

'Max' book club expands to three more libraries

♣ "Max and Imaginary Friends," the library's book club for children in grades 2-5, will begin monthly meetings at Archdale, Randleman and Seagrove libraries in October.

The club meets at the Asheboro library on the third Wednesday of each month. At Archdale, meetings will take place on the third Monday beginning October 19; at Randleman on the third Thursday beginning October 15; and at Seagrove on the third Tuesday beginning October 20.

Each meeting is from 3:30-4:30 p.m.; all readers are invited but reluctant readers are especially welcome. Up for discussion at all four October meetings are books from the Black Lagoon series by Mike Thayer.

Children's librarian Susan Coltrane, now retired, initiated the club in January 2014, and continues to lead it



Asheboro Max and Imaginary Friends Book Club participants sport t-shirts featuring the imaginary character Max.

as a volunteer. Participation does not necessarily require all children to read the same book; meetings may focus on authors like Laura Ingalls Wilder or topics like Abraham Lincoln, with kids encouraged to read and talk about any book by the author or about the topic.

At each meeting, the participants read aloud and discuss the reading selections. Some meetings also feature related hands-on activities.

The club takes its name from a character created by Len Harrison, a teen whom Coltrane mentored while working at the Archdale library in the 1990s. Len, a reluctant reader, became an avid reader as a library volunteer.

She also liked to draw, and created an imaginary character named Max. Len passed away several months after starting at the library; her memory inspired Coltrane to create the club and name it in Max's honor.

Robins Law Office historic landmark gets makeover

The Marmaduke Swaim Robins Law Office, a Randolph County Historic Landmark, gets a fresh coat of paint as part of Spencer Patton's Eagle Scout project. Patton, son of Greg and Donna Patton, and a member of Troop 527 at First United Methodist Church, also will replace the window panes. The circa-1860 building, on the Main Street side of the Asheboro library property, typifies the offices that dotted the courthouse square in the mid to late 1800s.



Wells appointed to State Library Commission

Former Library Director and retired County Manager Richard Wells has been appointed to a four year term on the State Library Commission by Gov. Pat McCrory. The 15-member commission's role is to advise the Secretary of Cultural Resources on operations and programs of the State Library of North Carolina, and to advocate for local and statewide library service.



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336-431-3811
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10433 S. Main St.
Mon-Thur 9-8;
Fri 9-6; Sat 9-5

Asheboro
336-318-6800
Fax 336-318-6823
201 Worth St.
Mon-Thur 9-9; Fri 9-6;
Sat 9-5

Randolph Room
336-318-6815
Mon, Thur-Sat 9-5
Tues, Wed 9-9

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Liberty
336-622-4605
Fax 336-622-4605
239 S. Fayetteville St.
Mon, Wed-Fri 9-5;
Tues 9-7; Sat 9-1

Ramseur
336-824-2232
Fax 336-824-2232
1512 S. Main St.
Mon-Fri 8:30-5

Randleman
336-498-3141
Fax 336-498-1139
142 W. Academy St.
Mon-Fri 10-6; Sat 10-1

Seagrove
336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
Mon-Thur 1-7; Fri 12-6;
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Extension Service
336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

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the
director*

Ross A. Holt



Our history and our legacy

♣ **Visit our 75th anniversary website at www.randolphlibrary.org/75 and you'll find a wealth of information about the development of the library system.**

We've constructed a lengthy and growing chronology, and plan to add more detail and nuance over time to explicate the library's history and provide a resource for future researchers.

The milestones and accomplishments listed, however, are only part of the library's story. The other part is more intangible.

While seeking tidbits of library history from the 1990s for the chronology, I came across an article by Bill Morris, then a columnist for the News and Record, profiling Library Director Richard Wells.

The column appeared in late 1993, shortly after a Friends of the Library program featuring renowned author Reynolds Price, who spent his elementary school years in Asheboro in the early 1940s.

Morris was at the event and quoted Price: "It was in the Asheboro library, specifically the old Asheboro Library, that I was permitted to roam at will, to check out adult books whenever I wanted to. I was allowed to swim and dive and sink into the world of books at my own speed."

Price's experience struck a chord with me because it tracked mine at about the same age some 35 years later: riding my bike to the Asheboro library, roaming the stacks to discover books in all subjects, getting away with LP records in the baskets of my bike even though I was way under the

age limit for checking them out, receiving canny book recommendations from Martha George that were just a tad above my reading level, pushing me ever forward.

On the day after Chip Womick's outstanding story chronicling our 75th anniversary appeared in The Courier-Tribune, Kathy Garner Clark of East Windsor, N.J., visited the library. An Asheboro native, she was home for a family visit over the weekend and had seen the article — particularly the photograph of kids at the East Asheboro Public Library, which served the African American community in the era of segregation.

Mrs. Clark, a retired educator, expressed fond, intense memories of the library, which was on the grounds of Central School ("so small you could barely turn around"), and of the librarian, Florence Roper. "She helped make me who I am today," Mrs. Clark said.

On hearing those words, a big smile broke out on my face. The East Asheboro library was closed and the library system integrated in 1964 when the current Asheboro library opened. Florence moved to the new Children's Room, which I made my home-away-from-home very early on.

Although there were other staff members there, Florence was the librarian who took me under her wing. Encouraging me, finding just the right books, pushing me ever forward.

The chronology? That's our history. Reynolds Price's story and Kathy Clark's story and my story? That's our legacy.

Liberty gets culinary with kids' events

♣ Kids can learn about nutrition through the color, and how to make healthy afterschool snacks, in programs that get underway in October at the Liberty library.

"Ever Eat a Rainbow?" runs from 3:30-4:30 p.m. each Monday for six weeks beginning October 5, and helps children learn about nutrition and healthy eating, keying off the colors of the rainbow.

"Culinary Kids" runs from 5:54-6:45 on

the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning September 22, and provides children with the skills necessary to make their own healthy snacks.

Both are appropriate for children of all ages, and no sign-up is required.

The two programs are part of Recipe For Success, an educational nutrition initiative of the UNCG Anthropology Department funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

Paint pumpkins, make monsters, and more



♣ October arrives with Halloween events for kids at the Asheboro library.

First up is **Pumpkin Painting** at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 15. Each child will receive a free small pumpkin to paint and take home. It's for kids up to age 12.

Experience a **Happy Halloween Happening** at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 28. Children and families are invited to this special storytime with games, crafts and goodies. Wear your costume!

The library's Maker Series continues with **Monster Making** at 4 p.m. Thursday, October 29. Staff members will show children ages 7-12 how to make scary stuffed monsters, with all supplies provided. Visit the Children's Room or call 318-6804 to sign up for this event.

All the events are free and are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

But wait — there's even more...!

Every Child Ready to Read Play Days at each library: Asheboro, 4:30 p.m. Thurs. Oct. 8; Archdale, 10:30 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 8; Liberty, 11 a.m. Wed., Oct. 21; Randleman, 3:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 14; Ramseur, 10:30 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 1; Seagrove, 1:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 8.

Storyteller Rose Marie Gulla presents the tale of Heckedy Peg, 6:30 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 2 at the Asheboro library.

Movie & Snack at the Ramseur library: *Spookley and the Square Pumpkin*, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20.

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3:30—4:30 p.m.

*Call 498-3141 to sign up

October 7: We Experiment with Scary Science!* Ages K-5. Create some scary, ooey-goey concoctions and learn a little about science along the way.

October 14: We Want Every Child Ready to Read. October 14. Ages birth-5 + parents, caregivers. Have an Every Child Ready to Read Play Day with fun yet simple activities that promote early literacy.

October 21: We Celebrate Fall.* A mini-Fall Festival for kids, with cotton candy, sno cones, popcorn, carnival games and a bouncy surprise.

October 28: We Share Pumpkin & Spice & Everything Nice Recipes and Snacks.* Ages 16+. A pumpkin-themed celebration; bring your favorite pumpkin recipe to share.

Discussions

Asheboro Reads:

Mastering the Art Of Soviet Cooking: A Memoir of Food and Longing by Anya von Bramzen, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 27.

Max and Imaginary Friends

Children's Book Club:

Books from the Black Lagoon series by Mike Thaler. 3:30 p.m. Thursday, October 15, Randleman; Monday, October 19, Archdale; Tuesday, October 20, Seagrove; Wednesday, October 21, Asheboro.

Archdale Book Break:

The Girls of Mischief Bay by Susan Mallery, 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 20.

TeenZone Talk

Asheboro library

Books that Go Bump in the Night: Teen-led book discussion, 4 p.m. Thursday, October 8. What's your favorite scary read?

Super Video Game Smash Down: 4 p.m., Thursday, October 22. Bring your favorite Wii game or play Super Smash Brothers.

Halloween Cosplay Funhouse: 6 p.m. Thursday, October 29. Show off your costume/cosplay skills for Halloween at the library. Prizes for best costumes, snacks provided.

Coble talk focuses on caregiving from a distance

Caring for a loved one far away? Certified Senior Adviser Warren Coble will share insights, and provide advice for finding support and resources, in "Caregiving from a Distance,"

10 a.m. Tuesday, October 6, at the Asheboro library.

Coble's talk, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is free and the public is invited.



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FAMILY MOVIES
at the Archdale Library

7 p.m. Fridays

October 9: *Winnie the Pooh*
October 16: *Muppet Treasure Island*
October 23: *Treasure Planet*
November 13: *The Jungle Book*
November 20: *The Muppet Christmas Carol*

Carve a pumpkin with Carl King

Learn how to make your Jack-o-Lantern a true work of art with expert pumpkin carver Carl King at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 15, at the Asheboro library. King will talk about his process and share tips he has learned over 10 years refining his craft. The demo is free and the public is invited.