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# Illuminations

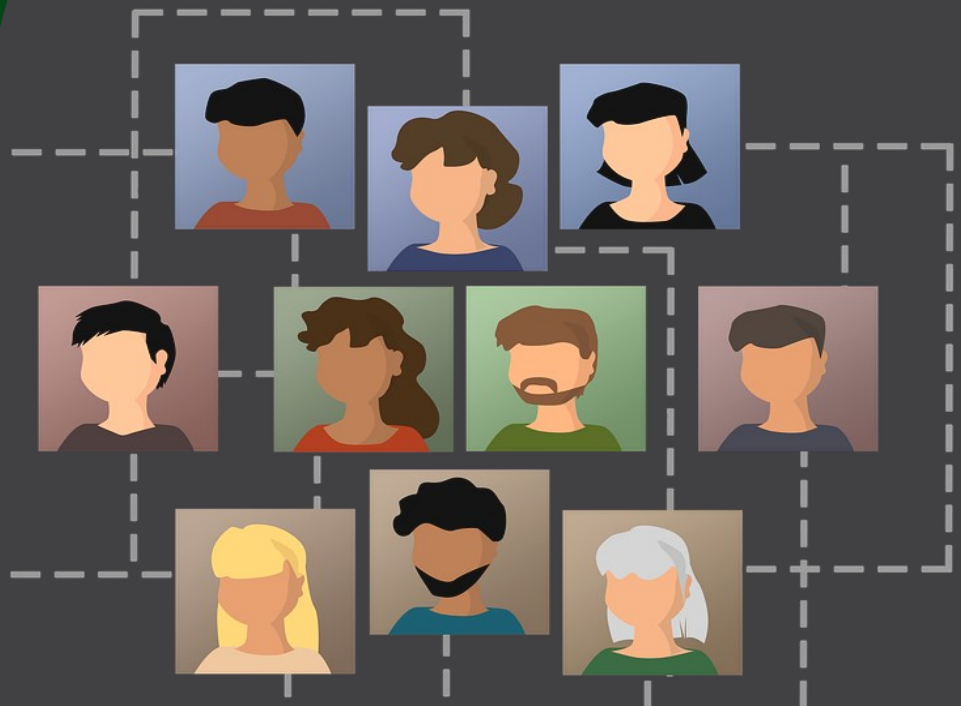
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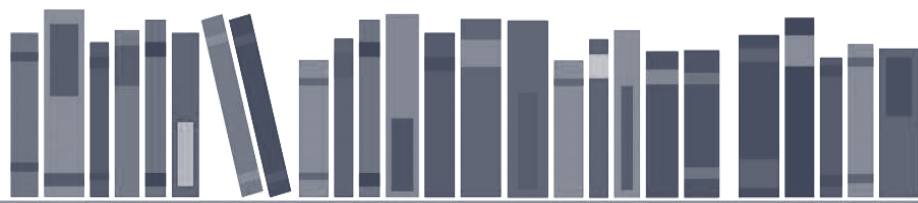
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# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



## APRIL 4—10, 2021



## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF



## HELP US CELEBRATE



## National Library Workers Day

The community is invited to join the Henderson County Library as we celebrate National Library Workers Day (NLWD) on April 6, 2021. This day, observed on the Tuesday of National Library Week, is a time to recognize the hard work, dedication, and expertise of library support staff and librarians.

Library professionals play an essential role in the community by providing access to books, online resources for education and entertainment, assistance with workforce development, programs that promote early literacy and learning, homebound services, and more. This role became more important than ever before over the past year as isolated individuals sought safe opportunities for engagement, enrichment, and development.

Over the past year, 45 Henderson County Library support staff and librarians working across six locations demonstrated their commitment to serving the community by adapting services to abide by pandemic restrictions. Services provided during this time included, answering over 57,000 patron questions, offering 471 virtual programs, delivering reading, viewing, and listening materials to over 30,000 curbside vehicles, and issuing over 3,500 new library cards.

To show appreciation for Henderson County Library staff and the work they do throughout the year, library users are invited to nominate a stellar library worker to be included in the National Library Workers Day online "Galaxy of Stars". And remember....the Henderson County Library works because they do!

- Trina Rushing, Library Director

### LIBRARY STATS FOR THE PAST YEAR



45 STAFF



6 BRANCHES



57,000  
QUESTIONS



471 VIRTUAL  
PROGRAMS



30,000+  
CURBSIDE



3,500+  
NEW CARDS

### National Library Workers Day

### DO YOU KNOW A STELLAR LIBRARY WORKER?

Submit a star to let everyone know why your library worker is a star!

Visit <http://bit.ly/librystar> to "Submit a Star" today!

Each testimonial will be posted in the "Galaxy of Stars" on the NLWD website at <http://ala-apa.org/nlwd/#galaxy> to honor library workers.

# SPOTLIGHT ON NEW STAFF

## *Andrea Ward, Circulation Assistant*



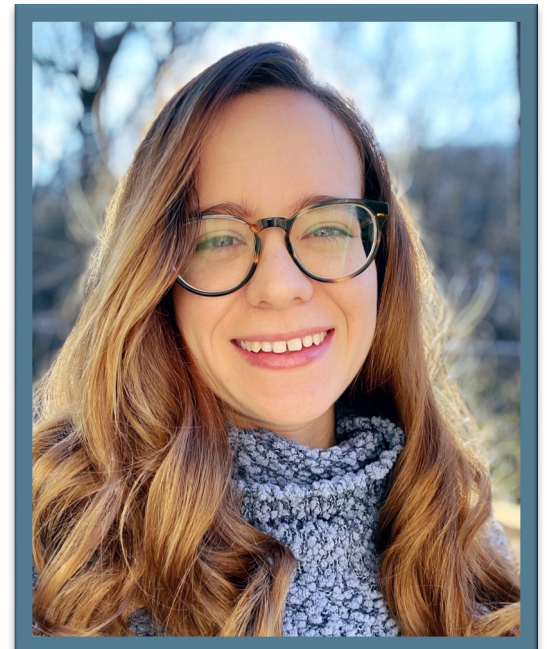
Andrea Ward is happy to join the Circulation team at the Main Library. A Henderson County native, Andrea first became interested in working at the library when she helped with the RFID project as a temporary employee. Andrea was inspired by how friendly and helpful library staff were to library patrons. Andrea shared:

“I loved witnessing how rewarding being a librarian could be through observing the library staff that I made it my goal to work in a library. I have really enjoyed my time working here so far and I look forward to what the future brings.”

## *Maggie Montgomery, Circulation Assistant*

Ever since Maggie was in Kindergarten she has dreamed of working for the Library. She is grateful and excited to join the Circulation team at the Main Library. Maggie has lived in Hendersonville for the majority of her life and enjoys the community focus of our small town.

Maggie has a background in administration and customer service. She enjoys helping library patrons and learning new things every day. In her free time, Maggie enjoys gardening with her husband, taking walks with her daughter, and painting.



### **LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

#### **Main Library**

301 N Washington Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28739

**828-697-4725**

Mon-Thu 11am-7pm  
Fri 11am-5pm Sat 10am-5pm  
Curbside: Mon-Fri 10-11am

#### **Edneyville Branch**

2 Firehouse Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

**828-685-0110**

Mon & Thu 9am-3pm  
Wed 12-6pm

#### **Etowah Branch**

101 Brickyard Road  
Etowah, NC 28729

**828-891-6577**

Mon & Fri 9am-3pm  
Tue & Wed 12-6pm

#### **Fletcher Branch**

120 Library Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

**828-687-1218**

Mon & Wed 12-7pm  
Thu & Sat 9am-4pm

#### **Green River Branch**

50 Green River Road  
Zirconia, NC 28790

**828-697-4969**

Tue 9am-3pm Thu 12-6pm

#### **Mills River Branch**

124 Town Center Drive  
Mills River, NC 28759

**828-890-1850**

Mon & Fri 9am-3pm  
Tue 12-6pm



**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**  
APRIL 4-10, 2021



National Library Week is a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year’s National Library Week is “Welcome to your library,” which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration. During these challenging times, the library has adapted to our changing world to continue and expand resources and services to meet the needs of the community. Curbside pickup, homebound deliveries, online learning resources for students of all ages, job seeking resources, and wifi access have provided vital support to those who utilize these services.

To celebrate National Library Week with us this year, starting in March, pick up a review bookmark when you checkout a book from any of our library locations. Fill out the bookmark with a three word review, then leave the bookmark in the book when you return it. Each bookmark returned will be entered into a prize drawing to be held at the end of National Library Week.

**CHECK THE LIBRARY WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR MORE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK FUN!**

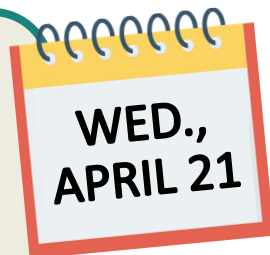


### GET STARTED WITH EBOOKS & LIBBY— THE ONE TAP READING APP

*\*VISIT THE LIBRARY’S ONLINE CALENDAR TO REGISTER\**

**Session 1: Getting Started with Libby** This virtual session will cover finding your library and signing in, navigating the app, browsing and searching for titles, borrowing titles and placing holds, and much more.

**Session 2: Libby Deep Dive Session** Already familiar with Libby but still have a few questions? Join the OverDrive experts for this virtual Q&A session to get even more out of our library’s digital collection.



**SESSION 1:**  
(3 Time Choices)  
9:00-9:30AM  
9:30-10:00AM  
10:00-10:30AM  
**SESSION 2:**  
10:30-11:00AM

# ZOOM



## ZOOM PASS PROGRAM RESUMES THIS SPRING!

Passes to visit Hands On! or the North Carolina Arboretum will be available to check out with your Henderson County Library card. Visit the library website mid-March for more information and to reserve your pass. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



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

Get ready for a wild summer of reading and fun for all ages!

**JUNE 1 - AUG 14**

# THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING 'LOVE MY LIBRARY' MONTH WITH US!

Library staff had fun creating mystery book displays, partnering with Main Street businesses to install a StoryWalk®, and were inspired by your 2020 Library stories.



**BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK**

**TAKE A CHANCE!**

Check out a book with a 'secret identity' from our Blind Date with a Book display.

**IT COULD BE LOVE AT FIRST PAGE!**

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

"We love our librarians and my kids are always excited for "Library Day". Thank you HCPL!"

"I cannot thank the Henderson County Public Library enough for pivoting during difficult times and continuing to provide the escape we all needed in books in 2020!"

"Curbside pick-up efficiency (complete with friendly voices promising "We'll be right out with those."), sanitizing of materials, convenient hours, and Wowbrary access - all were/are essential to my mental health normalcy of "getting lost in a book" amid our extended quarantining."



**READ MORE LIBRARY STORIES AND SHARE YOUR STORY ON OUR WEBSITE!**  
LOOK FOR "SHARE YOUR STORY" UNDER THE 'USING YOUR LIBRARY' TAB.



## INTERNET HOTSPOTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT!

Hotspots can be checked out for 14 days and provide free wireless internet access on your phone, tablet, or laptop. Hotspots will work anywhere cell phone signal is available. For more information and to check availability, call the Main Library at 697-4725 or visit the Library website.



## FREE WIFI NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PARKING LOT!

Free Wifi is now available in the Fletcher, Etowah, and Main Library parking lots.

Look for **NCGuestWifi** in the list of available networks on your device. This new network is provided as part of the NC Student Connect Park and Learn project and is funded by the NC CARES Act.



In this column we feature new titles at the library from local authors or books with a focus on Appalachia and the Southeast. Place any of these titles on hold through the online catalog or call the library for assistance.

We'll start with forthcoming buzzed about books so you can get your hold requests in. [\*The Sweet Taste of Muscadines\*](#) by Pamela Terry is a Southern novel about family secrets and is being compared to last year's bestselling *Where the Crawdads Sing*. Novelist John Hart is known for books about family, place, and relationships woven with all the tension of suspense and thrillers. His new book is called [\*The Unwilling\*](#), it takes place near Charlotte at the height of the Vietnam War and has a lot to do with who did and didn't return. Coming out in late March by Martha Hall Kelly, historical fiction readers will remember her wildly popular *Lilac Girls* novel set in WWII, [\*Sunflower Sisters\*](#) is an epic family history with multiple narrators during the Civil War, from the plantation to New York City. Lastly, John Grisham is best known for courtroom drama but a forthcoming book [\*Sooley\*](#) brings it to the basketball court as a young player fleeing a warzone tries to make it big at NCCU.

For mysteries, Mark de Castrique's eighth novel in the Blackman Agency Investigations series continues with [\*Fatal Scores\*](#), featuring reference points from the Asheville Tourists minor league baseball team to local festivals as the detectives investigate the death of a paper mill executive. In [\*The Broken Spine\*](#) by Dorothy St. James, a South Carolina librarian becomes the main suspect when her town councilman is found dead in this new cozy library mystery series.

Readers of Christian fiction will find much to like in Cathy Gohlke's [\*Night Bird Calling\*](#), about a woman seeking refuge, finding family, and confronting heavier themes in a small North Carolina town in the 1940s. In the same genre, two historical novels with high relevance are Pepper Basham's [\*Hope Between the Pages\*](#), in which a love letter found in an Asheville bookshop initiates a trip across the pond, and a Southern Titanic tale of family and shipwreck in [\*Surviving Savannah\*](#) by Patti Callahan.

For more local historical fiction, [\*Under a Gilded Moon\*](#) by Joy Jordan-Lake features the Biltmore Estate as the setting and driver of a novel that is rich on intrigue and class conflict. In popular fiction, Ed Tarkington's novel [\*The Fortunate Ones\*](#) rubs shoulders with the upper crust of Nashville society and is being compared to a Pat Conroy or a Southern Great Gatsby. In Heather Frese's [\*The Baddest Girl on the Planet\*](#), Cape Hatteras is a metaphor for the life story of a free-wheeling narrator forced to confront adversity, and it has already won a state book prize.

I do have a few personal picks. For a short story collection, look no further than [\*The Uncollected Stories of Allan Gurganus\*](#), the first book by the notable and eccentric North Carolina writer in almost a decade. For a story about coming of age in Appalachia through a young person eyes, full of hope for her family and community, try the illustrated novel by Robert Gipe called [\*Pop\*](#). Naima Coster hails from North Carolina and in her second novel she tells a generational story of resentment and relationships that came out of school integration in [\*What's Mine and Yours\*](#). Leesa Cross-Smith hails from Kentucky and her second novel, [\*This Close to Okay\*](#), takes place over the course of a weekend, when a therapist coaxes a man off a bridge and he follows, in storytelling that will restore calm and hope.



*Thanks for reading!*

- Ed Graves, Branch & Collection Coordinator

# JOIN THE (BOOK) CLUB!



## Book Clubs Continue in 2021



Many of our social interactions have been affected by the pandemic, and book clubs are no exception. Despite not being able to meet in person, library books clubs have continued throughout the past year. In a time when we are all looking for new safe ways to connect, library staff enjoy fostering these connections. The Main Library Page Turners, Teen Book Club, and Etowah Book Chats have all held meetings over Zoom and will continue to do so in 2021.

The **Page Turners Book Club**, hosted by staff at the Main Library, had just formed in early 2020. After holding one meeting in person, meetings the rest of the year were held over Zoom. Those who attended have enjoyed the connection and thoughtful discussion. Book club participants have voted on a great list of titles for 2021. Anyone interested in reading and discussing the selected titles is welcome. **Register online.**

**Teen Book Club** titles are usually selected by the library's Teen Advisory Board members, but any high school age student can join the discussion. **Register online.**

The **Etowah Book Chat** meets monthly. This group does not select a specific title to discuss. Instead, participants talk about what they've been reading and offer recommendations. The group reads a variety of books and everyone leaves with some great ideas for their reading list. **Register online.**

**We hope that you are inspired this year to join a book club discussion or even start your own! Happy Reading!**

- Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Director & Marketing Librarian



## ART AT YOUR LIBRARY

Coming in April, our next art exhibit will feature the travel photography of artist Valerie Klevan, a self-described Scottish Gypsy and enthusiastic 'Street Snapographer'. Valerie's Moroccan collection "From the Imperial Cities to the Sahara via the High Atlas Mountains" will be on display at the **Main Library**. The exhibit will feature photographs of the dramatic landscapes and colorful local inhabitants of Morocco.



## VALERIE KLEVAN EXHIBIT • APRIL-JUNE 2021

### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, March 11 @ 2:00pm**  
*A Short Time to Stay Here*  
by Terry Roberts

**Thursday, May 13 @ 2:00pm**  
*The Hired Girl*  
by Laura Amy Schlitz

### TEEN BOOK CLUB

**Thursday, April 15 @ 4:00pm**  
*Warcross* by Marie Lu

### ETOWAH BOOK CHAT

**Wednesday, March 17, April 21, & May 19 @ 2:30pm**  
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### **HOSTING YOUR OWN BOOK CLUB? LET US HELP!**

The Etowah Library is home to a collection of 37 different Book Club kits available to check out. Each kit includes 10 copies of a title and can be checked out for 6 weeks. The kits can be sent to any Henderson County Library location to be checked out. Visit the 'Book Club Hub' page on the library website for the full list of kits and other book club resources.

<https://hendersonpl.libguides.com/bookclubhub>  
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### **LOOKING FOR AN ALL DIGITAL BOOK CLUB OPTION? CHECK OUT LIBBY OR HOOPLA!**

Book club titles are periodically highlighted and available for all to check out at the same time with no wait lists or holds. In addition, discussion questions, author interviews, and read-alike suggestions are provided for the selected title. If you need help getting started with Libby or hoopla, you can find How-To video tutorials on the downloadables page on the library website, or give us a call.

**hoopla book club hub:** <http://theclub.hoopladigital.com>



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE IS A SUCCESS!

The Friends of the Henderson County Public Library bookstore, which opened in October, is doing very well. That means the Friends can continue to provide vital support to the library.

Customers find great books, DVDs, and CDs in excellent condition and reasonably priced. Every month, the store features a special sale on books in various categories by the most popular authors. You should return frequently to see what is being offered.

The store at 1940 Spartanburg Hwy (next to Dollar General) in Hendersonville is open Tues., Thurs., and Sat., 12 - 4 p.m. Members get a 10 percent discount. (You can join or renew your membership at the store).

People can drop off books and other donations at the store when it is open. (Our volunteers get a newly designed T-shirt which were paid for by an anonymous donor).

- **Richard Labunski**, FOL Publicity Chair



Mandy Walline, FOL volunteer

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOL BOOKSTORE:

website: [fotl.info](http://fotl.info) e mail: [bookstore@fotl.info](mailto:bookstore@fotl.info) phone: 828-513-5115

## LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Jean McGrady**, Chair

**Katie Winkler**, Vice-Chair

**Noreen Quinn**, Secretary

**Carla Thompson**, FOL President

**Rebecca McCall**, Commissioner

**Susan Williams**

**Bill Ramsey**

**Michael Absher**

**Celeste Mayes**

*Thank you to those  
who have donated:*

*Readers & Feeders  
Book Club*

**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 at 5pm Thursday, April 1  
Closed Friday, April 2

**MEMORIAL DAY** Closed Monday, May 31



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**Stay Connected!**





# SPRING PROGRAMMING

## ALL AGES:

**Bookmark Take & Make** – Starting April 4<sup>th</sup> at all open branches

Pick up a kit to create your own unique bookmark for National Library Week! Available for all ages while supplies last.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

**Learn French with Elizabeth (Special 4 O'Clock Club Series For Grades 3-5)** – Wednesdays in March @ 4pm – Zoom

Join us to learn some beginner level French! Learn pronunciation, common words, and phrases through stories, songs, and interactive lessons. Registration for each session is required.

**The Following Children's Programs Will Run March 1<sup>st</sup>–May 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**Family Storytime** – Mondays @ 10am – YouTube/Facebook

Designed for children and their families. Activities include stories, songs, flannel board stories, action rhymes, and more.

**Library Minute** – Tuesdays @ 10am – YouTube/Facebook

Join us each week as we talk about exciting library and literacy tips!

**4 O'Clock Club** – Wednesdays @ 4pm in April & May – YouTube/Facebook

Children in grades K-5 can join us for STEAM projects, crafts, and more!

**What'cha Reading?** – Thursdays @ 10am – YouTube/Facebook

We love to read and we want to tell you about it! Come get ideas of what YOU should read next from the Youth Services staff.

## TEEN PROGRAMS:

**Teen Advisory Board** – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays @ 4pm – Zoom

Teens, need volunteer hours? If you are in grades 9-12 you can join Teen Advisory Board to help plan teen library programs, promote library books and services, assist with library programs for children and more! **Registration required.**

**Among Us Digital Hang-Out** – Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm – Zoom

Come join us in playing "Among Us," an outer space game of deduction and mystery. Who is the imposter? Can you stop them before they destroy the spaceship and all your crewmates? Registration required. \*Download the game "Among Us" before joining the event. It is available for free on app stores via a phone or tablet.

**Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12)**– Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm – Zoom

This month we are reading *Warcross* by Marie Lu. Registration required; you will receive instructions on how to pick up your book.

**Teen Craft Time: Baby Yoda** – Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm – YouTube/Facebook + Kit

There is A LOT of Baby Yoda/Grogu merchandise out there, but what about a Baby Yoda you can make at home? Join us to see how you can make a Baby Yoda of your very own! **Register to receive instructions on how to pick up your kit.**

## ADULT PROGRAMS:

**Page Turners Book Club** – Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> & May 13<sup>th</sup> @2:00pm – Zoom

March: *A Short Time To Stay Here* by Terry Roberts; May: *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz; Registration required.

**Etowah Book Chat** – Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, & May 19<sup>th</sup> @2:30pm – Zoom

We will talk about what we've been reading and offer up recommendations. Registration required.

**Libby Training Sessions** – Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Zoom (Register for each session via the link on the library's calendar)

**SESSION ONE: Getting Started with Libby- 3 Times to Choose From: 9-9:30am 9:30-10am 10-10:30am**

This virtual session will get you up to speed on everything you need to know to get started with Libby– the one tap reading app, including: Finding your library and signing in, navigating the app, browsing and searching for titles, borrowing titles and placing holds, managing holds and notifications, and much more.


**SESSION TWO: Libby Deep Dive Session– 10:30-11am**

Already familiar with Libby but still have a few questions? Want to learn what new features have been added to the app? Join the OverDrive experts for this virtual Q&A session to get even more out of our library's digital collection.

Check the library's online calendar for more virtual programs/Register for programs: [hendersonpl.libcal.com](https://hendersonpl.libcal.com)

 **Facebook**  
@HendersonCountyNCGovernment

 **YouTube** - Look for Library playlist  
on Henderson County, NC Channel

 Link emailed 2 hours  
prior to the program