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Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2021

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September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Libraries Empower...

...us to connect with each other

...me to learn new things

...our communities to be healthy

...me to create and explore

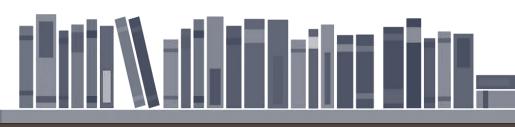
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For more information see page 4.

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Holiday Hours



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

Engaging Community. Educating Minds. Enriching Lives.

These three statements speak to our purpose and are at the center of our new 2021-2026 Strategic Plan. This plan is the product of an 18-month process that considered community and staff input received through a survey, focus groups and listening sessions, an environmental scan of trends across public libraries, and the current and projected needs of our community. The resulting document highlights the library's focus on community and provides a framework for the library to deliver equitable access to services across Henderson County.

Our new mission statement embodies who we are and what we strive to do: The Henderson County Public Libraries engage the community through experiences and services that educate minds and enrich lives.

Our core values reflect the passion and commitment of staff across all locations to provide the highest level of collections, programs, and services for all Henderson County residents:

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Collaboration and Creativity
- Innovation
- Professional Excellence and Integrity
- Lifelong Learning and Literacy

Through new partnerships and initiatives, diverse collections, and focused programming this plan ensures The Library will strengthen its role as an instrumental community asset.

- Trina Rushing, Library Director

To view the Henderson County Public Library 2021-2026 Strategic Plan, visit the <u>library's website</u>.



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

CORE VALUES

Welcoming all with respect and treating everyone as valued individuals.

Collaboration and Creativity

Engaging the community to create opportunities for growth.

Innovation

Responding to community needs with emerging technology, programs, and resources.

Professional Excellence and Integrity

Delivering high quality, positive, knowledgeable, and non-judgmental service.

Lifelong Learning and Literacy

Providing access to relevant, useful resources and programs through diverse formats.

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SPOT LIGHT ON NEW STAFF

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Hours Effective 9/7/21

Main Library

301 N Washington Street Hendersonville, NC 28739

828-697-4725

Mon-Thu 9am-7pm Fri & Sat 9am-5pm

Edneyville Branch

2 Firehouse Road Hendersonville, NC 28792

828-685-0110

Mon 9am-6pm Tue & Wed 9am-5pm Fri 9am-3pm

Etowah Branch

101 Brickyard Road Etowah, NC 28729

828-891-6577

Mon 9am-6pm Tue-Thu 9am-5pm Fri & Sat 9am-3pm

Fletcher Branch

120 Library Road Fletcher, NC 28732

828-687-1218

Mon 9am-6pm Tue-Thu 9am-5pm Fri & Sat 9am-3pm

Green River Branch

50 Green River Road Zirconia, NC 28790

828-697-4969

Mon 9am-6pm Wed & Thu 9am-5pm Fri 9am-3pm

Mills River Branch

124 Town Center Drive Mills River, NC 28759

828-890-1850

Mon 9am-6pm Tue-Thu 9am-5pm Fri 9am-3pm

Elizabeth Bailey, Branch Assistant



Elizabeth Bailey has recently joined us as a library assistant for the Etowah, Mills River, and Fletcher libraries. She is a recent graduate of the history MA program at Appalachian State University, and was born and raised in Transylvania County, NC. Elizabeth has always had a love for reading, which led her to work seasonally as a library page for Transylvania County Library in high school and college. Elizabeth's interests include spending too much money on books, visiting any history museum she can find, and helping others discover new information or their next favorite book. Ever since visiting Indonesia in 2019, Elizabeth has also been hoping to travel around the globe as much as possible, and spends her free time planning her next trip. She is excited to use her skills to help the Henderson County community!

Ali Wilson, Branch Assistant

Ali Wilson has worked in libraries for the last nine years, and is excited to join Henderson County Public Library as a full time library assistant at the Fletcher Library. Ali shared: "I moved here to be in the mountains after growing up in the flat state of Michigan, not realizing how many other Michiganders had the exact same idea. The most interesting thing about me is my wonderful dog and his crazy under-bite. Ask me to show you a picture of him sometime. Or don't, but be warned - I'll probably try to show you one anyway."





LIBRARY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GENEALOGY ROOM

Potential volunteers would need to have a strong interest in genealogy research and familiarity with basic genealogy practices and resources, including electronic resources.

Anyone interested should contact Mark Burdette. (828) 697-4725, ext. 2307 mburdette@henderson.lib.nc.us

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SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP 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? Join us as we spend the month of September celebrating all the exciting things we can do with a library card!

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 everything the library has to offer!

BIRTH THROUGH GRADE 12

Sign up for your first library card and pick out a FREE BOOK!

ADULTS

Complete a library bingo card for a chance to WIN!

Already have a card or Student*Access* account?

Tell us YOUR favorite thing to do with your library card to be entered to win a **PRIZE PACK** for your age group!

Student Access

All Henderson County Public School & Fernleaf Charter School students & teachers automatically have a FREE library account!

Just use your Student ID #!



What is your vision for Henderson County in 2045?

You are planning a trip with some of your friends and relatives. Some questions arise when planning this trip... How are we going to get there? What route are we going to take? Where are we going to eat and stay along the journey?

Planning a trip is similar to comprehensive planning. Planners are using resources and community input to better prepare, guide growth, and shape County policies for the future. The Henderson County Planning Department is currently developing its 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The plan projects how Henderson County will look in 25 years. We hope you will take our quick survey, telling us more about some advantages, concerns, and opportunities in Henderson County. Your survey responses will ultimately shape the plan's goals and vision looking forward. Please visit our website for additional information and a tentative schedule on how you can get involved. We are excited about this process and look forward to working with you.

TAKE THE COMMUNITY SURVEY TODAY! WWW.HENDERSONCOUNTY2045.COM

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SUMMER READING WRAP-UP 2021

This summer the library gave out more than 2,034 summer reading cards to preschoolers, elementary students, and teens. Some library users even logged their own reading through a new app called ReadSquared, made available through the State Library of North Carolina!

After a year of virtual programs, we were so excited to return to a summer of programs for our patrons inside and outside the library, with storytimes, crafts, and yes, even performers!

Virtual Programs: 26 In-Person Programs: 107

Total Program Attendance: 4,072

The library partnered with Smart Start,
Henderson County Public Schools, Henderson
County Parks and Recreation, Fletcher Parks
and Recreation, Town of Mills River, and
Historic Johnson Farm to bring SEVEN
Kindergarten Readiness StoryWalks® to
community centers across the county!

Summer Reading is not just for kids! This year the library distributed 2,200 Summer Reading cards for adults across all library locations, through library homebound services, and the Friends of the Library bookstore. Adults also participated online with ReadSquared. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding take and make craft kits and prizes for adults. Each library location held a drawing for a prize pack and a two lucky winners won a Samsung tablet and a ENO hammock kit.

Thank you to all our patrons, partners, and to the Friends of the Library for making it all happen. We couldn't have done it without your support. Join us next summer for a ton of underwater fun with Oceans of Possibilities!



Ryan, Teen Winner for Fletcher



Kennedi, Elementary Winner for Etowah



Luke, Teen Winner for Main



McLain, Elementary Winner for Main



Aidan, Preschool Winner for Fletcher



Jocelyn, Teen Winner for Green River



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LOCAL AUTHOR VISITS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY



ROSE SENEHI THU, SEP 23 2:00PM

A discussion of her latest novel, Falling Off A Cliff: The Story Of A Mountain Nurse. Two women, a generation apart and from two different worlds, are driven by a passion to heal. Will one have her innocence shattered and the other be forever haunted by an unanswered mystery?



RUTHIE ROSAUER WED, OCT 6 2:00PM

A discussion of her latest book, *Nursing Home 101: A Daughters Perspective*. Ruthie and her sister found out from a hospital social worker that they had 24 hours to find a healthcare facility for their elderly mother. She presents the results of her search, experience, and research in her book.



TERRY ROBERTS TUE, OCT 26 5:30PM

A discussion of his 2021 novel, *My Mistress' Eyes are Raven Black*. A young, pregnant Irish woman disappears from the Isolation Hospital on Ellis Island. Stephen Robbins, a specialist in finding missing persons, is assigned the case. Yet when he arrives at the isolation hospital, he discovers an inexplicable string of deaths and disappearances among immigrant patients... and a staff that seems to be hiding a chilling secret.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED Register via the library's online calendar for these programs.



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.

My picks for fiction include Leah Weiss' new book, *All the Little Hopes*, a Nancy Drew historical mystery set in Hot Springs. For readers who've enjoyed Robert Morgan's books, Dot Jackson's 2006 novel *Refuge* is back in print and available as an eBook on the Libby app, or for more character-driven layered and literary multigenerational tales, try *Night Came with Many Stars* by Simon Van Booy. A former Charleston cop investigates a real-life mountain plane crash in the dark mystery series debut *Graveyard Fields* by Steven Tingle. Get lost in Pisgah National Forest in Stephanie Perkins' young adult thriller, *The Woods are Always Watching*, or follow two friends leaving their mountain home and family for the first time in Jeff Zentner's *In the Wild Light*.

We have several new books about departures, arrivals, and returning home. For a road novel through the mountains and the upstate, pick up the new Hub City Press title <u>The Blue Line Down</u> by Maris Lawyer. For a Great Migration story, see M Shelly Conner's <u>Everyman</u>. A haunted plantation is the setting of LaTanya McQueen's gothic horror novel <u>When the Reckoning Comes</u>, and Asheville author Terry Roberts has a new thriller about immigrants in <u>My Mistress' Eyes are Raven Black</u>. For something completely different, our heroes defend Atlanta in the second book in Kit Rocha's Mercenary Librarians post-apocalyptic romance series, <u>The Devil You Know</u>.

In lighter reads, the Jane Doe Book Club series continues with <u>Reading Between the Crimes</u> by Kate Young, and the second book in the Bourbon Tour Mysteries is out, <u>100 Proof Murder</u> by Mary Ellis. Charleston society is the subject of <u>In Polite Company</u> by Gervais Hagerty, while <u>Open Your Heart</u> by Cheris Hodges is a pulpy romance with a Charleston setting. For a book that will check a lot of boxes for readers of Christian historical romance, an Alabama school teacher meets a Cajun fisherman in <u>Under the Bayou Moon</u> by Valerie Fraser Luesse.

For nonfiction, there is a new cookbook from Top Chef winner Kelsey Barnard Clark called <u>Southern Grit: 100+ Down-Home Recipes for the Modern Cook</u>. An interesting narrative nonfiction read would be <u>The Quiet Zone: Unraveling the Mystery of a Town Suspended in Silence</u> by Stephen Kurczy, about the radio, wifi, and cellular signal dead zone of Green Bank, West Virginia.

In forthcoming books releasing in September or October, we will have a new novel from award winning East Tennessee author Richard Powers called *Bewilderment*. North Carolina author Wiley Cash has a novel about a mysterious plane crash and a small town sheriff in *When Ghosts Come Home*. Denise Hunter launches a new clean Appalachian romance series called *Riverbend Gap*, and we will have a book about Southern living from essayist Margaret Renkl called *Graceland*, *At Last: Notes on Hope and Heartache from the American South*.

Thanks for reading!

- Ed Graves, Branch & Collection Coordinator



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AVAILABLE FROM HOME THROUGH DECEMBER 2021

Remote access to Ancestry.com Library Edition has been extended through December 2021. This means anyone with a library card can continue to use this resource at home or anywhere with an internet connection. Just sign on through the link on the library's website with your library card number and PIN.

Find Ancestry.com Library Edition in two places on the Henderson County Public Library website. Navigate to the purple "Research" tab, select the "Genealogy and Local History" link and then choose the blue "Genealogy" tab. Ancestry.com Library Edition is the first resource listed on the page. You can also go directly to Ancestry from the "Resources A-Z" link under the "Research" tab. Scroll down the list until you find Ancestry.com Library Edition.

Ancestry.com Library Edition is one of the most popular resources for genealogical research. Included in its expansive collection of data are census, immigration, and military records. It can be searched easily and results can be printed out, emailed or saved to a home computer. Patrons doing genealogy research are also encouraged to look through the Genealogy and Local History page to see what other resources the library has to offer.

- Mark Burdette, Reference & Special Collections Librarian



PAWS FOR READING

Can reading be a little ruff? It's time to "PAWS" for Reading!

Children can sign-up to read with one of our furry friends from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and Canine Therapy Partners WNC! Each session is 15 minutes and sign-up is simple: just call or visit the Youth Services Desk at the Main Library to get started. Sessions will take place the second Saturday of each month: Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.



- Look for the HCPL booth on Sunday, Oct. 31 from
- 4-7pm in Downtown
- | Hendersonville! Get
- ready for an evening of treats, fun, and
- spooktacular surprisesthat can only be found
- on Main Street.

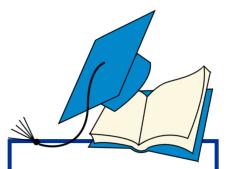
TEEN ANIME CLUB

Do you like reading manga? Do you love watching anime? Did you know we have a Teen Anime Club for teens just like you? Come share in the love of Japanese animation and comics with us!

Join us as we watch anime, discuss fandom, create art, eat yummy snacks, and MORE! Teen Anime Club is intended for teens from grades 6-12. We will meet in

the Main Library Kaplan Auditorium on Thursday, Sep. 30 and Oct. 28 at 4pm and then have a holiday party on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 12pm.

Questions? Email Caitlin @ clindsey@hendersoncountync.gov



HENDERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS NEEDED FOR DIGITIZATION PROJECT

The library has resumed partnering with the Digital Heritage Center in Chapel Hill to digitize local high school yearbooks.

The first batch of yearbooks the library sent to Chapel Hill contained an incomplete run of Hendersonville High School yearbooks.

The library would like to address that shortcoming and is asking anyone with specific Hendersonville High School yearbooks to donate them to the library so they can be scanned and added to Digital Heritage Center's website.



Hendersonville High School

We are looking for the years 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, and 1964 through 1971. Yearbooks will be cataloged and added to the library's collection of school annuals once they are scanned.

Anyone interested should contact Mark Burdette. (828) 697-4725 ext 2307 mburdette@henderson.lib.nc.us

Past annuals can be viewed on the Digital Heritage Center website. https://lib.digitalnc.org

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: HALF-PRICE BOOKS; NEW VIDEOS

The Friends provide vital financial support to the library system. We raise money through sales at our bookstore, branch libraries, and online.

If you would like great bargains on books in excellent condition, visit our sales table at the front of the store. Our bookstore is at 1940 Spartanburg Hwy (next to Dollar General) in HVL and is open Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 12-4 p.m. Members get a 10% discount. (You can join or renew your membership at the store).

We also invite you to see three recent videos:

<u>The Friends at the Farmers Market</u> <u>An interview with a longtime volunteer</u> A tour of our bookstore

You may be amazed at how large the bookstore is, and you will meet one of our great volunteers.

- Richard Labunski, FOL Publicity Chair



Half-price sales table at FOL bookstore

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOL BOOKSTORE:

website: fotl.info e-mail: bookstore@fotl.info phone: 828-513-5115

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Celeste Mayes

Closed Thu. & Fri. Nov. 25 & 26



Thank you to those who have donated:

Rita Van Zant Kinsey & Doreen Jenkins Readers & Feeders Book Club



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, Sep. 6
COLUMBUS DAY Closed Monday, Oct. 11
VETERANS DAY Closed Thursday, Nov. 11
THANKSGIVING Close @ 5pm Wed., Nov. 24



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FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

STORYTIMES (SEPTEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 3):

- *Preschool Storytime (3-5 years) Tuesdays @ 10:30am (Main Library, Children's Aud.)
- *Toddler Storytime (18 months-3 years) Wednesdays @ 10:30am (Main Library, Children's Aud.)
- *Music and Movement (families welcome) Thursdays @ 10:30am (Main Library, Children's Aud.)
- *Bouncing Babies (birth-18 months + caregiver) Thursdays @ 11:15am (Main Library, Children's Aud.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Four O'Clock Club (grades K-5) – Wednesdays @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

*PAWS for Reading – Sat., Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, & Dec. 11 10:30-11:30am 1:30-2:30pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.) Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a therapy dog

Tech Tuesdays for Grades K-12 - Tue., Oct. 5 & Nov. 2 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

Silver Trout Arts – Wednesday, September 15 @ 4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.) Four O'Clock Club

Masked Bandits with Chimney Rock - Wednesday, September 29 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.) Four O'Clock Club

Furry Friends with BRHS – Wednesday, October 13 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.) Four O'Clock Club

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) – Tuesday, October 19 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

FrankenSTEM with BrightStar Theatre – Wednesday, October 29 @ 4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.) Four O'Clock Club Spooky Stories with Mary Davis Gage – Wednesday, October 27 @ 4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.) Four O'Clock Club Bear Basics with Chimney Rock – Wednesday, November 10 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.) Four O'Clock Club Holidays Around the World with BrightStar Theatre – Wednesday, December 8 @ 4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)

TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Advisory Board – Thursdays @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab):

Tech Tuesdays for Grades K-12 - Tue., Oct. 5 & Nov. 2 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

Teen Craft Time: Bullet Journals – Thursday, September 16 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

Teen Anime Club – Thursdays @ 4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.): September 30 & October 28

Teen Book Club: Burn Our Bodies Down by Rory Power – Thursday, October 14 @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab)

Teen Craft Time: Modern Cross Stitch – Thursday, October 21 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

Teen Anime Club Holiday Party – Saturday, November 13 @ 12pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)

Teen Craft Time: Rotating Art – Thursday, November 18 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

ADULT PROGRAMS:

- *Apple Interest Group First Tuesday @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Movie Matinee: Here Today Thursday, September 2 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Page Turners Book Club Thursday, September 9 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Rose Senehi Author Visit Thursday, September 23 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Movie Matinee: In the Heights Thursday, October 7 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Become a Library Power User Wednesday, October 13 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Terry Roberts Author Visit Tuesday, October 26 @ 5:30pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Movie Matinee: Title TBD Thursday, November 4 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Fall Crafting Tuesday, November 9 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)
- *Page Turners Book Club Thursday, November 18 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)





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FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES



EDNEYVILLE:

*Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am

Florence Miner Women's Book Review Group – Second Friday @ 1pm (Adults)

Through the Rearview Window Book Talk – Friday, October 8 @ 1pm (Adults)



*Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)



^{*}Tree Identification Hike at Holmes Educational State Forest – Tuesday, September 21 @ 9:30am (Adults)

Call the Etowah Library at 828-891-6577 to register

FLETCHER:

*Family Storytime - Wednesdays @ 10:30am

Lego Club - First Thursday @ 3:30pm (Children)

Book Review Book Club – Second Thursday @ 10:30am (Adults) No meeting in November Knitting for a Cause – Second Saturday @ 10am (Adults)

- *Wilderness First Aid with Chimney Rock Thursday, September 9 @ 3:15pm (Adults)
- *Spectacular Spiders with Chimney Rock Thursday, October 28 @ 3:15pm (All Ages)
- *Masked Bandits with Chimney Rock Thursday, November 18 @ 3:15pm (All Ages)

GREEN RIVER:

*Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am

YarnAbility – Monday, September 13, October 4, & November 1 @ 4pm (Adults & Teens)

Craft Club – Monday, September 27, October 18, & November 15; drop by any time 9am-5:30pm (Children & Teens)

MILLS RIVER:

*Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am

Pilates Mat Exercise - Tuesdays @ 10am (Adults)

Knit and Crochet Grup - Tuesdays @ 1pm (Adults)



*=REGISTRATION REQUIRED Register for programs online at hendersonpl.libcal.com

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