



Three more Storywalks launch in April

♣ Children and their families in Archdale, Randleman and Seagrove will be able to take a stroll with a book as Storywalks go up in community parks.

The Storywalks — panels containing consecutive pages of a children’s book, spaced along an outdoor path — are being installed in Creekside Park in Archdale, Stout Street Park in Randleman, and Clay Presnell Memorial Park in Seagrove.

Funded by a federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, they join two established last year at Riverside Park in Franklinville and Paul Henry Smith Park in Liberty.

Local libraries will host inaugural events at each park in April.

Archdale’s Storywalk Kickoff, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 29, will feature a live animal show at 10:30 a.m. with Wild Tails NC. Kids can complete an activity quiz and qualify for a grand prize drawing for a scooter and a helmet.

Randleman’s Springtime in the Park Celebration, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, will include a Storywalk Challenge with a prize at the end; face painting and balloon animals; a “Stones & Bones” fossil display with an opportunity to dig for fossils to take home; an egg and spoon race; and a rubber chicken toss.

The kick-off follows the Randleman Parks and



Franklinville/Seagrove library manager Charity Neave Johnson at the Storywalk in Franklinville’s Riverside Park.

Recreation Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 0-12 in the park at 10 a.m., featuring 8,000-plus eggs and lots of prizes. Participants can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny and join in an Easter Egg Decoration Competition.

The **Seagrove Storywalk Festival**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 15, will feature animals from around the world with Wild Tails of NC, as well as challenges and activities such as Giant Jenga, Giant Bubbles, and face painting for a chance to win a prize. The Kona Ice Truck also will be present.

After the kickoff events, books in the Storywalks —all of which are presented in bilingual format — will be changed out monthly. The panels also will include information about early literacy and resources available at the library and in the community.

The Storywalk project is a partnership among the library, the Randolph Partnership for Children, and the municipalities of Archdale, Randleman and Seagrove.

The project is made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the 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.

Bigfoot researcher to be sighted in Archdale

Bigfoot, too, can visit the Creekside Park Storywalk if he (or she?) is lured out by the Mike Familant Bigfoot Experience Tour, coming to the Archdale library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. Familant, lead investigator and producer of the TV show “In the Shadow of the Big Red Eye,” will share his experiences researching and tracking down the truth behind North America’s most elusive cryptid. He also will exhibit evidence he and his team have collected.

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Foundation furnishes Asheboro

♣ **Another major gift from the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc., has funded new furniture for the Asheboro library, and a fresh look for the TeenZone that is especially meaningful — and purple!**

The gift provided new furniture for the TeenZone and the two adjoining single-person study rooms, which received a makeover in memory of staff member Hannah James, who passed away in 2020.

Hannah was committed to teen services, and purple was her favorite color. The Youth Services staff transformed the TeenZone and the study rooms with light purple paint and dark purple feature walls.

The color picks up hues in the glaze of a Joseph Sand pottery lamp donated for the area by Hannah's parents, René and Mike



Hannah James

James. The new look, which adds to uplights and atmospheric overhead light lenses already in place, defines the space as unique, cozy and welcoming, though not out of character with other parts of the library.

Furniture includes an inwardly-curved loveseat, an outwardly curved chair and a large ottoman in the "corner" area of the TeenZone, and three small, mobile tables along the wall that can be reconfigured by users as desired.



A new look for the Asheboro TeenZone in memory of staff member Hannah James.

Each study room now features comfortable castered chairs, height-adjustable desks for ergonomic work and study options, and adjustable lighting.

Youth Services staff members Samantha Martin, Becky Knorpp, Ashley Rose, Lexi Spencer and Dave Bare, along with Assistant Director Niccole Hugg and I, splashed on the paint. The upstairs lobby got a refreshing coat of light green paint as well, with dark green feature walls.

The Foundation gift also refurbished public and staff conference rooms, and the library's meeting room. The conference rooms received new, larger tables, and ergonomic castered chairs with upholstered seats. For the meeting room, new castered, flip-top nesting tables and stacking chairs will make set-up and take-down easier for community groups using the space.

We are grateful to the Asheboro Public Library Foundation for the new furniture, and for enabling us to memorialize Hannah in a supremely fitting way.



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Learn cloud storage, buying/selling in April tech classes at Asheboro

♣ **April technology classes at the Asheboro library will cover cloud storage and online buying/selling.**

In “Learn Cloud Storage,” at 10 a.m. Friday, April 14, and 2 p.m. Thursday, April 27, find out how to store photos, contacts, documents and more online in “the cloud.” Cloud storage frees space on your device and makes remote work easier.

Shopping is one of the most popular Internet activities; the other side of the

coin is selling. In “Learn How to Buy and Sell Online,” at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, and 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, find out about some of the most widely used shopping sites and tips on how to get started safely. On the selling side, learn how to reach a larger audience, and how to sell items locally on Facebook Marketplace as well as through bigger markets such as eBay. The classes are free and the public is invited.

Liberty to host Antiques Roadshow ...and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ **Do you have antiques you’d like to have appraised?**

Learn about your treasures with professional appraiser Andrew Richmond at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Liberty. To have an item appraised, send photos and details to library@townoflibertync.org or call 336-622-4605 by Friday, April 21.

Richmond will discuss how items are made and when they were developed, in addition to how much they might be worth.

Teens: learn to crochet

Join special guest teacher Ryn for “Crocheting with Ryn” in the Asheboro library TeenZone at 4 p.m. Monday, April 17. Learn crochet basics, and how to make a “granny square.” Each participant will receive a crochet hook to take home. Best for ages 12 and up.

Randleman gardening

The Randleman library will offer two gardening sessions in April.

“Summer Gardening” is the topic of an intermediate workshop at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, presented by N.C. Cooperative Extension’s Randolph County Center.

Topics include bed preparation, seed starting, pest control and more. Call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Want to become a Master Gardener? The library will host a Cooperative Extension information session at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 19.

Plant propagation

Learn to grow plants from other plants at Franklinville, 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, and Seagrove, 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 26.

Book clubs for kids, teens

AsheboroTeenZone: BYO Book Club, 4 p.m. Monday, April 10. Talk about a book you’re reading or a longtime favorite.

Asheboro Children’s Room: Graphic Novel Book Club, 4 p.m. Friday, April 21. “Your Choice: Mystery or Spy” Ages 7+.

Liberty: Manga Meet Up at the Library, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Crafts, activities, treats and videos related to Manga and comic books. School-age.

Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 28. Bring a book you’d like to share with others. 6th-8th grades; call 336-498-3141 to sign up.

Find out what it’s like to be the top law enforcement official in Randolph County when Sheriff Greg Seabolt joins “Dave and the Borrowers” for their April podcast. Seabolt will talk about

the many crime and social issues that the Sheriff’s Office confronts.

The podcast will appear by April 13 at dave-and-the-borrowers.simplecast.com and on podcast platforms.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

Archdale Book Break: *River of the Gods* by Candace Millard, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18.

Franklinville: Snippets Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 17.

Liberty Book Club: *The Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you’ve read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 11.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up, 1 p.m. Monday, April 24, Liberty Senior Center, 128 S. Fayetteville St.

Randleman Readers Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 14.

Ramseur Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club, 5 p.m. Thursday, April 27.

Kids and money

It’s never too early to learn about financial responsibility. Sandra Bartell, author of *Money Manners for Kids: How to Teach the Next Generation About Finances*, will present a special storytime for kids age 0-6 at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, at Liberty.

Sheriff to join ‘Dave and the Borrowers’ podcast

Transform plastic bags with artist Cassandra Liuzzo

♣ Create beautiful art and useful objects from plastic bags in an **Asheboro Community Craft & Learn event, 4-6 p.m. Monday, April 24.**

Join mixed media fiber artist and art educator Cassandra Liuzzo to transform single-use materials that would otherwise be thrown away. The project is inspired by compassionate work being carried out by local resource center Keaton's Place, which is reusing plastic bags to make bedrolls for people experiencing homelessness.



Cassandra Liuzzo
Photo by Daniel White

All ages and abilities are welcome, and no registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own crochet hooks and scissors to supplement those provided.

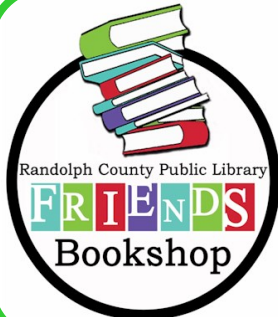
Liuzzo is founder of Shelf Life Art & Supply Co., a new and used art supply store in Greensboro. Her work has been exhibited in galleries such as the Center for Visual Artists in Greensboro, the Catherine Smith Gallery in Boone and Brooklyn Fireproof in New York. She holds a bachelor of science in art education degree from Appalachian State University.

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Get decluttering tips in Asheboro talk

♣ **Are you thinking about downsizing, but don't know where to start?**

Do you spend too much time looking for your keys? Miss deadlines because your schedule is out of control?

Learn how to "Declutter Your Life" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13 at the Asheboro library with Jeannie Leonard, Family and Consumer Sciences agent with North Carolina Cooperative Extension's Randolph

County Center. Clutter, whether it's mental, digital or physical, can be a frustrating barrier to a fulfilling and functional home, office and personal life — and it can get in the way of peace of mind.

Leonard's workshop will help you get control of your possessions and enjoy a newfound sense of space and freedom. The process and tools you will learn can be applied in any area, from closets to email inboxes and sentimental items.