



Shepherd troupe to perform two holiday plays *A Christmas Dream*, *'Twas the Night...*, to visit libraries

♣ It's double the holiday fun with two Christmas tales from Shepherd Shakespeare at the libraries in December.

Pick *A Christmas Dream* or choose *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* — or see both — December 9-20.

Aimed at children but fun for the whole family, the shows, supported by the Friends of the Library, are free and the public is invited.

A Christmas Dream is the troupe's version of Louisa May Alcott's famous short story, a Christmas Carol-like tale of a young boy who learns that the greatest gifts are not the ones you receive, but the ones you give.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas follows Clement Moore, author of the famous poem, as he overcomes writer's block by acting out his ideas with the help of



puppets, found objects and friends from the audience, as the magical tale comes to life.

The shows are scheduled as follows:

A Christmas Dream
Asheboro: 6 p.m. Monday, December 16.
Franklinville: 3:30 p.m. Monday, December 16.

Randleman: 4 p.m. Monday, December 9.
Seagrave: 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 20.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Archdale: 5-7 p.m. Friday, December 13 (show at 6 p.m.; join Mr. and Mrs. Claus for a storytime and photos from 5-6 p.m.).
Liberty: 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 18.
Ramseur: 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 18.

True Grass to return for 'Country Christmas Concert'

♣ The popular and long-lived local bluegrass and gospel band True Grass will present a "Country Christmas Concert" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, at the Asheboro library.

The performance is free and the public is invited.

Over 20 years, the group has played numerous local venues including the Sunset Theatre, the NC Zoo, Randolph Community College, at churches and at corporate events for Klausner and Energizer, among others.



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. Moon's 17-year-old son

Nolan Moon plays blistering fast solos as well as beautiful waltz styles on fiddle.

The performance is supported by the Friends of the Library.

A salute to Friends bookshop volunteers ...see page 2

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336-431-3811
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10433 S. Main St.
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Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

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

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336-318-6815
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Sat 9-12:30

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336-685-3100
111 Sumner Place
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336-622-4605
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239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon, 9-7, Tues 11-7,
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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

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Ross A. Holt

Celebrating bookshop volunteers

♣ Recently the Friends of the Library held a reception to fête an indispensable crew: the Friends bookshop volunteers.

This intrepid group donates that most valuable of resources — their time — to open the bookshop three days each week, year-round.

It's more than just tending the till for bookshop customers. The volunteers spend countless hours sorting through donated books, stocking and restocking the shelves, and making sure just the right mix of items, from novels to nonfiction, children's to "coffee table" books — greet customers.

In the early 1990s, the Friends took over the annual sale of discarded library books and those donated to the library. For several years, books were trucked to Center Court at Randolph Mall for the sale.

In 1996, the City of Asheboro offered the Friends use of the Whitley House, just north of the library in what is now the parking lot. The sales became a regular monthly event, drawing customers from all over the Piedmont and beyond.

In 2008 — their beloved Whitley House targeted for removal for parking lot construction — the crew opened the Friends of the Library Bookshop in a storefront at 226 Sunset Avenue, again provided by the city. There, under the

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Friends of the Library Bookshop Volunteers

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| Rusty Hammond | Robin Topper |
| Ruth Held | Sarah Watson |
| Margaret Hogan | |

determined leadership of longtime Bookshop Committee Chair Janet Jones, they have prospered ever since.

The bookshop has provided a steady, and critical, revenue stream for the library, particularly to keep the flow of new books coming in during summer months, while county and municipal governments changeover their fiscal years.

So hats off to the Friends bookshop volunteers — you are part of a vibrant, popular community service that enlivens downtown and provides a direct benefit to library users.



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Classes to help choose best tech device

♣ **Classes at Asheboro and Archdale will help with “Choosing the Right Tech Device for You.”**

Digital Services librarian Harris Mason will help participants understand types of devices, their uses, and a range of models

for different budgets to make informed decisions before buying.

The Archdale class takes place at 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 3.

Asheboro classes take place at 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 6, and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 11.

Randleman to conjur ‘Jingle Bell Magic’ ...and other activities around the county

♣ **Enjoy the spirit of giving and the magic of sharing with Steve Somers’ “Jingle Bell Magic,” 4 p.m. Thursday, December 19, at the Randleman library.**

Make a snowball come to life, hear the enchanting tale of Ernie the Elf, decorate a holiday tree, discover the secret of Santa’s sleigh, and meet “Snowball Bunny,” a live rabbit from the North Pole, with Somers, a.k.a. “The Amazing Teacher.”

Book clubs for kids, teens

Liberty: Kids Club, 4 p.m. Tuesday, December 3. Crafts, snacks, activities and sharing about what you like to read.

Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 20, 6th-8th graders. Bring a book to share.

Seagrove: Books and Banter, 4:30 p.m. Thursdays. Talk about what you’re reading with other teens.

Seagrove to host ‘Christmas Jam’

Celebrate the holidays with groovy tunes by Bad Penny, a few rounds of trivia, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and light refreshments in a “Christmas Jam” at the Seagrove library for all ages, 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 17.

12 Books Before Christmas

The Liberty library will specially wrap 12 books for families to unwrap and share for each of the 12 days before Christmas.

Packages for Hanukkah or Kwanzaa also are available. Sign up by December 3 to pick up packages already checked out to you between December 9-12.

Santa opportunities

Opportunities to meet and greet, and get a picture with, Santa Claus abound at the libraries.

Archdale: Join Mr. and Mrs. Claus for a storytime and photos from 5-6 p.m. before *’Twas the Night Before Christmas*, Friday, December 13.

Asheboro: Cookies with Santa, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, December 21. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a story, a singalong, photos and cookies.

Randleman: If you registered in November for a photo op with Santa, don’t forget to arrive for your appointment with the Jolly Old Elf.

TeenZone Holiday Trivia

Teens — test your knowledge of all things holiday! From classic movies and music to unique holiday traditions, foods and historical facts, this TeenZone trivia event at 4 p.m. Monday, December 9, has it all. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of friendly competition and festive cheer.

Sunday puzzles

Make friends and enjoy jigsaw puzzles, 1-5 p.m. Sundays at the Franklinville library, for adults. Bring a puzzle or pick one up at the library’s Puzzle Swap.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads, Afternoon Edition: On hiatus for the holidays; will return in January.

Asheboro Reads, Evening Edition: On hiatus for the holidays; will return in January.

Archdale Book Break: *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 17.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, December 16.

Liberty Book Club: *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhorn, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 19.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up: *Banyan Moon* by Thao Thai, 1 p.m. Monday, December 30, Liberty Senior Center.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you’ve read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 10.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 3.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 6.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, On hiatus for the holidays; will resume in January.

Friends bookshop cuts prices during Christmas event

Looking for a great way to support your library while getting a head-start on Christmas?

Take 50% off everything at the Friends of the Library Bookshop during

downtown Asheboro’s Christmas on Sunset, 6-9 p.m. Friday, December 13. The sale will continue from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, December 14.



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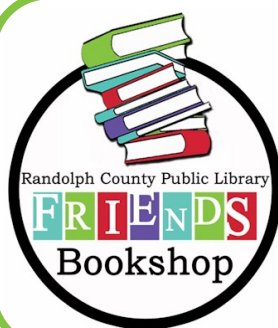
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Myra Long
We remember retired staff member Myra Long, who passed away on October 14. Myra retired as Head of Children's Services in 2012 after a 29-year career.

Paint at Liberty library
♣ The Liberty library will host "Cookies, Cocoa and Canvas Painting" twice in December for all ages.
Make a simple painting of a winter tree with holiday lights while enjoying cookies and cocoa, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, December 9, or 3:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12. No experience necessary!
Supplies are provided but space is limited, so call 336-622-4605 to sign up.