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LIBRARY SHARES MISSION AND SPACE WITH BLUE RIDGE LITERACY COUNCIL!

The Henderson County Public Library and Blue Ridge Literacy Council have always shared a similar mission to transform lives through improved literacy and now they will be sharing space as well.

In an effort to reach residents across the county, staff from the Blue Ridge Literacy Council will maintain office hours at the Etowah and Fletcher libraries on a weekly basis starting in September. The Literacy Council offers free tutoring to adults who would like to improve their Reading, Math, and English skills, or reach goals such as obtaining a GED, improving their employability skills or furthering their education.

Dedicated to transforming lives through improved literacy and English communication skills, the Literacy Council matches volunteer tutors with adult learners. If you or someone you know would like to be a student or tutor or just learn about the program, come to the library and meet the staff from Blue Ridge Literacy Council.

The Council will be at the Fletcher Library on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm starting September 13th, and at the Etowah Library on Thursdays from 11am-1pm beginning September 15th.

— Trina Rushing, Library Director

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In early August, Library staff bid farewell to Sara, who moved south to be closer to family. Over the past 10 years, she served as Special Collections Librarian, Branch Services Coordinator, and most recently Marketing and Digital Strategies Librarian. In every role she contributed her time, talent, and energy into improving the patron experience by updating the look and feel of the buildings, launching new programs and services, and revising policies and procedures. Sara will be greatly missed but we wish her happiness and success in this next chapter of her life.

Whether raiding the shelves of my grandma’s public library during my summer visits, meeting at my school library’s Battle of the Books competition, or pulling an all-nighter at my university’s library, I discovered from a young age that libraries have a kind of magic to grow right along with me. It was no surprise to those who knew me that this dynamic environment was where I chose to carve out my career.

I graduated from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN with a bachelor’s degree in English literature as well as a bachelor’s degree in writing and political science. After graduating from the University of Illinois with a master’s degree in library science, I started my career working in the archives of the Biltmore Estate and Western Carolina University followed by six years as the librarian and writing center director at an all-boys high school in Arden.

Two years ago I joined the HCPL team as Circulation Manager and I am grateful for the opportunity to now serve the Henderson County community as the Marketing and Digital Strategies Librarian by bringing awareness to the dynamic programs and services offered at our libraries.
SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

Library Card Sign-up Month is an annual campaign that encourages parents to add a library card to their child’s back to school list. Through the continued generosity of the Friends of the Library, each child from birth to 5th grade who gets their first library card during the month of September will be presented with a free, age appropriate book.

*Swing by your branch during September to write down how you use your card and share where and when you got your first library card.*

—Marcie Dowling
Marketing & Digital Services Librarian

BANNED BOOKS WEEK:
SEPTEMBER 25th—OCTOBER 1st

Banned Books Week is an annual event that brings libraries, bookstores, and schools together to assert the freedom to read and bring awareness to the harms of censorship. While books will continue to be challenged, the week also celebrates the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books remain available.

How do you celebrate the right to read? Have you read any of the top 10 most frequently challenged books from 2015?

1. Looking for Alaska, by John Green
2. Fifty Shades of Grey, by E. L. James
3. I Am Jazz, by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
4. Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out, by Susan Kuklin
5. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, by Mark Haddon
6. The Holy Bible
7. Fun Home, by Alison Bechdel
8. Habibi, by Craig Thompson
10. Two Boys Kissing, by David Levithan

*According to ALA Office for Intellectual Freeom*
BAKER-BARBER DIGITIZATION PROJECT
MAKING PROGRESS

This past winter the library received a grant from the Community Foundation of Henderson County to digitize a large part of the photographs in the Baker-Barber Collection. Since hiring two staff members in February, the library has digitized 7,389 images with more being scanned every day. In 2015, volunteers digitized 1,653 images and the addition of two devoted staff members scanning for 30+ hours a week has resulted in a great stride forward in preserving and ensuring the safety of the collection. The next phase of the project will be to catalog and upload the images so the public may access them.

—Mark Burdette,
Reference/Special Collections Librarian

BABIES INTO BOOKS
PROJECT CONTINUES

Between September and June, over 400 early literacy bags were distributed at Pardee Hospital and Park Ridge Health. These bags contain early literacy information and a board book to encourage parents to read to their new baby and visit the library for Bouncing Baby storytime on Thursday mornings.

We will continue to distribute bags through these facilities and will also make the bags available in all our branch libraries for those parents who may have chosen other locations to deliver their babies. If you are a new parent and would like a bag, just come in to your closest branch with your baby and we’ll be happy to give you one!

—Kathy Kirchoefer, Youth Services Coordinator
Stop by the service or children’s desk at the Main Library to give our new self check machines a try. With a user friendly screen and directions, these machines can be used to renew material, print all items you have out, see the items you have on hold, and more. You can even choose to skip a printed receipt.

Each week from July 11th-August 6th, a lucky patron was drawn from our self check raffle and presented with a $25 gift certificate to Novels and Novelties on Main Street just for checking out using one of our self checks.

*Keep an eye out this fall when the raffle continues.*

—Marcie Dowling, Marketing & Digital Services Librarian

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**MOBILE PRINTING NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

Mobile printing is now available at the Henderson County Public Library Main Branch. It’s easy to use and does not require you to sign on to our computers. Click the “Mobile Printing” link on our homepage and follow the directions to either upload your file or use the provided email address to send your file as an attachment or forward. *This works from anywhere*, so users can send documents from home and pick them up at the information desk within 24 hours.

This service is only available for black and white printing and costs $.10 per page.

—Forrest Tate, Library Technology Specialist

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**SHRED DAY**

In June, the Etowah Branch Library, in conjunction with the Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU), offered a Shred Day to the public. This was an opportunity for the public to bring personal documents and records to be safely shredded. This service filled a big need in the community with 150 people bringing their items to the shredder. A big “thank you” to LGFCU for organizing the event!

—Joyce Crain, Etowah Branch Manager
On September 15th, library users will be able to check out movies, ebooks, audiobooks, comics, and music digitally through our new service, Hoopla.

Patrons can choose from thousands of titles to stream or download to a computer, tablet, smart phone, or other electronic device.

Each card holder can have up to three Hoopla checkouts per month. Loan periods vary, but all items are returned automatically and on time—no fines or fees! Hoopla even has a kids mode.

Patrons can stream, download from home, or come to any library location for free wifi.

—Sarah Hudson, AV/Programming Librarian

To use Hoopla, you’ll need the following:
- A Henderson County Public Library card in good standing
- Access to a computer or electronic device
- An email account
- Internet access

During the school year, children in kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to come to the Main Library on Wednesdays at 4pm for a variety of programs to engage and entertain. The first Wednesday of the month is always Lego Club where children are encouraged to let their creativity flow. Whatever they build is put on display in our large display case in the Children’s Room. Other happenings include nature programs, STEM programs, and October will be Alice in Wonderland month as we host Bright Star Theatre’s production of the classic on October 12th. On October 19th, we will watch the Disney cartoon version and end out the month with a special Mad Hatter Tea Party on October 26th.

All of these programs are available to school age children and require no registration.

—Kathy Kirchoefer, Youth Services Coordinator
The Children’s Summer Reading Program, “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!” was a great success again this year!

It was an amazing summer, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library. Over 50 programs across 6 branches were made available to the children of Henderson County and over 2,000 attended. Programs ranged from healthy cooking to magic to hula hoops to music. Kids danced, trained like an astronaut, and did some snake handling. Along the way they did some reading too, and almost 2,000 children, ages preschool to grade 5 registered this year for summer reading and read over 300,000 minutes. Children who completed their summer reading log were entered into prize drawings.

Elijah Furr, Main Library winner of the Kindle Fire for Kids!
(above left)

Claire Darran won the Main Library’s All Star Reader Award for reading the most books. She read 55 books this summer!
(above center)

Lydia Wetmore, Main Library winner of the Duplo building set!
(above right)

Zack Johnson, children’s department team member, holds a black rat snake during “Snakes Alive!”

Blake Padgett shows off the butterfly shirt he made during the popular “Finding Butterflies” program.

Caspian & Cierra Toole were recipients of handmade bookmarks, donated by The Laurel Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America.
On June 28th, the Main Library was visited by High Touch, High Tech who wanted to bring us a program— for free!

After storytime that morning, children were invited to participate in a 30 minute hands on program where they got to make and take home the famous Blow Mud silly putty. They also learned about acids and bases as they made chemicals change color magically!

Wyatt & Hope Coots really enjoyed the putty.

Congratulations to our grand prize winners, Rylee Becher & Cecilia Murrey! They each won a Kindle Fire!

Teens tried their hand at blending up some delicious smoothies.

Our Teen Summer Reading Program, “Get in the Game, Read!,” was a hit this year!

We learned how to survive in the woods and engineer rockets, had fun crafting, held some great discussions in our book club, and much more.

Thank you to all of our presenters, to the Teen Advisory Board for their help planning events, and a big thank you to the Friends of the Library who make it all possible.

— Lisa Donaldson, Youth Services Librarian

2016 marks the third year of the Adult Summer Reading Program at HCPL!

For this year’s theme, “Exercise Your Mind,” we challenged patrons to play bingo. Participants chose from various challenges, including reading a book recommended by a friend, a book made into a movie, or a book with a one word title. Bingo also included tasks intended to promote wellness and mental exercise, such as trying a healthy new recipe or working on a crossword puzzle. Patrons had plenty of options to check ‘attending a library program’ off of their bingo card, including Tai Chi for Fall Prevention, Qigong, Introduction to Hawaiian Hula, Gentle Yoga, and Puzzle Day, all made possible by the Friends of the Library.

1,014 bingo cards were handed out and all returned cards were entered for a chance to win one of six Kindle Fire HDs. Other winners were awarded gift certificates to local businesses, mugs, and tote bags.

We hope you enjoyed the chance to exercise your mind this summer. Join us next year as we “Build a Better World.”

— Sarah Hudson, AV/Programming Librarian

JoAnn Drolshagen, Main Library’s ASRP Winner of a Kindle Fire!
The Fletcher Library has been busy this summer with programs for all ages!

Irene Heckel held 2 needle felting classes this summer. Patrons created a small needle felted flower pin and those who participated loved the class. We will definitely be having Irene back in the future!

Cameron Darity, an instructor at Center Stage Ballet, led our first “Intro to Ballet” program for ages 7 and older. Participants were introduced to what ballet is and shown some stretches and basic ballet positions. Everyone really enjoyed it! There will be another class in September and all ages are welcome.

Christine Schreivogel from River Arts Ballet presented Angelina Ballerina Storytime. She was dressed in full costume and read several Angelina Ballerina stories by Katharine Holabird. Afterwards, she led the children in some stretches and basic moves. It was a big hit!

Congratulations to Fletcher’s Summer Reading Program winners!

Sally Mertens
Tarra Conrad
Ari Gruen
Jaminson Freeman

Thank you to the Writers Guild for their donation to the Fletcher Library!

The Writer’s Guild which meets at Fletcher on the 2nd Thursday of each month, recently gave us a generous donation. To honor their love of writing and to pass it on to the next generation, we decided to purchase a magnetic poetry board. This board is hung in our main floor meeting room and can be used by students who are being tutored, by adults feeling creative, or by anyone passing by who’d like to add a line or two!
Edneyville Branch Manager, Cindy Camp–Fisher
Before becoming an employee of the Henderson County Public Library in 1997, I volunteered at the Green River Branch Library. I have worked at Green River, Fletcher, and Edneyville as Branch Manager. I am passionate about being active in the community including partnering with local groups and representing the Edneyville Library. I enjoy hiking, music, and traveling to New Mexico to see my grandchildren.

Etowah Branch Manager, Joyce Crain
I was born and raised in Western North Carolina and have worked with the Henderson County Public Library since 1999. In 2001, I became the Branch Manager at the Etowah Library. I like to take walks with my dog, Bella, and also enjoy reading and visiting with friends and family.

Fletcher Branch Manager, Lisa Whitney
After completing an internship at Fletcher back in 2006, it is wonderful to be back as Branch Manager at this small, but extremely busy branch. Many changes have been made to further enhance Fletcher Library’s already warm and welcoming atmosphere. The Young Adult and Children’s sections have had many creative enhancements as well, so please stop on by and check us out!

Green River Branch Manager, Ashley Shackley
I started my career with the library as an auxiliary back in 2009, was hired as a full time assistant in the Circulation Department at the Main Library in 2012, and became the Green River Branch Manager in 2014. I love working at the library and enjoy anything art related.

Mills River Branch Manager, Brittany Smith
I have been with the library for 13 years. I started out at the Fletcher Branch and moved to the Mills River location as Branch Manger about 6 years ago. One of the things I like best about my location is that we are surrounded by the park. Patrons are able to come out, enjoy the fresh air, and use the library at one spot. In my spare time, I love to trail run, play tennis, and coach soccer.
PLAYING AROUND
AT THE LIBRARY

It is through their play that children learn how the world works. To enhance the opportunity for play that develops young minds, the library has purchased various play equipment to use in our libraries. Currently, a block table is at the Mills River Library and a play kitchen is at the Etowah Library.

At the Main Library, we recently put in a puppet theater that was an immediate hit for impromptu puppet shows, like this one.

More equipment is on the way and will be rotating among the branches to create special learning opportunities while visiting our libraries.

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*All locations will close at 5pm on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>
FALL PROGRAMMING — Adults

MAIN LIBRARY

1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Stitch In
2nd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Adult Coloring Club

Wed., September 7th @ 2 PM - Midweek Movie Matinee, *Hail Caesar*
Thu., September 8th @ 12 PM - Literary Lunch—Jeanne Charters
Mon., September 12th @ 2 PM - Hands on Alzheimer’s presentation
by the Smoky Mountain Center

Wed., September 28th @ 6:30 PM - Polka Kings- Oktoberfest Music
Wed. October 5th @ 2 PM - Midweek Movie Matinee, *Genius*
Thu., October 13th @ 12 PM - Literary Lunch—Susan Snowden
Wed., November 2nd @ 2 PM - Midweek Movie Matinee, *Me Before You*
Thu., November 10th @ 12 PM - Literary Lunch—Carol Heilman
Fri., November 18th @ 2 PM - A History of Transportation in Western
North Carolina with Terry Ruscin

Computer Classes @ Main:

We offer a variety of basic computer skills classes which are stand
alone classes. This means you take the ones you want and skip the
rest. Classes usually last approximately one and a half hours.

*Registration is required. You may register in person at the Information
Desk inside the Main Library, or call 828-697-4725, opt. #3.

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Women’s Book Review Group
3rd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Christian Fiction Book Club
Mon., September 19th @ 3:30 PM - Old Time Sing-A-Long

ETOWAH BRANCH

3rd Wednesday @ 2:30 PM - Etowah Book Club
Mondays @ 10:30 AM - Knitting Group
Wednesdays, Sep. 21st & 28th, Oct. 5th & 12th @ 11 AM
Yoga with Lynn Edgar (Registration Required)
Mon., September 12th @ 4 PM - Etowah Heritage Group
Wed., September 28th @ 2 PM - Polka Kings- Oktoberfest Music
Mon., October 3rd @ 4 PM - Etowah Heritage Group
Sat., October 8th @ 10 AM - Orchid Workshop
October 17th - November 8th - Voting

FLETCHER BRANCH

1st Tuesday @ 1 PM - Avid Reader Book Club *NEW*
2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Book Recommendation Club
2nd Thursday @ 1:30 PM - Writer’s Guild
Tuesdays @ 3 PM - Intermediate Spanish
Mon., September 26th @ 3:30 PM - 10 Essentials of Hiking
Sat., October 8th @ 1 PM - Orchid Workshop
Mon., December 5th @ 5 PM - Golden Ringers
October 17th - November 8th - Voting

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

Fri., September 2nd @ 1 PM - Homeset Education Station

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

2nd Thursday @ 10 AM - Mills River Library Book Club
Tuesdays @ 9 AM - Yoga with Lynn Edgar (Registration Required)
Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM - Knitting Group
**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Children:**

- Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM - Preschool Storytime
- Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime
- Wednesdays @ 4 PM - 4 O’Clock Club for Kids (K-5)
- Thursdays @ 10:30 AM - Music and Movement Storytime
- Thursdays @ 11:15 AM - Bouncing Babies Storytime
- 1st Wednesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club (4 O’Clock Club)

- Weds., September 14th @ 4 PM - Fairytale STEM
- Weds., September 21st @ 4 PM - Stoplight Foods
- Weds., September 28th @ 4 PM - The Bear Basics
- Tue., October 11th @ 6:30 PM - Story of Anne Frank (presented by Bright Star Theatre) (Kaplan Aud.)
- Wed., October 12th @ 4 PM - Alice in Wonderland (presented by Bright Star Theatre) (Kaplan Aud.)
- Wed., October 19th @ 4 PM - Alice in Wonderland (Disney animated movie) (Kaplan Aud.)
- Thu., October 20th @ 10:30 AM - Tap and Shake Program with Sonia Brooks (preschoolers)
- Thu., October 20th @ 11:15 AM - Tap and Shake Program with Sonia Brooks (birth-17 months)
- Wed., October 26th @ 4 PM - Mad Hatters Tea Party (Kaplan Aud.)
- Wed., Nov. 9th @ 4 PM - Creatures that Go Bump in the Night
- Wed., November 16th @ 4 PM - How to Dress Like a Turkey
- Wed., November 30th @ 4 PM - Holiday Hoopla

**Teens:**

- Teen Anime & Manga Club—Saturdays, Sep. 24th, Oct. 29th, & Nov. 19th @ 11 AM
- Teen Read Week—October 9th - 15th: Look for contest and event information on the Teen Page
- Teen Advisory Board (TAB)—1st Thursday @ 4 PM
  Stop by the Youth Services Department or check out the Teen Page on the library’s website for more information.
- Teen Book Club—Thursday, October 13th, 4-5 PM, Child. Aud.
  (Registration Required by 9/15/16 to receive the book)

**EDNEYVILLE BRANCH**

- Mondays @ 10:15 AM - Family Storytimes

**ETOWAH BRANCH**

- Tuesdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes

**FLETCHER BRANCH**

- Wednesdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes
- Library Dog Program - All ages can enjoy reading and/or visiting with one of the library dogs.
  Call (828) 687-1218 for more information.
- Mon., September 26th @ 3:30 PM - 10 Essentials of Hiking
- Mon., October 17th @ 3:30 PM - The Bear Basics
- Mon., November 14th @ 3:30 PM - Build a Great Horned Owl

**GREEN RIVER BRANCH**

- Thursdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes
- 2nd Tuesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club

**MILLS RIVER BRANCH**

- Mondays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes
- 1st Tuesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club
- Wednesdays, Sep. 7th, Oct. 5th, & Nov. 2nd @ 4 PM - Hands On Museum
  Call for more info (Registration Required)
- Tue., October 11th @ 4 PM - The Story of Anne Frank presented by Bright Star Theatre
- Wed., October 26th @ 4 PM - Alice in Wonderland presented by Bright Star Theatre