



# DECA students launch after school tutor series

## Teen tutors work with kids in grades 3-5 at Asheboro library

♣ Two enterprising Asheboro High School DECA Club members have begun a teen-led, 10-week after-school program at the Asheboro library to help kids in grade 3-5 improve reading skills to become better prepared for end-of-grade tests.

Sophomores Madalynn Adams and Melanie Cantu have recruited 24 teen volunteers to coach children in grades 3-5 toward better reading achievement. The first session on September 10 drew 21 teen tutors and 30 kids seeking tutoring.

Slots are available for upcoming Tuesday afternoon sessions; to sign up a child, call 336-318-6804.

“We find value in youth literacy, knowing they will be the future. We simply want to take our knowledge and mainstream the resources of the library for these third through fifth-graders,” Adams and Cantu say.

The two are calling the initiative the LEAD After School Library Program. LEAD stands for Library Education and Afterschool Development.

Each session runs from 3:45 to 5 p.m. The sessions start



**Madalynn Adams and  
Melanie Cantu**

with a warm-up activity and end with reading time. In between, participants explore an End of Grade test concept, such as vocabulary or text structure, and learn about library resources.

All activities are based on grade level standards set by the state.

The teen volunteers, who participated in a tutoring orientation session on September 5, are overseen by AHS Business and Marketing teacher Kimberly Hoffman.

Adams and Cantu developed the project as part of DECA’s Business Services Operations Research Event, in which they create and implement a real-world business plan. They will present their results later this school year in DECA competitions.

Knowing that some children’s struggles with reading hamper their ability to succeed on end-of-grade tests, Cantu and Adams concluded that increased use of the library by children ages 8-11 would help improve reading performance, and thus scores on the tests.

They reached out to the library and began collaborating with Head of Youth Services Samantha Martin and Teen Services Librarian Dave Bare to develop the LEAD program.

# Franklinville library to celebrate 100th anniversary

♣ The tiny, but mighty, Franklinville Public Library will celebrate 100 years of service at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 13.

The birthday party will include comments from dignitaries, a display of historical photographs and refreshments from the Franklinville Diner.

Music will be provided by Bad Penny, made up of Gwen Auman and Ron Baughman. Library staff member Lois Warren and her husband Terry also will provide tunes.

The library was established in 1924, making it the first

public library in Randolph County. John W. Clark, owner of Randolph Mills, promoted the idea of a library for the education and recreation of mill employees.

The company provided space for the library and set aside a fund to support it. Books were loaned by the State Library Commission, while Clark solicited donations and contributed some of his own books. The library became part of the Randolph County Public Library system in 1940, and the county took over direct operation in 2018.

Learn more about the library’s history on page 2 of this newsletter.

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# Franklinville: 100 and onward

♣ **“The town’s streets might have been dirt, and rough, but the paths were worn slick to the early library containing the wonderful world of books in a very rural Franklinville of four decades ago.”**

So wrote Randolph County chronicler and Franklinville resident Henry King on the occasion of the Franklinville Public Library’s 40th anniversary in 1964.

Established in 1924, the library was the county’s first, and celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

Randolph Mills was the driving industry in town, and its owner, John W. Clark, concluded that his employees would benefit from a library for lifelong learning, recreational reading and support for school children.

Clark set aside space in a former company store building that was used as a community center. Katherine Buie, a student at Woman’s College (now UNC-Greensboro) who was home on summer break, volunteered to organize the library.

Buie went on to a career as a teacher and librarian with the Asheboro schools. As such, she was a major influence on the women who started the Asheboro Public Library in 1936.

The Franklinville library received a long-term loan of 200 books from the State Library Commission. Clark solicited donations and provided books from his own collection.

As the library grew, it moved to the company store, then to the basement of the store, where it was outfitted with traditional library shelving and furniture. After a stint in the historic Hanks Masonic Lodge, the library in 1963 settled into its current space, a former skating rink on the second floor of the building that has housed restaurants for many years

and, until recently, Franklinville Town Hall (once upon a time we directed people to the library with the coordinates, “over the soda shop”).

For its first 40 years, the library was nurtured by Clark and Randolph County Public Library Director Charlesanna Fox. In 1961, a board of trustees was established to provide sustainable ongoing leadership for the library.

With strong local support, the library has thrived into the modern era. In 2018, the Randolph County Public Libraries took over direct operation.

One need, however, has been evident for decades: a new library building.

The trustees and other library supporters struggled valiantly to achieve this goal. In the 1990s, plans were drawn up to move both the library and town hall into the old company store building across the street. In the 2000s, the trustees pursued expanding the vacant bank building next door as a new library.

But funding could not be found for either of these options, and the bank recently was renovated into a new town hall.

Local library supporters continued to raise money. A cookbook, *Recipes, Remembrances & Recollections*, went through several printings. For a short time, a thrift store brought in funds. In 2008, an anonymous donor gave \$20,000 to the cause.

Some of those funds now are being used to commission Hobbs Architects of Pittsboro to develop a preliminary design for a new building behind the renovated town hall. The concept calls for picture windows with a breathtaking view overlooking Deep River.

With a design in hand, town government can begin seeking funding anew for this gem of a library’s next 100 years.



## Art show celebrates addiction recovery

♣ The Asheboro library will host “Hope is Real, Recovery is Real,” an exhibit featuring work by local artists, many of whom have overcome substance abuse.

The art will be on display from September 23-October 1, following a “Recovery Rising: A Celebration of Hope” event at Keaton’s Place on September 21.

The show is sponsored by the Randolph

County Opioid-Drug Collaborative, which is hosting the Recovery Rising celebration.

The purpose of the event and the art show is to provide support for individuals in all phases of recovery, honor those lost to substance abuse, and draw focus to the impact of art on recovery.

Artists in Randolph County, especially those in recovery, were offered the opportunity to submit up to three works for the show.

## Archdale starts ‘Homeschool Explorers’

♣ The Archdale library is collaborating with Randolph County 4-H to launch Homeschool Explorers, a group for homeschool families with kids of all ages.

Activities will include hands-on experiences in agriculture, cooking, farming, gardening, robotics and more.

In addition to activities at the library, the group will embark on field trips,

allowing students to dive deeper into subjects and gain real-world insights.

To join the group or for more information, and to stay in the loop with updates, email Archdale Library Manager Ashley Rose, [arose@randolphlibrary.org](mailto:arose@randolphlibrary.org) to be added to a mailing list, or call 336-431-3811 for more information.

The group is geared for ages 5-18, but the entire family is welcome to participate.

## Liberty to observe *el Día de los Muertos*

♣ Liberty library’s annual Community Altar in honor of *el Día de los Muertos* will take shape at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 26.

Community members are invited to help set up the altar, and to bring photos or mementos of lost loved ones and pets.

The altar will be on display during the week of October 28-November 2. Personal items shared for the altar will be returned to their owners on November 2.

*El Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) is a Mexican holiday usually observed on November 1-2 in which families honor the souls of ancestors and those they have lost.

## Archdale to host murder mystery escape room

♣ Immerse yourself in the decadent world of a 1920s Gatsby-style Murder Mystery Escape Room, 6-8 p.m. Friday, October 11, at the Archdale library, for ages 18 and up.

Step into a night of velvet gloves, glittering jewels and high stakes drama as a

glamorous party takes a sinister turn: someone has been murdered, and it’s up to participants to unravel the tangled web of blood-stained clues and hidden motives before the clock runs out.

Visit the library or call 336-431-3811 to sign up for a thrilling, mystery-filled evening of intrigue and suspense.



### Book discussions

Asheboro Reads,

Afternoon Edition: *The Woman in the Library* by Sulari Gentill, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 29.

Asheboro Reads,

Evening Edition: *Lone Women* by Victor Lavelle, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 16.

Archdale Book Break:

*After Annie* by Anna Quindlen, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 15.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, October 21.

Liberty Book Club: A

*Council of Dolls* by Mona Susa Power, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 24.

Liberty Readers Meet-

Up: *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz, 1 p.m. Monday, October 28, Liberty Senior Center.

### BYO book groups

Talk about books that you’ve read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 8.

Ramseur Page Turners, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 1.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 4.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 29.

## Asheboro library to get HVAC replacement

The heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Asheboro library will be replaced this fall. The City of Asheboro this month awarded a \$759,000 contract to PEG Contracting

Inc./35 North of Durham for the project.

The chiller/boiler system, past the end of its anticipated life, will be replaced with roof-mounted units. Little disruption of library service is expected.



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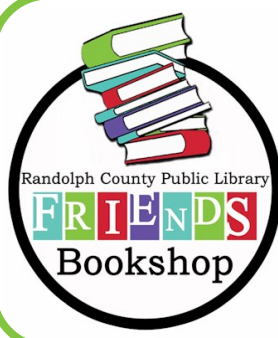
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By: Jane Bridges and William Bridges Jr.  
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Martha and Robert Williams

**Linda Cockerham**  
*We remember retired library staff member Linda Cockerham, who passed away on August 25. At the time of her retirement in 2003 after a 38-year career, she was the longest-serving library employee.*

**To the Friends of the Library**

**In Memory of:** Dr. Stuart Fountain  
By: Carey and Billie Durham

**In Memory of:** Dr. John W. Menius  
By: Carey and Billie Durham

**In Memory of:** Richard K. Pugh  
By: Carey and Billie Durham

**In Memory of:** Evelyn B. Reaves  
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**In Memory of:** Russell T. Williams  
By: Carey and Billie Durham

**To the Friends of the Library**  
By: Charles and Susan Swiers

**In Honor of Jane Lowe Maxwell**  
By Sam and Missy Rankin

**In Honor of: Lila Ingold**  
By: The Friends of the Library Friday Bookshop Crew in recognition of her excellent work in the bookshop, for her summer high school project.

# Libraries slate spooky Halloween activities

## Archdale to host ghost stories with paranormal investigator

♣ A paranormal investigator, trick-or-treating, a “thriller” books club and a Halloween makeup tutorial are among events for various ages at the Archdale, Asheboro and Liberty libraries in October.

Archdale will host a “Special Edition Halloween Party” for school-age kids at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 31, featuring ghost stories with paranormal investigator Cheralyn Lambeth of the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society. Kids are invited to wear their spookiest, silliest or most creative costume for a Costume Contest, where prizes await the most original outfits.

Themed activities will bring out the Halloween spirit in everyone, and there will be plenty of Halloween candy.

### **Trick or Treat**

Archdale and Asheboro will offer a Trick or Treat experience on Tuesday, October 31. Drop by Archdale between 4 and 8 p.m. in costume; browse through a collection of spooky books perfect for a frightful read and find your next chilling page turner; and pick up candy.

At Asheboro, kids age 3 and up are invited to visit the Children’s Room any time between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31. Come in costume, and solve the Spooky Scavenger Hunt to win a free book and other prizes.

The Liberty library will be part of a Trunk or Treat at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 26, at Freedom Park, hosted by

Liberty Parks and Recreation. Library staff will provide treats and free books.

### **Thriller Book Club**

Dive into the eerie and exhilarating world of thriller with fellow book lovers and immerse yourself in the spine-tingling “Thriller Book Club” at the Archdale library, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 26, for adults.

Register for Thriller Book Bingo and read to win a free book — the more you read, the better your chances. Talk about your favorite thrillers, and join in themed activities.

Call 336-431-3811 for more information.

### **Teens: Scary makeup Tutorial**

Teens can get a “Halloween Makeup Tutorial” with film industry special effect makeup artist Jennifer McCollum at 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 16 at the Archdale library, and 4 p.m. Monday, October 21, at the Asheboro library. Learn how to make your costume the best on the block!

Archdale also will host a pre-Halloween party for teens at 4 p.m. Wednesday, October 30.

### **Teens: Scary movies discussion**

Teens are invited to join in a presentation and discussion led by University of North Carolina School of the Arts Professor Kara Anderson on the advent and importance of horror movies at Asheboro, 4 p.m. Monday, October 28.

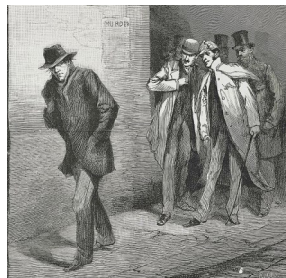
# History prof to explore ‘Jack the Ripper’ case

♣ In the fall of 1888, the East End of London was terrorized by a string of brutal murders.

The murders were attributed to “Jack the Ripper,” a serial killer who was never identified.

Join UNC-Greensboro history professor Dr. Jill C. Bender to explore “‘Jack the Ripper’ and Late-Victorian Crime,” 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 17, at the Asheboro library.

Jack’s victims were all impoverished women who lived on the margins of accepted society. The murders occurred at night, and there were no witnesses, no clues and no perceivable motive.



“A Suspicious character,” an illustration from a London newspaper, October 13, 1888.

The police were at a loss and the murderer never caught.

Bender will place the crimes and the proposed suspects into historical context and consider what the unsolved case of “Jack the Ripper” tells us about late-Victorian society.

Bender is an associate professor of History at UNCG, and author of the book *The 1857 Indian Uprising and the British Empire*, among numerous article and book chapters. She is currently working on a second book project in which she examines the famine era migration

of women from Ireland’s workhouses to colonies in Australia, Canada and southern Africa.

# Ellie's Exotic Animals to visit Randleman

## *...and other activities at libraries around the county*

♣ **Travel around the world to meet local and foreign animals as Ellie's Exotic Animals visits the Randleman library at 4 p.m. Tuesday, October 29.**

"Slithering and Scurrying Around the World" is the title of the event, which will feature 12 exotic, live animals.

Meet the animals, see how they eat, move and even play dead, and learn about their diverse worlds. Hang around afterwards for photos with the animal ambassadors.

### **Scam prevention at Archdale**

The H.E.L.P.S. (Helping Seniors Learn to Prevent Scams) initiative will come to the Archdale library at 2 p.m. Friday, October 18. The workshop, led by Digital Services Librarian Harris Mason and officers from the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, is designed to educate and empower elders to recognize and prevent common scams. Participants will learn about the latest scam tactics, tips for safeguarding personal information, and strategies for protecting themselves online and offline.

### **Reading challenge**

"Fall for a Book" in the Ramseur library's Adult Reading Challenge during October and November. Submit a bookmark review for each book read to enter a drawing for a gift card from Carlie C's.

Winning entries will be drawn on Friday, November 22.

### **Icthyology at Liberty**

Learn all about the study of fish with the Greensboro Science Center at the Liberty library, 3 p.m. Thursday, October 10. The event is part of the EcoExplore program.

### **Controlled environment growing**

Learn the basics of growing in controlled environments at the Randleman library with Randolph County Cooperative Extension in a two-part class, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 15. Controlled environments are greenhouses, high tunnels or hydro/aquaponics systems.

Space is limited; sign up at [tinyurl.com/rdce2](http://tinyurl.com/rdce2).

### **Rock cutting demo**

Learn about semi-precious stones and view a diamond saw rock cutting demonstration with self-proclaimed "rockhound" Stephen Smith at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 19, at the Asheboro library. Smith is an honorary member of the Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club.

### **Healthy Eating Made Simple**

Learn how to make healthier choices without overhauling your menu in "Healthy Eating Made Simple with Randolph Health," 4 p.m. Friday, October 25 at the

Archdale library, for ages 18 and up. Bring a favorite recipe and get suggestions to make it more nutritious. Instead of learning how to cook completely new meals, focus on simple adjustments to current favorites, making healthy eating easier and more practical.

### **Book clubs for kids, teens**

**Liberty: Manga Meet-Up at the Library**, 1 p.m.

Saturday, October 19, 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, October 18, 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.

### **Read to therapy animals**

Would you like to see your child's reading skills improve? Bring them to the Archdale or Asheboro libraries for "Read With Me," and watch them build skill and confidence by reading to a certified therapy animal.

At Archdale, 4-6 p.m. Monday, October 14 (every second Monday). Call 336-431-3811 to sign up.

At Asheboro, 10 a.m. Saturday, October 12 and 26; call 336-318-6804 to sign up.

### **Crafts abound**

**Asheboro: Craft Café for Adults and Teens**, 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 16. A variety of crafts on the menu for hands-on experimentation.

**Asheboro: Craft Café for Kids and Grown-Ups**, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, October 10 and 24.

**Franklinville: Chat and Craft**, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 23, senior adults. Bring a craft of your choosing, relax and chat. Coffee and treats provided.

**Liberty: Watercolor Leaf Prints**, 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 22, or 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 25. Make a simple yet stunning watercolor print with leaves. Call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

**Liberty: Cemeterium Craft**, 2 p.m. Friday, October 11, or 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 24. Like a terrarium but with a Halloween and fall theme. Ages 8 and up; call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

**Randleman: Chat & Craft: Autumn Table Runner**, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, ages 16 and up. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

### **Yoga along the Deep River**

Join certified instructor Laura Toro for gentle yoga at Riverside Park in Franklinville, in "Stretch and Stroll Along the Deep River," 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays October 2, 9, 16 and 30, for adults. A stroll along the Deep River Trail will follow each session.