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www.hendersoncountync.gov/library  For more information, see page 4.
You count in NC! Why the 2020 Census matters!

The U.S. Constitution requires a count every 10 years of EVERY person living in the United States. An accurate count is vitally important to North Carolina and Henderson County as Census data determines:

⇒ Number of congressional seats
⇒ Amount of federal funding received annually = $1,828 per person
⇒ Planning for resident needs including schools, emergency services, food assistance, housing assistance, library services and more

Census results directly impact libraries by determining how much Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funding will be available on an annual basis. These grant funds are allocated to libraries across the state to enhance services, collections and staff knowledge. Henderson County Library has been awarded over $175,000 in LSTA funds over the past few years to implement RFID technology, join the NC Cardinal consortium, add titles to our collections and allow staff to attend training throughout the region.

RESPONDING TO THE 2020 CENSUS IS EASY, SAFE, AND IMPORTANT.

Beginning in mid-March individuals can respond:

♦ Online using a computer or mobile device
♦ By telephone
♦ By completing a paper questionnaire

Stop by any Henderson County Library location for more information, free access to public computers and free WiFi. Check out a book. Then respond to the 2020 Census. The census is your chance to help shape the future of Henderson County and North Carolina.

- Trina Rushing, Library Director
LIBRARY HOURS & LOCATIONS

**Main Library** 697-4725
301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739
Mon-Thu 9-8, Fri & Sat 9-5

**Edneyville Branch** 685-0110
2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Mon & Tue 9-7, Wed & Thu 9-5, Fri & Sat 10-2

**Etowah Branch** 891-6577
101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729
Mon & Wed 9-7, Tue & Thu 9-5, Fri & Sat 10-2

**Fletcher Branch** 687-1218
120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
Mon & Wed 10-7, Tue & Thu 10-5, Fri & Sat 10-4

**Green River Branch** 697-4969
50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790
Mon & Fri 9-5*, Tue & Thu 9-6*, Wed & Sat 9-1
*Closed for lunch 12-1

**Mills River Branch** 890-1850
124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759
Mon & Fri 9-5, Tue & Wed 9-6, Thu & Sat 9-1

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**SPOT LIGHT ON BRANCH PROGRAMS**

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**TECH TIME AT ETOWAH AND FLETCHER**

Tech Time appointments are free one-on-one sessions with a library staff member to help with any of your technology questions. Whether you need help downloading an app, sending an email, or downloading ebooks from one of the library’s free services, library staff can help!

Don’t let that nagging technology issue bother you any longer! **Call the Etowah Library at 891-6577 or the Fletcher Library at 687-1218 to schedule an appointment.**

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**WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLMES EDUCATIONAL STATE FOREST**

Join the Etowah Branch as they take participants out of the library and into the forest. “I thought instead of looking at a slideshow about wildflowers, why not see them in person?” said Karen Bryant, Branch Manager. When Karen approached the rangers at nearby Holmes Educational State Forest about partnering to offer a wildflower program they were enthusiastic about the idea.

The hike, led by NC Forest Service Rangers, will be a moderate walk through a highly diverse cove forest that boosts a beautiful array of wildflowers. Participants will be able to identify early spring wildflowers as well as learn fascinating facts and uses these plants provided early inhabitants.

Participants will meet at the welcome kiosk at Holmes Educational State Forest on Thursday, April 23rd at 3:00pm. To register, please call the Etowah Library at 891-6577. **Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.**

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**MOVIES AT ETOWAH LIBRARY**

**MARCH 19, 2:00PM:** DOWNTON ABBEY
**APRIL 16, 2:00PM:** ROMAN HOLIDAY
**MAY 21, 2:00PM:** A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD
SPRING AUTHOR VISITS

Celebrate Spring at the library with new books! The Main Library will host visits from authors Jennifer Nielsen, Ann B. Ross, and Susan Zurenda. The programs are free and open to the public.

Jennifer Nielsen is the author of The Ascendance series, the Traitor’s Game series, and the historical novels, Resistance, A Night Divided, and Words on Fire. Jennifer will be visiting students at Rugby Middle School during the day and speaking at the Main Library the evening of March 17th at 6pm. This program is presented in partnership with Henderson County Public Schools and the Friends of the Library.

Hometown author Ann B. Ross debuts her latest novel about Miss Julia and her friends and family, Miss Julia Knows a Thing or Two, at the Main Library on April 14th at 5:30pm. Mrs. Ross has been a full time writer since the publication of Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind in 1999. Join us in the Kaplan Auditorium for a friendly author talk and book signing.

South Carolina author Susan Zurenda releases her debut novel, Bells for Eli, this spring. To introduce you to her work, she will present two sessions at the Main Library on June 1st. The first will be a lecture-style writing workshop entitled “Family Stories: Evoking Emotion in your Characters” at 2pm. Susan will then present “The Small Town South in the ’60s” at 6pm. Susan Zurenda taught literature, composition, and creative writing to high school and college students for 33 years at Spartanburg High School and Spartanburg Community College. She has won several regional writing awards for her short stories.

Page Turners

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Page Turners book club is open to anyone and meets at the Main Library in the Kaplan Auditorium every other month in 2020. There is an afternoon and an evening discussion to accommodate different schedules.

Please place a hold on the book with staff or through the online catalog and read it before the meeting.

2-3:30PM OR 6-7:30PM

MARCH 12— A Land More Kind Than Home by Wiley Cash

MAY 7— South Of Broad by Pat Conroy

JULY 9— The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver

SEPTEMBER 10— First Frost by Sarah Addison Allen

NOVEMBER 12— The World Made Straight by Ron Rash
In this column we feature books and authors with regional appeal to Western North Carolina and more broadly, with a strong sense of place in the Southeast. Place any of these on hold at the library through the NC Cardinal catalog.

In the gritty thriller *Blackwood* by Michael Farris Smith, Mississippi kudzu is a curtain obscuring something menacing and eerie to a junkyard sculptor. In *The Bramble and the Rose* by Tom Bouman, danger intensifies as the leads get hotter for a small-town cop investigating a headless stranger found in the local woods. For a supernatural fairy tale that’s been compared to contemporary southern classics like Jesmyn Ward, Daniel Woodrell, and Wiley Cash, pick up a gothic horror novel where a sheriff and preacher are not the good guys in *The Boatman’s Daughter* by Andy Davidson.

For a sweet holiday romance, *Christmas Angels* by Nancy Naigle involves a winning auction bid on a country inn located about 2 hours west of Charlotte. As an agritourism holiday murder mystery, *Apple Cider Slaying* by Julie Anne Lindsey is part of the Cider Shop Mystery series. Laura Childs’ *Charleston Tea Shop* series flows from a hunting mishap in *Lavender Blue Murder*, and continuing the Blue Ridge Library Mystery series, a small town librarian is called to serve when a skeleton is discovered at a local farm in *Bound for Murder* by Victoria Gilbert.

In two especially local new books, a woman haunted by dreams depicting crimes rekindles an old flame to stop the real-life killer in Leanna Sain’s romantic thriller *Hush*, and Rosman’s Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute is the hook in Mark de Castrique’s private eye novel *Murder in Rat Alley*. A new North Carolina series begins in fictional Swann County with an ex-military investigator looking at crimes and character drama going back decades with *A Dredging in Swann* by Tim Garvin.

A handful of top picks for this season are a forthcoming book about an exotic wildlife sanctuary run by veterans by North Carolina author Taylor Brown called the *Pride of Eden*, and a suspenseful read for fans of Jodi Picoult called *Wildland* by Rebecca Hodge in which a wildfire causes a family to flee their Blue Ridge Mountain getaway. Therese Anne Fowler writes about a clash between neighbors and values in North Carolina’s suburbs in *A Good Neighborhood*, and local author Mark Powell has a literary thriller with themes hauntingly similar to current events playing out between Ukraine, Russia, and the United States with *Firebird*. In *Wilmington’s Lie*, David Zucchini reframes a lesser-known event from North Carolina history as a coup that aimed to counter the rising political power of African Americans in the decades following the Civil War. I am currently enjoying a book of short stories set mostly in Appalachia by Michael Croley called *Any Other Place*, but for anyone curious about the literary heritage of the region, I would encourage you to check out *Step into the Circle: Writers in Modern Appalachia*, edited by Amy Greene and Trent Thomson for a survey in words and pictures of notable authors.

Thanks for reading!

- Ed Graves, Branch & Collection Coordinator
Enjoy a FREE afternoon at the movies at the Main Library.

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

Have you heard you can now check out passes to visit local attractions at the library? ZOOM passes let you visit Hands On! Children’s Museum or the North Carolina Arboretum for free, with more passes coming this year. Visit the library website to reserve your pass today. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Henderson County Library has partnered with the NC Arboretum to bring ecoEXPLORE to the library. ecoEXPLORE stands for Experiences Promoting Learning Outdoors for Research and Education. Children in grades K-8 can participate by being citizen scientists and earn prizes. The Main Library is an ecoEXPLORE Hot Spot, where participants can make and share observations at our birdfeeders and wildflower garden. The Arboretum also offers programs at the library throughout the year to promote the different observation seasons. Coming soon, you will be able to check out special ecoEXPLORE backpacks to help with your observations!

Check out the ecoEXPLORE website at www.ecoexplore.net for more info.

**Midweek Matinee**

Downton Abbey
Wed., March 4th  @ 2pm

Judy
Wed., April 1st  @ 2pm

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
Wed., May 6th  @ 2pm

**ZOOM**

**ecoEXPLORE**

an initiative of The NC Arboretum

**IMAGINE YOUR STORY**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY!**

This year our Summer Reading program will be from June 1st—August 1st.

Families are invited to a Kick Off Celebration on Wed., May 27th at 4pm!
National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming communities and improving lives. The library is a place where all people are welcome regardless of age, interests, or background. Today’s libraries strive to develop and maintain technology, programs, and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve.

Our library embraces the entire Henderson County community, offering a varied array of resources to provide opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning. From ebooks to technology classes, job-seeking resources to materials for English-language learners, literacy learning to musical entertainment, the library has something for everyone. The library is a place to explore passions, discover new interests, make connections, and provide solace in a time of crisis. During National Library Week, the library will be holding a Food for Fines drive, as well as other special programs for all ages.

### FOOD FOR FINES

Monday, April 20th - Saturday, April 25th

Patrons can pay their existing overdue fines* with in-date, non-perishable food items. Each item will count as $1 toward the patron’s account.

*Sorry, food cannot be applied toward the cost of lost or damaged materials, debt collection fees, or account credit.

### REFERENCE RESOURCES YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Reference Librarian Mark Burdette will resume the Reference Resources You Should Know About classes this spring. Starting in May he will be demonstrating various reference resources available to patrons through the Henderson County Public Library. These classes are free, but space is limited so sign-up soon!

**MAY 15, 10-11AM, MAIN LIBRARY, LEARNING LAB— 2020 Election Guide**

This class will introduce patrons to the library’s new 2020 Election Guide. This guide will help patrons locate objective, authoritative information about the upcoming elections. This includes information on national, state, and local elections, where to vote, how to register, and sample ballots.

**JUNE 23, 10-11AM, FLETCHER LIBRARY— Law & Order: HCPL!**

The demonstration will show patrons what online Legal Resources are available through the library including the Westlaw legal database, forms, and attorney finder.

**JULY 15, 10-11AM, MAIN LIBRARY, LEARNING LAB— Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers at HCPL**

This class will introduce patrons to the library’s new Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers page where they can access full-text digital copies of periodicals, search databases for articles, and get listings of periodicals to which the library subscribes.

**AUGUST 18, 10-11AM, ETOWAH LIBRARY— Genealogy and Local History Resources at the Library**

Genealogy is a popular hobby among library patrons. This class will introduce the library’s Genealogy and Local History guide to patrons. They will find links to genealogy research databases, local photographs, radio shows, and a bibliography of local history.
FRIENDS' BOOK SALE TO BE HELD THIS SPRING

The Friends of the Library – an all-volunteer organization that supports library programs and purchases books and many other materials – will hold a regional book sale in May. The spring 2020 sale will be on May 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th. The sale is at the Friends building at 1940 Spartanburg Hwy in Hendersonville (next to Dollar General).

The Friends raise almost $100,000 a year, mainly through book sales in May and September. Last year, we sponsored 130 programs and purchased 1,000 books for the library. We also bought tablets, AV items, materials for the Craft Club, and furniture and equipment such as chairs, security cameras, and shelf units.

The Friends have almost 1,500 members, and our membership increased in 2019 by 40 percent. We always need more volunteers, members, and donors. Please go to our website to learn more and be sure to see the video: fotl.info

- Richard Labunski, FOL Publicity Chair

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Thank you to those who have donated:
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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:

GOOD FRIDAY Close @ 5pm Thu., April 9th
Closed Friday, April 10th
MEMORIAL DAY Closed Monday, May 25th

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SPRING PROGRAMMING – Adults

MAIN LIBRARY

Wed., March 4th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *Downton Abbey*
Fri., March 6th @ 10 AM - Become a Library Power User
Tue., March 10th @ 2 PM - Community Mental Health Training (VAYA)
Thu., March 12th 2-3:30 PM OR 6-7:30 PM - Page Turners Book Club
Tue., March 17th @ 6 PM - Author Jennifer Nielsen
Wed., April 1st @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *Judy*
Tue., April 14th @ 5:30 PM - Author Ann B. Ross
Tue., April 21st @ 6 PM - Container Gardening Workshop
Thu., April 23rd @ 1 PM - Baker Barber Slideshow: Main Street Through the Years
Wed., May 6th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*
Thu., May 7th 2-3:30 PM OR 6-7:30 PM - Page Turners Book Club
Fri., May 15th @ 10 AM - 2020 Election Guide Class *Reg. Required
Fri., May 15th @ 2 PM - Blue Ridge Ringers Concert
Mon., June 1st @ 2 PM - Author Susan Zurenda Writing Workshop
Mon., June 1st @ 6 PM - Author Susan Zurenda presents *The Small Town South in the ‘60s*

Computer Classes @ Main: We offer a variety of basic computer skills classes which are stand alone classes. *Check the online calendar for upcoming classes. Registration is usually required.*

FLETCHER BRANCH

Tuesdays @ 3 PM - Intermediate Conversational Spanish
Wednesdays @ 4 PM - Beginning Conversational French
Thursdays @ 12:15 PM - Mahjong
Thursdays @ 3:30 PM - Conversational German
Saturdays @ 1 PM - Chess Club
1st & 3rd Monday @ 10:30 AM - Adult Coloring *Reg. Required
1st Monday @ 1 PM - Avid Reader Book Club
2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Fletcher Book Club
3rd Saturday @ 10:30 AM - Yarn Therapy/Knitting for a Cause *Reg. Required
4th Thursday @ 2 PM - Christian Fiction Book Club (April & May)
Tue., March 10th @ 12 PM - Goodwill Pop-Up
Sat., March 28th @ 10 AM - Gardening for Thrift & Fun *Reg. Required
Sat., April 4th @ 10:30 AM - Needle Felting *Reg. Required
Tue., April 7th @ 10:30 AM - Preventing Identity Theft *Reg. Required
Fri., April 17th @ 1:30 PM - Goodwill Pop-Up
Mon., May 11th @ 12 PM - Goodwill Pop-Up
Fri., May 22nd @ 11 AM - Retirement Planning *Reg. Required

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Florence Miner Book Club Review
3rd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Christian Fiction Book Club

ETOWAH BRANCH

Mondays @ 10:30 AM - Knitting Club
1st Monday @ 2 PM - Book Talk
3rd Wednesday @ 2:30 PM - Etowah Book Club
Tue., March 10th @ 2 PM - Perennials for your Garden *Registration Required
Wed., March 11th @ 4 PM - DuPont Forest Wildlife Series: The Listed Animal Species of Henderson County
Thu., March 12th @ 1 PM - Miniature Magic: Moss Dish Gardens *Registration Required
Wed., March 18th @ 4:30 PM - Celtic Confusion in Concert
Thu., March 19th @ 2 PM - Matinee Movie, *Downton Abbey*
Wed., March 25th @ 4 PM - DuPont Forest Wildlife Series: Living with our Wildlife
Wed., March 26th @ 2 PM - Cut the Cord *Reg. Required
Wed., April 1st @ 4 PM - DuPont Forest Wildlife Series: Use of Game Cameras to Photograph Wildlife
Wed., April 8th @ 4 PM - DuPont Forest Wildlife Series: The Salamanders of Henderson County
Thu., April 16th-26th @ 10 AM - QiGong Classes *Reg. Required
Thu., April 16th @ 2 PM - Matinee Movie, *Roman Holiday*
Sat., April 18th 10 AM–1 PM - Shred Event
Wed., April 22–May 13 @ 2 PM - Spanish for Travelers *Registration Required
Thu., April 23rd @ 3 PM - Wildflower Hike at Holmes Educational State Forest *Registration Required—call the Etowah Library
Thu., May 21st @ 2 PM - Matinee Movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 4 PM - YarnAbility

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

Tuesdays @ 1 PM - Knit and Crochet Group
Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 9 AM - Yoga (No session April 14)
Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Pilates
2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Mills River Book Club
**SPRING PROGRAMMING — Children & Teens**

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Children:**
- Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM - Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)
- Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime (18 months-3 years)
- Thursdays @ 10:30 AM - Discovery Storytime (families welcome)
- Thursdays @ 11:15 AM - Bouncing Babies Storytime (birth - 18 months & caregivers)
- Wednesdays @ 4 PM - Four O’Clock Club (grades K-5)
  - 1st Wednesday of each month is Let’s Build It! Building fun with more than just Legos!; Other weeks will have various activities.

**Second Saturday (March-May)** - Paws for Reading*
  - Children can sign up to read to a therapy dog.

**Mon., March 23rd @ 4 PM** - EcoEXPLORE: Intro to Botany

**Wed., May 27th @ 4 PM** - Summer Fun Kick Off Celebration

**Teens:**
- Teen Advisory Board (TAB) – 1st Thursday @ 4 PM
  - If you are a teen in grades 9-12, we need you!
  - Earn volunteer credit for school (also looks great on college applications and job resumes), while having fun planning teen programs, recommending materials for the teen collection, and more!
  - Find the application online or stop by any branch.

**Tue., March 17th @ 6 PM** - Author Jennifer Nielsen

**Thu., March 26th @ 4 PM** - Teen Craft Club*
  - This month we will explore journaling.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED*

Use online calendar to register for programs at the Main Library. hendersonpl.libcal.com

Call or stop by to register for programs at branches.

**EDNEYVILLE BRANCH**

**Mondays @ 10 AM** - Family Storytime

**EDOWAH BRANCH**

**Tuesdays @ 10 AM** - Family Storytime

**2nd Thursday @ 3:30 PM** - LEGO Club

**Mon., March 2, April 20, & May 18 @ 4 PM** - Paws for Reading*

**Mon., March 30th @ 4 PM** - Radical Raptors* (Chimney Rock)

**Mon., May 4th @ 4 PM** - Make a LED Mother’s Day Card Using Simple Circuits* (Hands On!)

**FLETCHER BRANCH**

**Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM** - Family Storytime

**1st Thursday @ 3:30 PM** - LEGO Club

**Mon., March 9th @ 3:30 PM** - Mission to Mars* (Zaniac)

**Tue., March 17th @ 11 AM** - Dollywood Little Engine Playhouse

**Mon., April 6th @ 3:30 PM** - Eggsellent Engineering* (Zaniac)

**Mon., May 4th @ 3:30 PM** - Shake, Rattle, & Roll* (Zaniac)

**GREEN RIVER BRANCH**

**Thursdays @ 10 AM** - Family Storytime

**3rd Friday, drop in all day** - Green River Craft Club

**Tue., March 10th @ 4:30 PM** - Let’s Get PHYSICall* (Zaniac)

**Sat., April 11th @ 11 AM** - Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Tue., April 14th @ 4:30 PM** - Eggsellent Engineering* (Zaniac)

**Tue., May 12th @ 4:30 PM** - Enchanted Engineering* (Zaniac)

**MILLS RIVER BRANCH**

**Mondays @ 10 AM** - Family Storytime

**2nd Wednesday @ 4 PM** - LEGO Club

**Mon., March 2, April 6, & May 4 @ 3:30 PM** - Paws for Reading*

**Tue., March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28, May 12 & 26 @ 4 PM** - Paws for Reading*

**Tue., March 3rd @ 4 PM** - Catapults & Airplanes* (Hands On!)

**Wed., March 4th @ 4 PM** - Crazy Chemistry* (Zaniac)

**Tue., March 17th @ 4 PM** - Dollywood Little Engine Playhouse

**Wed., March 18th @ 4 PM** - Tinkering Into Circuits* (Zaniac)

**Wed., March 25th @ 4 PM** - Body-ology* (Hands On!)

**Wed., April 1st @ 4 PM** - Who Dun It?* (Zaniac)

**Tue., April 14th @ 10 AM** - Rockin’ Reptiles & Epic Amphibians* (Chimney Rock)

**Wed., April 15th @ 4 PM** - Eggsellent Engineering* (Zaniac)

**Wed., April 22nd @ 4 PM** - Pollinators* (Hands On!)

**Wed., May 6th @ 4 PM** - Let’s Get PHYSICall* (Zaniac)

**Wed., May 20th @ 4 PM** - Newton’s Lab* (Zaniac)

**Wed., May 27th @ 4 PM** - Electrified Circuits* (Hands On!)