

# Illuminations

**Quarterly Newsletter** 

Fall 2024

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The library is a vital community hub, connecting people to essential services and resources and building communities of lifelong learners. Our public library has 6 locations throughout Henderson County that offer an array of resources for Henderson County residents, all available for FREE with a library card.

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- The library offers thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, and streaming videos for FREE?
- The library offers a variety of computer classes for FREE?
- All six public libraries in the County offer FREE Wi-Fi and computer use?
- The library offers FREE admission passes to local museums and attractions?

A LIBRARY FOR EVERYONE

- The library offers online language learning, job search, and test prep tools for FREE?
- The library offers FREE access to financial, health, business databases, and more?



#### **OUR FY2023-2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT**

In FY2023-2024, library cardholders saved considerable time and money by checking out and/or accessing FREE library materials and online resources over 1 million times over the past year alone!

#### Other highlights include:

**364,447** in person visits to Henderson County libraries

55,538 informational questions answered

1,755 programs sponsored by the library: Total attendance = 28,249

19,785 uses of our free public internet computers

25,395 uses of our free wireless internet

306 attendees completed 117 basic computer, technology, & career classes

199 individuals received one-on-one technology assistance

#### Want to learn more about all your library has to offer?

Call 697-4725 to schedule a personal or group tour of the Main Library or check out our website. Library staff are happy to answer questions by phone or in person. We can also come to you-call 697-4725 or email me at trushing@hendersoncountync.gov to schedule a presentation about library services for your next community meeting.

- Trina Rushing, Library Director





# **SPOT** LIGHT ON LIBRARY STAFF

LIBRARY **LOCATIONS** 

#### 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 Brickvard 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 Closed for lunch 12-1pm daily

#### **MILLS RIVER BRANCH**

124 Town Center Drive Mills River, NC 28759

#### 828-890-1850

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

Previous Fletcher Branch Manager Andrew Jordan is now Branch Manager at the Mills River Library. Ali Wilson, who previously worked at the Fletcher Library is now Branch Manager at Fletcher. Andrew and Ali are excited about their new roles and look forward to continuing serving the community.



# Andrew Jordan Mills River Branch Manager

"Mills River is a dynamic, growing community and I am so happy that the library is an active part in its development.

I am excited for what the future holds and am grateful for our patron's support."



# Ali Wilson Fletcher Branch Manager

"I've loved working at the Fletcher Library for the last three years.

It is a wonderful community with great people, and I'm excited for this new phase."

# THANK YOU TO OUR AUXILIARY STAFF!

The library uses the help of an auxiliary staff pool to fill in during regular staff absences and to provide extra help when needed. Our auxiliary library assistants may be called to work at any location during any of our open hours, often with short notice! We appreciate their hard work that helps us provide continued service at all six of our library locations.

You may have also seen our driver Mike making library deliveries. Mike visits each library to drop off and pick up many crates of books that have been requested each week.

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# **September 17, 2024**

National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to celebrating our democracy. The holiday and participating partners work to help citizens get registered to vote in time for their next trip to the ballot box.

The Henderson County Public Library will have voter registration forms for pick up at each of our six library locations Starting September 17<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline to register to vote in the 2024 general election is 5pm on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Find Voting and Election Resources on the library website under the *Resources* tab. This page includes important dates and links to local and federal sites with voting and election information.

# Art Exhibit at the Main Library



Sep 28—Nov 21, 2024

"Where the Heart is"

Presented by the Art League of Henderson County

Ranging in styles and era-inspired, this exhibit will feature glimpses into how and where the heart is in the right place.

# SEPTEMBER 15... SEPTEMBER 15... IBRARY 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 5 minutes for them to get a card and open their world to everything the library has to offer!



Sign up for your first library card at any Henderson County Public Library branch during the month of September and pick out a FREE BOOK!

# Already have a card or StudentAccess account?

Join us for an exciting system-wide scavenger hunt! Come to any of our six locations to test your skills and win a prize!



Any adult who signs up for their first library card during the month of September will be entered into a drawing for a Friends of the Library Bookstore gift card!



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# What computer skills do YOU want to learn?

#### **ONLINE SECURITY?**

 Learn how to keep yourself safe online - faculty from Blue Ridge Community College will tell you what you need to know to stay secure in a cyber world. Defend Yourself Online- Wed., October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11am, Main Library

#### THE BASICS?

Those who are new to the computer or looking to brush up on the essentials should consider our Getting Started
on the Computer series. This four-part, hands-on, instructor-led series will introduce you to the basic skills needed
to operate and navigate a computer. See the website for dates, times and locations. (Registration Required)

#### **WORD PROCESSING?**

 Learn how to use the FREE online word processor available with Google to create, edit, and collaborate on online documents in this hands-on class.

Google Docs Class- Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm, Main Library (Registration Required)

#### **ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ABOUT APPLE DEVICES?**

Apple Users Group is for anyone interested in, or already using, an Apple device. Meeting topics vary, but always
include a Q&A time. First Tuesday @ 2pm, Main Library

#### **HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY?**

- Ready to ditch cable? Want to learn how to stream media, use your free library resources to access video content, or pick up local channels? Cutting the Cord- Thu., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am, Main Library (Registration Required)
- We love it when you ask us what to read next, but did you know your digital library includes NoveList Plus, a free database that lets you search for your next favorite book using categories such as genre, read-a-like lists, book club selections, interests, and more?
  - Using Your Digital Library: NoveList Plus- Thu., Nov. 21st @ 11:30am, Main Library (Registration Required)
- Become the ultimate library user in our Become a Library Power User class! Learn how to use the library website & app to: Master your library account, search the catalog like a librarian, find recommended reading, access digital reading, listening, and viewing materials, and discover free, upcoming events.
   Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm, Main Library (Registration Required)
- Take a deep dive and master Libby, the FREE app where you can enjoy eBooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines from your library.
  - Using Your Digital Library: Libby- Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am, Etowah Library (Registration Required) Using Your Digital Library: Libby- Wed., October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm, Green River Library (Registration Required)
- Take a deep dive and master Hoopla, the FREE streaming service that lets you instantly borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, music, movies, & TV with your library card!
  - Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla- Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10am, Etowah Library (Registration Required) Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla- Wed., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm, Green River Library (Registration Required)

#### **EVERYTHING ELSE?**

Computer Connections is an open lab where you can learn the computer skills you want— when you want. Get
connected to the right resources to meet your learning goals and have a librarian on hand to answer your questions
if you're stuck. No registration required, drop into any or all of the open labs offered twice a month.
 Second Tuesday, 2:30-4:30pm, Main Library (Computers provided)

Fourth Wednesday, 11:30am-1:30pm, Main Library (Computers provided)

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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Henderson County Public Library supports all county library locations by delivering a wide range of services that enrich and transform the lives of Henderson County citizens of all ages.

# **FOL OFFICERS**

# MILTON BUTTERWORTH President

BRAD THOMPSON Vice President

JANE BAIRD
Treasurer

JESSICA BROWN Secretary

BILL RAMSEY
Past FOL President

# **BECOME A FRIEND**

New members are always welcome and we invite you to join today!

Members receive a 10% discount on purchases at the Bookstore.

# Membership costs are: Individual – \$10 per year

Individual – \$10 per year Family – \$15 per year

The Friends of The Henderson County Public Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, so your membership and donations are tax-deductible.

You can join the Friends of the Library at the bookstore during normal hours.

**Questions?** Email the FOL at membership@friendsofthehcpl.org

# **WEBSITE**

fotl.info

# SURVEY BY YOUR FRIENDS OF THE HENDERSON COUNTY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Our bookstore volunteers recently took a flash survey of a few bookstore customers. We wanted to know the principal reasons why our customers continue to have a strong interest in purchasing our printed books.

Just that many years ago, along came the Internet, laptop computers, e-readers, and cell phones. Many speculated that the days of people reading printed books were numbered. Books were just going to fade away, replaced by technology.

As it turns out, speculation about the death of printed books has turned out to be wrong. We are now hearing the same commentators admitting as much. Judging by the strength of our bookstore sales, printed books are here to stay with a strong segment of the adult population. Responsible adults are also taking action to introduce children to the joy of reading.

Here, in rank-order, are the survey results of our FOL Bookstore customers:

## Why do you read books?

- 1. Relaxation
- 2. Knowledge
- 3. Entertainment
- 4. Escape
- 5. Awareness
- 6. Personal growth
- 7. Adventure
- 8. Viewpoint



Next, our survey asked readers what they read most often. Our bookstore shelves are labeled as shown below. We get book donations that keep those shelves nicely full. The responses below closely match our sales experience. **They are shown (L-R) in order of popularity:** 

#### Your favorite books?

Fiction | Mystery | History | Biography | Classics | Nonfiction | Paperback | Religion

Not quite as popular, but readily available are the following:

Romance | Cook/Diet | Sports | Children's | Travel |

Science/Technology | Arts/Music | Westerns | Poetry |

Hobbies | Local/NC | etc.

We also sell lots of audio books, CDs, DVDs, and puzzles. These were not tallied in our printed books survey.

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# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

# PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE **FOL LAST QUARTER**

The Friends supported all Summer Reading programs and prizes for all ages, including the Summer Reading prize books for children and teens.

# JUST WHO ARE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY?

A narrow definition would focus on the nonprofit organization with the registered names of Friends of the Henderson County Public Library, Inc. That definition would include only the volunteers who operate the bookstore and a few hundred members of the organization.

However, a more accurate definition of Friends of the Library must also include the thousands of bookstore visitors who come throughout the year to donate books and to buy books. Without them, there would be no Friends organization. Lost would be the critical funds needed by our outstanding Henderson County Public Library system.

Friends are defined as "those with whom one has a bond of mutual affection." In this case, our mutual affection is centered around the books and other items we love, and the public library we all support.

# **FOL BOOKSTORE GIFT CARDS-**A PERFECT GIFT

Gift Cards in \$10 and \$25 denominations can be purchased at the Friends Bookstore.

Perfect gifts for children who use a gift card to make book purchases in our extensive children and young reader section. Youngsters love (seem to prefer) picking their own books.



Perfect gifts for adults who crave affordable books, puzzles, sheet music, CDs & DVDs.

# **FOL BOOKSTORE**

1940 Spartanburg Hwy Hendersonville, NC 28792 (next to Dollar General)

> 828-513-5115 bookstore@fotl.info



HOURS **C** 



Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday 12-4pm



## **DONATIONS**



We welcome your donation of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles. Please do not donate mildewed, smelly, dirty, or damaged items. We take pride in the quality of what we sell and condition matters.

Please ask about large volume sets and encyclopedias before donating and see the list below for specific items we do not sell.

#### Please DO NOT donate:

- Books with highlighting/underlining
- Books with broken spines
- Textbooks
- Annual cookbooks
- Spiral/plastic/wire-bound cookbooks
- Popular fiction without dust jackets
- Time-Life Series
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- Books stamped "Friends" (lobby books)
- Magazines
- Puzzles with missing pieces
- Vinyl, cassettes, VHS, 8-track tapes

## We only accept donations during store hours.

We are happy to assist with unloading. Thanks so much for your cooperation. We love our Friends Bookstore and hope you do too!

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# Movie Matinees @ Main

FIRST THURSDAY AT 2PM | KAPLAN AUD.

## THE FALL GUY

September 5, 2pm PG-13 | 114 Minutes | 2024

IF October 3, 2pm PG | 104 Minutes | 2024

TITLE TBD — November 7, 2pm







Patrons with hearing devices equipped with a telecoil (t-coil) can use the Kaplan's Hearing Loop to take advantage of the full experience. Those without a t-coil can borrow a listening device for FREE.

CLOSED CAPTIONS OR SDH (SUBTITLES FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING) WILL BE TURNED ON WHEN AVAILABLE.



# TREAT STREET

MAIN STREET HENDERSONVILLE



# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 5-8PM

Look for the HCPL booth and get ready for an evening of treats, fun, and spooktacular surprises!

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# COMBAT STRESS CONTROL IN IRAQ

A TALK WITH LT. COL. MARY NORDGULEN

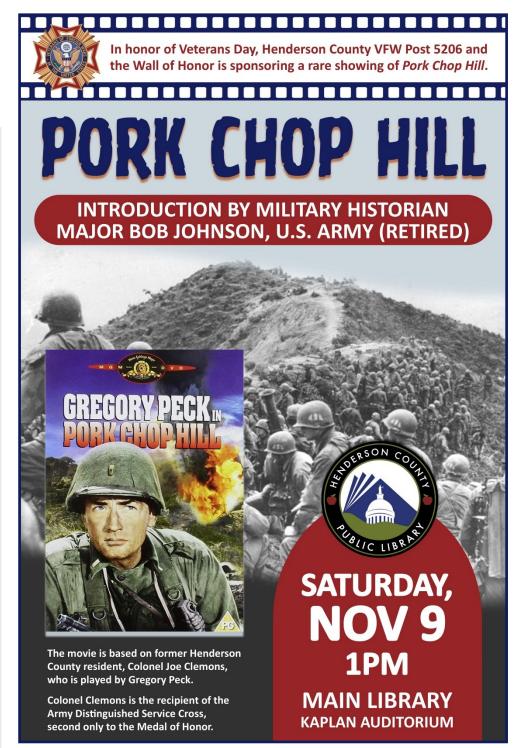


## SEPTEMBER 23 | 3PM ETOWAH LIBRARY

Mary Nordgulen received a call in November of 2003 alerting her of impending orders for a deployment overseas. Weeks later she learned that her orders were for 545 days to deliver Combat Health Support to conserve the fighting strength of US Forces in the III Corps sector deployed to Iraq.

Lt. Col. Mary Nordgulen, USAF (ret.), will share her story of the mission in support of Operation Iraqi freedom (OIF) II and her experience in multiple branches prior to retirement in the USAF.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** 





# **BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIKE THESE**OCTOBER 5 | 10AM | ETOWAH LIBRARY

Join us for powerful and moving readings by Veterans of their works.

"Brothers and Sisters Like These" is a creative writing program of the NC Veterans Writing Alliance, created to help Veterans with PTSD.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED** 

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# FIRST TUESDAY @ 10AM MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

Sep 3- Circe by Madeline Miller

Oct 1- Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

Nov 5— Bearwallow: A Personal History of a Mountain Homeland by Jeremy B. Jones



#### SECOND TUESDAY @ 2PM ETOWAH LIBRARY

\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

Sep 10– The Forest of Vanishing Stars by Kristin Harmel

Oct 8- The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Nov 12- The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim M. Richardson



# SECOND MONDAY @ 11AM FLETCHER LIBRARY

\*REGISTER BY CALLING 687-1218\*

Sep 9— Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson

\*Oct 21– The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

\*Nov 18- Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto

# Page Turners

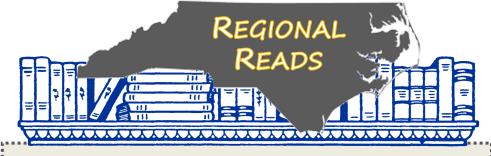
**MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB** 

2PM, KAPLAN AUDITORIUM
\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

Sep 12- The Berlin Letters by Katherine Reay

Oct 10- No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister

No meeting in November



This column features recent and forthcoming titles from southeastern authors or books set in the region. Place any of these titles on hold online or call any Henderson County Library for assistance.

**Bitter and Sweet** by Rhonda McKnight is a dual timeline novel that tells the story of two sisters asked by their grandmother to return home to save the family restaurant in South Carolina.

Also set in South Carolina, *Lowcountry Lost* by T.I. Lowe is the story of a woman who finds an unexpected second chance romance while renovating a long abandoned small town.

The newest novel by Nicolas Sparks, *Counting Miracles* is set in Asheboro, North Carolina where an Army Ranger comes to town between postings looking for the father he never knew. While in town he makes a connection with a local doctor and single mom.

**Katharine, the Wright Sister** by Tracey Enerson Wood is a historical novel that tells the story of Katherine, sister of Orville and Wilbur Wright, who worked in the background to keep the family and their business together. Tracey Enerson Wood will speak at the Main Library on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

A woman in a small Georgia town takes a part time job at the local police department and becomes obsessed with solving a local cold case in *The Night the River Wept*, the second novel by Georgia author Lo Patrick.

Local author Leanna Sain's latest thriller, *Glass Tears*, takes place in the North Carolina mountains where a woman seeks to discover the truth about her father's tragic death 20 years earlier.

North Carolina author Beth Revis's latest book *Full Speed to a Crash Landing* is the first in a new sci fi romance trilogy.

*Kings of Coweetsee* by Asheville author Dale Neal is a story of a small southern town's corrupt elections and hidden crimes coming to light.

**Baking in the American South** by Anne Byrn includes classic Southern recipes and stories of the places, people, and culture that have influenced them.

Best known for his outdoor historical dramas, including *The Lost Colony*, playwright Paul Green is the subject of a new anthology collection from contemporary North Carolina writers titled *Paul Green: North* 

Carolina Writers on the Legacy of the State's Most Celebrated Playwright.

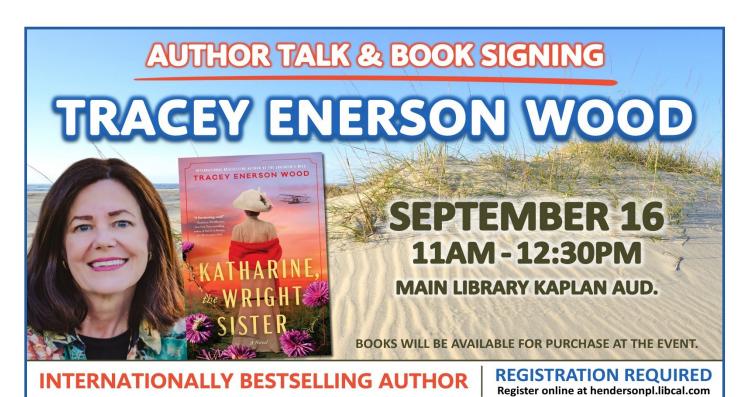
Fans of true crime will want to check out *The Devil* at *His Elbow* by Valerie Bauerlein, a new book about South Carolina attorney Alex Murdaugh.

Happy Reading!

# - Lisa Donaldson,

Assistant Director and Marketing Librarian

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# ADVENTURE BEGINS LIBRARY 2024 SUMMER READING WRAP-UP

This summer the library gave out thousands of summer reading cards to friends of all ages who logged almost 900,000 minutes of reading! That's 15,000 hours, 625 days OR 20 months of non-stop reading in just 8 short weeks.

A lucky few even won the grand prize for their age group:

Preschool Prize: Play Camping Set + Mother Bruce Book & Plush + Play Mat

Elementary Prize: Reading Tent + Malcolm Mushroom Plush + Ticket to Ride Board Game

**Teen Prize:** Prize Bag + \$50 Gift Card for Barnes & Noble **Adult Prize:** Gift Bag + \$50 Gift Card for Barnes & Noble

In addition to our reading challenge, more than 5,600 people attended a whopping 190 programs presented for our young patrons across the county this summer. What a great way to foster a love of literacy & learning in our children & teens! As always, we want to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all our patrons, partners, performers, and to the Friends of the Library for making it all happen. We couldn't have done it without your support!

Color Our World: Join us next June for a summer of creativity, learning & fun!



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# **ADVENTURE PACKS COMING SOON!**

#### What is an Adventure Pack?

Adventure Packs are designed for families and nature lovers of all ages. Each pack includes a variety of tools and nature guides to better explore the outdoors: trail cameras, bugnoculars, butterfly nets, bird calls, and more. Stop by your local branch to find out more!

Adventure Packs may be placed on hold using an adult card in good standing. They can be picked up at any Henderson County Library location and will check out for 21 days.

The Mills River Adventure Packs were purchased with a donation from the High Vista Book Club in honor of their friends Judy Price, Eydie Sloane, and Valerie Hennike.

Additional Adventure Packs have been made possible with funding from the Friends of the Library.



High Vista Book Club with Mills River Adventure Packs

# LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**Rachel Poller** 



Thank you to those who have donated:

- ◆ Chresteen Reuter
- ◆ Justin & Erin Price; Ricky Powlas; Belinda Riddle (in memory of Fran Burgin)
- ◆ Karen Hollinger (in memory of Wayne Hagan)



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 MON., SEPTEMBER 2
COLUMBUS DAY | CLOSED MON., OCTOBER 14
VETERANS DAY | CLOSED MON., NOVEMBER 11
THANKSGIVING | CLOSE AT 5PM WED., NOV. 27
CLOSED NOVEMBER 28 & 29



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# FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY 301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

#### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

\*Main Library Tour -

First Wednesday @ 3pm (Register Online)

**Goodwill Career Connections –** 

Fridays, Drop in from 10am-1pm (Learning Lab)

\*Page Turners Book Club – Thursdays: September 12 & October 10 @ 2pm (no meeting in November) (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: September 9, October 7, & November 4 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

\*Sit Step Sing – Fridays: September 20 & October 25 @ 3pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: The Fall Guy -

Thursday, September 5 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Hoarding Disorder: Hidden Secrets (VAYA Health) –
Tue., September 10 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) (Register Online)

\*Author Tracey Enerson Wood – Monday, September 16 @ 11am (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Garden & Seed Community Conversations: Next Year's Garden (All Ages) – Monday, September 16 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Collage Art Workshop with Lisa Underwood –
Fri., September 27 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: IF -

Thursday, October 3 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Navigating Depression (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, October 8 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: Title TBD -

Thursday, November 7 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Special Showing of *Pork Chop Hill* (VFW) –

Saturday, November 9 @ 1pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

## **TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS & CLASSES FOR ADULTS**

Apple Interest Group -

First Tuesday @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Computer Connections (Open Lab) -

Second Tuesday 2:30-4:30pm (Learning Lab)

Computer Connections (Open Lab) –

Fourth Wednesday 11:30am-1:30pm (Learning Lab)

\*Google Docs – Tuesday, September 24 @ 2:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 1– Mastering Essential Mouse Skills – Tuesday, October 15 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Cutting the Cord – Thursday, October 17 @ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 2– Keyboard Mastery Basics – Tuesday, October 22 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

BRCC: Defend Yourself Online -

Wednesday, October 23 @ 11am (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 3– Introduction to Computer Basics – Tuesday, October 29 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Become a Library Power User! – Wednesday, November 6 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*How They Lived – Monday, November 18 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 4– Navigating Online Forms and Computer Settings – Tuesday, November 19 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: NoveList Plus – Thursday, November 21 @ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)



# FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

## **STORYTIMES** (September—December 5; last week will be holiday themed)

Preschool Storytime (3-5 years) -

Tuesdays @ 10:30am (Children's Auditorium)

Toddler Time (18 months-3 years) -

Wednesdays @ 10:30am (Children's Auditorium)

Music and Movement (families welcome) –

Thursdays @ 10:30am (Children's Auditorium)

Bouncing Babies (birth-18 months + caregiver) – Thursdays @ 11:15am (Children's Auditorium)

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Four O'Clock Club (Grades K-5) – Wednesdays @ 4pm (September-December 4) (Children's Auditorium)

\*PAWS for Reading – Second Saturday
10:30-11:30am & 1:30-2:30pm (Children's Auditorium)
Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a therapy dog
by calling the Main Library at 697-4725, option 5

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: September 9, October 7, & November 4 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

Sensory Play Hour (Birth-5 years + Families) – Third Friday @ 10am (Children's Auditorium)

Garden & Seed Community Conversations: Next Year's Garden (All Ages) – Monday, September 16 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Stuffed Animal Sleepover (Storytime & Drop Off)— Thursday, September 19 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Plott's Tales and Trails: Aventuras with Carolina (NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources) – Friday, September 27 @ 3:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Pumpkin Decorating Contest (Families of Children & Teens, birth through grade 12) –

Sep 30-Oct 5: Bring your decorated pumpkin to the Main Library (Do not puncture or cut pumpkin)

Oct 7-19: Pumpkins will be on display for voting (Children's Area)

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) –

**Tuesday, October 15 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)** Beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>, pick up *Megabat* by Anna Humphrey & Kass Reich at the Youth Services Desk.

Spooky Family Movie: *Hotel Transylvania* (Four O'Clock Club) – Wednesday, October 30 @ 4pm (Kaplan Aud.)

\*T-Rex Tea Party – Tuesday, November 19 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium) (Register Online)

Schiele Museum presents "Indians and Pioneers" (Four O'Clock Club) – Wednesday, November 20 @ 4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

## TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Creative Writing Club (Grades 6-12) – First Tuesday @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

\*Teen Advisory Board (Grades 9-12) – First Thursday @ 4pm (Learning Lab) (Application Required)

Teen Anime Club (Grades 6-12) -

Second Thursday @ 4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: September 9, October 7, & November 4 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

Garden & Seed Community Conversations: Next Year's Garden (All Ages) – Monday, September 16 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12) -

Wednesdays: Sep 25, Oct 16, & Nov 13 3:30-6:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

Teen Craft: Step-By-Step Sunset Painting (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, September 26 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Teen Craft: Ghost Paintings (Grades 6-12) -

Thursday, October 17 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

\*Author Nikki Jefford (Grades 6-12) – Tue., October 22 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Teen Craft: Collage Art (Grades 6-12) -

Thursday, November 21 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

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# FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

# **EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY 2 FIREHOUSE RD, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.685.0110**

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 5; Last week will be holiday themed)

\*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays: Sep. 18; Oct. 23; Nov. 20 @ 3pm (Children) (Call to register)

Lego Club – Last Wednesday @ 3:30pm (Children)

The Name of This Book Club is Secret –

Second Wednesday @ 3:30pm (Grades 3-7)

Edneyville Library Sing-Along –

Fourth Monday @ 4pm (All Ages)

Sit and Stitch – Second Wednesday @ 10am (All Ages)

What We Read Book Review Group -

First Friday @ 1pm (Adults)

\*Tai Chi – Tuesdays: September 3 & 17; October 8 & 22; November 12 & 26 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 1 –

Tuesday, September 3 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*4-H Discovery Series: Hand Sewing – Monday, September 9 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Exploration WILD: Animal Athletes – Tuesday, September 10 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Atoms & Chocolate Bars – Tuesday, September 17 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Rockin' Reptiles & Epic Amphibians – Monday, September 30 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 2 -

Tuesday, October 1 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Hike at Bearwallow Mountain -

Wednesday, October 2 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

Firetruck Storytime -

Monday, October 7 @ 10am (Children)

\*4-H Discovery Series: Nocturnal Animals – Monday, October 7 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*DIY Coffee Syrups – Tuesday, October 8 @ 3:30pm (Teens) (Register online)

\*Intro to Medicare – Friday, October 11 @ 10am (Adults) (Call 828-277-8288 to register)

\*Zaniac: Forensic Science – Tuesday, October 15 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*MountainTrue Speaker Series: Public Lands –
Wednesday, October 16 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Exploration WILD: In Flight – Tuesday, October 22 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*4-H Discovery Series: Fall Leaves – Monday, November 4 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 3 -

Tuesday, November 5 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Art Cards – Tuesday, November 5 @ 3:30pm (All Ages)

\*Let's Get Growing: Evergreens – Wednesday, November 6 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Crazy Chemistry – Tuesday, November 12 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Talking Turkey -

Monday, November 18 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*MountainTrue Speaker Series: The French Broad Paddle Trail – Tuesday, November 19 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Exploration WILD: Arctic Adventures – Tuesday, November 19 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

# MILLS RIVER LIBRARY 124 TOWN CENTER DR, MILLS RIVER | 828.890.1850

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 5; Last week will be holiday themed)

\*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays (NOT first Wed) @ 3:30pm (Children) (Call to register)

Lego Club – First Wednesday @ 3:30pm (Children)

Knit and Crochet Group - Mondays @ 1pm (Adults)

Pilates Mat Exercise - Mondays @ 3:30pm (Adults)

\*Shelf Indulgence Book Club -

First Tuesday @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Chair Exercises – Wednesday: September 4 & 11 @ 10am (Adults) (Call to register)

\*Zaniac: Astronaut Adventures – Monday, September 23 @ 5pm (Grades K-8) (Register Online) Medicare 101: The Basics –

Wednesday, September 25 @ 11am (Adults)

Updates to Medicare in 2024 -

Wednesday, October 2 @ 11am (Adults)

\*Intro to Medicare – Wednesday, October 9 @ 1pm (Adults) (Call 828-277-8288 to register)

Medicare Fraud, Scams, & Abuse –

Wednesday, October 16 @ 1pm (Adults)

\*Zaniac: Ice Oasis Innovation – Monday, October 21 @ 5pm (Grades K-8) (Register Online)

\*Zaniac: An Earthworm's Life – Monday, November 18 @ 5pm (Grades K-8) (Register Online)

# **FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES**

## FLETCHER LIBRARY 120 LIBRARY RD, FLETCHER | 828.687.1218

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10:30am (Sep-Dec 5; Last week will be holiday themed)

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

\*PAWS for Reading – Saturdays: September 7 & 21; October 5 & 19; November 2 & 16 @ 10:30am (Children) (Call to register)

\*Check 'Em Out Book Club – Second Monday @ 11am; Third Monday in Oct. & Nov. due to holidays—10/21 & 11/18 (Adults) (Call to register)

Fletcher Craft Day -

Second Tuesday; Drop in 10am-4pm (All Ages)

**Goodwill Career Connections –** 

Wednesdays, Drop in 10am-1pm (Adults)

**Book Review Book Club -**

Second Thursday @ 10:30am (Adults)

Knitting for a Cause – Second Saturday @ 10am (Adults)

\*Chair Exercises – Tuesdays: September 3 & 10; October 8 & 15; November 12 & 19 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

Pilates Mat Exercise – Thursdays: September 5 & 19; October 3 & 17; November 7 & 21 @ 1:30pm (Adults)

Updates to Medicare in 2024 -

Monday, September 16 @ 2pm (Adults)

\*Zaniac: The Magic of Gardens – Monday, September 16 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: An Earthworm's Life -

Monday, October 7 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Medicare Fraud, Scams, and Abuse Protection and Reporting – Monday, October 21 @ 2pm (Adults)

\*Zaniac: The Magic of Colors – Monday, November 4 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

# **GREEN RIVER LIBRARY** 50 GREEN RIVER RD, ZIRCONIA | 828.697.4969

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 5; Last week will be holiday themed)

YarnAbility – First Monday @ 4pm (Sep session on 9/9 due to holiday) (Adults & Teens)

Craft Club – Third Monday, Drop in all day (Children & Teens)

Author Leanna Sain -

Thursday, September 12 @ 4pm (Adults)

\*Intro to Medicare – Wednesday, September 18 @ 2pm (Adults) (Call 828-277-8288 to register)

Radical Raptors -

Thursday, September 19 @ 3:30pm (All Ages)

\*Zaniac: Ice Oasis Innovation – Monday, September 23 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online) \*Using Your Digital Library: Libby – Wednesday, October 16 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Minecraft Adventure – Monday, October 28 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Halloween Boo Bash! -

Thursday, October 31, 3-5pm (Children)

\*Publishing Basics with Kindle Vella – Thursday, November 7 @ 2pm (Adults & Ages 14+) (Register online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla – Wednesday, November 13 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Paint Each Other on Canvas – Thursday, November 21 @ 3:30pm (Adults & Ages 11+) (Register online)



# **FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES**

# ETOWAH LIBRARY 101 BRICKYARD RD, ETOWAH | 828.891.6577

Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 5; Last week will be holiday themed)

Lego Club - Thursdays @ 3pm (Children)

In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)

\*Awareness Through Movement – Wednesdays @ 10am (Sep 11-Nov 20) (Adults) (Register online)

\*The Ancestors Club -

First Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) (Call to register)

\*Historical Fiction Book Club -

Second Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*The Ancestors Club: Action Group -

Third Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) (Call to register)

Etowah Book Club -

Third Wednesday @ 2:30pm (Adults)

\*Silent Write – Thursdays: September 5 & October 17 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Chair Exercises – Mondays: September 9 & 16; October 7 & 21 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Write Your Life – Thursdays: September 19, October 31, & November 14 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Moths in a New Light – Wednesday, September 4 @ 3pm (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

\*Success with Houseplants and Covers – Friday, September 6 @ 1pm (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

Apple Country String Band (Outside, Live Music) – Monday, September 9 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*Prevention, Planning, & Actions in Medical Situations-Heart Attack and Stroke: Signs and Symptoms – Wed., September 11 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Let's Get Growing: Garden Tips -

Thursday, September 12 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Intro to Composting – Friday, September 13 @ 10am (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

\*Movie Matinee: Kung Fu Panda 4 – Saturday, September 14 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 4 -

Monday, September 16 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Libby -

Friday, September 20 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Medicare Updates in 2024 –

Monday, September 23 @ 1pm (Adults)

\*Veterans History Museum: Combat Stress Control in Iraq: A Talk with Lt. Col. Mary Nordgulen –

Monday, September 23 @ 3pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Radical Raptors – Wednesday, September 25 @ 3pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Misunderstood Wildlife – Fri., Sep. 27 @ 1pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Introduction to Poetry – Monday, September 30 @ 2pm (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

Appalachian Strings (Outside, Live Music) – Monday, September 30 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*Intro to Medicare – Wednesday, October 2 @ 1pm (Adults) (Call 828-277-8288 to register)

\*Colors from Plants: The Seasonal Harvest – Friday, October 4 @ 1pm (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

\*Veterans History Museum: Brothers and Sisters Like These – Sat., October 5 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Nature Under Your Nose (WNC Nature Center) – Mon., Oct. 7 @ 4pm (Outside) (Children & Teens) (Register online)

\*Prevention, Planning, & Actions in Medical Situations– Fall Prevention – Wednesday, October 9 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Movie Matinee: Frankenweenie – Saturday, October 12 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla –
Friday, October 18 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Celtic ConFusion (Outside, Live Music) – Monday, October 21 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*Orchids for New Growers – Tuesday, October 22 @ 2pm (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

\*The Elder Fraud Industry: Spotting & Reporting Scams – Thursday, October 24 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Owls of the Carolinas – Fri., Oct. 25 @ 1pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Art Cards – Saturday, October 26 10am-1pm (All Ages) (Call to register)

\*Candle Making – Monday, October 28 @ 4pm (Outside) (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

\*Things That Go Bump in the Night: Masked Bandits – Wednesday, October 30 @ 3pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Beginning Writing Workshop with Angela Evans – Fridays: November 1, 8, 15, & 22 @ 12pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Let's Get Growing: Evergreens -

Thursday, November 7 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Movie Matinee: The Secret of NIMH – Saturday, November 9 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

\*Prevention, Planning, & Actions in Medical Situations— Planning Ahead in Case of an Emergency — Wed., November 13 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Food Preservation Class: Fermenting Sauerkraut – Thu., Nov. 21 @ 10am (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

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