HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Illuminations

Quarterly Newsletter Fall 2019

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INTRODUCING BINGE BOXES!

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

Library Awarded Year 2 Technology Grant

Over the past year, library staff teamed up to place RFID technology in over 175,000 items at the Main and Fletcher Libraries. We are pleased to announce that our system has been awarded a second year Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) grant for $27,305 with matching funds of $13,428 from the Friends of the Library to allow us to complete this project at our remaining four libraries.

RFID is a low-level radio frequency tag that is detected by a special reader which has the capability of scanning several items at once. Over a period of several months staff will insert RFID tags into every item owned by the Edneyville, Etowah, Green River, and Mills River libraries. This technology will bring improved efficiencies to both library users and staff across the county.

A few of the benefits this technology will offer are:

- **Checkout of multiple items in a single motion**
- **Reduced checkout wait times with a minimal rate of error**
- **Inventory tracking resulting in a more accurate catalog**
- **Reduction in repetitive tasks, freeing staff to focus attention on more complex patron needs**

We are grateful for the opportunity to bring this technology to our libraries and look forward to utilizing it to improve the experience of every community member who enters our libraries or searches our online catalog.

This grant, awarded by the State Library of North Carolina, is made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

-Trina Rushing, *Library Director*

YEAR IN REVIEW 2018-2019

We Were Busy!

703,736 physical items checked out

509,723 in person visits to Henderson County libraries

148,049 digital items checked out

100,029 active library card holders

82,350 informational questions answered

795 adult programs and **731** youth programs sponsored by the library; Total attendance = **34,471**

Community Impact!

44,265 uses of our free public Internet computers

28,825 uses of our free wireless sessions

25,836 technology questions answered

5,284 career questions answered

85 attendees completed **29** job and career classes

323 individuals trained during **102** technology classes

SPOT LIGHT ON STAFF

Sarah Geyer, Circulation Manager

Originally from Naperville, Illinois, my husband and I recently relocated to Hendersonville to be close to our family. I feel very fortunate to be joining the Henderson County Public Library team. Our library is truly a place where I can share my love of literature, culture, and learning and make a connection with patrons. I am enjoying meeting my new neighbors at the library and exploring all that Henderson County and the surrounding area has to offer.

After completing my undergraduate degree in East Asian History, I received my Master of Library and Information Science degree from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois. Over the past 15 years, I have enjoyed a variety of experiences working in both public and public school libraries.

When I'm not at the library I have a wide range of hobbies to keep myself busy. I enjoy travel, music, scuba diving, hiking, and camping. I like studying local history, historical maps, photographs, and genealogy. During much of my free-time though, I can be found with my nose in a good book and a tiny dog in my lap!

LIBRARY HOURS & LOCATIONS

Main Library 697-4725
301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739
Mon-Thu 9-8 Fri & Sat 9-5

Edneyville Branch 685-0110
2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Mon & Tue 9-7
Wed & Thu 9-5
Fri & Sat 10-2

Etowah Branch 891-6577
101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729
Mon & Wed 9-7
Tue & Thu 9-5
Fri & Sat 10-2

Fletcher Branch 687-1218
120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
Mon & Wed 10-7
Tue & Thu 10-5
Fri & Sat 10-4

Green River Branch 697-4969
50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790
Mon & Fri 9-5*
Tue & Thu 9-6*
Wed & Sat 9-1
**Closed for lunch 12-1*

Mills River Branch 890-1850
124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759
Mon & Fri 9-5
Tue & Wed 9-6
Thu & Sat 9-1

BINGE BOXES

WHO SAYS YOU NEED A STREAMING SERVICE TO BINGE WATCH?

New this fall, the library offers dozens of Binge Boxes, collections of themed DVDs that you can grab and go. Rain in the forecast? Friends coming over? With four or more discs each, a Binge Box gives you the opportunity for your own film festival or TV show marathon. Binge Boxes may be genre or actor based. Whether you're in the mood for westerns, musicals, British period dramas, Doc Martin, Stephen King, Sandra Bullock, or Bruce Willis, there's a box for you!

Binge Boxes check out for one week, with one renewal if available. Patrons may check out one Binge Box at a time in addition to the seven DVDs permitted per card. While the Binge Boxes will live at the Main Library, patrons may request boxes for pickup and return at their preferred Henderson County location. To browse the library catalog, search for the keywords "binge box" in quotation marks.

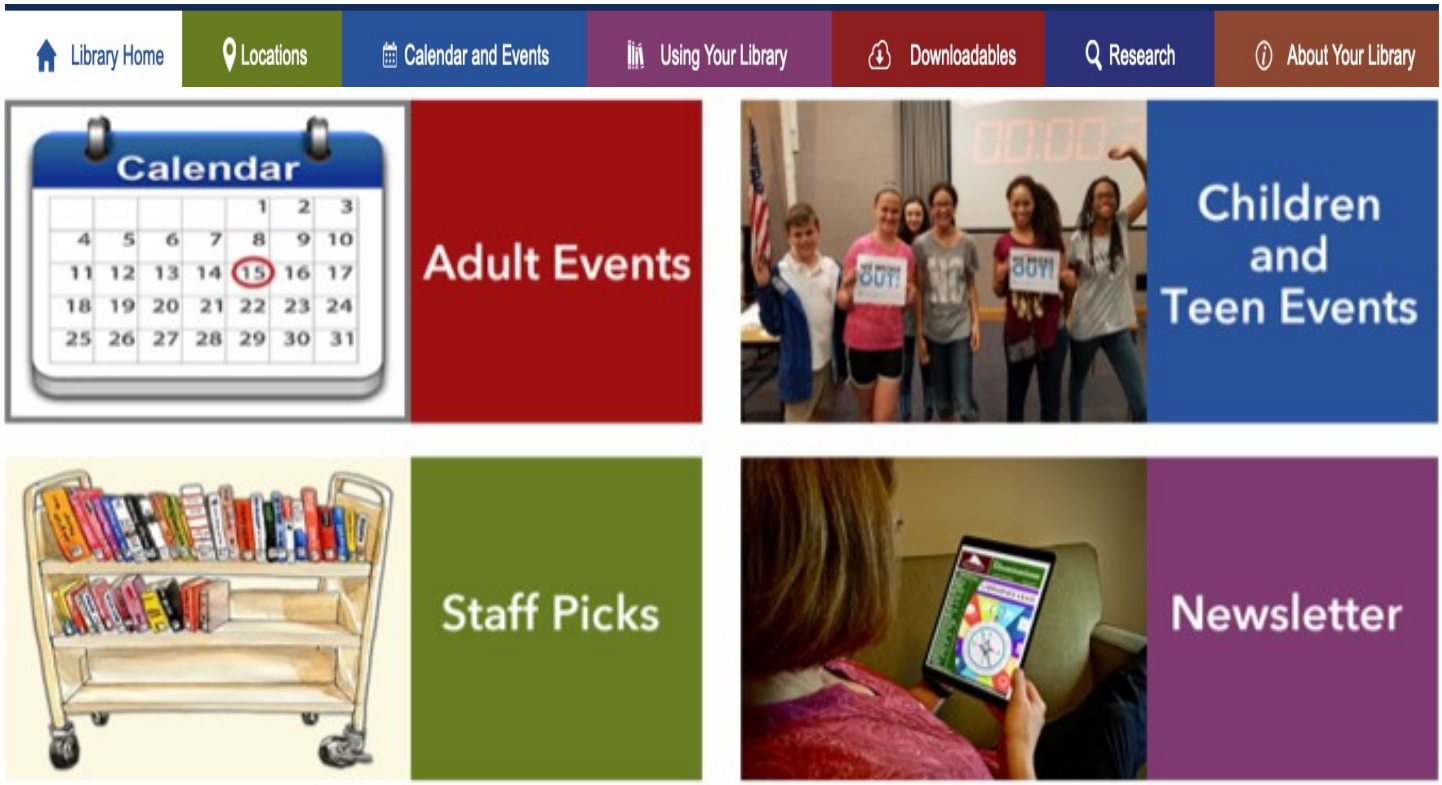
Happy watching!

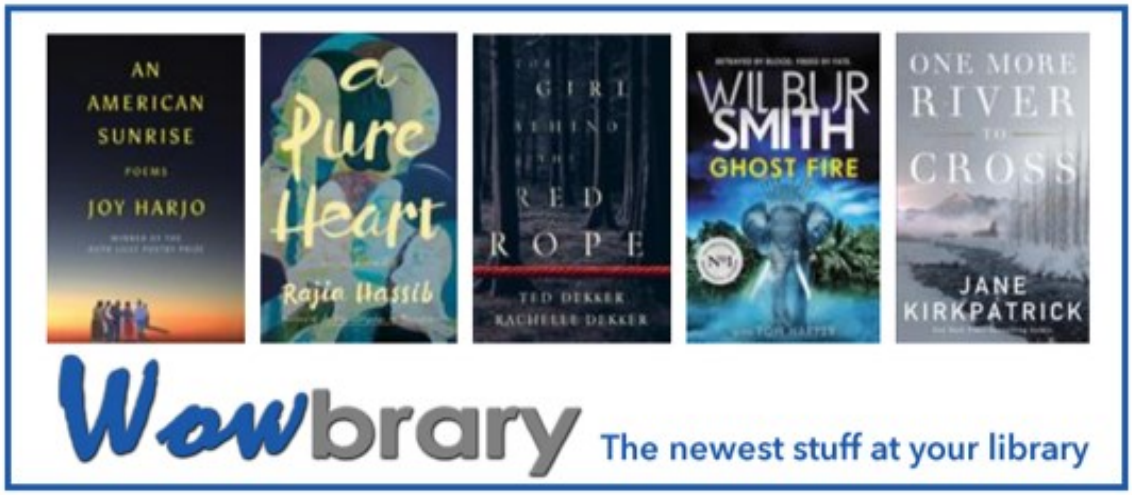
- Sarah Hudson, *AV/Programming Librarian*

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS

You're busy and don't always have time to browse the library's website for news, upcoming events, and new arrivals. Luckily for you, our email alerts will keep you in-the-know about all your library has to offer. You can find out about upcoming adult, children, and teen events with bi-monthly updates; discover what library staff are reading with monthly staff pick emails; receive a digital copy of this quarterly newsletter complete with live links; and be the first to get in line for new titles with weekly Wowbrary! newsletters.

To sign up visit www.hendersoncountync.gov/library, click the tab "Using Your Library," and select "Email Alerts." You can unsubscribe at any time.





In this column we feature books and authors with regional appeal to Western North Carolina and more broadly, with a strong sense of place in the Southeast. Place any of these on hold at the library through the NC Cardinal catalog.

In popular fiction, Nora Roberts has a new bestseller that's a Blue Ridge Mountain family drama of suspense, romance, and secrets in ***Under Currents***. If you're holding out for something with a beach in it, take yourself to Sullivan's Island in Dorothea Benton Frank's ***Queen Bee***, featuring a single beekeeper in her 30s finding love and belonging in unexpected places. In a literary debut ***Marilou is Everywhere*** by Sarah Elaine Smith, young people raising themselves in rural Pennsylvania with little to no parental supervision find themselves a new family. Worth a second look, set in Charleston, and about grappling with family history is ***Tomb of the Unknown Racist*** by Blanche McCrary Boyd which was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner fiction award and recently republished in paperback.

If you like books about small towns, you can't go wrong with ***The Book Charmer*** by Karen Hawkins, featuring a North Carolina librarian whose gift is being able to match books to readers. Madeline Ffitch has a funny book about a small town banding together to preserve their region and culture in ***Stay and Fight***. When the main character in ***Midnight at the Blackbird Café*** by Heather S. Webber returns to a mountain town in Alabama to bury her grandmother, she learns something about the family business and herself when it turns out she has to stay awhile. For a sensuous cross between Appalachian and Highlands romance, try ***A Highlander Walks into a Bar*** by Laura Trentham. There's a new Georgia Bed & Breakfast series by Anna Gerard, kicking off with ***Peach Clobbered***, and the North Carolina Lighthouse Library cozy mystery series by Eva Gates continues with ***Read and Buried*** this fall.

For darker thrillers, award-winning author Lori Roy has a new book called ***Gone Too Long***, unravelling from the moment a boy is found locked beneath the stairs in her father's house. Turns out the small town in Georgia has both dark secrets and stories of survival. In ***The Toll*** by Cherie Priest, a canoe trip through the swamp gets spooky real quick when the main protagonist wakes up in the middle of the road alone. Outer Banks author Thomas Kies gets twisted with a murder mystery narrated by investigative reporter Geneva Chase in ***Graveyard Bay***.

In forthcoming books, Catherine Coulter's ghostwriter J.T. Ellison has a thriller set at a Blue Ridge Mountain elite prep school called ***Good Girls Lie***. For something fun, meet some young people in a small North Carolina town trying hard to stay out of trouble but finding it as they shoot a low-budget horror film in ***The Lost Causes of Bleak Creek*** by Rhett McLaughlin and Link Neal. Lastly, Jojo Moyes has adapted the real-life Kentucky librarians on horseback of the 1930s in a new book called ***The Giver of Stars***. It's already slated to be a movie so read it first.

Thanks for reading!

- Ed Graves, *Branch & Collection Coordinator*

LEARNING LAB
AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC BOOKINGS!

Looking for a place to host your next workshop, board meeting, or training session?

The new Learning Lab at the Main Library is now available for local nonprofit organizations to reserve.

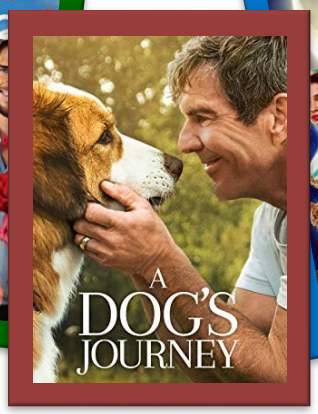
This space offers eight tables with USB and AC power plugs and sixteen comfortable chairs. The room can easily transform from classroom to conference layout to fit your group's needs and features a 72 inch touch-screen capable monitor for your presentations and demonstrations.

To find out more about this new space or to reserve it, visit **hendersoncountync.gov/library**, scroll to the bottom of the homepage, and click "Reserve a Meeting Room."

SEPTEMBER 19: ***A Dog's Journey***
OCTOBER 17: ***On the Basis of Sex***
NOVEMBER 21: ***Aladdin***

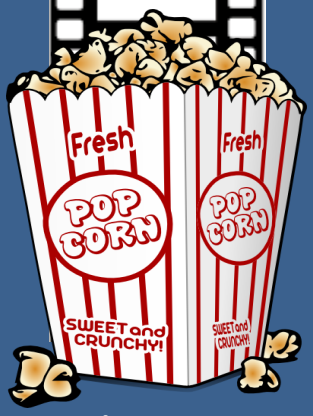
MOVIES ARE SHOWN AT 2PM.

Isn't It Romantic
September 4th @ 2pm



A Dog's Journey
October 2nd @ 2pm

Aladdin
November 6th @ 2pm



Enjoy a FREE afternoon at the movies at the Main Library.

Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Patrons with hearing devices equipped with a telecoil (t-coil) can use the Kaplan Auditorium's Hearing Loop to take advantage of the full experience.

Those without a t-coil can borrow a listening device for FREE. Ask staff for details.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH

Did you know that all Henderson County residents as well as those who attend school or work in the county are eligible for a FREE library card?

A library card is a ticket to adventure and we're spending September with Woody, Buzz, and the rest of the Toy Story gang to celebrate all the wonderful things you do with yours. Have friends or family without a library card? It takes less than five minutes for them to get a card and open their world to endless possibilities!

BIRTH THROUGH PRESCHOOL	Sign up for your first library card and pick out a **FREE BOOK.**
GRADES K-12	Let us know the Buzz-worthy things you do with your library card or student ID number for a chance to win a **PRIZE PACK.**
ADULTS	Tell us how you use your library card for a chance to win a **KINDLE FIRE HD.**

HALLOWEEN BASH!

Join us on October 31st from 4-5pm in the Kaplan Auditorium for some spooktacular fun including games, crafts, and activities geared toward our patrons ages 5-10 with all family members welcome. Try your luck at pumpkin mini-golf or see if you can pin the spider on the web. Don't forget to step in front of the green screen for a Halloween memento. There may even be a sweet treat for those in costume!

This year staff will be dressing up as their favorite fairytale character. Guess who they are and enter for a chance to win a prize pack.

TRICK OR TREATING IN DOWNTOWN HENDERSONVILLE?

STOP BY THE LIBRARY BETWEEN 5PM AND 7PM TO PICK OUT A SWEET.

This year we explored "A Universe of Stories" that included rocket building, storytelling, escape rooms, and rediscovering the 1969 moon landing.

Join us next summer to "Imagine Your Story" with fairytales, mythology, and fantasy!

This summer 707 preschoolers, 1,428 elementary students, 494 teens, and 1,526 adults recorded
1.3+ million minutes of reading!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR PRIZE WINNERS!

Elementary winners snagged a telescope and Lego set while preschool winners received a Duplo block set and space puzzle. Teen winners get to rock out with a new pair of headphones and reading lamp and adults can keep racking up reading minutes with eBooks on their new Kindle Fires.

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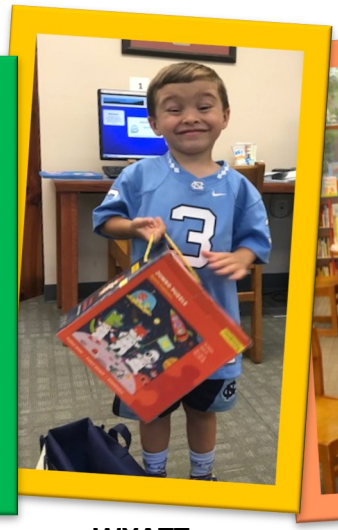
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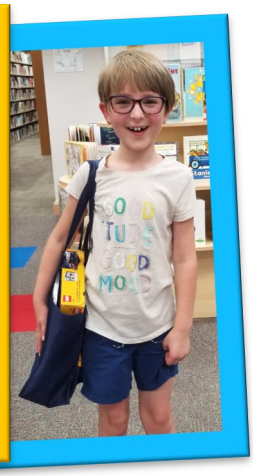
CLAIRE

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE IN SEPTEMBER

For many years, the Friends of the Henderson County Public Library have provided essential support to the library system. The Friends raise about $100,000 a year – a remarkable achievement for an all-volunteer organization – mostly through book sales.

In September, the Friends are holding their fall book sale over a three-week period: **Sep. 6** (for members, but you can join at the book sale), **Sep. 7**, **Sep. 13** (half price), **Sep. 14** (half price), and **Sep. 21** ($6 per box).
The hours are 10am-4pm.

Thousands of books, CDs, DVDs, and records are for sale at 1940 Spartanburg Highway in Hendersonville, next to Dollar General.

Here are some of the ways the Friends help the library: They purchase printed books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs, book carts, and furnishings. They also support literacy programs, the summer reading program, and children's programs. In addition, they provide funding for musical performances and presentations on a variety of subjects.

Visit the Friends' website at **friendsofthehcpl.org** for more information about all they do!

- Richard Labunski, *FOL Board, Public Relations Chair*

Members of the board and other volunteers of the Friends of the Henderson County Public Library prepare for the September book sale.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vance Yoder, *Chairman* **Jean McGrady**, *Vice-Chairman*

Katie Winkler, *Secretary* **Susan Manning**, *FOL President* **Grady Hawkins**, *Commissioner*

Susan Williams **Marcia Mills Kelso** **Noreen Quinn**

Thank you to those who have donated:

Arne & Lorraine Luoma

AAUW 4th Tuesday Book Group

Maggi, David, Jill, Barry, Diana, Gene, Lisa, Eric, Denise, Bill, Sandy, & Bob

DONATING FUNDS TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR THE LIBRARY IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY.

The name of any individual receiving an aggregate of $500 in memorial gifts will be added to a plaque in the Main Library. In addition, the name of any individual who donated $500 or more to the library will be added to a plaque at Main.

Visit our website (click the 'About Your Library' tab) or call 828-697-4725, option 3 for more details.

Holiday Hours for the Library:

LABOR DAY	**Closed Monday, September 2nd**
VETERANS DAY	**Closed Monday, November 11th**
THANKSGIVING	**Close @ 5pm Wed., Nov. 27th** **Closed Thursday, November 28th** **Closed Friday, November 29th**

FALL PROGRAMMING – *Adults*

MAIN LIBRARY

Wed., September 4th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *Isn't It Romantic*

Fri., September 6th @ 10 AM - Become a Library Power User

Tue., Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 @ 6 PM - Goodwill Resume Help

Mon., September 16th @ 2 PM - Guitarist Mark Kroos

Wed., September 18th @ 2 PM - Fall Prevention

Tue., September 24th @ 2 PM - Words & Watercolors: Richard Morgan

Wed., October 2nd @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *A Dog's Journey*

Wed., October 16th @ 2 PM - *Catching Fire* with Rose Senehi

Wed., November 6th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *Aladdin*

Thu., November 7th @ 2 PM - Old Tyme Strummers Concert

Computer Classes @ Main:

We offer a variety of basic computer skills classes which are stand alone classes. ***Check the online calendar for upcoming classes. Registration is usually required.***

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Women's Book Review Group

3rd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Christian Fiction Book Club

Mon., September 16th @ 5:30 PM - Guitarist Mark Kroos

Tue., September 17th @ 2 PM - *Catching Fire* with Rose Senehi

Sat., October 5th @ 11 AM - Gary Ballard Bluegrass

ETOWAH BRANCH

Mondays @ 10:30 AM - Knitting Club

1st Monday @ 2 PM - Book Talk (starting in October)

3rd Wednesday @ 2:30 PM - Etowah Book Club

September 1—November 3 - Etowah memorabilia on display

Thu., September 5th—October 24th @ 10 AM - Qigong Classes *Reg. Required

Tue., September 10th @ 10 AM - Become a Library Power User

Thu., September 19th @ 2 PM - Matinee, *A Dog's Journey*

Thu., October 17th @ 2 PM - Matinee, *On the Basis of Sex*

Sat., October 19th @ 10 AM - Etowah Heritage Day

Wed., October 23rd @ 4 PM - The Mammals of Henderson County

Wed., November 6th @ 2:30 PM - Wire Wrapped Jewelry Workshop *Reg. Required

Thu., November 21st @ 2 PM - Matinee, *Aladdin*

FLETCHER BRANCH

Tuesdays @ 3 PM - Intermediate Conversational Spanish

Thursdays @ 12:30 PM - Mahjong

Saturdays @ 1 PM - Chess Club

1st & 3rd Monday @ 10:30 AM - Mandala Coloring *Reg. Required (meet on Sep. 3 due to Labor Day)

2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Fletcher Book Club

2nd Thursday @ 1:30 PM - Writers Guild

3rd Saturday @ 10:30 AM - Yarn Therapy/Knitting for a Cause *Reg. Required

Tue., September 17th @ 12 PM - Goodwill Career Pop-Up

Fri., September 27th @ 10:30 AM - Card Stamping *Reg. Required

Sat., September 28th @ 10:30 AM - Needle Felting *Reg. Required

Sat., Oct. 5, 12, & 26 @ 10:15 AM - Beginning Knitting *Reg. Required

Fri., November 19th @ 11 AM - Depression: From Surviving to Thriving *Reg. Required

Sat., November 23rd @ 10:30 AM - Holiday Makerspace *Reg. Required

Sat., November 30th @ 10:30 AM - Needle Felting *Reg. Required

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 4 PM - YarnAbility

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

Tuesdays @ 1 PM - Knit and Crochet Group

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 9 AM - Yoga

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Pilates

2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Mills River Book Club

Check our website for a comprehensive program list.

www.hendersoncountync.gov/library

FALL PROGRAMMING – *Children & Teens*

MAIN LIBRARY

Children: Look for special Holiday Storytimes the first week of December!

Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM - Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime (18 months-3 years)

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM - Discovery Storytime (families welcome)

Thursdays @ 11:15 AM - Bouncing Babies Storytime (birth - 18 months & a caregiver)

Wednesdays @ 4 PM - Four O'Clock Club (grades K-5) (Join us for different activities each week. Check the online calendar for details.)

Tue., September 24th @ 4 PM - ecoEXPLORE: Intro to Entomology

Thu., October 31st @ 4 PM - Halloween Bash!

Teens:

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)– 1st Thursday @ 4 PM
If you are a teen in grades 9-12, we need you!
Earn volunteer credit for school (also looks great on college applications and job resumes), while having fun planning teen programs, recommending materials for the teen collection, and more!
Find the application online or stop by any branch.

Thu., Sep. 12 & 19 @ 4 PM - Robotics Workshop*

Thu., September 26th @ 4 PM - Teen Craft Club*

Thu., Oct. 10, 17, & 24 @ 4 PM - Painting with Paper Collage*

Thu., November 21st @ 4 PM - Teen Craft Club*

***REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Use online calendar to register for programs at the Main Library. **hendersonpl.libcal.com**

Call or stop by to register for programs at branches.

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

Mondays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

Sat., Sep. 28, Oct. 19, & Oct. 26 @ 11 AM - Kids Yoga*

Tue., October 22nd @ 4 PM - Spooky Science* (Zaniac)

ETOWAH BRANCH

Tuesdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

2nd Thursday @ 3:30 PM - LEGO Club

Mon., September 23rd @ 4 PM - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs* (High Touch High Tech)

Wed., October 30th @ 4 PM - Shake, Rattle, and Roll* (Zaniac)

Mon., November 4th @ 4 PM - Make Fall Crafts*

FLETCHER BRANCH

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Family Storytime

1st Thursday @ 3:30 PM - LEGO Club

Mon., September 23rd @ 4 PM - Stories with Mary Davis

Wed., October 9th @ 4 PM - Cookie Cutter Critters*

Wed., October 23rd @ 3:30 PM - Predator or Prey?* (Zaniac)

Wed., November 6th @ 3:30 PM - What a Ranger Does

Mon., November 25th @ 4 PM - The Velveteen Rabbit (Bright Star)

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

Thursdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

3rd Friday, drop in all day - Green River Craft Club

Tue., September 10th @ 4:30 PM - Predator or Prey* (Zaniac)

Tue., October 8th @ 4:30 PM - Spooky Science* (Zaniac)

Sat., October 12th, 11 AM– 2 PM - Green River Discovery Day

Thu., October 31st, 6 – 9 PM - Library Trick or Treat!

Tue., November 12th @ 4:30 PM - Putting the "A" in Steam* (Zaniac)

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

Mondays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

2nd Wednesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club

Wed., September 4th @ 4 PM - Journey Into Space* (Zaniac)

Wed., September 18th @ 4 PM - Introduction to Robotics* (Zaniac)

Wed., September 25th @ 4 PM - Robot Hands* (Hands On!)

Wed., October 2nd @ 4 PM - Spooky Science* (Zaniac)

Wed., October 16th @ 4 PM - Enchanted Engineering* (Zaniac)

Wed., October 23rd @ 4 PM - Dry Ice Time* (Hands On!)

Wed., November 6th @ 4 PM - Predator or Prey* (Zaniac)

Wed., November 20th @ 4 PM - Geology Rocks* (Hands On!)