

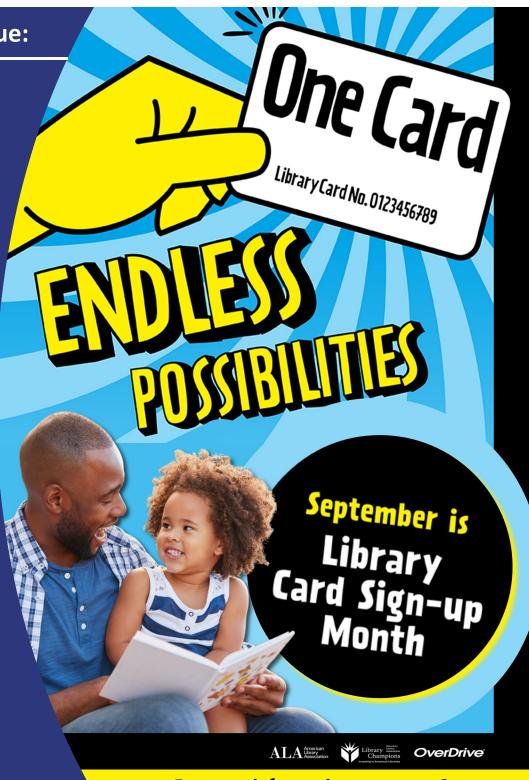
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Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2025

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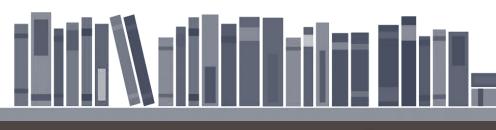


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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

We're excited to announce the launch of our **Mobile Library** – a vibrant hub on wheels bringing books, media, Wi-Fi, and engaging activities directly to communities across Henderson County!

This innovative service reflects the Library's ongoing mission to provide **equitable access** to resources and opportunities, especially in underserved areas. The Mobile Library will visit **community events**, **parks**, **schools**, **senior centers**, and other local gathering spots, ensuring that library services are more accessible than ever.

Packed with a **dedicated collection for all ages and interests**, the Mobile Library offers something for everyone. Need a library card? Just bring a valid ID and get one on the spot. Materials checked out from the Mobile Library can be returned either during its next stop or at any Henderson County Public Library location.

- Trina Rushing, Library Director

For over 100 years, the Henderson County Public Library has empowered the community through literacy, education, and enrichment.

The Mobile Library marks the next chapter in that legacy—ensuring that learning and connection are never out of reach.

This exciting initiative was made possible through a generous \$100,000 donation from the Friends of the Henderson County Public Library, a testament to their unwavering commitment to literacy and lifelong learning.



TO EXPLORE THE MOBILE LIBRARY ROUTE & SCHEDULE, VISIT: WWW.HENDERSONCOUNTYNC.GOV/LIBRARY

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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 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 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

Carol Everhart, Circulation Assistant

After working as a Library Auxiliary Assistant, Carol is happy to join the Circulation team at the Main Library.

Carol came to Hendersonville in 2010 from Central Florida and loves living in this beautiful part of North Carolina.

She has spent the majority of her career as an Administrative Assistant for corporations and nonprofit organizations. Carol received her education in Fine Art and enjoys painting with oil, acrylic, and watercolor.

An avid reader, Carol delights in sharing a love of books with her four-year-old grandson.



Elli Reed, Circulation Assistant

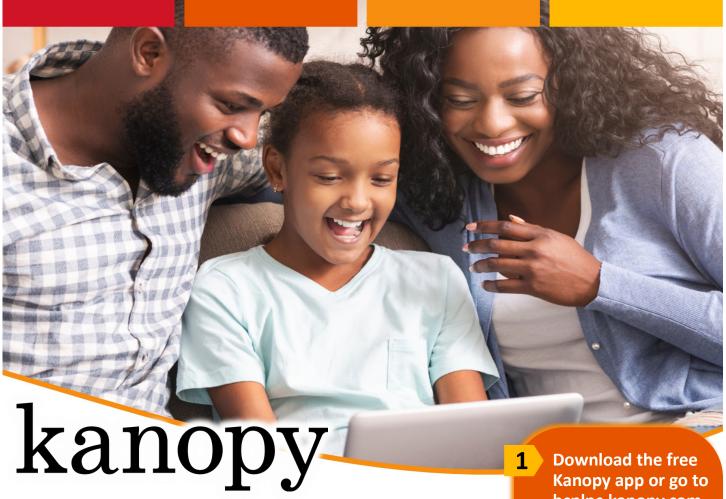


Born and raised in Hendersonville, Elli has always seen libraries as a special place. Elli has been a bibliophile since learning how to read and marvels in the fact that there is an entire world in every book. Elli even has a home library consisting of almost 900 books!

Elli studied psychology and education at UNC Asheville and is excited to be a part of an institution that values education, enrichment, and community. Elli loves to learn and relishes the opportunity to share that love of learning with others.

When not in the library or reading, you can find Elli playing board games or video games. And at every possible moment, Elli can be found snuggling with their much beloved cat and dog.

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Now available for Henderson County Library cardholders— stream with Kanopy!

Watch movies, television, documentaries, and educational videos with the Kanopy app on your tablet, smartphone, or computer. The Kanopy app can also be downloaded on supported smart TVs. Browse by categories and watch instantly or add a title to your watchlist to view later.

Kanopy Kids includes videos geared toward ages 2-8. Parents can set up controls so that a PIN number must be entered to exit Kids mode.

Visit the Digital Library page on the library website to get started with Kanopy or ask any staff member for more information. A Kanopy class will be offered at the Main Library on September 18th at 1:30pm. Registration is required, sign up at hendersonpl.libcal.com.

- hcplnc.kanopy.com
- 2 **Select "Get** Started", then "Find Your Library"
- 3 Be sure to select **Henderson County Public Library – NC**
- 4 **Enter your library** card, then create an account



You can now find the library on Facebook & Instagram at HendersonCountyNCLibrary.

Follow us for upcoming events, news about new library services, and to learn more about all the Henderson County Libraries have to offer!



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES & PROGRAMS

What computer skills do YOU want to learn?



COMPUTER 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, setting you on the path to meeting your computer goals.
Four Mondays @ 3pm, Sep. 8th - 29th, Etowah Library (Registration Required Register once for all 4 classes)
Four Mondays @ 2pm, Nov. 3rd - 24th, Main Library (Registration Required Register once for all 4 classes)

ONLINE SAFETY 101

Learn how to recognize online threats, good Internet safety habits, and how to build strong passwords to secure your accounts and devices. (Registration Required)
 September 23rd @ 10am, Etowah | October 8th @ 10:30am, Green River | October 20th @ 1:30pm, Main

APPLE DEVICES

This group is for anyone interested in, or already using, an Apple device. Topics vary by attendees' interest, come with questions.
 Apple Interest Group—First Tuesday @ 2pm, Main Library

GOOGLE WORKSPACE

Google is more than a search engine! Google offers an extensive variety of free, cloud-based applications including Google Drive, Gmail, Docs, and Sheets. Learn how to get the most out of your account in this informative session.
 Getting to Know Your Google Account—October 20th @ 3:45pm, Mills River Library (Registration Required)

POPULAR TECHNOLOGY

- Ready to ditch cable? Interested in learning how to stream media, use your free library resources to access video content, or pick up local channels?
 Cutting the Cord- Oct. 16th @ 10:30am, Main | Oct. 21st @ 10am, Edneyville (Registration Required)
- Curious about podcasts? This course will introduce participants to accessing and finding podcasts that match their own unique interests. Intro to Podcasts—Wed., September 10th @ 11am, Mills River (Registration Required)

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Work on your family history research in this librarian led open lab. Each session will briefly cover a different genealogy topic followed by time to research. All levels of experience, from beginners to experts, are welcome!
 Family Roots & Research Lab— Fourth Wednesday @ 2pm, Main Library (Registration Required)

USING YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY- FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

- Ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, & more! All of this is available to you anytime, anywhere. (Registration Required)
 Libby- Sep. 9th @ 1:30pm, Main | Sep. 16th @ 10am, Edneyville | Nov. 12th @ 11am, Mills River
 Hoopla- October 6th @ 1:30pm, Main | November 18th @ 2pm, Fletcher
- Stream unlimited films, TV shows, and documentaries without ads! (Registration Required)
 Kanopy- Sep. 18th @ 1:30pm, Main | Sep. 23rd @ 10am, Edneyville | Oct. 28th @ 10am, Etowah
- Learn a new language. Choose from 110+ available languages including ESL, American Sign Language, indigenous and endangered languages.
 - Transparent Language Wednesday, September 3rd @ 1:30pm, Main Library (Registration Required)
- Beat the paywall! Learn how to use your library card to read current articles from Consumer Reports, The New York
 Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The New Yorker, and The Economist.
 Newspapers & Periodicals—Tuesday, September 30th @ 1:30pm, Main Library (Registration Required)
- Learn how to use the library website and app to: Master your library account; Search the catalog like a librarian; Find recommended reading; Access digital reading, listening, and viewing materials; Discover upcoming events.
 Become a Library Power User! (Registration Required)
 - October 15th @ 2pm, Fletcher | November 12th @ 2pm, Edneyville | November 18th @ 2pm, Main

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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

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BRAD THOMPSON Vice President

JANE BAIRD
Treasurer

SUZANNE ELLIS
Secretary

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 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 or on our website.

Questions? Email the FOL at bookstore@fotl.info

WEBSITE

fotl.info



GET TO KNOW...

A BOOKSTORE CUSTOMER

This month we are looking at our summer customers and the excitement they bring visiting each year! This special visitor, **Dr. Marion Russell-Dickson**, came into our store with her son Asher while visiting relatives in the area and was overwhelmed by our music section. She graduated from Eastman School of Music in NYC and found an abundance of original scores and many books written by her own professors! She was in TOTAL AMAZEMENT of what our little store had to offer. She even found a score of the Opera of Susannah that not only did she premiere in as the star, Susannah, at the Houston Grand Opera House, but had also personally spoken to the composer, Carlisle Floyd, before he passed. She was tearful sharing her story and what a treasure she found. Goes to show...whether it's a one hit wonder or a forever friend, you can find it at the FOL Bookstore!



PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE FOL LAST QUARTER

The Friends of the Library sponsored summer events at all Henderson County libraries for children, teens, and adults. The Friends also provided support for the Summer Reading prizes and books for children and teens.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY





Fall Membership Incentive: OctoberFestFind!

Each day we are open in October, there will be a book hidden on a random shelf in the bookstore that a lucky member can find and win the prize of the day.

No member can win twice, so that means you have 13 chances to win a "treat!" We promise... it's not a trick!





Congratulations to our Summer FOL Member promotion winners: Robbie Goolsby, Polly Pernell, Donna Gross, Vicki Shaw, & Jon Sours

Out of almost 500 entries, these 5 lucky members won a \$10 gift card to the bookstore. We appreciate all those who came in to the store during the month of July to enter.

Our membership continues to grow and GROW!

If you aren't already a member, join the fun today! It's a full circle contribution knowing that it all goes back to YOU and YOURS at your local libraries! Stop by the store or visit our website to purchase or renew your membership.

BOOKSTORE CLOSURE FOR NEW CARPET INSTALLATION



Tue., Sep. 2—Wed., Sep. 10

We will reopen on Thursday, September 11th and resume our normal business hours of Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from

NO DONATIONS will be accepted through Wednesday, **September 10th.** We will accept donations again on Thursday, September 11th.

Please be patient with us during this time. We appreciate all you do to support our Henderson County Libraries.

FOL BOOKSTORE

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

> 828-513-5115 bookstore@fotl.info



HOURS **—**



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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SEPTEMBER IS Library Card Sign-up Month

CELEBRATE WITH
HENDERSON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARIES
THIS SEPTEMBER!

This year's theme, "One Card, Endless Possibilities" is a reminder that libraries are for everyone. Whether you're diving into a new hobby, searching for your next great read, brushing up on tech skills, or helping your child succeed in school, it all starts with a library card.

Anyone who lives, works, or attends school in Henderson County is eligible for a free library card. Visit any of our six library locations to sign up for your card today!

- During September only, all children and teens who sign up for their **first library card** can pick out a free book to keep!
- Children, teens, and adults can pick up a library BINGO card at any of our library locations. Turn in your completed BINGO card by October 1st to be entered into a prize drawing.
- Want to learn more about what you can do with your library card? Several classes will be offered during September. Register at hendersonpl.libcal.com



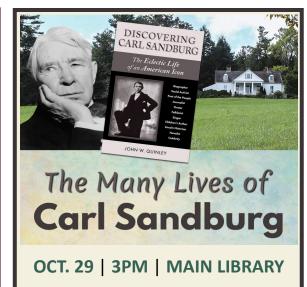


SEPTEMBER 23 | 5:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*



Following her breakthrough television performance of "Walking After Midnight" in 1957, Patsy Cline became a successful crossover pop and country success and is known for her recordings of such classics as "Crazy" and "I Fall to Pieces."

Join jazz singer Maggie Worsdale for a tribute to Patsy Cline, presented in a jazz/country style. Maggie sings Cline's songs and shares little known stories about her life and career.



Learn about Carl Sandburg's amazing life story as told by six actors who give dramatic and humorous readings from his poetry and prose and sing songs from Sandburg's American Songbag. Playwright John Quinley is the author of the book, *Discovering Carl Sandburg*.



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Movie Matinees @ Main

FIRST THURSDAY AT 2PM | KAPLAN AUD.



PADDINGTON IN PERU

October 2, 2pm PG | 106 Minutes

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER

November 6, 2pm PG | 114 Minutes









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



FRIDAY, 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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FIRST TUESDAY @ 10AM MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

REGISTER ONLINE

Sep 2- Johnny Carson by Henry Bushkin

Oct 7— The Final Girl Support Group by Grady Hendrix

Nov 4- Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir



SECOND TUESDAY @ 2PM ETOWAH LIBRARY

REGISTER ONLINE

Sep 9- The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

Oct 14– The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn

No meeting in November



SECOND MONDAY @ 11AM FLETCHER LIBRARY

Sep 8- Lightning Strike by William Kent Krueger

*Oct 20– I Need You to Read This by Jessa Maxwell

Nov 10- Those Empty Eyes by Charlie Donlea

Page Turners:

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

2PM, KAPLAN AUDITORIUM
REGISTER ONLINE

Sep 11– Real Americans by Rachel Khong

Oct 9- The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer

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.

As the leaves begin to turn and the air chills, it's the perfect time to curl up with a book. This season, a diverse array of titles offers mystery, romance, history, and inspiration.

Asheville author Terry Roberts returns to Madison County in his seventh novel, *In the Fullness of Time*. The story follows a veteran who becomes the local sheriff, expecting a quiet tenure. He soon finds himself entangled in more serious affairs, unearthing family secrets that will keep readers guessing until the end.

In a unique collaboration, North Carolina author Nicholas Sparks teams up with filmmaker M. Night Shyamalan to bring readers *Remain*. Set against the backdrop of Cape Cod, this novel intertwines love and mystery with supernatural elements.

Fans of the Mitford series will rejoice as Jan Karon returns with *My Beloved*. When Father Tim's love letter to his wife goes astray, the community of Mitford finds itself reflecting on love and relationships.

In *Peace Like a River*, Scott Gould takes readers to the Lowcountry of South Carolina, where a man returns home to reconcile with his dying father. This story explores themes of family, forgiveness, and the complexities of coming home.

Set against the backdrop of the North Carolina mountains in 1932, *These Blue Mountains* by Sarah Loudin Thomas tells the story of a German woman on a quest to uncover the fate of her husband, who had been imprisoned during the war.

Michelle Shocklee's *The Women of Oak Ridge* transports readers to World War II-era Tennessee, where women unknowingly work on the atomic bomb in Oak Ridge. This historical novel sheds light on the pivotal roles women played during the war and the secrets they kept.

A bookstore owner in a small North Carolina town is confronted with long hidden family secrets in *The Stories We Carry* by Christy award winning author Robin W. Pearson.

Also set in a small North Carolina town, *The Second Story Bookshop* by Denise Hunter is a tale of unexpected partnerships and second chances where a woman inherits her grandmother's bookstore, only to discover she must share ownership with the man who once broke her heart.

Mailman is the story of Stephen Grant, who finds new purpose as a rural letter carrier in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia after being laid off at age 50. Through strange deliveries and heartfelt connections, Grant becomes a lifeline to his community, offering a unique perspective on rural life.

For readers who enjoy nature, *The Fabulous Ordinary* by Georgann Eubanks provides a tour of seasonal phenomena of nature throughout the Southeast.

Part memoir and part writing guide, North Carolina author Sue Monk Kidd explores how she became a writer and was inspired by other writers in *Writing Creativity and Soul*.

Happy Reading!

- Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Director and Marketing

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2025 SUMMER READING WRAP UP

This summer the library gave out thousands of summer reading cards to children, teens, and adults who logged over **750,000 minutes** of reading! That's 12,500 hours, 520 days, <u>OR</u> 17.5 months of non-stop reading in just 9 short weeks.

In addition to our reading challenge, more than 5,000 people attended 202 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!

UNEARTH A STORY: Join us next June for a summer of dinosaurs, archeology, and fun!



REID Preschool Winner



ANNABELLE Elementary Winner



LILEE Teen Winner



CATE Elementary Winner



SCOTTY Preschool Winner



EMERY Elementary Winner



Teen Winner



DESMONDPreschool Winner



AARON Elementary Winner



JONAH Teen Winner



ARLO Preschool Winner



SPARROW Teen Winner



Student Access

The StudentAccess Program is a partnership between Henderson County Public Library, Henderson County Public Schools, Fernleaf Charter School, and The Mountain Community School. Through the program, students and teachers at these schools can receive a free account with Henderson County Public Library.

Henderson County Public School parents or guardians must complete an opt-in form for students to participate. Please see your school for more information.

Students simply provide their student ID numbers at any Henderson County Library to check out up to 10 books or audiobooks and access the library computers.

StudentAccess also provides 24/7 access to databases, eBooks, and digital audiobooks from anywhere with an internet connection. Students of all ages can find online help with homework, research projects, and test preparation. Ask a library staff member for details.











= Student Success

Art Exhibit at the Main Library



SEP 29, 2025 – JAN 5, 2026

"City of Four Seasons"

The Art League of Henderson County will present art in a variety of media.

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STORYWALKS®





It's time to celebrate! Our brand new StoryWalks® are officially open and ready for reading adventures.

These permanent installations debuted this summer, coinciding with exciting renovations at both Etowah and Mills River Parks. Thanks to incredible partnerships with Henderson County Parks & Recreation, the Town of Mills River, and our dedicated Friends of the Library, we've brought these interactive StoryWalks® to Henderson County. Now, families and friends of all ages can enjoy reading together while exploring the walking trails around our beautiful parks.

Through September, visitors to Etowah Park can enjoy reading *Llama Llama Time to Share* by Anna Dewdney, while Mills River Park will feature *Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer. Both stories are presented in English and Spanish, along with engaging extension activities, conversation starters, or helpful literacy tips. These additions are designed to help families connect more deeply with the story and make the experience interactive and memorable. We encourage everyone to visit these local parks, take a stroll along the StoryWalk® trails, and enjoy reading together!

The story will change quarterly to reflect the change in seasons, so be sure to visit again in October and enjoy the magic of stories in nature all year long!

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier Vermont. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by the Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

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Thank you to those who have donated:

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(in memory of Ann B. Ross)



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 1
STAFF TRAINING | CLOSED MON., OCTOBER 13
VETERANS DAY | CLOSED TUE., NOVEMBER 11
THANKSGIVING | CLOSED NOVEMBER 27 & 28
(MAIN CLOSES 5PM NOV. 26)



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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Goodwill Career Connections –

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

*Page Turners Book Club – Thursdays: September 11 & October 9 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: September 8, October 6, & November 10 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

Movie Matinee: The Amateur -

Thursday, September 4 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Sit Step Sing – Friday, September 12 @ 3:15pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Learn About Bonsai -

Tuesday, September 16 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Crazy About Patsy Cline – Tuesday, September 23 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: Paddington in Peru -

Thursday, October 2 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

The Many Lives of Carl Sandburg Reader's Theater – Wednesday, October 29 @ 3pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Movie Matinee: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – Thursday, November 6 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Main Library Tour -

Wednesday, November 12 @ 3pm (Register Online)

Adult Crafternoon -

Thursday, November 13 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS & CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Apple Interest Group -

First Tuesday @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Transparent Language: Digital Literacy Class — Wednesday, September 3 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab)

(Register Online)

*Libby: Digital Literacy Class -

Tuesday, September 9 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Kanopy: Digital Literacy Class -

Thursday, September 18 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Newspapers & Periodicals: Digital Literacy Class — Tuesday, September 30 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab)

(Register Online)

*Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla – Monday, October 6 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Cutting the Cord – Thursday, October 16 @ 10:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Online Safety 101 – Monday, October 20 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Getting Started on the Computer 4-Part Series – Mondays: November 3-24 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online – Register once for the entire series)

*Become a Library Power User! -

Tuesday, November 18 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

GENEALOGY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

*Family Roots & Research Lab – Fourth Wednesday
@ 2pm (North Carolina Room) (Register Online)

September 24– Analyzing Evidence October 22– Locality Research Guides November 26– Research Planning



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FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

STORYTIMES (September-December 4; 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

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

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: September 8, October 6, & November 10 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

*Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Storytime & Drop-Off -

Thursday, September 18 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium) (Register Online)

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

Sep 29-Oct 4: Bring your decorated pumpkin to the Main Library (Do not puncture or cut pumpkin)

Oct 6-18: Pumpkins will be on display for voting (Children's Area)

American Sign Language (ASL) Storytime -

Tuesday, September 30 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) -

Tuesday, October 21 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Beginning September 23rd, pick up your copy of *Shelley Frankenstein!: CowPiggy* by Colleen Madden at the Youth Desk.

*Under the Sea Tea Party – Tuesday, November 18 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium) (Register Online)

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)

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: September 8, October 6, & November 10 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

Teen Craft: Photo Wall Hanging (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, September 18 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

Teen Craft: Pom-Pom Cactus (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, October 9 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Four O'Clock Club (Grades K-5) -

Wednesdays @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

September 3– Let's Build It!
September 10– Wax Resist Bees
September 17– Fall Luminaries
September 24– Origami Bookmarks

October 1– Let's Build It!
October 8– Bat Garland

October 15— ecoEXPLORE: Mycology

October 22 – Art inspired by Mary Blair

October 29 - Spider Puppets

November 5– Let's Build It!
November 12– Wooden Owls

November 19 – Cinnamon-Scented slime

December 3– The Muppet Christmas Carol (Kaplan Aud.)



Teen Craft: Rubber Duck Cosplay 2-Day Event (Grades 6-12) — Tue., October 14 & Thu., October 16 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12) -

Thursday, October 30 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

Beginning Sep. 30th, pick up *Powerless* by Lauren Roberts at the Youth Services Desk.

Teen Craft: Pressed-Flower Lantern (Grades 6-12) -

Thursday, November 13 @ 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 4; Last week will be holiday themed)

*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays: Sep. 3; Oct. 15; Nov. 19 @ 3pm (Children) (Call to register)

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

What We Read Book Review Group – First Friday @ 1pm (Adults)

*Hoarding Disorder: Hidden Secrets (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, September 2 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Minecraft- Sustainable Cities - Monday, September 8 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Using Your Digital Library: Libby -

Tuesday, September 16 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*What a Ranger Does – Monday, September 22 @ 3:30pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Using Your Digital Library: Kanopy -

Tuesday, September 23 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Self-Care: Learning to Live Well, Work Well (VAYA Health) – Wed., Oct. 1 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Minecraft- Coaster Craze - Monday, October 6 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online) *Spooky Craft: Jack-o'-Lanterns -

Tuesday, October 7 @ 3:30pm (Children) (Register online)

*Card Making: Halloween Edition – Friday, October 10 @ 10am (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

*Cutting the Cord -

Tuesday, October 21 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Spooky Craft: Spiders -

Tuesday, October 28 @ 3:30pm (Children) (Register online)

Costume Day – Friday, October 31, 9am-12pm (Children 12 & under)

*Zaniac: Density & Lava Lamps – Monday, November 3 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Brain Health in Aging (VAYA Health) -

Wed., November 5 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Talking Turkey – Monday, November 10 @ 3:30pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Become a Library Power User! – Wednesday, November 12 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)



FLETCHER LIBRARY 120 LIBRARY RD, FLETCHER | 828.687.1218

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 4; Last week will be holiday themed)

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

*PAWS for Reading – Saturdays @ 10:30am; Third Tuesday @ 10:30am; Fourth Monday @ 10:30am (Children) (Call to register)

Check 'Em Out Book Club – Second Monday @ 11am; Oct session on 10/20 due to closure (Adults)

Fletcher Craft Day – Second Tuesday; Nov session on 11/18 due to holiday; Drop in 10am-4pm (All Ages)

Book Review Book Club -

Second Wednesday @ 10:30am (Adults)

Goodwill Career Connections –

Thursdays, Drop in 1-4pm (Adults)

Introduction to Medicare -

Monday, September 15 @ 2pm (Adults)

*Zaniac: Minecraft—Sustainable Cities — Monday, September 22 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online) *Family Yoga: Toddlers – Tuesday, October 7 @ 10am (Ages 2-4) (Register online)

Beginner Crochet Workshop -

Saturday, October 11 @ 10am (All Ages)

*Become a Library Power User! – Wednesday, October 15 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Minecraft- Space Race -

Monday, October 20 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Family Yoga: Preschoolers – Tuesday, November 4 @ 10am (Ages 4-6) (Register online)

*Autumn Crochet – Saturday, November 8 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

Medicare Frauds and Scams -

Monday, November 17 @ 2pm (Adults)

*Zaniac: The Science of Weather – Monday, November 17 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla – Tuesday, November 18 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

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FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

GREEN RIVER LIBRARY 50 GREEN RIVER RD, ZIRCONIA | 828.697.4969

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 4; Last week will be holiday themed)

*Crafting Your Novel Series – Mondays: September 8, October 6, November 3 @ 4pm (Adults) (Register online)

Crafternoons – Sep. 15; Oct. 30; Nov. 17, 1:30-5pm (All ages 5+)

*Nocturnal Animals – Wednesday, September 3 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Progressive Painting: Geometric Shapes – Thursday, September 11 @ 3:30pm (All Ages 8+) (Register online)

*DIY Diamond Art Program – Wednesday, September 17 @ 3:30pm (Teens) (Register online)

Touch-a-Truck: Get to Know EMS! –

Monday, September 22 @ 4pm (Children)

*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Salamanders of WNC – September 25 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Minecraft- Space Race - Monday, September 29 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Online Safety 101 – Wednesday, October 8 @ 10:30am (Adults) (Register online)

*Make Your Own Candy Sushi – Wednesday, October 15 @ 3:30pm (Teens) (Register online)

*Fall Painting: Pumpkins – Thursday, October 16 @ 3:30pm (Adults & Youth Ages 8+) (Register online)

*Be a Lifesaver: CPR & First Aid Basics – Mon., October 20 @ 4pm (Adults & Youth Ages 10+) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Spooktacular Science – Monday, October 27 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Halloween Boo Bash! -

Thursday, October 30, 1:30-4:30pm (Children)

*Talking Turkey – Wednesday, November 5 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Cocoa Butter Salves – Monday, November 10 @ 4pm (Adults & Youth Ages 11+) (Register online)

*Thankful Bottles – Thursday, November 13 @ 3:30pm (Adults & Youth Ages 8+) (Register online)

*Bingo Bash! – Wednesday, November 19 @ 3:30pm (Teens) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Density & Lava Lamps – Monday, November 24 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

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

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 4; Last week will be holiday themed)

*PAWS for Reading –

Wednesdays @ 3pm (Children) (Call to register)

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

*Shelf Indulgence Book Club -

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

Pilates Mat Exercise – Wednesdays @ 9:30am (Adults)

*Intro to Podcasts – Wednesday, September 10 @ 11am (Adults) (Register online) *Zaniac: Minecraft- Coaster Craze - Monday, September 15 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Spooktacular Science – Wednesday, October 15 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Getting to Know Your Google Account – Monday, October 20 @ 3:45pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Minecraft- Space Race - Monday, November 10 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Using Your Digital Library: Libby – Wednesday, November 12 @ 11am (Adults) (Register online)



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FALL PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

ETOWAH LIBRARY 101 BRICKYARD RD, ETOWAH | 828.891.6577

Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (Sep-Dec 4; Last week will be holiday themed)

Lego Club - Thursdays @ 3pm (Children)

In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)

*The Ancestors Club -

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

*Write Your Life -

Second Thursday @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Historical Fiction Book Club – Second Tuesday @ 2pm; no session in November (Adults) (Register online)

*The Ancestors Club: Action Group -

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

Etowah Book Club -

Third Wednesday @ 2:30pm (Adults)

*Getting Started on the Computer: 4-Part Series – Mondays, Sep. 8-29 @ 3pm (Adults) (Register online)

*The Plant Starts with You – Monday, September 8 @ 4pm (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee: Fahrenheit 451 -

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

*Textiles in the Stone Age –

Friday, September 12 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

*An Introduction to Birdwatching –

Saturday, September 13 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee for Youth: *Mufasa: The Lion King* – Sat., Sep. 13 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Renewed Hope for Hemlocks – Sep. 17 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Let's Get Growing: Small Space Gardening –
Thursday, September 18 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*The Veterans History Museum: The American Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill: Speaker Jeff Brewer – September 20 @ 11am (Adults) (Register online)

*Online Safety 101 –

Tuesday, September 23 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Planning for the Future: Wills & Advanced Directives – Tuesday, September 23 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

Rock Out to Geriatric Jukebox – Wed., September 24 @ 1pm (Outdoor Amphitheater) (All Ages)

*Nocturnal Animals -

Monday, October 6 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Powerful Tools for Family Caregivers – Wednesday, October 8 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee: The Masque of the Red Death –
Friday, October 10 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee for Youth: Snow White – Saturday, October 11 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Renewable Energy 101 – Wed., October 15 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Writing a Good Mystery or Thriller -

Thursday, October 16 @ 3pm (Adults) (Register online)

Renaissance Music on Recorders: The Amaryllis Quartet – Sat., October 18 @ 10am (All Ages)

*Rock Painting & Decoupage – Monday, October 20 @ 4pm (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Using Your Digital Library: Kanopy -

Tuesday, October 28 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Glass Picture Project – Monday, November 3 @ 4pm (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Facing Substance Use and Misuse (VAYA Health) – Wed., November 5 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee: Double Indemnity –

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

*Movie Matinee for Youth: A Minecraft Movie –
Sat., Nov. 8 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Fall Wonders of Wildlife: Camouflage & Autumn
Color – Mon., Nov. 10 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: The Effects of Light Pollution on Wildlife –

Wed., November 12 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Let's Get Growing: Holiday Plants -

Thursday, November 20 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)



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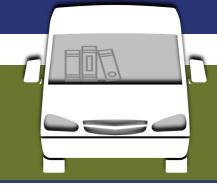
September

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October

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

2-4pm, Dana Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9am-1pm, Jackson Park

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

12-2:30pm, Patton Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:30-11:30am, Tuxedo Park

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:30am-12:30pm, Park at Flat Rock

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

3-4:30pm, Etowah Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10am-3pm, Art on Main- Main Street Hendersonville

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

12-2:30pm, Jackson Park **4:30-6:30pm**, Art in the Park-Bill Moore Community Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9am-2pm, Farm City Day-Jackson Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

9am-1pm, Jackson Park

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

12-2:30pm, Patton Park

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

2-4pm, Dana Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:30-11:30am, Tuxedo Park

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

3-4:30pm, Etowah Park

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:30am-12:30pm, Park at Flat Rock

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