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Sunset Series to feature Kyle Petty

Known for NASCAR, he's also an accomplished singer-songwriter

♣ At age 12, he picked up his first guitar at a NASCAR track and started writing songs.

And from the stage at Randleman High School to the sacred circle of the Grand Ole Opry, Randolph County native and former NASCAR driver Kyle Petty has proven that stock car racing isn't his only talent.

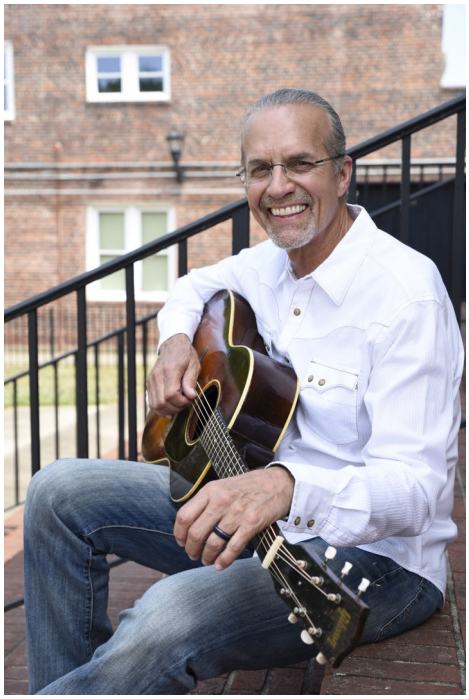
Come hear for yourself as Kyle performs a selection of original tunes from his personal songbook at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 9, at the historic Sunset Theatre in downtown Asheboro, in a Friends of the Library Sunset Signature Series event.

Begun in 2018, the Sunset Series brings high profile speakers and performers to the Sunset Theatre. It is sponsored by the Heart of North Carolina Visitors Bureau, the City of Asheboro and the Friends of the Randolph County Public Libraries.

Although widely known as a NASCAR driver and analyst, Kyle always has had a passion for music. He received his first guitar at age 12 from a traveling preacher at the racetrack.

Soon after, he began writing his own music, finding creative influences in Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Carole King, James Taylor, Harry Chapin and Jim Croce.

In the 1980s, Kyle took to the stage for a brief period after signing with RCA Records. He has opened up for acts such as Randy Travis, The Oak Ridge Boys and Hank Williams, Jr., and has performed on the Grand Ole Opry.



Kyle Petty

Today, Kyle frequently performs his original music in intimate shows across North Carolina and surrounding states.

Outside of his music, Kyle can be seen twice weekly on "NASCAR America," streaming on Peacock; on pre- and post-race NASCAR Cup and Xfinity coverage on NBC and USA Network; and as host on his new show, "Dinner Drive with Kyle Petty" on the Circle Network. He also co-hosts the weekly radio show, "Fast Talk" on the Performance Racing Network.

In 2022, he penned the best-selling memoir *Swerve or Die: Life at My Speed in the First Family of NASCAR Racing*.

Kyle also leads his annual Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America, one of the country's most popular charity motorcycle rides, which raises funds and awareness for Victory Junction, a camp for children with chronic and serious medical conditions created by the Petty family in honor of Kyle's late son, Adam.

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for the next Sunset Series event:

- **Company K: From Asheboro to the Fields of France Film Premiere**, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 11.

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from the director

Ross A. Holt



Madly, madly, madam librarian

♣ RSVP Community Theatre's production of *The Music Man* has finished its run, and once again Marian Paroo, the town librarian, has reformed rascally traveling salesman Harold Hill.

Alas, "Marian the Librarian" has become synonymous with a stereotype of librarians. The hair in a bun with a pencil through it. The spectacles on a chain. The stern countenance. The appellation "spinster." The sensible shoes. "Shhhhh!"

I think it's time to rehabilitate Marian.

Although I'm not a big fan of the old Broadway musicals, I love *The Music Man*. The show's author and composer, Meredith Willson, wrote from the heart about his Iowa upbringing — there really were guys who went around selling phony band instruments and skipping town with the money. In the show's witty one-liners and the songs' clever rhymes, you almost can hear him giggling away as he writes.

To understand Marian, however, ya' gotta know the territory, as anvil salesman Charlie Cowl says. Here's the case:

- Marian practices and advocates the core philosophies of American librarianship, declaring that "The Madison Public Library was entrusted to me for the purpose of improving River City's cultural level." That expresses the philosophy of the founders of the library movement in 1876.
- She's smarter than anyone else in town. She sees through Harold Hill's schtick while the mayor is confounded by the grifter's fast talk and the School Board is easily distracted by a pretty harmony.
- She knows her job. She has a "shelf full of reference sources," and confirms her suspicions of "Professor" Hill by checking an authoritative tome, the *Indiana State Educational Journal, 1890-1910*.
- She defends intellectual freedom. While the ladies of the town turn purple at the thought of Chaucer! Rabelais! and, of course, Ballll-zac!, Marian resists their scorn to provide good literature to the people of River City.
- She's the most successful Young Adult librarian ever. Where do the kids hang out after school? The mayor's billiard parlor? The candy store? No — the library!
- She cultivates public-private partnerships. The city owns the library building, but philanthropist Mr. Madison stocks it with books because Marian wins his support.
- She's nobody's fool. Sure, she falls for Harold Hill, but only after she witnesses the changes wrought by his cheerful optimism. She sees the glimmer of hope in the callous conman, turning him around.
- Finally, she's often falsely stereotyped. The pick-a-little, talk-a-little crowd thinks there's something wrong with her because she doesn't have a man, that she's a gold digger because of her cultivation of Mr. Madison, and that she's a corruptor of youth. But she is who she is, and in the end proves them all wrong.

Friends, if you're looking for the very model of a modern librarian, your someone just might be Marian, the librarian.

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Learn about and create advance directives in Hospice workshop

♣ What are advance directives, and why are they important?

How do I share my heath care wishes with my loved ones?

Learn the answers to these questions and more in two "LiveSMART" workshops from Hospice of the Piedmont, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, September 12 and September 19, at the Asheboro library.



Kat Gibson

The workshops will be led by Kat Gibson, vice-president of Clinical Services for Hospice of the Piedmont.

The September 12 session will empower participants to think about what's most important to them and equip them with practical steps for documenting health care wishes.

At the September 19 session, attendees can go over their advance directives with a professional in 30-minute sessions, with free notarization services provided. Participants in the first session will have priority for slots in the second session. Couples or members of the same family can sign up for one slot.

Gibson, a graduate of the joint Masters of Social Work program through UNC-Greensboro and N.C. A & T, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and recently obtained Advanced Palliative and Hospice Social Work certification.

Get composting tips in library class

♣ Learn all about composting with Cooperative Extension agent Cody Craddock in a class at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26, at the Asheboro library.

Composting can reduce the amount of household waste added to trash collection by over 25 percent. Compost then can be used as fuel to help grow gardens.

The hour-long class will cover the concepts of composting, how to design a and build a compost pile, what can and can't be composted, what compost can be used for, and how to troubleshoot problems.

The class is free and the public is invited.

Randleman to offer notary service

♣ The Randleman library will offer notary public services from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesdays beginning September 12.

Those who need documents notarized should bring the documents, a valid government-issued photo ID, and a witness if one is required (libray staff and others in the library cannot serve as witnesses). Call 336-498-3141 for further information.

A notary public also is available at the Asheboro library; call 336-318-6803 to schedule an appointment.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *Loving Dark Chapter* by Winnie Li, 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 29.

Archdale Book Break: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 19.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, September 18.

Liberty Book Club: *The Sanatorium* by Sarah Pearce, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 12.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up, 1 p.m. Monday, September 25, Liberty Senior Center, 128 S. Fayetteville St.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, September 8.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 5.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 6 p.m. Thursday, September 28.

Bingo for seniors

Ramseur library will host Bingo at 2 p.m. Monday, September 25, with the Helping Seniors in Need group.

Book clubs for kids & teens

Asheboro: Family Book Club, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26. Read the same book as a family and join a kid-friendly discussion.

Liberty: Manga Meet-Up at the Library, 1 p.m. Saturday, September 16, Ages 11 and up. Crafts, activities, treats and videos related to manga and comic books.

Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, September 22, 6th-8th graders. Bring a book you'd like to share with others.

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Navigators nab NCACC innovation award

♣ The Randolph County Public Library Community Navigator program has received a 2023 Civic Excellence in Innovation Award from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC).

The award is one of 10 presented annually to successful programs around the state that demonstrate innovative solutions and cost/resource savings for counties. The award comes with a $1,000 cash prize that goes to county government. The award will be presented at the NCACC annual conference in Raleigh on August 24.

The Navigator program places two social workers in library branches countywide to help people with human services needs.

Randolph County received the same award in 2021 for its Opioid Epidemic Outreach community awareness initiative.

Remembering 9/11

♣ The Asheboro library TeenZone will note the tragic events of 9/11 with history teacher Clyde Ward at 4 p.m. Monday, September 11.

Ward will recount the day's events for people who weren't alive at the time and talk about its historical context.

Also coming up: art from old books in **Book Art with Cassandra Liuzzo**, 4 p.m. Monday, September 18; and an introduction to Tutor.com in **Tutoring Night with Dave the Teen Librarian**, 4 p.m. Monday, September 25.

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EXTRA

Seagrove to celebrate 50 years

♣ Break out the hot dogs and branded pottery mugs: the Seagrove Public Library will hold a birthday party from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, September 9.

The event will celebrate the library's 50 years of service to the community with live music, clogging, comments from dignitaries, a bounce house, games and activities for the kids. Harking back to the library's famed hot dog sale fundraisers, free hot dogs will be available.

Crystal King Pottery has created a library-branded mug for the occasion in a nod to another library fundraising effort in which a different local pottery created a mug each year for sale.

After hearing citizens express their interest, the Seagrove Town Council chartered the library on December 5, 1972, and appointed a board of trustees. Board members included Jack Lail, chairman; Jane (Mrs. Vernon) King, vice-chairman; Mae (Mrs. Jimmie) Auman, secretary; Martha (Mrs. Clinton) Comer, treasurer; Mary Ann (Mrs. Lewis) Teague and DeWitt King. Thomas Marsh, Seagrove's mayor pro-tem, represented the town council.



Seagrove Grange Hall, first home of the library.

The trustees secured space in the first floor of the Seagrove Grange Hall. Seagrove Lumber Company bought and donated a library showroom lock, stock and barrel from the Alma Desk Company in High Point to furnish the library.



Some 100 local residents made donations, including books to stock the shelves and funds to run the library until town government could contribute in the next budget year.

Sarah Auman, a former history teacher at Seagrove High School, was hired to be the first librarian.

With more books provided by the Randolph County Public Library, the library opened on March 11, 1973.

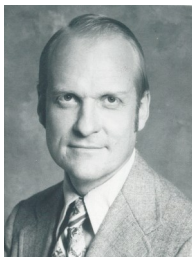
Recognizing that the Seagrove library served the whole southern part of the county, Randolph County Board of Commissioners in 2005 funded construction of the current library building, and the Randolph County Public Library took over full operation of the library.

Yates shares faith journey in new autobiography

♣ Asheboro resident Ogburn Yates will talk about his newly-published autobiography, *Trust Is Essential… for People of Faith*, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14, at the Asheboro library.

Yates's talk is free and the public is invited.

The book traces Yates's religious awakening in the context of his life story and that of his family — in particular his extensive travels, from a solo trip around the world as a young man and continuing with numerous personal and church mission trips.


Ogburn Yates

He estimates that he has visited some 50 countries on five continents.

A businessman well-known locally for his franchise of the Belk Department Store chain — Belk Yates — Yates is a lifelong Christian. But it wasn't until an epiphany at a particularly difficult time in his life that he came to fully trust God with his concerns and problems.

His book describes the new joy and fulfillment he felt following his awakening, in hopes of inspiring a similar experience in others.

Tutor.com goes live

♣ Students countywide now have access to Tutor.com, a live, one-to-one, online tutoring service.

Students can access the anonymous, safe and secure service at each library, or from noon to midnight seven days a week from any Internet-connected device anywhere with a Randolph County Public Libraries card or REAL2 student ID.

Connect at www.randolphlibrary.org/tutor or randolphlibrary.org/real2.

Tutor.com connects students with carefully vetted online educators and covers over 100 academic subjects. Among its features are an interactive classroom and test preparation resources from *The Princeton Review*.

Text chat and two-way voice options also are available. The service also is available for adult learners, and includes support for jobseekers

Tutor.com is part of an "Equal Access Tutoring" grant of Library Services and Technology Act funds through the State Library of North Carolina. The grant will also fund new laptops, Chromebooks and iPads for in-house use at the Asheboro library.

This project is supported by grant funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services 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 LS-23645-OLS-23).

Asheboro adds STEAM, cooking activities for kids

...and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ Asheboro Youth Services will offer two new ongoing activities beginning in September focusing on STEAM learning and cooking.

At the "Kidventure Club," children ages seven and up can explore all things from science experiments to health and wellness, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting September 12. Some of the activities will feature guest speakers. Call 336-318-6804 or visit the Children's Room for more info.

Meanwhile, budding chefs ages seven and up can learn basic cooking skills in fun-filled, hands-on "What's Cookin'" classes at 4 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The September 6 meeting will feature ice cream; on September 20, it's fettuccine. Space is limited; call or visit the Children's Room to sign up.

Family Book Club

Families at the Asheboro library are invited to have all family members read a favorite book, and join a fun, kid-friendly discussion while playing family-oriented games at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 26.

Yoga for teens, adults

Relax and tone your body and mind in a six-week "Gentle Yoga" series for teens and adults at the Seagrove library, 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, September 19-October 24. Call 336-873-7521 or email LPustizzi-toro@randolphlibrary.org to sign up.

Nintendo gaming at Liberty

"Switch It Up" with the Liberty library's Nintendo Switch, 3-5 p.m. Friday, September 15. Play cooperative, multiplayer, interactive games. Ages 8 and up.

Yard art

Make a work of art to hang in your yard or garden in "Yard Art Craft," 1 p.m. Thursday, September 7 at the Liberty library. Adults and teens 11 and up. Call 336-622-4605 to register as supplies are limited.

Asheboro hosts LEGO Night

Can you build a rainbow car, design a room, or even a fruit with LEGOs? Compete with your friends to see who can come up with the most creative item during LEGO Night, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 12 at the Asheboro library.

Snakes!

School-age kids at Franklinville and Seagrove can learn about snakes with Randolph County 4-H — how to identify, understand, welcome or deter them. Seagrove: 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 13; Franklinville: 3:30 p.m. Monday, September 25.

Magnetic slime?

How do magnets work? Is it possible to make magnetic slime? School-age kids can find out in "Oh, My, My Magnetic Slime," at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 19, at the Asheboro library. Supplies are limited, so the activity will be first-come first-served.

Archdale school-age activities

The Archdale library will offer school-age activities at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month beginning Thursday, September 21. First up: "Spy Academy" — Hone your spy skills with code-breaking and a lazer maze.