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JFK novelist headlines fall lineup at Newton library

The acclaimed author of a recent Kennedy novel is the centerpiece of fall programs at Catawba County Library in Newton.

Adam Braver, author of *November 22, 1963*, will appear at 3 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Main Library to read from his novel and to sign copies. Braver, author of three historical fiction books, teaches English and creative writing at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island and has served as adjunct faculty for the New York State Summer Writers Institute and the Stonecoast master's of creative writing program in Maine.

November, 22, 1963 is a work of re-imagined fiction that was hailed by a number of major newspapers and literary publications. The *Dallas Morning News* said the novel blurred “the line between novel and journalism into something more powerful than either—a visceral story of an unthinkable event that continues to touch millions, 45 years later.” Multiple copies of the book are available within the library system.

Braver has been championed a new writer to watch, with inclusion in the Barnes & Novel Discover Great New Writers Selection and Border's Original Voices Selection. His other works include *Mr. Lincoln's Wars*, *Divine Sarah* and *Crows over the Wheatfield*. His visit is sponsored by Friends of Catawba County Library, South Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In addition, the library will host three other adult programs this fall.

Winston-Salem author Randell Jones will give a talk on “The Overmountain Men” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16. Jones, writer of *In the Footsteps of Davy Crockett* and *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone*, will discuss how a band of 1,000 militiamen who marched to Kings Mountain in 1780 to meet British forces. The battle was a decisive Patriot victory for the Southern campaign.

Jones’ appearance is sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council.

On Dec. 2, Barbara Bates Smith who will present a one-woman show based on Lee Smith’s *The Christmas Letters*. The beloved epistolary novel was published by Lee Smith in 1996 and is regarded as a social history of American life from World War II to the 1990s. The presentation is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. that Thursday.

Rounding out the fall schedule will be Tom Brown, North Carolina “apple archaeologist,” who will share his love of lost apple varieties in an illustrated talk on Thursday, Oct. 7. Since 2000, Brown has rediscovered some 900 varieties of vintage apples grown in and around Western North Carolina. Brown’s appearance will begin at 6:30 p.m.

All of the programs are free and open to the public. The Main Library is located at 115 West C Street in Newton. For more information, check the website at <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library> or call 465-8292.



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