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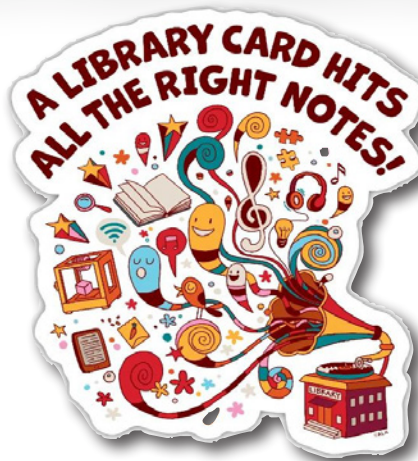
HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER | FALL 2026

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September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!



This September, we invite you to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with us and discover how a library card can hit all the right notes!

Library Card Sign-Up Month started in 1987 to encourage people everywhere to discover everything a library card has to offer. With a library card, you can check out books and more. Check out a free pass to a local attraction, stream movies, listen to audiobooks, read online newspapers, or learn a new skill— all free with your library card.

This September, all children and teens who sign up for their first Henderson County Library card at any of our six locations can pick out a free book to keep. Adults who sign up for their first library card with us during September can enter a prize drawing. Children and teens can also fill out a card to tell us how their library card hits all the right notes and be entered into a prize drawing.

Join us throughout
September for fun
events for all ages!



See page 7 for more information on September events.

From the Director's Shelf

Unveiling the New HCPL 5-Year Strategic Plan

On July 1st, the library unveiled its new strategic plan, a roadmap that will guide our priorities and services over the next five years. The plan was shaped by extensive input from staff, community partners, and residents who shared feedback through surveys and conversations.

This strategic plan renews a commitment to our mission to “engage the community through experiences and services that educate minds and enrich lives” by focusing on five strategic priorities:



Collections & Resources



Outreach & Impact



Marketing & Communication



Spaces & Access



Programs & Services



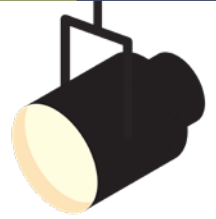
For each priority, the plan outlines objectives that will be translated into actionable items that will position the library to meet the changing needs of our communities. Through new partnerships and initiatives, expanded outreach, and focused programming, this plan ensures this library system will continue to provide the excellent services and resources our residents have come to value and enjoy.

To view the Henderson County Public Library 2026–2031 Strategic Plan, visit the library website.

≡ Trina Rushing, *Library Director*



Spotlight on Staff



Beckey Payne, *Library Assistant*



Beckey has lived in Western North Carolina her entire life, spending most of those years in Henderson County. She has always loved books and libraries. In fact, she learned to write her name at the age of four because she wanted her very own library card. It may have been the first sign that libraries would always be her happy place.

That little four-year-old would be thrilled to know that she has now joined the Fletcher Branch as a Library Assistant. When she's not at the library or curled up with a good book, Beckey enjoys crocheting, taking weekend getaways in the camper with her husband, and spending time with her two grown children, two grandsons, and her dogs.

Cindi Flowers, *Auxiliary Library Assistant*



Cindi is excited to be an Auxiliary Library Assistant on the Henderson County Library team! An avid reader since childhood, she grew up visiting her local library every weekend with her mother, which inspired her continued enthusiasm for libraries.

Cindi recently graduated from UNC Charlotte where she studied Computer Science and Chinese. She was born in Guangzhou, China, but raised in Durham, NC. Cindi relocated to Hendersonville this past June and is thrilled to live in the beautiful WNC mountains. She enjoys being outdoors, trying new recipes, cooking from scratch, playing *Stardew Valley*, and reading. She also loves spending time with her two beloved Shih Tzus.

Briana Sosa-Trejo, *Auxiliary Library Assistant*



Briana is a recent graduate from UNC Charlotte where she majored in English and Latin American Studies with a minor in Mathematics. She is excited to join the library as an Auxiliary Library Assistant where she will be working with all the branches of Henderson County Public Libraries. As she was born and raised in Hendersonville, she is excited to foster her passion for libraries and community service by serving her hometown.

When Briana's not at the library, you can find her working on a painting, writing poetry, or trying to master literally any other craft hobby you can think of!



Congratulations on Graduating, Sam!

Congratulations to Sam Watts, *Youth Services Technician*, on completing a Master's degree in Library Science from UNC Greensboro in August.

Digital Tools and Training

STARTING YOUR COMPUTER LEARNING JOURNEY WITH THE LIBRARY

Learning to use a computer is a skill anyone can build— even if you're starting from zero. That's why we created the *Getting Started on the Computer* series, a four-part beginner pathway designed to help you feel confident using a computer. We begin with the absolute basics: mastering the mouse in the first class and building keyboard skills in the second. With these two core abilities, you can start communicating clearly with the computer. The final two sessions introduce essential computer parts and functions, including file management, filling out forms, adjusting settings, and controlling sound.

Our goal is to give you a strong foundation so you can explore the computer comfortably at your own pace. This series is perfect for anyone who has never used a computer or for those who feel they may have missed some basics along the way. One of the most common questions we hear at the end is, "What do I take next?"

Online Safety 101



A key part of using a computer is staying safe online. This beginner-friendly class covers good internet safety habits, common online threats, and best practices for keeping your accounts secure.

Internet Searching (New!)

Already comfortable with basic internet searches? This class offers practical tips and tricks for crafting better searches and evaluating the results you find.



File Management Basics (New!)



Pick up right where *Getting Started on the Computer* leaves off with this file management class.

You know how to slip a piece of paper into a file cabinet— but what about all the photos, documents, and other digital files scattered across your computer?

Learn how to organize, label, move, and locate your digital files and tame that backlog of photos and years of unorganized documents this fall!



SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THESE CLASSES **ONLINE, IN PERSON, OR BY PHONE!**

Bringing the Library to You!



This September marks the first anniversary of our newly resurrected Mobile Library services. As many in our community have shared with me, the tradition of bookmobiles in Henderson County is a wonderful legacy for us to carry forward into the new century.

The first bookmobile in Henderson County rolled out in 1951, using a vehicle rented from Transylvania County for two days a week, at the cost of \$0.12 a mile. In 1952, a dedicated bookmobile was purchased by the library, connecting residents across Henderson County with library services they may not have otherwise been able to access. This vehicle, named the *Ridge Runner*, ran for over 25 years until its retirement in 1977.

All these years later our Mobile Library, the *Ridge Runner II*, may look very different, but the mission remains the same. We strive to provide books for all ages, DVDs, audiobooks, WiFi and technology help, and information about the library, community programs, and services directly to residents throughout the county. This first year, the Mobile Library has participated in parades, community events like Splash Day and Movies in the Park, and weekly stops at farmers markets, local parks, retirement communities, and neighborhoods. We have also been able to bring books to local early literacy centers and partner with other community agencies such as Henderson County Public Schools, Interfaith Ministries during their food pantry days, and TrueRidge's community health event. During this first year, the Mobile Library participated in 140 unique stops, visited with 4,953 residents, and checked out over 6,100 items.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we hope to continue the tradition of building relationships and allowing all our residents to share in the joy of reading, learning, and enjoying library materials.

If you would like more information or to request a stop by the Mobile Library, please reach out to Carrie at crowe@hendersoncountync.gov or fill out the form on our [website](#).



≡ **Carrie Rowe, Outreach Coordinator**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP IN OUR HOMEBOUND OUTREACH DEPARTMENT.



We are looking for volunteers to drive delivery routes to patrons who cannot get to the library due to health, mobility, or disability issues. The current need is for substitute drivers to be "on call" to fill in when scheduled drivers are on vacation or unavailable. Volunteers must undergo a background check and have their own vehicle for deliveries.

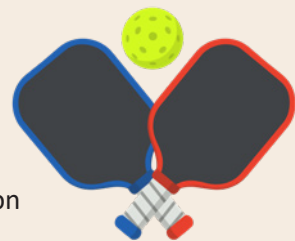
Contact Sarah at skowalak@hendersoncountync.gov for more information and to start an application.

Lend Local

Henderson County's Library of Things

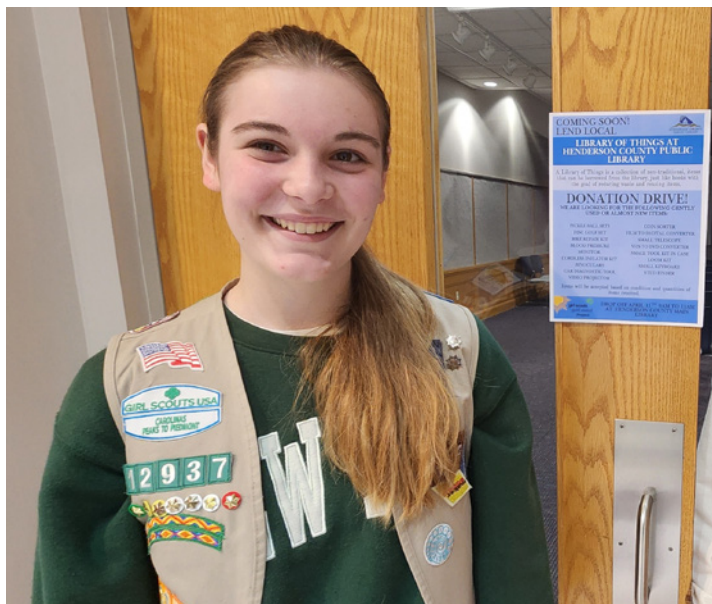
Henderson County Library is excited to introduce *Lend Local*, a new collection of items beyond books that can be checked out with your library card.

Each of our six library locations will have some of the items available. Library users can also request an item be sent to any Henderson County Library branch for pickup. The full list of available items can be viewed on the library [website](#). Whether you want to learn a new skill, try a new hobby, or want to check out something to try before you buy, the Lend Local collection will have something for everyone.



Thank you to Madeline Donnelly, a local Girl Scout who started this collection for a Gold Award Project!

Why I am Building a “Library of Things” for My Gold Award



Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, requires taking on a community issue with a sustainable solution. While looking at our community, I noticed two major challenges: a lack of affordable resources for families, and unstable consumerism that drives up environmental waste. To take on both, I am working with our local library to implement a Library of Things.

A Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items that you can check out for free using your library card. Our collection will feature high-utility, infrequently used items. Examples include tools, outdoor and sports gear, and hobby items.

Modern consumerism encourages us to buy items we rarely use, which eventually end up in landfills. The Library of Things introduces a circular economy to our community. It operates on three principles:

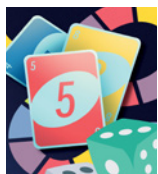
- **Lend, don't buy:** Borrowing items instead of purchasing them saves families money.
- **Try before you buy:** Community members can test items to see if they truly need them.
- **Reduce and recycle:** Sharing existing resources reduces waste and household clutter.

Turning this idea into reality required a lot of organization and planning. I started by researching and talking to other libraries that already had similar programs to see what worked well for them. After presenting this concept to my local library, I got to work on all the details. Some of the things I did to make the Library of Things happen include picking out the initial inventory items, designing the checkout sheets, and taking photos of the items. I also focused on building the collection through a local donation drive. I hope by creating a Library of Things my community will have resources they need while also reusing and recycling to make the world a better place.



≡ **Madeline Donnelly**

September Events for Library Card Sign-Up Month!

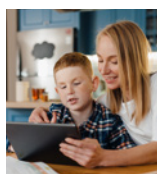


Teen Game Night

[Teens, Grades 6-12]

September 10 • 4pm • Main

Join us for a couple rounds of *Really Loud Librarians*, a fast-paced word shouting board game that tests your useless knowledge!

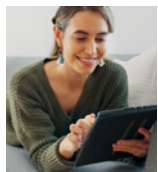


Digital Resources for Every Child

[Adults] **Register Online**

September 14 • 4pm • Main

Parents are introduced to the library's digital resources for grades K-12, including World Book, NCpedia, and NC Kids Digital Library.

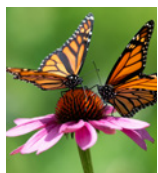


Beat the Paywall

[Adults] **Register Online**

September 15 • 2pm • Fletcher

Join us to learn how you can read current articles from hundreds of newspapers and magazines for free with your library card.



Wild About Monarchs

[Children, Grades K-5] **Register Online**

September 16 • 4pm • Main

Our friends from Champions for Wildlife will teach us about Monarch butterflies, pollination, and what we can do to help!



Become a Library Power User

[Adults] **Register Online**

September 21 • 10:30am • Main

Learn how to navigate the library website and app to manage your account, search the catalog, access digital resources, and more.



Science Magic

[Children] **Register Online**

September 22 • 3:30pm • Edneyville

Sometimes science demonstrations can seem like magic. The difference is, scientists love to explain how things work!



Folk Music with Tom Fisch

[Adults]

September 23 • 5:30pm • Main

Join Tom Fisch as he performs some of our country's most celebrated folk songs. It'll be a sing-along good time!



Transparent Language

[Adults] **Register Online**

September 24 • 10am • Etowah

With over 110 languages to choose from—including ASL—now is the perfect time to begin your language journey for free.



eBook & Audiobook Basics

[Adults] **Register Online**

September 25 • 10am • Edneyville

Join us for an introduction to Libby and Hoopla, two of the library's eBook and audiobook platforms.



Library After Hours

[Adults 18+]

September 25 • 5:30–7pm • Main

Go behind the scenes of your library with a tour, get a library card, craft with your friends, and get book recommendations.

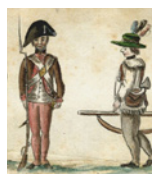


Author Andrew Aydin

[Adults & Teens]

September 29 • 3:30pm • Edneyville

Aydin will discuss *Islands in the Sky*, a graphic novel compiled from personal stories of WNC survivors of Hurricane Helene.



Illustrated Diary of de Verger

[Adults]

September 30 • 5:30pm • Main

A multimedia talk by Andrew Woelflein on the Illustrated Diary of French Lieutenant de Verger from the American Revolution.

Regional Reads

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.

Paper Ghosts by Sarah Addison Allen is a story of family bonds and magic set in a small North Carolina town. This dual timeline novel follows the women of Wester House both past and present.

A woman grieving the loss of her father learns she has inherited his portion of a Tennessee farm in *The Great Wherever* by Shannon Sanders. Deciding to move to the farm she reconnects with family while the history of the land is told by the ghosts of her ancestors.

A preschool teacher in a small town starts to question a direct sales beauty business that her friends have joined when users of the product begin reporting rashes and the company won't take responsibility in *Pretty as a Peach* by Grace Helena Walz.

A woman who built a new life in Alabama repairing timepieces becomes involved in uncovering a mystery when a strange package arrives and someone from her past resurfaces in *Things We Cannot Keep* by Amanda Cox.

When a police chief in a small North Carolina town learns that a local robbery suspect is his estranged brother, he begins to find disturbing clues that lead to a larger crime in *The Devil You Know* by Benjamin Bradley.

North Carolina author Vanessa Miller's latest, *The Ladies Hall*, is a historical novel that follows the lives of three Black women who were some of the first to graduate with degrees from Oberlin College in the 1880's. One of the three, Anna Julia Cooper, was raised in Raleigh.

Set in 1917 Virginia, *Children of the Wild* by Kevin Powers follows a young man who wants to leave his rural home for university with hopes of modernizing the family farm. When America joins World War I, plans change as he feels a duty to join the fight.

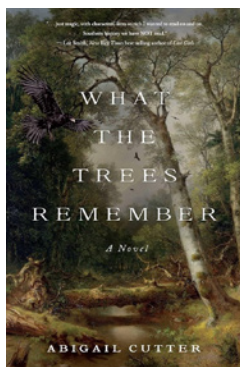
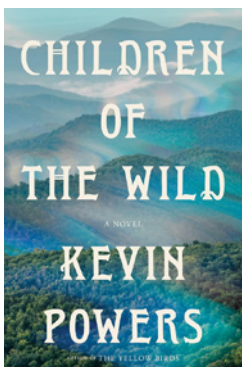
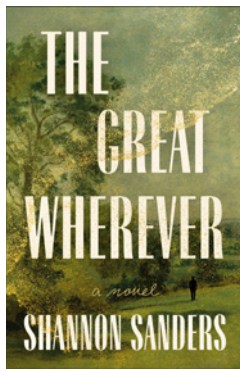
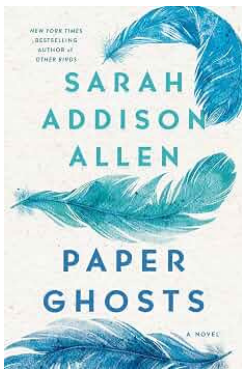
What the Trees Remember by Abigail Cutter is set in a post-Civil War Virginia mountain community where a Quaker family opens a school for Black children. After the violent backlash, a young woman tries to unravel what led to the death of her father.

When a graduate student starts working the night shift at an aging mountain resort, he and his coworkers must uncover secrets of the old hotel in order to escape in *Hollow Folk* by Andrew K. Clark. Clark will speak at the Main Library on October 7th.

After Hurricane Helene, local author Andrew Aydin launched the Appalachia Comics Project and published *Islands in the Sky: A People's History of Hurricane Helene*. *Islands in the Sky* tells the stories of real people who survived the storm illustrated by award winning comics creators. Aydin will speak at the Edneyville Library on September 29th.

Happy reading!

≡ **Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Director**



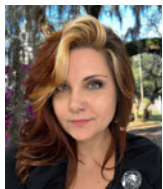
Adult Programs



Author Andrew K. Clark

October 7 at 5:30pm, Main Library

Western North Carolina author Andrew K. Clark will discuss his latest novel, *Hollow Folk*. Books will be available for sale, courtesy of Highland Books. Only books purchased at the event will be signed by the author. Registration is not required for this event.



Tarheel Terrors

October 26 at 5:30pm, Main Library

Liz Z Pardue presents a spine-tingling storytelling experience that explores North Carolina's most chilling ghost stories, haunted legends, mysterious folklore, and eerie true tales. An award winning storyteller, writer, and director from North Carolina, she has been collecting, preserving, and sharing the region's lore for almost 40 years. **Registration is required for this event.**



Art Exhibit at Main

Sep 29–Dec 31, 2026: Season Reflections

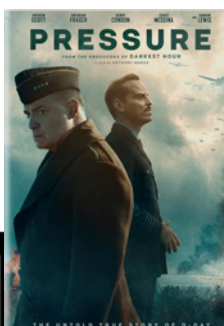
The Art League of Henderson County will display works along with ceramic art by Annatta Campbell.



Movie Matinees at Main

Join us each month for a free movie in the Kaplan Auditorium!

- **September 3 at 2pm- *The Devil Wears Prada 2*** (Rated PG-13)
- **October 1 at 2pm- *Pressure*** (Rated PG-13)
- **November 5 at 2pm- *The Breadwinner*** (Rated PG)



Book Clubs

MAIN LIBRARY

PAGE TURNERS

Second Thursday at 2pm

Register via online calendar

September 10- *The Mighty Red*
by Louise Erdrich

October 8- *The Messy Lives of Book People* by Phaedra Patrick

No meeting in November

ETOWAH LIBRARY

ETOWAH BOOK CLUB

Third Wednesday at 2:30pm

September 16- *The Eight*
by Joanna Miller

October 21- *Victorian Psycho*
by Virginia Feito

November 18- *The Demon of Unrest*
by Erik Larson

FLETCHER LIBRARY

CHECK 'EM OUT

Second Monday at 11am

September 14- *The Names*
by Florence Knapp

October 19- *First Frost*
by Sarah Addison Allen

November 9- *How to Seal Your Own Fate* by Kristen Perrin

MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

SHELF INDULGENCE

First Tuesday at 10am

Register via online calendar

September 1- *Normal People*
by Sally Rooney

October 6- *The Only Good Indians*
by Stephen Graham Jones

November 3- *The War of the Worlds*
by H. G. Wells



The Youth Scoop



2026 Summer Reading by the Numbers



This summer, the library gave out more than **3,500** summer reading cards to friends of all ages who logged a little over **820,000 minutes** of reading! That's 13,650 hours, 568 days, or 1.5 years of non-stop reading in just 8 short weeks.

In addition to our reading challenge, more than 6,000 people attended a whopping 312 programs presented for our patrons across the county this summer. What a great way to foster a love of literacy and learning! From fossil hunts to puppets, reptiles to rock concerts, fermentation to movie matinees— we have had a great summer unearthing a story with you.

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.

We also want to congratulate all of our Summer Reading grand prize winners, some of whom are shown below!

Join us next June for a summer of clues, mysteries, and fun with ***Mysteries Await at Your Library!***

≡ **Caitlin Lindsey, Youth Services Coordinator**

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Main Library, Children's Room

Decorate a pumpkin like your favorite book character! You are welcome to paint or glue the pumpkin but please do not cut or puncture it. You're also welcome to add props.



Bring a decorated (not cut or punctured) pumpkin by the Main Library from Sep. 28–Oct. 3. The pumpkins will be on display from Oct. 5–17 and everyone is welcome to vote for their favorite. Pumpkins can be picked up after the winners are announced on October 19th.

Treat Street

October 31st, 2-5pm

Look for the HCPL booth on Main Street, Hendersonville and get ready for an afternoon of treats, fun, and spooktacular surprises!



GRAYSON
Etowah, Preschool



ALBAN
Fletcher, Preschool



ARLO
Green River, Preschool



LAWSON
Main, Preschool



JENSYN
Green River, Elementary



JOHN
Main, Elementary



HUNTER
Edneyville, Teen



TEAGAN
Etowah, Teen



CADON
Fletcher, Teen



AVA
Main, Teen

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.



Visit fotl.info to learn more!

Become a Member of the Friends

New members are always welcome and we invite you to join today! Members receive a 10% discount on purchases at the Bookstore. You can join the Friends of the Library at the bookstore during normal hours or on their website. The Friends of the Henderson County Public Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, so your membership and donations are tax deductible.

Membership costs are \$10 per year for an individual or \$15 per year for a family.

Projects Supported by the Friends

Last quarter, the Friends sponsored summer events at all Henderson County Libraries for children, teens, and adults and provided support for the Summer Reading prizes and books given to children and teens.

Thank You to a Devoted Volunteer!

After 19 years of service to Friends of the Library, Jill Monte is retiring. Jill has loyally worked behind the scenes to keep the bookshelves stocked and organized. In addition, she is always eager to pitch in and help other volunteers. Jill is quick with a smile, funny anecdote, and is a bright light to everyone who crosses her path. Each one of her handmade cards or poems is a treasure. Each time we see "Jill's Lounge" at the Bookstore, may we be reminded of this devoted volunteer's good cheer and servant's heart. Thank you, Jill!

"Red Door" Reminders

Our amazing selection of books for sale is made possible because of your generous donations. Donations are accepted at the red doors during regular business hours. Simply press the doorbell and a volunteer will assist you. Items left outside of these hours risk being exposed to the weather and may be rendered unsaleable. We will not be able to return bags and containers, so please have donations in bags or boxes that may be left. As always, thank you!

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"
- 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.

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Kelly Hart

Candice Greedy

Denise Cumbee Long

Holiday Hours

LABOR DAY

September 7– **CLOSED**

STAFF TRAINING

October 12– **CLOSED**

VETERANS DAY

November 11– **CLOSED**

THANKSGIVING

November 25–

MAIN CLOSURES AT 5PM

November 26 & 27–

CLOSED



Donations

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, or any individual who donates \$500 or more to the library, will be added to a plaque at the Main Library. Visit our [website](#) or call 828-697-4725 for more details.

Thank you to those who have donated:

♦ **Highland Lake Village Book Club**
(in memory of Catherine Baker)



Library Locations

MAIN LIBRARY

301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739
828-697-4725

Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
828-685-0110

Monday 9am-6pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-3pm

ETOWAH BRANCH

101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729
828-891-6577

Monday 9am-6pm
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm

FLETCHER BRANCH

120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
828-687-1218

Monday 9am-6pm
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790
828-697-4969

Monday 9am-6pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-3pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm daily

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759
828-890-1850

Monday 9am-6pm
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-5pm
Friday 9am-3pm

Fall Programs at the Main Library

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- ❑ **Page Turners Book Club** – Second Thursday @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Movie Matinee: *The Devil Wears Prada 2*** – Thursday, September 3 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **VAYA Health: Unseen Losses- Aging, Grief, & Change** – Tuesday, September 8 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Memory Café: It's Apple Festival Time** – Friday, September 11 @ 10am, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Sit Step Sing** – Tuesday, September 15 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **National POW/MIA Recognition Day** – Friday, September 18 @ 10am, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Celebrating America 250 through Folk Music with Tom Fisch** – Wednesday, September 23 @ 5:30pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Library After Hours** – Friday, September 25, 5:30–7pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **The Illustrated Diary of French Lieutenant de Verger from the American Revolution** – Wed., September 30 @ 5:30pm, Kaplan Aud.
- ❑ **Movie Matinee: *Pressure*** – Thursday, October 1 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Author Andrew K. Clark** – Wednesday, October 7 @ 5:30pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Memory Café: Welcome the Fall Harvest Season** – Friday, October 9 @ 10am, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Learn to Play the Ukulele** – Tuesdays, October 13, 20, & 27 @ 2pm, Kaplan Aud. ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Tarheel Terrors with Liz Z Pardue** – Monday, October 26 @ 5:30pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Main Library Tour** – Wednesday, November 4 @ 3pm ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Movie Matinee: *The Breadwinner*** – Thursday, November 5 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Adult Crafternoon: Decorate Christmas & Winter Themed Wooden Ornaments** – Friday, November 6 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium

- ❑ **Memory Café: Exploring the Legacy of Carl Sandburg** – Friday, November 13 @ 10am, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))

DIGITAL LITERACY CLASSES

- ❑ **Apple Interest Group** – First Tuesday @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Cutting the Cord** – Thursday, September 10 @ 10:30am, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Digital Resources for Every Child** – Mon., Sep. 14 @ 4pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Become a Library Power User** – Mon., Sep. 21 @ 10:30am, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Internet Searching** – Monday, October 5 @ 1:30pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **File Management Basics** – Monday, October 19 @ 1:30pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Online Safety 101** – Thursday, October 29 @ 10:30am, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Getting Started on the Computer** – Mondays, November 2-23 @ 2pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Hoopla- eBooks & More** – Wed., November 4 @ 1:30pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))

GENEALOGY CLASSES

- ❑ **Family Roots: Translating Foreign Documents Without Learning the Language** – Wednesday, September 23 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Family Roots: Genealogy & DNA the Basics** – Wednesday, October 28 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Family Roots: Share Your Family Stories** – Wednesday, November 25 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))

JOB ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- ❑ **Goodwill Career Connections** – Fridays, 10am–1pm, Learning Lab

Fall Programs at the Main Library

STORYTIMES

- ❑ **Preschool Storytime** – Tuesdays @ 10:30am
(3-5 years)
- ❑ **Toddler Time** – Wednesdays @ 10:30am
(18 months-3 years)
- ❑ **Music & Movement** – Thursdays @ 10:30am
(families)
- ❑ **Bouncing Babies** – Thursdays @ 11:15am
(birth-18 months & caregiver)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- ❑ **Sensory STEM** – Third Friday @ 10am
(Children birth-5 years old & family)
- ❑ **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** – October 5–17,
Children's Room (Children & Teens/Families)
- ❑ **Stuffed Animal Sleepover** – Thursday, September 3
@ 4pm, Children's Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Crow Party & Sticker Swap** – Tuesday, October 13
@ 4pm, Children's Auditorium
- ❑ **Family Book Club** – Tuesday, October 20 @ 4pm,
Children's Auditorium (Grades K-5 & family) Pick
up *Murray the Viking* by Adam Stower at the Youth
Services Desk beginning 9/22
- ❑ **Book Tasting** – Tuesday, November 10 @ 4pm,
Children's Aud. (Grades 2-5; reading independently)
- ❑ **Poet Tea Party** – Tuesday, November 17 @ 4pm,
Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))

FOUR O'CLOCK CLUB: GRADES K-5

- ❑ **Let's Build It!** – First Wednesday @ 4pm,
Children's Auditorium
- ❑ **Henri Matisse** – Wednesday, September 9 @ 4pm,
Children's Auditorium
- ❑ **Wild About Monarchs with Champions for
Wildlife** – Wednesday, September 16 @ 4pm,
Children's Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Create a Dragonfly** – Wednesday, September 23
@ 4pm, Children's Auditorium
- ❑ **Animals of Appalachia with Chimney Rock** – Wed.,
September 30 @ 4pm, Children's Auditorium

- ❑ **Arachnology with ecoEXPLORE** – Wednesday,
October 14 @ 4pm, Children's Auditorium
- ❑ **Biomes & Pokemon** – Wednesday, October 21
@ 4pm, Children's Auditorium
- ❑ **Spooky STEM** – Wednesday, October 28 @ 4pm,
Children's Auditorium
- ❑ **Art with Aquabeads** – Wednesday, November 18
@ 4pm, Children's Auditorium

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

- ❑ **Teen Creative Writing Club** – First Tuesday @ 4pm,
Learning Lab (Grades 6-12)
- ❑ **Teen Advisory Board** – First Thursday @ 4pm,
Learning Lab (Grades 9-12) ([Application required](#))
- ❑ **Teen D&D Club** – Mondays, Sep. 14 & 28; Oct. 19;
Nov 2 & 16, 3-5pm, Kaplan Aud. (Grades 6-12)
- ❑ **Lit Lounge** – Tuesdays, Sep. 22, Oct. 20, & Nov. 24
@ 4pm, Learning Lab (Grades 9-12)
- ❑ **Pumpkin Decorating Contest** – October 5–17,
Children's Room (Children & Teens/Families)
- ❑ **Teen Game Night: Really Loud Librarians** –
Thursday, September 10 @ 4pm, Children's Aud.
(Grades 6-12)
- ❑ **Teen Craft: Crochet Keychains** – Thursday,
September 24 @ 4pm, Children's Auditorium
(Grades 6-12)
- ❑ **Teen Game Night: Apples to Apples** – Thursday,
October 8 @ 4pm, Children's Aud. (Grades 9-12)
- ❑ **Teen Craft: Sew Your Own Monster** – Thursday,
October 15 @ 4pm, Children's Aud. (Grades 6-12)
- ❑ **Tarheel Terrors with Liz Z Pardue** –
Monday, October 26 @ 5:30pm, Kaplan Auditorium
([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Teen STEM: Magic Wands** – Thursday, October 29
@ 4pm, Children's Auditorium (Grades 6-12)
- ❑ **Teen Game Night: Exploding Kittens** – Thursday,
November 12 @ 4pm, Children's Auditorium
(Grades 6-12)
- ❑ **Teen Craft: Step-By-Step Painting** – Thu., Nov. 19
@ 4pm, Children's Aud. (Grades 9-12)

Fall Programs at the Branches

ETOWAH LIBRARY

- ☐ **Family Storytime** – Tuesdays @ 10am
- ☐ **In Stitches** – Mondays @ 10am (*Adults*)
- ☐ **The Ancestors Club** – First Tuesday @ 2pm (*Adults*) ([Call to register](#))
- ☐ **Historical Fiction Book Club** – Second Tuesday @ 2pm; No meeting 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*)
- ☐ **Lego Club** – Third Thursday @ 3pm (*Children*)
- ☐ **Find Your Next Great Read: NovelList Plus** – Thu., September 10 @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Fall Youth Crafts: Pony Bead Projects** – Monday, September 14 @ 4pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Language Learning with Transparent Language** – Thursday, September 24 @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Take a Child Outside... to Meet Some Insects** – Monday, September 28 @ 4pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Halloween Origami** – Wednesday, September 30 @ 3:30pm (*All Ages 8+*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Fall Youth Crafts: Fused Glass Pictures** – Monday, October 5 @ 4pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Bioluminescence in WNC** – Wednesday, October 7 @ 2pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Let's Get Growing: From the Secret Garden to Gardening Can Be Murder** – Thursday, October 8 @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Intro to Podcasts** – Thursday, November 5 @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Unlocking Your Family History with AI** – Tuesday, November 10 @ 1:30pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Caring for Trees on Your Property** – Thursday, November 12 @ 2pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Fall Youth Crafts: Pigment Dyed Ornaments** – Monday, November 16 @ 4pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))

FLETCHER LIBRARY

- ☐ **Family Storytime** – Wednesdays @ 10am
- ☐ **Goodwill Career Connections** – Thursdays, 1–4pm (*Adults*)
- ☐ **Lego Club** – First Thursday @ 3:30pm (*Children*)
- ☐ **Check 'Em Out Book Club** – Second Monday @ 11am; October session will be on the third Monday (*Adults*)
- ☐ **Craft Day** – Second Tuesday, 10am–4pm (*All Ages*)
- ☐ **Book Review Book Club** – Second Wednesday @ 10:30am; November session will be on the third Wednesday (*Adults*)
- ☐ **PAWS for Reading** – Saturdays @ 10:30am; Third Tuesday @ 10:30am; Fourth Monday @ 10:30am (*Children*) ([Call to register](#))
- ☐ **Beat the Paywall: Newspapers & Periodicals** – Tuesday, September 15 @ 2pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Zaniac: Squishy Circuits Lab** – Mon., September 21 @ 4pm (*Grades K-8*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **ecoEXPLORE: Astonishing Arachnids** – Thursday, October 15 @ 3:30pm (*Children*)
- ☐ **Zaniac: Minecraft- Coaster Craze** – Monday, November 16 @ 4pm (*Grades K-8*) ([Register online](#))

MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

- ☐ **Family Storytime** – Mondays @ 10am
- ☐ **Pilates** – Wednesdays @ 9:30am (*Adults*)
- ☐ **Lego Club** – First Monday @ 3:30pm (*Children*)
- ☐ **Shelf Indulgence Book Club** – First Tuesday @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **PAWS for Reading** – First-Fourth Mondays @ 10:30am; Wednesdays @ 3pm; Second & Third Fridays @ 10:30am (*Children*) ([Call to register](#))
- ☐ **The Rhythm Arts Project: An Intro to Rhythm & Drumming** – Monday, September 14 @ 3:30pm (*All Ages*) ([Register online](#))

Fall Programs at the Branches

EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY

- ❑ **Family Storytime** – Mondays @ 10am
- ❑ **What We Read Book Review Group** – First Friday @ 1pm (*Adults*)
- ❑ **PAWS for Reading** – Third Wednesday @ 3pm (*Children*) ([Call to register](#))
- ❑ **Historical Fiction Book Club** – Third Friday @ 1pm (*Adults*)
- ❑ **Lego Club** – Last Wednesday @ 3:30pm (*Children*)
- ❑ **Sensory STEM** – September 23 & November 10 @ 10am (*Children birth-5 years old & family*)
- ❑ **Fall Gardening Update** – Wednesday, September 9 @ 11am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Backyard Birds** – Monday, September 14 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Toxins, Tails, Teeth, & Talons** – Tue., September 15 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Origami Peace Doves** – Monday, September 21, 11am–5pm (*All Ages*)
- ❑ **Science Magic** – Tuesday, September 22 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **eBook & Audiobook Basics** – Friday, September 25 @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Zaniac: Balloon Blasters** – Monday, September 28 @ 3:30pm (*Grades K-8*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Author Andrew Aydin** – Tuesday, September 29 @ 3:30pm (*Adults & Teens*)
- ❑ **Paper Craft: Handmade Greeting Cards** – Wednesday, September 30 @ 10am (*Adults & Teens*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Let's Get Growing: From the Secret Garden to Gardening Can Be Murder** – Wednesday, October 7 @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Libby Master Class** – Friday, October 9 @ 10:30am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Invasive Plants** – Tuesday, October 13 @ 11am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Halloween Origami** – Wednesday, October 14 @ 3:30pm (*All Ages 8+*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Monster Mash** – Monday, October 19 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))

- ❑ **ecoEXPLORE: Astonishing Arachnids** – Tuesday, October 20 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **The Kingdom of the Happy Land** – Friday, October 23 @ 10am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Ghost Candles** – Monday, October 26 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Masked Bandits: Raccoons** – Tuesday, October 27 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Costume Day** – Friday, October 30, 9am–12pm (*Children 12 & under*)
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Sun Photography** – Tuesday, November 3 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Radical Raptors** – Wednesday, November 4 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Thankful Pie** – Tuesday, November 10 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Planning for the Future: Wills & Advanced Directives** – Tuesday, November 17 @ 11am (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Leafy Hedgehog** – Tue., November 17 @ 3:30pm (*Children*) ([Register online](#))

GREEN RIVER LIBRARY

- ❑ **Family Storytime** – Thursdays @ 10am
- ❑ **Grant Writing Basics** – Monday, September 14 @ 4pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Crafternoon: 3D Wooden Pumpkin Decorating** – Monday, September 21, 1:30-5:30pm (*All Ages*)
- ❑ **Horror & Spooky Writing** – Monday, October 5 @ 4pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Autumn Art** – Thursday, October 15 @ 3:30pm (*All Ages 8+*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Zaniac: Lemon Lab** – Monday, October 19 @ 4:30pm (*Grades K-8*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kanopy 101: Free Films, Documentaries, & More** – Mon., October 26 @ 4pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Halloween Boo Bash!** – Thursday, October 29, 1:30-4:30pm (*Children*)
- ❑ **The Art of Letter Writing** – Monday, November 2 @ 4pm (*Adults*) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Crafternoon: CD Spinners** – Monday, November 23, 1:30-5:30pm (*All Ages*)