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Libraries = Strong Communities: Celebrate National Library Week April 7-13

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

"Libraries = Strong Communities," the theme of this year's National Library Week campaign, celebrates the many ways libraries support their communities. 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, Henderson County libraries have provided 1,460 programs to lead community members to make healthier lifestyle choices, increase financial understanding, improve literacy, and enjoy an enhanced quality of life. Library staff assisted with nearly 11,000 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 strengthen individuals to 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.

Local singer songwriter, Tom Fisch will help us celebrate National Library Week with a family friendly concert at the Main Library for ages 9 and up on Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

The Food for Fines program returns to benefit Interfaith Assistance Ministries. From April 8-13 each indate nonperishable food item donated at any Henderson County library branch will pay \$1 of existing account fines.



For more information regarding National Library Week in Henderson County, see your local librarian or call 828-697-4725.

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