Us: Mason Jar Flowers\***, 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.

**Scrappy Stitches\***, 6 p.m. Thursday, August 19.

*\*Call 336-873-7521 to sign up.*

