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## Libraries Lead: Celebrate National Library Week April 9-14

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This week, the Henderson County Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries are leading their communities every day through the services and invaluable expertise they offer.

"Libraries Lead", the theme of this year's National Library Week campaign, celebrates the many ways libraries lead their communities through the transformative services, programs and expertise they offer. From education to job resources to lifelong learning, libraries provide free access to the programming and services you need to reach your potential and grow as a leader.

Over the past year, County libraries have provided over 1,300 programs to lead community members to making healthier lifestyle choices, increased financial understanding, improved literacy, and an enhanced quality of life. Library staff assisted with over 33,000 job skill and/or technology-related questions, such as resume building, online job searching, online applications, and establishing email accounts. Computer classes on topics such as computer basics, internet and email basics, and digital media enhanced skills that lead individuals to improved digital literacy.

Our library embraces the entire Henderson County community, offering unlimited opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning. We level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life.

The Food for Fines program returns to benefit Interfaith Assistance Ministries. From April 9-14<sup>th</sup> each in-date nonperishable food item donated at any Henderson County library branch will pay \$1 of existing account fines.

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