



HENDERSON COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Illuminations

Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2024

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF



## JOIN THE 2024 READING CHALLENGE

### Readers of all ages are invited to join our 2024 Reading Challenge!

This year-long challenge invites readers of all ages to expand their literary horizons by exploring both familiar and new titles on a variety of subjects and genres. Be sure to watch out for book displays throughout the year highlighting titles that correlate with challenge categories.

**Read or listen to a title in each category and turn in your completed challenge card by January 31, 2025 to be entered into our prize drawing.**

Reading Challenge cards can be picked up at any Henderson County Library or printed off our website at [www.hendersoncountync.gov/library](http://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library). Click on 'Reader Resources' under the purple 'Using Your Library' tab at the top of the page. Be sure to select the special kids challenge for students in K-5!



**- Trina Rushing, Library Director**



Did you know that reading is a proven method to strengthen your brain, enhance communication, improve overall mental health, and extend your lifespan? So, join the challenge today to read more books so you can live longer— so you can read more books!



# SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY STAFF

## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

### MAIN LIBRARY

301 N Washington Street  
Hendersonville, NC 28739

**828-697-4725**

Mon-Thu 9am-7pm  
Fri & Sat 9am-5pm

### EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

2 Firehouse Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

**828-685-0110**

Mon 9am-6pm  
Tue & Wed 9am-5pm  
Fri 9am-3pm

### ETOWAH BRANCH

101 Brickyard Road  
Etowah, NC 28729

**828-891-6577**

Mon 9am-6pm  
Tue-Thu 9am-5pm  
Fri & Sat 9am-3pm

### FLETCHER BRANCH

120 Library Road  
Fletcher, NC 28732

**828-687-1218**

Mon 9am-6pm  
Tue-Thu 9am-5pm  
Fri & Sat 9am-3pm

### GREEN RIVER BRANCH

50 Green River Road  
Zirconia, NC 28790

**828-697-4969**

Mon 9am-6pm  
Wed & Thu 9am-5pm  
Fri 9am-3pm

*Closed for lunch 12-1pm daily*

### MILLS RIVER BRANCH

124 Town Center Drive  
Mills River, NC 28759

**828-890-1850**

Mon 9am-6pm  
Tue-Thu 9am-5pm  
Fri 9am-3pm

## *Hannah Hansen, Circulation Assistant*

Hannah, a proud Henderson County native, has recently attained a bachelor's degree in Art History from the University of North Carolina at Asheville, along with the distinction of University Scholar.

Prior to joining the library, she worked for Henderson County Parks and Recreation and is eager to continue serving the community.

She discovered a love of reading at a young age and is thrilled to pursue her dream job at the library, where she can share her passion for reading and knowledge. In her free time she enjoys reading (of course), hiking, learning to play the piano and going to concerts.



## *Tom Rogers, Circulation Assistant*

With great delight, Tom moves from volunteer to full-time member of the circulation team at the Main Library. A native of Greer, SC, Tom began his life-long love of libraries when his mother took him to the Davenport Library in Greer to meet his first librarian, Mrs. Wentz.

Prior to joining the Main Library, Tom taught at several universities including at Western Carolina University in the Master's in Project Management program. When not at the Library, he enjoys learning to play guitar, trying to knit, and of course, reading.



# WHAT'S **NEW** WITH THE DIGITAL LIBRARY?



Users of hoopla have several ways to maximize their monthly borrows. In addition to the four monthly *Instant Borrows* available, you will also see an option in hoopla to checkout *Flex Borrows*. *Flex Borrows* are a collection of titles provided for checkout through hoopla by NCLIVE. These titles will show as Available or Wait List. If a title indicates there is a Wait List, you may place that title on hold.

Starting in March, *Bonus Borrows* will be available the last week of each month instead of quarterly. *Bonus Borrows* are a collection of titles available in hoopla that do not count toward your 4 monthly *Instant Borrows*.

In addition to ebooks and audiobooks, hoopla includes a selection of movies and music for checkout, as well as BingePasses. BingePasses are a collection of items that only use one of your monthly checkouts and are available for one week. With this one checkout you can access multiple items available in the pass for the week. There are currently over 20 BingePasses available, with content for children and adults. Some popular ones include The Great Courses, Hallmark Movies, Curiosity Stream, and Hellosaurus.

## USING YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY



**eBooks, digital audiobooks,  
TV shows, movies, and music!**

What doesn't hoopla have? Heard of Flex Borrows or a BingePass? Join us for a hoopla deep dive to begin getting the most out of your account.

**APRIL 17  
11AM-12PM**

**MAIN LIBRARY  
LEARNING LAB**

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED



REGISTER ONLINE  
[HENDERSONPL.LIBCAL.COM](http://HENDERSONPL.LIBCAL.COM)



CALL FOR ASSISTANCE  
828-697-4725, OPT. 3



**Libby.**

north carolina  
**DIGITAL  
Library**

**NC KIDS**  
Digital Library

Library card holders and StudentAccess accounts can use the Libby app to access both the North Carolina Digital Library and the NC Kids Digital Library. Both collections include ebooks and audiobooks. The NC Digital Library also includes a large selection of digital magazines. A recent feature added to Libby is the Magazine Rack. You can now "subscribe" to a magazine in Libby and new issues will automatically be added to your Magazine Rack. You can also go directly to the Newsstand from your Magazine Rack to search only magazines.

The NC Kids Digital Library includes titles geared toward preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This collection has books, audiobooks, and read-alongs with some bilingual titles and titles available in multiple languages. The "Always Available" category includes books that have multiple copies of the same title that can be checked out at the same time. These are great for a classroom read!

Ask any staff member for help with hoopla or Libby. You can also make an appointment for more in-depth assistance with using the digital library by visiting the **Using Your Library** tab on the library website and clicking on **Technology Help**.



## DIGITAL SAFETY PROGRAMS

Technology is fast changing. Staying up-to-date and safe online is overwhelming.

We are excited to be able to offer two programs this spring to combat this. Both lectures will be given by Blue Ridge Community College faculty, whose nationally recognized program has been designated the National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency of the United States of America.



### What is Artificial Intelligence?

**Friday, March 15 | 11am**

**Main Library Kaplan Auditorium**

This program will cover both positive and negative aspects of AI— and give participants the chance to ask questions.



### Defend Yourself Online

**Wednesday, April 10 | 11am**

**Main Library Kaplan Auditorium**

We will discuss what you need to know to stay safe in a digital world.

## MOBILE PRINTING NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FLETCHER LIBRARY



Mobile printing is now available at the Fletcher Library, in addition to the Etowah and Main Library locations.

Mobile printing allows you to send documents from anywhere with an internet connection. Send items to be printed to any of the above locations and pick them up within 24 hours during regular operating hours.

Find directions on the library website- scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on "Print from Home or Mobile Devices".

Printing costs 10¢ per page for black and white prints or 20¢ per page for color. Currently the libraries are only able to accept payment by cash or check.



**Ready to improve your computer skills this spring? We offer computer class options for every skill level!**

**Check the online calendar for dates, times, and locations.**

### GETTING STARTED ON THE COMPUTER

Computer learners who don't know where to begin should sign up for this class where we will begin to lay a foundation by familiarizing learners with basic computer terms and navigation.

**Registration Required**

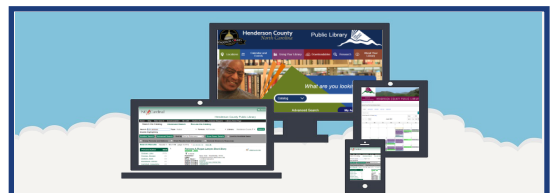
### COMPUTER BASICS

Are you at the beginning of your computer learning journey but ready to tackle more? Check out our three Computer Basics classes in March. Each class will cover a different topic and you can take any of these in any order.

**Registration Required**

### SELF-PACED COMPUTER LEARNING WITH NORTHSTAR

For individuals beyond computer basics, drop by for these self-paced sessions. A staff member will create your free Northstar account and match you with a learning program to meet your goals.



## BECOME A LIBRARY POWER USER!

**MAY 29 | 11AM | MAIN LIBRARY**

**Register online: [hendersonpl.libcal.com](https://hendersonpl.libcal.com)**



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Henderson County Public Library supports all county library locations by delivering a wide range of services that enrich and transform the lives of Henderson County citizens of all ages.

## FOL OFFICERS

**MILTON BUTTERWORTH**  
*President*

**BRAD THOMPSON**  
*Vice President*

**JANE BAIRD**  
*Treasurer*

**JESSICA BROWN**  
*Secretary*

**BILL RAMSEY**  
*Past FOL President*

## BECOME A FRIEND

New members are always welcome and we invite you to join today!

Members receive a 10% discount on purchases at the Bookstore.

**Membership costs are:**  
**Individual – \$10 per year**  
**Family – \$15 per year**

*The Friends of The Henderson County Public Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, so your membership and donations are tax-deductible.*

You can join the Friends of the Library at the bookstore during normal hours.

**Questions?** Email the FOL at [membership@friendsofthehcpl.org](mailto:membership@friendsofthehcpl.org)

## WEBSITE

[fotl.info](http://fotl.info)

## GIVE A GIFT CARD (ESPECIALLY TO A YOUNG READER)

Our customers have really taken to our gift card program. After hearing frequent customer requests for gift cards, the FOL Bookstore introduced 2 affordable options- \$10 or \$25 can be purchased at checkout. They have proven to be quite popular. These cards can be used to purchase all items: books, CDs, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles, sheet music, and children's books.

Do you have a child or grandchild that you would like to see become a capable reader? Give a child a gift card and watch their eyes light up as they race into our children's bookshelves. Nothing is as likely to encourage them to become a reader as giving them a card to spend making their own selections in our full children's department.

Our bookstore sees many first-time customers come in with their gift cards in hand. Our median book price is \$2. A gift card will pay for several books and other items.

Those first timers become repeat customers who also donate books that are then resold. The ultimate in recycling. These gift cards are proving to be most appreciated. Please continue to help us provide the funds our public library needs to fulfill its mission.

**Give a gift card today!**



## IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT BOOKS

Sometime, after finishing an enjoyable book, try asking yourself what life would be like without books. No books!

Without books, what would fully inform us? What would bring relaxation to our quiet hours? What would bring smiles of joy? What would bring tears of reflection to our eyes?

The prospect of living live without books is simply too grim to consider. The question is not whether to read an enjoyable book. The question is what enjoyable book to read next. From history to mystery, the options are unlimited.



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## ► PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY FOL

Last quarter, the Friends supported author events including **author Jeffrey Blount** (*pictured below*), art instruction programs for all ages at multiple library branches, science programs for children at multiple branches, and several educational speakers for adults. All library programs sponsored by the Friends of the Library are provided at no cost to the participants. The Friends also provided funds for additional books for the library collection.



## ► BOOKSTORE IS HEALTHY AND SAFE

We take the health and safety of our shoppers and store volunteers seriously. Be assured in knowing that we sanitize drinking fountains, restroom, and high-touch surfaces, and trash containers are emptied after every business day. We change the air filters and have air-purifying UV lights inside the return air ducts of the HVAC system.

With our driveway now paved and NO curbs or stairs approaching our entrances or inside the building, all are assured of safe access. Many of our visitors easily use walkers or wheelchairs. Our entrance doors are wide and easy to open. Assistance, if needed, is available.

For safety reasons, we have an array of monitored and recorded security cameras inside and outside the building. We are fully compliant and current with Fire Marshal regulations.

## 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 ◀

Thank you for your donations to the Bookstore! Donations are accepted at the FOL Bookstore during regular hours of operation.

### We accept the following items:

- Hardcover Fiction & Nonfiction
- Paperback Fiction
- Cookbooks
- Leather bound books
- Oversized books
- Religious books
- Dictionaries & Reference books
- Foreign language books
- Children's books
- Young Adult books
- Large Print books
- Travel, Computer, or Medical books less than 5 years old
- Classics
- DVDs
- Book Sets (except encyclopedias)
- Rare, Antiquarian books

### We DO NOT accept:

- Dirty or damaged books
- Books with broken spines
- Encyclopedias
- Magazines
- Albums, VHS, or Cassette Tapes



# Movie Matinees @ Main

FIRST THURSDAY AT 2PM | KAPLAN AUD.

**\*NO SHOWING IN MARCH\***

## A HAUNTING IN VENICE

April 4, 2pm PG-13 | 104 Minutes

## WONKA

May 2, 2pm PG | 112 Minutes



**APR  
4**



**MAY  
2**



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

CLOSED CAPTIONS OR SDH (SUBTITLES FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING) WILL BE TURNED ON WHEN AVAILABLE.

# Zoom PASS PROGRAM

Our Zoom Pass Program is bigger than ever! Join us in welcoming the Asheville Art Museum as our latest partner and take advantage of more passes to our most popular attractions.

Through a reservation system on the library website, families can reserve a one-day pass for the attraction of their choice. Passes may be reserved up to one month in advance and will admit several adults and children depending on the attraction chosen.



**HANDS ON!**  
children's museum

The Hands On! Children's Museum features kid-powered exhibits which allow children to explore, discover, and learn by doing. The museum is a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment featuring 13,000 square feet of learning experiences.

**PASS INCLUDES:**  
One-day admission for up to 4 children and adults.

**Zoom BOOK NOW**



**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**  
Nature Center

The Western Nature Center is home to 60 species of wild and domestic animals and hundreds of species of plants, all representative of this unique bioregion, the Southern Appalachians.

**PASS INCLUDES:**  
One-day admission for up to 2 adults and up to 4 children

**Zoom BOOK NOW**



**ASHEVILLE**  
ART MUSEUM

The Asheville Art Museum features a collection of American art from the 20th and 21st centuries, plus art-related programs for all ages.

**PASS INCLUDES:**  
One-day admission for up to 2 adults and up to 4 children

**Zoom BOOK NOW**



**AMOS**  
ASHEVILLE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

The Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) provides interactive, hands-on exhibits for science lovers of all ages. Young learners ages 3-12 will especially enjoy the exhibits and programs that strive to spark the imagination and foster lifelong curiosity. Discovery awaits at the Asheville Museum of Science!

**PASS INCLUDES:**  
One-day admission for up to 4 children and adults

**Zoom BOOK NOW**



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
ARBORETUM

Nestled in the Southern Appalachian Mountains just south of Asheville, The North Carolina Arboretum offers acres of cultivated gardens and miles of trails featuring some of the most beautiful, botanically-diverse plants in the region.

**PASS INCLUDES:**  
Free parking for one personal vehicle for one day

**Zoom BOOK NOW**

**Hands On! Children's Museum | WNC Nature Center | Asheville Art Museum  
Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) | The North Carolina Arboretum**

Just visit [www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/zoom-pass](http://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/zoom-pass) to reserve your Zoom Pass today!  
Once a patron is notified their Zoom Pass is ready, they can pick it up at their selected library location.





# GET MOVING

## AT THE LIBRARY THIS SPRING!

Regular physical activity has many benefits for all ages. Exercise can improve your mood, boost energy, help you sleep better, reduce your risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke, and more. Try a new physical activity at the library this spring with several fitness and movement programs available!

**TAI CHI** is an ancient Chinese practice of moving meditation that stimulates the body's energy flow while deepening one's inner calm. Tai Chi will be offered at the Etowah Library.

Also at the Etowah Library, **AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT** classes are fun, gentle, mindful movement exercises from the Feldenkrais Method®. Most lessons take place comfortably lying on your back, side, or front, but you may also stand, walk, or sit in a chair. These classes help a wide range of people, from those with limited mobility to those who have more flexibility.

**CHAIR EXERCISE CLASSES** at the Edneyville and Fletcher Libraries will focus on training exercises that support increased strength, mobility, and reduced fall risk. These classes are great for people just getting started with an exercise routine or looking to exercise with others. Hand weights will be provided, or you may bring your own.

**PILATES MAT EXERCISE** offered at the Mills River Library is whole body fitness! Strengthen your core, improve spinal flexibility and balance.

**SIT STEP SING** is a chair exercise program for seniors developed by Debra Saalfeld. This program allows those with little or no mobility to enjoy fantastic, memorable music, easy movement, and the opportunity to sing-along! Sit Step Sing will be offered at the Main Library.

**Registration is required for these free programs as space is limited. Check the program insert, the library's online event calendar, or call your preferred library location for dates and times of each session.**

*Programs offered at the Etowah Library are made possible with funds provided by the Community Foundation of Henderson County through the Richard J. and Betty A. Scott Estate. All other library programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Henderson County Public Library.*

Learn more about the benefits of regular movement here:  
[www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/pa-health/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/pa-health/index.htm)



## CONTAINER GARDENING FOR TOMATOES

**WITH CRAIG LEHOULLIER**

Join Tomato Man Craig LeHoullier to learn about growing tomatoes in containers. If your fixed areas do not have adequate sunlight, he will teach participants how to move the garden towards the sun.

*Craig is an author, speaker, grower, community volunteer, and tomato enthusiast. He will have his books for sale at the event.*

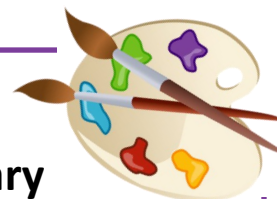


**MARCH 19  
5:30PM**

**MAIN LIBRARY  
KAPLAN AUD.**

FREE | FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

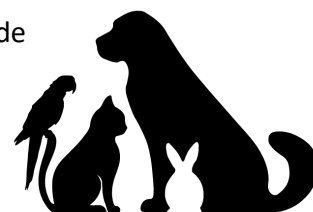
## Art Exhibit at the Main Library



**March 28 – June 28, 2024**

### "All Creatures Great and Small"

This exhibit will include art in a variety of media that features the artists' favorite animal subjects.



## INDULGENCE BOOK CLUB

FIRST TUESDAY @ 10AM  
MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

March 5– *The Night Circus*  
by Erin Morgenstern

April 2– *The Bandit Queens*  
by Parini Shroff

May 7– *The House of Mirth*  
by Edith Wharton

Historical Fiction  
BOOK CLUB

SECOND TUESDAY @ 2PM  
ETOWAH LIBRARY

\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

March 12– *The Paris Library*  
by Janet Skeslien Charles

April 9– *A Dangerous Business*  
by Jane Smiley

May 14– *Innocent Traitor*  
by Alison Weir



## Check 'Em Out

FLETCHER LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

SECOND MONDAY @ 11AM  
FLETCHER LIBRARY

\*REGISTER BY CALLING 687-1218\*

March 11– *Remarkably Bright  
Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

April 8– *The Maid*  
by Nita Prose

May 13– *The Gun Seller*  
by Hugh Laurie

## Page Turners

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

2PM, KAPLAN AUDITORIUM

\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

March 14– *The Maid*  
by Nita Prose

April 11– *Under a Gilded Moon*  
by Joy Jordan-Lake

May 9– *Symphony of Secrets*  
by Brendan Slocumb



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.

The latest thriller by North Carolina author Rachel Hawkins, *The Heiress*, centers around an adopted son who rejects his inheritance from North Carolina's richest woman and moves away. Years later he is drawn back to the family home after his uncle's death as old secrets are brought to light.

Set in 1960's North Carolina, *The Girls We Sent Away* by Meagan Church is a novel that tells the story of a pregnant teen who is sent to a maternity home for wayward girls and the decisions she must make in order to move on with her life.

North Carolina author Jill McCorkle presents a varied collection of complex short stories about crimes large and small in her latest titled *Old Crimes*.

In *Devout: A Memoir of Doubt*, Anna Gazmarian tells the story of her evangelical upbringing in North Carolina and her personal journey after being diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Asheville chef and restaurant owner William Dissen shares recipes from the traditions of Appalachian community and agriculture in *Thoughtful Cooking: Recipes Rooted in the New South*.

*Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts: Stories and Recipes from Five Generations of Black Country Cooks* by Crystal Wilkinson is a collection of family recipes, stories, and photographs that highlight the history of Black Appalachians.

For fans of historical fiction with a local setting, *These Tangled Threads: A Novel of Biltmore* by Sarah Loudin Thomas follows the story of a Biltmore Industries master weaver who is commissioned to create an original design for Cornelia Vanderbilt's 1924 wedding.

*Rednecks* by Taylor Brown is a historical drama based on the 1920 events of the West Virginia Mine Wars that led up to the Battle of Blair Mountain, known as the largest labor uprising in American history.

The latest Reese's Book Club pick, *Redwood Court* by DéLana R. A. Dameron is the author's debut novel. This collection of stories is centered around a family in Columbia, South Carolina, starting in the 1960s.

Happy Reading!

– Lisa Donaldson,  
Assistant Director and Marketing Librarian





# SEED LIBRARY REOPENING

The Seed Library at Main has reopened for the season! Located near the check-out desk, the Seed Library is free and open to all.



*What is a seed library?*

A Seed Library offers free seeds and resources for planting, growing, harvesting, and saving seeds. Patrons are encouraged to grow their own food and return saved seeds to share with the community.

*\*Seeds are available on a take-what-you-need basis.*

*\*The availability and selection of seeds will change with the growing season.*



THE SEED LIBRARY IS STOCKED FOR ANYONE THAT WANTS TO BROWSE, TAKE SOME HOME, OR LEAVE SOME FOR US!

## Community Garden Conversations



**THIRD MONDAY | 5:30-6:30PM | KAPLAN AUD.**

Join us at the Main Library for monthly conversations about gardening in Henderson County! Our friends from the NC Cooperative Extension will join us as we meet with fellow gardeners and share tips, pictures, and conversations.

**March 18** - Using the Seed Library and Starting Seeds

**April 15** - Seedling Care

**May 20** - Garden Planning and Design

**June 17** - Pollination and Seed Purity

**July 15** - Garden Pests

**August 19** - Saving Seeds

**September 16** - Next Year's Garden



**NATIONAL  
LIBRARY WEEK**  
**APRIL 7-13, 2024**

### CHILDREN

Join us all week-long at the Main Library for a scavenger hunt with some of our favorite book characters!

**Grades K-5:** Create a hedgehog out of recycled books in our 4 O'Clock Club on Wednesday, April 10 at 4pm.

**Families:** Join us for a drive-in movie in the Children's Auditorium on Thursday, April 11 at 4pm as we watch *The Pagemaster!* (Rated G)

**\*Registration Required\***

### TEENS

Check out the Teen Space at the Main Library throughout the week for a chance to create your own origami bookmark!

**Grades 6-12:** Join us for Anime Club at the Main Library on Thursday, April 11 at 4pm as we watch the first two episodes of *Library War* in celebration of National Library Week.

### ADULTS

Look for a Make or Take craft for adults at the Main Library while supplies last.

### ALL AGES

Check out our National Library Week display in the Main Library lobby for a special game of iSpy!

# ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



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

**JUNE 1 — JULY 31, 2024**

*Get ready for a summer full of  
adventures at your local library!*

## LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Michael Absher**, *Chair*

**Katrina McGuire**, *Vice-Chair*

**Elizabeth Jennings**, *Secretary*

**Milton Butterworth**, *FOL President*

**Rebecca McCall**, *Commissioner*

**Jean McGrady**

**Celeste Mayes**

**Anthony Baltiero**

**Rachel Poller**

*Thank you to those who have donated:*

◆ **Roberta Withrow**  
(in memory of David Lee Small)

◆ **Ken & Lonnie Sobkoviak**  
(in memory of Bill Rader)

**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 MARCH 28**  
**CLOSED FRI., MARCH 29**

**MEMORIAL DAY | CLOSED MON., MAY 27**

**Stay Connected!**



@HendersonCountyNCGovernment



**myLIBRO**  
**HCPL APP**

**vimeo**

vimeo.com/channels/1733219



# SPRING PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

## ADULT PROGRAMS

Apple Interest Group – First Tuesday @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Main Library Tour – First Wednesday @ 3pm ([Register Online](#))

Goodwill Career Connections – Fridays, Drop in from 10am-1pm (Learning Lab)

\*Page Turners Book Club – Thursdays: March 14, April 11, & May 9 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) ([Register Online](#))

Garden & Seed Community Conversations – Mondays: March 18, April 15, May 20 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Author Vanessa Miller – Tuesday, March 12 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

What is Artificial Intelligence? (BRCC) – Friday, March 15 @ 11am (Kaplan Auditorium)

Container Gardening for Tomatoes with Craig LeHoullier – Tuesday, March 19 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Movie Matinee: *A Haunting in Venice* – Thursday, April 4 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Senior Storytelling Workshop with Peter Goldsmith – Fridays in April @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

\*Enriching Mental Health with Complementary Treatments: Part 1 (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, April 9 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

Defend Yourself Online (BRCC) – Wednesday, April 10 @ 11am (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Sit Step Sing – Friday, April 19 @ 3:15pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

\*Introduction to Medicare: Solve the Puzzle – Wednesday, April 24 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

Movie Matinee: *Wonka* – Thursday, May 2 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Painting with Paper with Lisa Underwood – Friday, May 10 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

\*Enriching Mental Health with Complementary Treatments: Part 2 (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, May 14 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

\*Sit Step Sing – Friday, May 17 @ 3:15pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

Wall of Honor – Saturday, May 25 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Become a Library Power User! – Wednesday, May 29 @ 11am (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))



## TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

\*Computer Basics 1– Mouse Shapes & Fixing Typos – Wednesday, March 6 @ 11am (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Tuesday, March 12 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

\*Computer Basics 2– Keyboard, Drives, & File Movement – Wed., March 13 @ 11am (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

\*Computer Basics 3– Screen Interaction and Updates – Wed., March 20 @ 11am (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Thursday, March 21 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

\*Getting Started on the Computer – Tuesday, April 9 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Tuesday, April 16 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

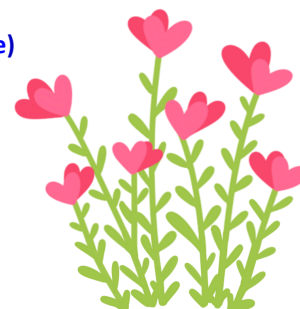
\*Using Your Digital Library: hoopla – Wednesday, April 17 @ 11am (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Wednesday, April 24 @ 11am (Learning Lab)

\*Getting Started on the Computer – Wednesday, May 8 @ 11am (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Tuesday, May 14 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Wednesday, May 22 @ 11am (Learning Lab)



# SPRING PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

## STORYTIMES (March—May 16)

**Preschool Storytime** (3-5 years) – Tuesdays @ 10:30am (Children's Auditorium)

**Toddler Storytime** (18 months-3 years) – Wednesdays @ 10:30am (Children's Auditorium)

**Music and Movement** (families welcome) – Thursdays @ 10:30am (Children's Auditorium)

**Bouncing Babies** (birth-18 months + caregiver) – Thursdays @ 11:15am (Children's Auditorium)



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Four O'Clock Club (Grades K-5)** – Wednesdays @ 4pm (March-May 15) (Children's Auditorium)

**\*PAWS for Reading** – Second Saturday 10:30-11:30am & 1:30-2:30pm (Children's Auditorium)  
(Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a therapy dog by calling the Main Library at 697-4725, option 5)

**Garden Club** – Second Monday @ 4pm (Outside in Garden or Children's Auditorium)

**Book Bandits (Grades 3-6)** – Second Tuesday @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

**Garden & Seed Community Conversations** – Mondays: March 18, April 15, May 20 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

**\*Drive-In Movie: *The Pagemaster*** – Thursday, April 11 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

**Family Book Club (Grades K-5)** – Tuesday, April 16 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Beginning March 19<sup>th</sup>, pick up *Aven Green: Sleuthing Machine* by Dusti Bowling at the Youth Services Desk.



## TEEN PROGRAMS

**Teen Creative Writing Club (Grades 6-12)** – First Tuesday @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

**\*Teen Advisory Board (Grades 9-12)** – First Thursday @ 4pm (no meeting in April) (Learning Lab) ([Application Required](#))

**Teen Anime Club (Grades 6-12)** – Second Thursday @ 4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

**Garden & Seed Community Conversations** – Mondays: March 18, April 15, May 20 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

**\*Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12)** – Wednesdays: March 20 & April 17 @ 3:30pm (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

**BRCC: Information Session about Blue Ridge (Juniors/Seniors & Families)** – Tuesday, March 19 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

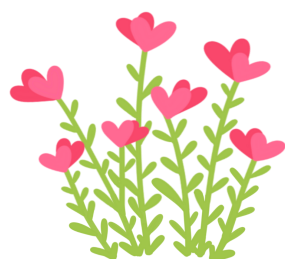
**Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12)** – Thursday, April 18 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

Beginning March 21<sup>st</sup>, pick up your copy of *The Cruel Prince* by Holly Black at the Youth Services Desk.

**Taylor Swift Party (All Ages)** – Friday, April 19 3-4:30pm (Children's Auditorium)

**BRCC: Enrollment at Blue Ridge (Juniors/Seniors & Families)** – Tuesday, April 23 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

**Teen Craft Time: Stained-Glass Inspired Painting (Grades 6-12)** – Thursday, May 16 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)



# SPRING PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

## EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY 2 FIREHOUSE RD, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.685.0110

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (March–May 16)

\*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays: March 20 & April 17 @ 3pm (Children) ([Call to register](#))

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

The Name of This Book Club is Secret – Second Wednesday @ 3:30pm (Grades 3-7)

Edneyville Library Sing-Along – Fourth Monday @ 4pm (May session on 5/20 due to holiday) (All Ages)

Sit and Stitch – Second Wednesday @ 10am (All Ages)

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

\*Chair Exercises – Tuesdays: March 5, 19; April 2, 16, 30; May 14, 28 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Eating the Mediterranean Way – Friday, March 15, April 19, May 17 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Zaniac: Ice Oasis Innovation – Tuesday, March 5 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))

\*4-H Discovery Series: Rabbits – Monday, March 11 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

Build a Peregrine Falcon with Chimney Rock – Monday, March 18 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*Let's Get Growing: Wildflowers of WNC – Wednesday, March 20 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

Medicare 101 with Council on Aging – Friday, March 22 @ 10am (Adults)

\*Teen Tiny Art – Tuesday, March 26 @ 3:30pm (Teens) ([Register online](#))

Our Five Senses with the WNC Nature Center – Monday, April 8 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*Zaniac: An Earthworm's Life – Tuesday, April 9 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))

\*Spring Art Cards – Monday, April 15, 3-5pm (All Ages) ([Call to register for a time slot](#))

\*Information Literacy in the Digital Age – Wednesday, April 17 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Gardening – Monday, April 29 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

\*Zaniac: The Magic of Gardens – Tuesday, May 7 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))

\*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Birding – Monday, May 13 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

\*Blacklight Painting – Wednesday, May 15 @ 3:30pm (Teens) ([Register online](#))

\*Hike at Chimney Rock – Tuesday, May 21 @ 10am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))

Medicare Frauds and Scams with Council on Aging – Wednesday, May 22 @ 10am (Adults)

\*Getting Started on the Computer – Friday, May 24 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))



## ETOWAH LIBRARY 101 BRICKYARD RD, ETOWAH | 828.891.6577

Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (March–May 16)

\*PAWS for Reading – Saturdays @ 11am (no session April 27) (Children) ([Call to register](#))

Lego Club – Thursdays @ 3pm (Children)

In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)

\*The Ancestors Club – First Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) ([Call to register](#))

\*Historical Fiction Book Club – Second Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*The Ancestors Club: Action Group – Third Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) ([Call to register](#))

\*Etowah Book Club – Third Wednesday @ 2:30pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Eating the Mediterranean Way – Friday, March 1, April 5, May 3 @ 10:30am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Tai Chi – Thursdays: March 7-May 23 @ 10am (No sessions on March 21 & April 18) (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Make a Mosaic Trivet – Monday, March 11 @ 2:30pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Are You BearWise? – Wed., March 13 @ 10:30am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))

\*Awareness Through Movement – Wed.: March 20, 27; April 10, 17, 24; May 8, 29 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Write Your Life – Thursdays, March 21, April 18, May 30 @ 10am (Adults) ([Call to register](#))

\*Let's Get Growing: Wildflowers of WNC – Thursday, March 21 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Mini Fur, Feathers, and Scales with the WNC Nature Center – Monday, March 25 @ 4pm (All Ages) ([Register online](#))

\*Conversational Spanish – Mondays, April 1-May 20 @ 4:30pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Spring Migration – Wednesday, April 3 @ 10:30am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))

\*Paper Folding: Boxes – Monday, April 8 @ 2:30pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Sewing – Wednesday, April 10 @ 3:30pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

\*Spring Art Cards – Saturday, April 27, 10am-1pm (All Ages) ([Call to register for a time slot](#))

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Monarch Butterflies – Wednesday, May 1 @ 10:30am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))

\*Make a Block Printed Kitchen Towel – Monday, May 6 @ 2:30pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Circuits – Wednesday, May 8 @ 3:30pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

\*Learn How to Create Bonsai – Wednesday, May 15 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Wildflower Hike at Holmes Educational Forest – Wednesday, May 22 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

\*Let's Get Growing: It's About Thyme and Other Herb Friends – Thursday, May 23 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))





# SPRING PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

## FLETCHER LIBRARY 120 LIBRARY RD, FLETCHER | 828.687.1218

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10:30am (March—May 16)

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

\*PAWS for Reading – Saturday, March 16 & April 20 @ 10:30am (Children) ([Call to register](#))

\*Check 'Em Out Book Club – Second Monday @ 11am (Adults) ([Call to register](#))

Fletcher Craft Day – Second Tuesday; Drop in 10am-4pm (All Ages)

Goodwill Career Connections – Wednesdays, Drop in 10am-1pm (Adults)

Book Review Book Club – Second Thursday @ 10:30am (Adults)

Knitting for a Cause – Second Saturday @ 10am (Adults)

\*Chair Exercises – Wednesday, March 13, April 10, May 8 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register Online](#))

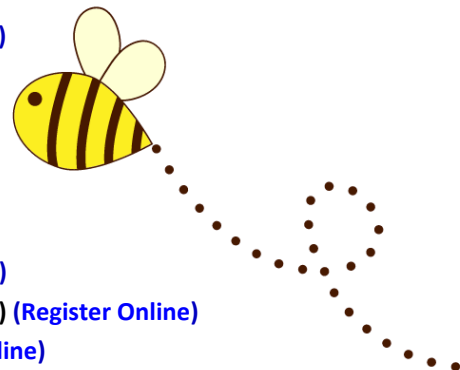
\*Eating the Mediterranean Way – Thursday, March 28, April 25, May 23 @ 11am (Adults) ([Register Online](#))

\*Zaniac: Astronaut Adventures – Thursday, March 28 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) ([Register Online](#))

\*Zaniac: Ice Oasis Innovation – Thursday, April 25 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) ([Register Online](#))

\*Getting Started on the Computer – Monday, April 29 @ 10:30am (Adults) ([Register Online](#))

\*Zaniac: Atoms and Chocolate Bars – Thursday, May 23 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) ([Register Online](#))



## GREEN RIVER LIBRARY 50 GREEN RIVER RD, ZIRCONIA | 828.697.4969

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (March—May 16)

YarnAbility – First Monday @ 4pm (Adults & Teens)

Craft Club – Third Monday: Drop in 9am-5:30pm (Children & Teens)

Universal Yums – Wednesdays: March 27, April 24, May 29 @ 4pm (Children 4+, Teens, & Adults)

Zaniac: An Earthworm's Life – Monday, March 11 @ 4:30pm (Children)

\*4-H Discovery Series: Rabbits – Monday, March 18 @ 4:30pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

\*Watercolor Progressive Painting – Thursday, March 21 @ 3:30pm (Adults & Youth Ages 10+) ([Register online](#))

Annual Egg Hunt! – Saturday, March 23 @ 11am (Children)

Zaniac: The Magic of Gardens – Monday, April 8 @ 4:30pm (Children)

\*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Gardening – Monday, April 15 @ 4:30pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

\*Journal Making – Monday, April 22 @ 4pm (Adults & Youth Ages 8+) ([Register online](#))

\*Wildflower Hike at Holmes Educational Forest – Thursday, May 9 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

Zaniac: The Magic of Colors – Monday, May 13 @ 4:30pm (Children)

\*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Birding – Wednesday, May 15 @ 3:30pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))



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

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (March—May 16)

\*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays (NOT first Wed) @ 3:30pm (Children) ([Call to register](#))

Lego Club – First Wednesday @ 3:30pm (March session held on 3/28 at 11am) (Children)

Knit and Crochet Group – Mondays @ 1pm (Adults)

Pilates Mat Exercise – Mondays @ 3:30pm (Adults)

\*Shelf Indulgence Book Club – First Tuesday @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

Radical Raptors (Chimney Rock)– Tuesday, March 26 @ 11am (Children)

