Quilt Block Trail

Stops @ the Library

In February, the Main Library became the next stop on the Quilt Block Trail of Western North Carolina that is making its way into Henderson County.

To read more, see page 6.
Public Access to the Internet improves the quality of life in our community

The Henderson County Public Library recently conducted a technology impact survey to better understand how our community uses and benefits from free access to computers and the Internet at the library. Of the survey respondents who reported visiting the library in the past year, **96% used a public access computer or the library’s wireless network during their visits**. Highlights from the survey include:

- **42%** indicated they had used **public access technology for employment needs**. 38% searched for a job online. 25% applied for a job by submitting a resume or filling out an online application.
- **22%** used **public technology for educational activities**. 9% completed coursework or homework using public access technology.
- **57%** used **public technology to get information on health and wellness topics**. 33% reported learning about diet or nutrition; of those, 29% made a change to their diet.
- **39%** reported using library resources to stay in touch with family and friends and to build and maintain social networks.

**LIBRARIANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Of survey respondents who use the library’s public access technology, **71% got help from a librarian** to use the library’s computers and Internet.

A special thanks to all the community members who participated in this survey. This information will be used to assist staff in developing strategic goals and objectives related to public access technology services throughout our library system.

— Trina Rushing, Library Director
Linda Pope, Accounting Clerk, Main Library...

I was born and raised in a small town in Maryland. I have lived in Hendersonville for 20 years and have a 14-year-old daughter. The two of us love to travel, hike, swim, and read good books. I have many years of experience in the clerical/accounting field. I am very excited to have the chance to work for the Henderson County Library and get to know all of you.

Forrest O. Tate III, Library Technology Specialist, Main Library...

I studied music at Appalachian State University and taught school in Stokes County, NC. After teaching, I attended the University of Arizona to study Library Science. I have worked in university, high school, and public libraries. Before I began work at the Henderson County Public Library, I worked for six years at the Caldwell County Public Library. I am an avid hiker and I am looking forward to exploring this beautiful area.

Lisa Whitney, Branch Manager, Fletcher Library...

I am enjoying being back at the Fletcher Library, as Branch Manager, after doing an internship here over ten years ago while I was in library school. After being a Media Specialist for 8 years, the public library is a new and refreshing challenge for me! When I’m not working I enjoy spending time with my three children, my husband, and my dog. In addition to reading (of course) I also enjoy decorating, scrapbooking, and exercising. I’m very excited to be a part of HCPL and I thank you for the warm welcome!
**BRANCH UPDATE**

**Fletcher Branch Update...** As the new branch manager of the Fletcher Library, I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome! I’m quickly settling into my role here and lots of exciting changes have been taking place!

All of our Young Adult materials are now in one place. Our Adult section has been reconfigured to make it easier to distinguish between Fiction and Non-Fiction and our Children’s section has lots of new display spaces. A “Sit & Create” area has been added to give adults (or children) a place to color, make a bookmark, or whatever else one can come up with to create and explore. Reading spaces have been sprinkled about the library to add more seating and places to quietly read.

This spring, there will be even more changes as we implement a new space plan here at Fletcher. Be sure to drop by and see what’s happening!

—Lisa Whitney, Branch Manager

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**WHAT’S THAT?**

If you haven’t heard the news yet, the library has joined NC Cardinal, a state-wide consortium of libraries that have agreed to share materials. As a result, we are all now working with some new software, called Evergreen, for our catalog and user accounts. To help you, our users, get used to this new software, we have been hard at work creating and presenting classes that introduce you to the new catalog and the new look and features of your account.

The classes, titled “NC Cardinal @ Your Library” can be found in our online calendar at www.henderson.lib.nc.us and will be scheduled throughout the year.

So, if you find yourself wondering how the features work in our new catalog or your account, please feel free to drop into one of the NC Cardinal classes.

—Michele von Boeck, Instructional Librarian

We are here to help!

*Take a look at the programming insert in this newsletter for upcoming Cardinal classes!*
It’s that time of year again. You guessed it— National Library Week is coming this April! Contests, Prizes, and Programs— oh my! Our library system will join others around the country to highlight the changing role of libraries by presenting this year’s theme, “Libraries Transform,” because transformation is essential to the communities we serve.

Join us the week of April 10th-16th as we go undercover with 007 and discover new adventures with a special screening of James Bond’s Spectre, take a swing with Jazz/Pop combo “Too Human” in concert, explore the calming hobby of adult coloring, dive into learning with a course on Electronic Resources @ Your Library, and you get to decide if the book was better than the movie with a special screening of The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part II. We look forward to celebrating with our community during these programs and many more.

-- Gracie Waugh, Reference Assistant

We’re celebrating NLW by offering the following contests:

For Adults 18+

In 200 words or less, complete this statement: “The library is essential because...”  (chance to win a Kindle Fire)

For Teens Grades 6-12

Write your own book review OR become someone else by taking a Book Face photo selfie. (chance to win 1 of 2 gift certificates to Epic Theatres)

For Children Grades Pre K, K-2, & 3-5

Draw your favorite thing about the library. (chance to win gift certificates to Hands On!, Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt, and ECCO Aquarium)
MAIN LIBRARY’S QUILT BLOCK

The quilt block, hand painted on wood, tells the story by its pattern and name. The library quilt block is named “Dewey Decimal 746”. It was donated by Carol Green in honor of her brother, RCB (Richard Charles Borowski). The pattern was designed by Betsy Freeman of Tryon, in honor of Ruth Farrar, a retired librarian. The pattern is also featured in the book, *Bright Ideas for Lap Quilting*.

*The Henderson County Tourism Development Authority is spearheading the project in Henderson County and the Quilt Block Trails of Western North Carolina is a non-profit corporation.*

— Sara Hyder McGough,
Marketing & Digital Strategy Librarian

Every baby born at Park Ridge Hospital or Pardee Hospital receives a Babies into Books kit to take home with them. Information about early literacy, a bilingual board book, and information from some of our community partners is included in the kit. Over 200 of these kits have been distributed since September of last year.

**Do you know anyone with a new baby?**
Encourage them to bring in the coupon included in their Babies into Books kit to a library branch near them to get their second free book.

Take a look at a video about the project on the Kids Page of the library’s website. Go to Early Literacy resources and click on “Video describing the Babies into Books Project.”

— Kathy Kirchoefer, Youth Services Coordinator

*BABIES INTO BOOKS PROJECT CONTINUES*

*The Babies into Books Project, a grant project funded by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources, encourages parents to read to their babies from birth.*
Movie fans have enjoyed a new monthly series at the Main Library, “Midweek Movie Matinee.”

On the first Wednesday of each month, we give patrons the opportunity to see hot, new DVD releases with no wait and no holds! Through our film license subscription, the library has permission to show movies released by some of the largest movie studios. Past showings include: *Age of Adaline*, *Max*, and *Bridge of Spies*.

We will have a special Monday showing of *Spectre*, starring Daniel Craig, during National Library Week. *All movie programs are free and open to the public.*

Remember— No Wait— No Holds— See It Now!

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2016 Summer Reading Program

We are looking forward to the Summer Reading Program for all ages in 2016 and hope that you and your family are too! Our adult, teen, and children summer reading programs will run from Monday, June 6th through Saturday, July 30th. Join us for special programs throughout the summer focusing on wellness and fitness of the mind and body.

The library hopes to exercise your mind and body this summer with our themes:

**ADULT:** Exercise Your Mind— Read!

**TEENS:** Get in the Game— Read!

**CHILDREN:** On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!
In December, the library added FOLD3 to its collection of Genealogy resources. FOLD3 gives access to military records and historical documents from throughout American history. In addition, it contains some non-military records and military records from other nations. Examples of records that patrons can access include pension and service records, photographs, diaries, muster rolls, draft registration records, and military cablegrams.

While genealogists will undoubtedly find it useful, FOLD3 has much to offer other types of researchers as well. There is information on notable figures and events in American military history and an Honor Wall for those veterans who died in various conflicts. FOLD3 also contains a Memorial section where users can upload information such as service history, photographs, and stories about veterans.

Users can start a search just by entering the name of a veteran and selecting the conflict in which they served. It is also possible to browse the records related to a specific conflict.

Anyone interested in learning more about FOLD3 should go to the library Genealogy “Getting Started” page and take it out for a spin.

—Mark Burdette,
Reference/Special Collections Librarian

There are currently 400,000,000+ records available in FOLD3 with more being added monthly.

http://library.hendersoncountync.org/genealogy2.html
LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT TO DIGITIZE BAKER-BARBER PHOTOS

The library recently received a grant from the Community Foundation of Henderson County to accelerate the digitization of the Baker-Barber Photograph Collection.

The collection was donated by Jody Barber to the Foundation in 1993 with the library being named the steward of the collection. Since 2005, the library has been using mostly volunteers to digitize the collection. This has resulted in approximately 10,000 of the roughly 45,000 images in the collection being digitized. The library recently decided to pursue grant funding to hire temporary employees to digitize roughly half of the remaining un-scanned images. The grant will accelerate the preservation and accessibility of this local history resource.

The library would like to thank the Community Foundation of Henderson County for providing the financial support to help the library preserve and make accessible to the public this historic collection.

—Mark Burdette,
Reference/Special Collections Librarian

The grant will allow photographs, like this one of Edney’s Inn in Bat Cave, to be digitized at an accelerated pace.
3RD THURSDAYS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

A new program for middle school students is called 3rd Thursdays and will feature fun activities just for students in middle school. February’s meeting featured cupcake decorating and the March session will have a special visit by Laurie McKay, author of *Quest Maker*. Input from students will determine future events.

EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS / EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS

El día de los niños / El día de los libros (Children’s Day / Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30th.

The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Our celebration will be held on Wednesday, April 27th at 6:00pm in the Kaplan Auditorium and will feature Mexican dancing, storytelling, a craft, and refreshments.

This is an event for the whole family to enjoy.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROGRAM FOR KIDS—PORKCHOP PRODUCTIONS

Porkchop Productions, a professional theatre company specializing in audience participation, presenting *The Bremen Town Musicians* on Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30am at the Fletcher Library and at 4:00pm at the Main Library.

Their interactive approach to their performances makes for a one-of-a-kind theatre adventure! Porkchop Productions has performed extensively for schools, libraries, youth groups, and special events throughout the southeast. Along with performing, Porkchop has also designed and implemented drama programs and arts camps for thousands of young people in four states.
Families came into the library and out of the cold during the month of January to create winter projects such as snowflakes, igloos, marshmallow launchers, and yetis.

*Look for more HCPL Little Makers programs in the future.*

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**HCPL LITTLE MAKERS WINTER WONDERS**

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**Four O’Clock Club**

FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

*March through May, in the Children’s Auditorium*

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Lego Club continues to meet at 4:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

The last Diá Family Book Club will be Wednesday, March 30th at 4:00pm and will feature the book, *A Place Where Sunflowers Grow*. Because dinner is served, registration is required for this program.

We have many community partners who do presentations for us and on Wednesday, March 23rd, Steve Longenecker from Falconers of Falling Creek Camp will be doing a presentation about *Birds of Prey*. Ranger Amy Kinsella from Holmes Educational Forest will be here on Wednesday, April 27th for *Tree Factory*, and the Blue Ridge Humane Society will be joining us on Wednesday, April 27th for *My Pet and Me*.

Hands On! continues to do programs for us, funded by the Henderson County Community Foundation. The March program on Wednesday, March 16th will be *Let’s Go Fly* and the April program will be *Engineer It– Sink or Float*. These events will be held in the Kaplan Auditorium and require registration. They are for children in grades K-2.

On the last 4 O’Clock Club session of this school year, there will be a Summer Reading Kick-Off for the entire family to attend. Join us for both physical and mental challenges as we get “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!”
We had a great group of teens come out to make blankets to be donated to Project Linus. Everyone worked hard and together we completed seven blankets. Thanks to everyone who participated!
### MAIN LIBRARY

**1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Stitch In**

**2nd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Color Me Calm with the Adult Coloring Club**

**Wed., March 2nd @ 2 PM - Midweek Movie Matinee, Bridge of Spies**

**Thu., March 3rd @ 10 AM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**

**Thu., March 10th @ 12 PM - Literary Lunch – Sallie Bissell**

**Fri., March 11th @ 11 AM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**

**Mon. March 14th @ 2 PM - CCC Boys of NC, Music and Storytelling**

**Tue., March 15th @ 2 PM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**

**Tue., March 22nd @ 2 PM - Armchair Traveler (Scenes from the SE)**

**Wed., March 23rd @ 10 AM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**

**Wed., April 6th @ 2 PM - Midweek Movie Matinee, Creed**

**Mon., April 11th @ 1 PM - Movie Matinee, Spectre**

**Mon., April 11th @ 6:30 PM - Too Human in Concert**

**Tue., April 12th @ 4 PM - Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2 movie**

**Thu., April 14th @ 12 PM - Literary Lunch**

**Fri., April 15th - I Love My Library Event**

**Thu., April 28th @ 10 AM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**

**Wed., May 4th @ 2 PM - Midweek Movie Matinee, Suffragette**

**Thu., May 12th @ 12 PM - Literary Lunch**

**Wed., May 18th @ 6:30 PM - A Flicker of Light in the Dark (Storytelling/Ray Bradbury’s Writings and Life)**

### Computer Classes @ Main:

We offer a variety of basic computer skills classes which are stand alone classes. This means you take the ones you want and skip the rest. Classes usually last approximately one and a half hours.

*Registration is required. You may register in person at the Information Desk inside the Main Library, or call 828-697-4725, opt. #3.

**Thu., March 17th @ 10 AM** - **Computer Basics**

**Thu., March 31st @ 10 AM** - **Electronic Resources @ Your Library**

**Thu., April 7th @ 10 AM** - **Web Mail Basics**

**Thu., April 14th @ 10 AM** - **Electronic Resources @ Your Library**

**Tue., April 19th @ 2 PM** - **Apple Users Support Group**

**Thu., April 20th @ 10 AM** - **Facebook Basics**

**Tue., May 17th @ 2 PM** - **Apple Users Support Group**

**Thu., May 19th @ 10 AM** - **Web Mail Basics**

**Thu., May 26th @ 10 AM** - **Electronic Resources @ Your Library**

### EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

**1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Women’s Book Review Group**

**3rd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Christian Fiction Book Club**

**Wed., March 16th @ 2 PM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**

### ETOWAH BRANCH

**Mondays @ 10:30 AM - Knitting Group** (all skill levels meet to knit and socialize!)

**Wed., March 16th @ 2:30 PM - Etowah Library Book Club (Circling the Sun)**

**Tue., March 22nd @ 2 PM - Financial Presentation (Retirement)**

**Wed., March 23rd @ 5 PM - Traveling the Tirol (presented by Allen & Rachel Rizzi; Registration Required)**

**Thu., March 24th @ 10 AM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**

**Mon., April 4th @ 4 PM - Etowah Heritage Group**

**Wed., April 20th @ 2:30 PM - Etowah Library Book Club (Serafina and the Black Cloak)**

### FLETCHER BRANCH

**2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Fletcher Library Book Club**

**2nd Thursday @ 1:30 PM - Writer’s Guild**

**Tuesdays @ 3 PM - Conversational Spanish (intermediate)**

**Mon., April 11th @ 5:30 PM - Using Your Digital Camera 101 (Registration Required)**

**Fri., April 22nd @ 10:30 AM - Mandala Coloring (Registration Required)**

### GREEN RIVER BRANCH

**3rd Tuesday @ 1 PM - Homestet Education Station**

### MILLS RIVER BRANCH

**2nd Thursday @ 10 AM - Mills River Library Book Club**

**Tuesdays @ 9 AM - Yoga with Lynn Edgar**

**Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM - Knitting Group**

**Wed., March 9th @ 2 PM - Using Cardinal @ Your Library Class**
MAIN LIBRARY

Children:

Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM - Preschool Storytime

Wednesday @ 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays @ 4 PM - Four O’Clock Club for Kids K-5

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM - Music and Movement

Thursdays @ 11:15 AM - Bouncing Babies

1st Wednesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club
   (Four O’Clock Club program)

Sensory Storytimes -
   March 11th, April 8th, & May 20th @ 11 AM

Sat., March 5th @ 10 AM - Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

Tue., March 8th @ 10:30 AM - March of the Stuffed Animals

Wed., March 16th @ 4 PM - Hands On! Let’s Go Fly*

Wed., March 23rd @ 4 PM - Birds of Prey
   (Falconers of Falling Creek Camp)

Wed., March 30th @ 4 PM - Dia Family Book Club*
   (A Place Where Sunflowers Grow)

Wed., April 13th @ 4 PM - Bremen Town Musicians
   (Porkchop Productions- Kaplan Auditorium)

Wed., April 20th @ 4 PM - Hands On!* Engineer It– Sink or Float

Wed., April 27th @ 4 PM - Tree Factory
   (with Ranger Amy from Holmes Educational Forest)

Wed., April 27th @ 6 PM - Dia de Los Ninos / Dia de Los Libros
   (Kaplan Auditorium)

Wed., May 11th @ 4 PM - My Pet and Me
   (Blue Ridge Humane Society)

Wed., May 18th @ 4 PM - Music Makers with Mr. Zack

Wed., May 25th @ 4 PM - Summer Kick-Off Event
   (for the whole family)

*Registration Required. Please call the Youth Services Department to register. 828.697.4725, ext. 2312

Teens:

Thu., March 17th @ 4 PM - NC Author Laurie McKay
   (Middle School Third Thursday program)

Thu., April 21st @ 4 PM - Middle School Third Thursday

National Library Week Teen Contests– See NLW article

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

Mondays @ 10:15 AM - Family Storytimes
Sat., March 5th @ 10:15 AM - Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
Mon., May 2nd @ 10 AM - Llamas at the Library

ETOWAH BRANCH

Tuesdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes
Sat., March 5th @ 10:15 AM - Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
Wed., May 3rd @ 10 AM - Llamas at the Library
Tue., May 10th @ 10 AM - Sonia Brooks, the Music Lady (Storytime)

FLETCHER BRANCH

Wednesdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes

Library Dog Program - All ages can enjoy reading and/or visiting with one of the library dogs.
   Call (828) 687-1218 for more information.

Sat., March 5th @ 10:15 AM - Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
Mon., March 14th @ 10:30 AM - Bremen Town Musicians
Fri., March 18th @ 3:30 PM - Hands On! Let’s Go Fly (Registration Required)
Wed., April 13th @ 10:30 AM - Bremen Town Musicians
Mon., April 18th @ 3:30 PM - Hands On! Engineer It (Registration Required)
Wed., May 4th @ 10:30 AM - Tap N Shake

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

Thursdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes

2nd Tuesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club

Sat., March 5th @ 10:00 AM - Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

Mondays @ 10 AM - Family Storytimes
1st Tuesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club

Sat., March 5th @ 10:00 AM - Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
Wed., March 16th @ 4 PM - Asheville Engineering (Registration Required)
Wed., April 6th @ 4 PM - Hands On! Engineer It (Registration Required)