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## Choose Privacy Week at the Henderson County Public Library

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Every year during Choose Privacy Week, libraries across the country draw awareness to the threats to personal privacy in our digital age. Privacy breaches include government surveillance, corporate marketing data gathering, and identity theft. While these realities may seem out of your control, there are steps you can take to protect your information and stay safe in your digital life.

Henderson County Public Library seeks to give residents the tools they need to protect their privacy. All programs are free of charge. On Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 12-1:30 p.m. the Main Library will host “Preventing Identity Theft” to discuss how identity theft happens and how to protect yourself. The next day, Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-2 p.m. Fletcher Library will host a similar program, “Consumer Fraud and ID Theft” with a focus on computer threats. Choose Privacy Week will wrap up with a topic that is making headlines, “Staying Safe on Social Media” at the Main Library on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Visit <http://hendersonpl.libcal.com/> for more program details and visit [chooseprivacyweek.org](http://chooseprivacyweek.org) for practical tips on what you can do now to protect your privacy.

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