



HENDERSON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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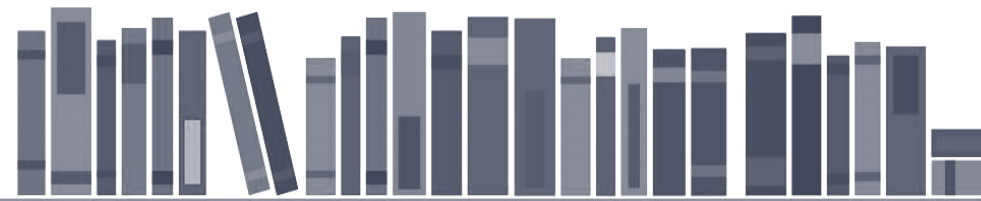
Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2020

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF



When the library doors closed on March 20th none of us imagined that they would still be closed over 5 months later. The inside of the libraries have been eerily quiet without community members browsing shelves, sharing stories, and bringing excited children to story time. While our patrons have been greatly missed inside our walls, the community has continued to show support by using online library resources, utilizing curbside service, attending virtual programs, and sending in letters of thanks.

This support has shown just how essential the library is to the community. So essential, in fact, that staff have been busier than ever filling requests and answering questions. Just how busy have we been?

Over the past 5 months library staff have:

- ◆ Made **over 21,000** deliveries to vehicles via curbside service!
- ◆ Filmed **over 100** virtual story times, programs, and tutorials!
- ◆ Pulled **over 53,000** requested items off shelves!
- ◆ Answered **over 13,000** questions over the phone!

Additionally, community members have:

- ◆ Viewed virtual programs **over 45,000** times!
- ◆ Checked out **over 56,000** e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines!



Many thanks to those community members who continue to support the library and provide encouragement to staff through your kind words. A recent note of thanks stated “Words are not enough to thank you for your creativity and adaptability during this pandemic,” and another “You are my heroes and heroines.” I echo those sentiments back to the community and extend my thanks for your continued support and willingness to adapt and adhere to safe delivery of library services as we welcome you back into our buildings.

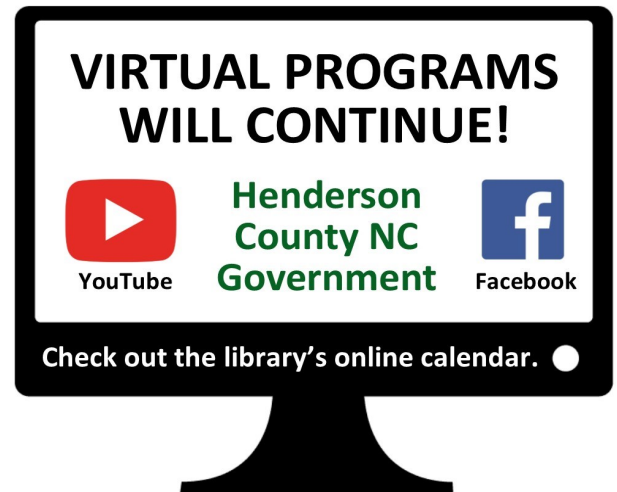
- *Trina Rushing, Library Director*



HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

ARE NOW OPEN!

- Shelves are open for browsing, but your time in the library is limited to **30 minutes**
- 1 hour computer sessions and printing available
- Send prints from home or your device for pickup at Main or Etowah Libraries



REMEMBER THE 3 Ws

WEAR
a cloth face covering
**Masks required for staff assistance*

WAIT
6 feet apart

WASH
your hands frequently



— SERVICES ARE LIMITED —
— HOURS VARY BY LOCATION —

Visit our website for more information.

WWW.HENDERSONCOUNTYNC.GOV/LIBRARY 828.697.4725

SPOT LIGHT ON SUMMER FUN!



LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Main Library

301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739
828-697-4725
Mon-Thu 1-7pm
Fri 1-5pm Sat 10am-5pm
Curbside: M-F 10am-12:30pm

Edneyville Branch

2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
828-685-0110
Mon & Thu 9am-3pm
Wed 12-6pm

Etowah Branch

101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729
828-891-6577
Mon & Fri 9am-3pm
Tue & Wed 12-6pm

Fletcher Branch

120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
828-687-1218
Mon & Wed 12-7pm
Thu & Sat 9am-4pm

Green River Branch

50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790
828-697-4969
Tue 9am-3pm Thu 12-6pm

Mills River Branch

124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759
828-890-1850
Mon & Fri 9am-3pm
Tue 12-6pm

This summer, the library gave out over 2,050 summer activity cards and more than 400 activity kits through our curbside service and partnerships within the community. This summer we encouraged our friends to have fun safely with projects to keep minds active all summer long. We missed seeing you in the library, but we had a great time sharing more than 45 virtual programs, including storytimes, kitchen experiments, craft projects, and even virtual visits from Bright Star Theatre!

Summer Fun at the Library is not just for kids! This summer we handed out over 1,700 adult activity cards and more than 200 activity kits through curbside pickup and our Homebound Delivery service.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for making this a magical summer in Henderson County!

We can't wait to see you in June 2021 for Tails and Tales, a summer of animals and stories!



**Lincoln,
Main's
Preschool
Winner**



**Eren,
Etowah's
Preschool
Winner**



**Grace,
Etowah's
K-5
Winner**



**Keaton,
Etowah's
Teen Winner**



**Luka,
Fletcher's Teen Winner**



Preschooler **Zuri** picks out her free book at the Fletcher Library after turning in her completed activity card.



Fletcher Library Assistant Kathy Penland gives K-5 winner **Naomi** her prize.



BACK TO SCHOOL

LIBRARY RESOURCES TO HELP YOU LEARN WHETHER YOUR SCHOOL IS VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON



Student Access

- All Henderson County Public School or Fernleaf Charter School students have an automatic library card!
- Your card number is your Student ID (lunch number).
- You can access all of the library's digital resources.
- You can check out up to 10 books or audio-books.



EXPANDED WI-FI HOURS AT ALL LOCATIONS

- Mon-Sat 7am-9pm
- Accessible in parking lots



COMING SOON MOBILE HOTSPOT CHECK-OUT

- Available for library cardholders 17 years or older with card in good standing

NEED HELP WITH VIRTUAL LEARNING?



GET HelpNow



Henderson County Public Library

has partnered with Brainfuse to offer HelpNow, a free online tutoring resource and more for all ages!

VISIT THE LIBRARY'S WEBSITE TO GET STARTED!

All you need to access this service is your library card or StudentAccess number. Just make an account and sign-in for unlimited use of all that Brainfuse has to offer!

LIVE HOMEWORK HELP:

Interact with live tutors in a wide range of state and common core-aligned subjects, including math, science, reading, and writing. You can even request a Spanish-speaking tutor!
Available from 2-11pm every day.

WRITING LAB:

Submit your writing project and get help becoming a better writer through expert analysis of your paper!

LEAP LEARNING PLATFORM:

Master basic academic skills through diagnostic tests, customized study plans, lessons, video tutorials, and live tutoring.

SKILL SURFER:

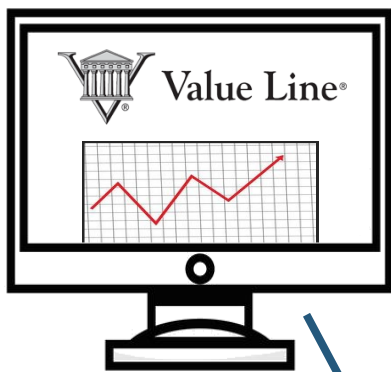
An extensive library of lessons, video tutorials, and practice tests, including SAT, ACT, GED, GRE, ASVAB, and more!

FLASHBULB:

Find a set of flashcards to help you study or create your own!

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VALUE LINE NOW OFFERING HOME ACCESS



Due to the COVID-19 outbreak Value Line has recently begun offering at home access to Henderson County Library card holders. Previously this popular investment resource was only available for use at the Library. With the pandemic limiting access to in-library resources Value Line agreed to make the resource available at home for no additional cost to the library. Value Line can be accessed through the Library's Business Resources webpage <https://hendersonpl.libguides.com/business> and the Library's Digital Resources Portal <https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/digital-services-portal>. Patrons will need to enter their library card number when prompted. Value Line will be evaluating the remote accessibility on a month to month basis so patrons should make use of it early and often!

- **Mark Burdette**, *Reference & Special Collections Librarian*



VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy. NVRD was established in 2012 as a nonpartisan effort to help register citizens to vote. Celebrated on the fourth Tuesday of September, this year National Voter Registration Day will be on **September 22, 2020**.

The Henderson County Public Library will be participating in National Voter Registration Day to provide information to the community regarding voter registration. We will have information on how to check your current registration status, restoring your citizenship voting rights, and voter registration forms. October 9th is the deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 election.

- **Sarah Hudson**, *AV & Programming Librarian*

BROADBAND SURVEY



Help Henderson County's families and homes get better connected.

Take the **#NCBroadband Survey** and let us know your connection needs and quality.

SLOW internet?
NO internet?
We need to know.

The N.C. Broadband Survey is designed to gather information on locations without adequate internet access and speeds in our community.



✓ For Homes & Businesses **WITH Internet Service**
Visit NCBroadband.gov/Survey to take the survey now.

✗ For Homes & Businesses **WITHOUT Internet Service**
Text "Internet" to **919-750-0553**.
Standard text messaging rates will apply.

Your feedback directly impacts grant and infrastructure funding in your community.

NCDIT NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Broadband Infrastructure Office

5-Minute Survey: www.ncbroadband.gov/broadband-nc/north-carolina-broadband-survey



In this column we feature new titles at the library from local authors or books with a focus on Appalachia and the Southeast. Place any of these titles on hold through the online catalog or call the library for assistance.

For forthcoming popular books, at the top of the list is [The Return](#) by Nicholas Sparks with elements of intrigue and romance for a combat veteran returning to North Carolina. The DEA comes to Western North Carolina in David Joy's novel [When These Mountains Burn](#). When the producer of a true crime podcast begins receiving cryptic letters in Megan Goldin's [The Night Swim](#), she is prompted to reopen a 25 year old cold case. Family secrets are revealed over the course of one weekend at a North Carolina vacation home in [Lake Life](#) by David James Poissant. There is a book of new and collected stories by one of our region's most well-known writers out now titled [In the Valley](#) by Ron Rash. For two new Christian fiction titles, try an inspirational romance set during the Depression called [An Appalachian Summer](#) by Ann H. Gabhart, or a multilayered interracial love story that takes place on an 18th century plantation in [Mountain Laurel](#) by Lori Benton.

As readers are looking to make sense of cultural and historical shifts during this time, we have added many new nonfiction titles at the library. [My Vanishing Country](#) by Bakari Sellers is a memoir of South Carolina's youngest legislator and filled with lesser known regional history. Goldsboro pastor Reverend Dr. William J. Barber II makes a moral appeal in [We Are Called to Be a Movement](#). UNC Press has several new books out on topics of race and history. [Race for Profit](#) by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor looks at bank and housing discrimination, [From Here to Equality](#) by William A. Darity, Jr. looks at reparations, and [Searching for Black Confederates](#) by Kevin M. Levin looks at African-American participation in wartime. For a hiking travel diary from local authors Ryan Watkins and others, try [The Longest Mile: Nine Days in the Great Smoky Mountains](#). [Soul Full of Coal Dust](#) by Chris Hamby is about the Appalachian coal industry and black lung disease.

In serial fiction, Sharon Sala's small-town romance series continues with [Once in a Blue Moon](#). The Beach Reads coastal bookshop mystery series debuts with [Little Bookshop of Murder](#) by Maggie Blackburn, featuring an amateur sleuth who happens to be a scholar of Shakespeare. The first book in what is billed as "An Asheville Mystery," the River Arts District is featured in the quirky murder mystery [As the Crow Dies](#) by Kenneth Butcher. For something different, mercenary librarians are fighting to save the digital record in a crumbling but near-future Atlanta in Kit Rocha's series debut [Deal with the Devil](#).

My personal picks include a book about the last of eight siblings born to a Cherokee mother and white father in [Betty](#) by Tiffany McDaniel, historical fiction set during war time Asheville when a Cherokee protagonist comes to work at the Grove Park Inn in [Even As We Breathe](#) by Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, magical realism in a Kentucky holler in Ashley Blooms' [Every Bone a Prayer](#), and a short story collection from celebrated North Carolina writer Randall Kenan set in the fictional community of Tim's Creek called [If I Had Two Wings](#). Other titles that seem like good bets are a coming-of-age novel from Spartanburg author Susan Beckham Zurenda called [Bells for Eli](#), a book by poet Lana Austin that heavily features Appalachian murder ballads called [Like Light, Like Music](#). For thrills, spend a grim 24 hours in Kentucky with [Lost River](#) by J. Todd Scott or check out the climate fiction road novel, [Road Out of Winter](#) by Alison Stine.



Thanks for reading!

- Ed Graves, Branch & Collection Coordinator



VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Registration via the library's online calendar is required for both book clubs.

The Zoom link will be emailed to you 2 hours prior to the meeting.

MAIN LIBRARY'S Page Turners

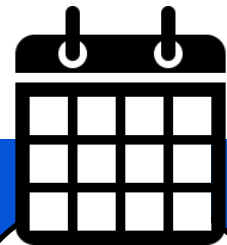
Thu., September 10, 2pm
We will discuss *First Frost* by Sarah Addison Allen.

Thu., November 12, 2pm
We will discuss *The World Made Straight* by Ron Rash.

ETOWAH LIBRARY'S BOOK CHAT

We will talk about what we've been reading and offer up recommendations.

Wed., September 30, 2:30pm
Wed., October 28, 2:30pm



CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE CALENDAR FOR OTHER VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES!

hendersonpl.libcal.com

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TO OPEN A BOOKSTORE

For the first time in the Friends' 64-year history, we are opening a bookstore. It will be located in the Friends' building where we have held book sales for many years – [1940 Spartanburg Hwy](#) (next to Dollar General) in Hendersonville.

The bookstore will be open three days a week: on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from noon until 4 p.m.

The Friends had to cancel both book sales this year due to the pandemic, but we're hoping to hold one in spring. In the meantime, the bookstore will allow us to continue raising money to support the library. We expect the store to open in mid-October.

You can drop off books and other donations at the Friends' building when the bookstore is open. (Please don't leave anything when the store is closed). The library is not currently accepting donated materials for the Friends.

For more information, visit the Friends' website: fotl.info

- **Richard Labunski**, FOL Publicity Chair



The Friends' Bookstore

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Susan Williams

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Thank you to those who have donated:

Nenon Ujiki

Debra Michalak

Rudy & Kyra Carbone

**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 7
- **VETERANS DAY** Closed Wednesday, November 11
- **THANKSGIVING** Close at 5pm Wed., Nov. 25
- Closed Thursday, November 26
- Closed Friday, November 27

