Giving Thanks To Our Volunteers

Henderson County Public Library volunteers recently gathered at the Chariot in Hendersonville to celebrate and be thanked for the valuable service they provide to our Henderson County communities.

Over the past year, more than 200 dedicated volunteers donated a combined total of 17,782 hours throughout our library system.

This generosity provided nearly $250,000 of labor and support to help our library system thrive.

Henderson County Library is immensely grateful for the contributions made by each of our volunteers.

Library volunteers wear many hats:

- They help process new books.
- They provide patron assistance.
- They assist with genealogy research.
- They return books back to their shelves.
- They assist with delivery to our homebound residents.
- And much, much more!

For this dedication to serve in so many impactful ways, we want to extend a very big THANK YOU!

- Trina Rushing, Library Director

Our volunteers come from all backgrounds and walks of life. Turn to page 8 to hear one of their many journeys.

Interested in joining our team?

The library is always looking for volunteers who have a passion for service and a love of literacy and learning. To learn more about the many opportunities available visit our volunteering page.

www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/volunteer-your-library
Samantha Shearin,  
Youth Services Librarian

After graduating in December 2017 with my Masters of Library Science from East Carolina University, I found myself on the hunt for a librarian position. I wanted to find a library with a reputation for dedication to its community and was blessed to receive a position here. I have previously worked in circulation for the public library in Onslow County and for youth services in the Gibsonville Public Library. These experiences have instilled in me a love of helping others, promoting literacy in all its forms, and advancing access to information for all patrons. I am a passionate perfectionist, and more than happy to be working in the youth services department.

Vanessa Warmingham,  
Circulation Assistant

I am a New York native and previously worked in fashion design before coming to WNC to work for a year in the Department of Public Instruction’s Migrant Education Program as an AmeriCorps VISTA. Last year I started with the library as an auxiliary staff member, fulfilling a dream of mine to work in a public library. I feel lucky to begin my library career in Henderson County and look forward to getting to know our community better. When not at the library I am probably hiking with my three dogs or trying to make my family up north jealous of our weather.

Claire Dubois,  
Circulation Assistant

I’ve called WNC home for 10 years, though I was born and raised in Western Maryland. I fell in love with the culture and the beauty of the mountains while attending Montreat College and haven’t left since! As a history student in college I worked in the campus library and later completed an internship at The Mojave Desert Heritage and Cultural Association, a museum and archive dedicated to preserving the history of ghosted-out mining towns. I am delighted to be able to serve the community through working in the library and every day I look forward to spending the day in an environment where knowledge, curiosity, and imagination are celebrated.
Be the first to know when the library orders new titles by signing up for our weekly Wowbrary newsletter. Check out the staff pick of the week, peruse the newest editions of digital magazines, and browse the latest bestseller additions to the collection. Customize your newsletter to see only the categories you're interested in and get in line early for your top choices.

Click here to Signup!
In local author events, the library hosted the release of Ann B. Ross’s new book, *Miss Julia Raises the Roof* and Amy Duernberger with *Exploring the Southern Appalachian Grassy Balds*. Jennifer McGaha visits the library on Thursday, June 14th at 5:30pm to discuss her bestseller memoir *Flat Broke with Two Goats* (see article at right for more info). For a brief time in the 1930s, The Great Gatsby author F. Scott Fitzgerald made Hendersonville his home and a new novel *Another Side of Paradise* by Sally Koslow fictionalizes the author’s drinking and infidelity in the years that followed. Another author whose debut *Summit Lake* was eerily similar in the setting and name to Tuxedo’s Lake Summit, Charlie Donlea has a new thriller *Don’t Believe It*.

Cold Mountain author Charles Frazier’s new book is about a reluctant bride of the Confederacy called *Varina*. For something closer to home in local historical fiction, read a recently republished *The Land Breakers* by the late Asheville historian and novelist John Ehle who passed away this spring and a new book by Taylor Brown, *Gods of Howl Mountain*. Additional Southern gothic novels to check out are *Country Dark* by Chris Offut and *Heaven’s Crooked Finger* by Hank Early.

Even more regional titles include Janet Beard’s take on the Hidden Figures story, *Atomic City Girls* about the secret lives of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Civil Rights in Winston-Salem take center stage in Elaine Neil Orr’s *Swimming Between Worlds* or try *Treeborne* by Caleb Johnson, about a black orchardist and the many layers of history in Alabama. In a dark and literary look at the War on Terror, try *Small Treasons* by NC author Mark Powell, or for something on a lighter note, there’s a book of stories by Lauren Groff called simply, *Florida*.

Lastly, it wouldn’t be summer without beach reads and some light romance. *The High Tide Club* by Mary Kay Andrews about an eccentric millionaire fits the bill, and Denise Hunter’s *Blue Ridge Sunrise* and *Honeysuckle Dreams* are both part of a new series.

Thanks for reading!

- Ed Graves,
  Branch & Collection Coordinator
Do you want to research your family history, but don’t know where to start? Wish you knew more about Microsoft Excel, but need a jumpstart? The series, Reference Resources You Should Know About, continues this summer to introduce you to online reference resources and inspire you to explore. Demonstrations last for one hour and are held in the Kaplan Auditorium of the Main Library unless otherwise noted. Attendance is free and no registration is needed. Come see what excellent resources you have at your fingertips!

If you have questions about the demonstrations or resources, please contact Mark Burdette at 697-4725, ext. 2307 or mburdette@hendersoncountync.org.

Patrons now have access to two new resources—Legal Information Reference Center and Hoonuit, a collection of software and technology training videos. Both resources can be found on the library’s Research webpage under the General Research link.

Legal Information Reference Center gives patrons access to thousands of legal forms from all fifty states and the contents of over 500 legal reference books.

Hoonuit is an adult learning resource with an emphasis on technology and career learning. Hoonuit courses are built around short video lessons and include topics such as business writing and using Excel 2016.

This summer, staff will host multiple sessions across library locations to introduce patrons to these great new resources.

**Upcoming Resource Demonstrations**

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Thanks for showing the love!

363 patrons joined us for our 4th annual I Love My Library event to learn about the many services that county libraries provide and reaffirm their support of the work we do. We even had a special visitor help us paint kindness rocks to place throughout the community.

In a single week, patrons donated 1,836 food items totaling 1,471 pounds!
Every day dozens of volunteers help with the daily operations of our six library locations. Nowhere is this more important than at our branch libraries, many of which depend on volunteers to maintain flexible hours.

Over the next few issues, we’ll be highlighting a few of these individuals serving our community.

Once upon a time, many years ago, as a young person growing up in Park Ridge, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, I fell in love with books, reading, and learning. A small library was located at the north end of our town near the Pickwick Theater. In the basement children’s bookshelves beckoned. Upstairs the world of adult literature held treasures of world travel, unusual lives, and imaginings of science and philosophy. I longed for my ‘adult’ library card and admission to the wonders of ‘Upstairs.’ I was given permission and life has never been without access to and challenge of knowledge and wisdom.

My position as a volunteer assisting Cindy Camp-Fisher at the Edneyville Branch has allowed me to share my pleasure of reading with so many of the new friends walking through the doors of our library.

Thank you one and all,
Mark Raymond

INTRODUCTION TO SPANISH LANGUAGE AND HISPANIC CULTURE

Mark your calendars for Introductory Spanish language classes offered at the Etowah Branch Library through Western North Carolina Language Institute.

Instructor Karlee Nichols will help you develop a firm foundation in the language and a better understanding of Spanish culture.

These classes are designed to fit the needs of a beginning language learner with no or limited exposure to the Spanish language.

Classes will be held at the Etowah Library on Tuesdays from 1-2:30pm, September 11-November 6, 2018 (no class October 30th).
Registration is required and opens August 11th.

¡Hola!
Photographer Ruthie Rosauer grew up in New Jersey where she took trees for granted. Moving to West Texas in mid-life she wept day after day in longing for trees other than the treacherous mesquite (those thorns really hurt!) or occasional cottonwood. She never took trees for granted again. She now resides in Western North Carolina with her husband and two dogs, surrounded by beautiful trees.

Her exhibit, “These Trees,” runs from April 14—June 28 at the Main Library.

Her book of the same title is available for checkout from the library.

Join Ruthie Rosauer for a live program, “For the Love of Trees,” at the Main Library on August 22nd at 2pm for a virtual tour of trees in all their multi-faceted splendor: roots, bark, leaves, flowers, whole trees, and intriguing shapes as sculpted by Mother Nature through the four seasons. Music, poetry, and anecdotes are woven into this ‘valentine’ to the arboreal world.

- Sharon Arnette, Technical Services Librarian

Call to Artists

We are currently pursuing artwork for ongoing quarterly art exhibits.

Currently Scheduled:
Late Summer 2018 Exhibit: Open theme (July-September)
Fall 2018 Exhibit: Portraits (October-December)

We invite interested artists to contact us!
Call 697-4725 for Sharon Arnette (ext. 2326)
or Michele von Boeck (ext. 2305)
Midweek Matinee

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.

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Star Wars: The Last Jedi
August 10th @ 1:30pm

Side By Side Singing Series

In February, the library hosted Side by Side Singing, an opportunity to participate in community singing in a relaxed atmosphere. The series returns this summer with three dates. Those living with short term memory loss, Parkinson’s Disease, or are interested in exploring singing as a way to promote healthy aging are especially invited to participate.

No experience or music reading knowledge required. The event is free and lyric sheets will be provided.
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Come find out why your Libraries Rock this summer— we will have fun music with Big Bang Boom, Didgeridoo Down Under, and others. Hands On! will bring the science of sound and show us how geology rocks. The ever-popular Snakes Alive! will return this year with shows at four branches. Teens can try to solve the breakout box, learn to play a didgeridoo, make altered book art or wire wrapped jewelry, and more! Find a full calendar of events on our website or pick one up at any branch.

Reading Challenge! Children and Teens can pick up their reading cards at any branch starting June 1st. Read books, graphic novels, magazines, or whatever else you like to read to complete your card. Turn your first card in by July 31st to pick out a free book and be entered into a prize drawing. Additional cards completed give you extra chances in our prize drawings. Our preschool friends can join the fun by picking up an activity card to complete for a free book and entry into a prize drawing.

Youth Summer Reading Programs

Adult Summer Reading Program

Summer reading isn’t just for the kids anymore! Pick up a reading card and record the amount of time you read between June 1st and July 31st. For every five hours of reading—books, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, or reading to others— you can enter for a chance to win a prize. Each library location will offer the grand prize of a Kindle Fire HD!

Why is summer reading important?

Encouraging children and teens to continue reading during summer break can help improve their reading skills and prevent the summer slide.

Even reading just a little every day can make a difference.

Join us this summer as we encourage young readers.

Library staff are ready to rock!

Stop by the Main Library to take the stage and pose with props!
Thank you to those who have donated:

Maxine Hall  Mr. & Mrs. James Gilson
Nenon Ujiki  Joseph McDowell, NSDAR
Kathryn Mattes

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 the donations/memorials tab on our website or call 828-697-4725, option 3 for more details.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Support the work of the Friends!

For only $10/year you can show your support for our libraries. If you’re interested in volunteering, consider donating a couple of hours a week or only a couple of hours a year during our sales.

Pick up info at your library or visit our website at www.friendsofthehcpl.org and click the appropriate tab.

The recent two-day May sale raised almost $28,000!

Holiday Hours for the Library:

INDEPENDENCE Closed Wednesday, July 4th
DAY

LABOR DAY Closed Monday, September 3rd
SUMMER PROGRAMMING – Adults

MAIN LIBRARY
Mon., June 4th @ 2 PM - Learn Qigong with Bob and Fran
Fri., June 8th @ 3 PM - Historic NC Newspapers
Wed., June 13th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, Wonder
Thu., June 14th @ 2 PM - Hoarding (Vaya Health)
Thu., June 14th @ 5:30 PM - Flat Broke with Two Goats
Fri., June 15th @ 3 PM - Legal Information Reference Center
Tue., July 10th @ 2 PM - Kindness Rocks @ Your Library
Wed., July 11th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, Darkest Hour
Sat., July 14th @ 2 PM - Hoonuit Demonstration
Wed., July 25th @ 2 PM - Side By Side Singing
Wed., August 1st @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, Coco
Fri., August 10th @ 10 AM - Ancestry.com Demonstration
Fri., August 10th @ 2 PM - Friday Flick, Star Wars: The Last Jedi
Tue., August 14th @ 6 PM - Testing and Education Reference Center
Wed., August 15th @ 2 PM - Side By Side Singing
Wed., August 22nd @ 2 PM - Poemscapes: For the Love of Trees

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH
1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Women’s Book Review Group
3rd Monday @ 3:30 PM - Community Sing-a-long!
3rd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Christian Fiction Book Club

ETOWAH BRANCH
Mondays @ 10:30 AM - Knitting Group
Mondays @ 2:30 PM - Spanish Conversation Group (Mango)
3rd Wednesday @ 2:30 PM - Etowah Book Club
Thu., July 26th @ 2 PM - Hoonuit Demonstration

FLETCHER BRANCH
Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM - Blue Ridge Literacy Council Office Hours
Tuesdays @ 3 PM - Intermediate Conversational Spanish
Thursdays @ 12:30 PM - Mahjong
Fridays @ 10:30 AM - Bridge
Saturdays @ 1 PM - Chess Club

FLETCHER BRANCH
1st Monday @ 10:30 AM - Mandala Coloring *Reg. Required
1st Monday @ 1 PM - Avid Reader Book Club
2nd Tuesday @ 10:30 AM - Blue Ridge Literacy Council
2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Fletcher Book Club
2nd Thursday @ 1:30 PM - Writers Guild
3rd Saturday @ 10:30 AM - Yarn Therapy (June & July)
4th Wednesday @ 1:30 PM - Goodwill Career Connections

FLETCHER BRANCH
Fri., June 22nd @ 2 PM - Legal Information Reference Center
Mon., June 25th @ 1 PM - On Track: Credit *Reg. Required
Sat., August 4th @ 10:30 AM - Needle Felting *Reg. Required
Mon., August 20th @ 1 PM - On Track: Home Buying
*Reg. Required
Fri., August 24th @ 2 PM - Historic NC Newspapers

MILLS RIVER BRANCH
Tuesdays @ 1:00 PM - Knit and Crochet Group
Tue. & Thu. @ 9 AM - Yoga with Lynn Edgar
2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Mills River Library Book Club

Computer Classes @ Main:
We offer a variety of basic computer skills classes which are stand alone classes. Classes usually last approximately one and a half hours. *Registration is required. You may register in person at the Service Desk inside the Main Library, or call 828-697-4725, ext. 2318.

Wed., June 6th @ 10 AM
Thu., June 14th @ 10 AM
Tue., June 19th @ 2 PM
Wed., June 20th @ 10 AM
Wed., June 27th @ 10 AM
Wed., July 11th @ 10 AM
Wed., July 18th @ 10 AM
Tue., July 24th @ 2 PM
Thu., July 26th @ 11 AM
Wed., August 1st @ 10 AM
Wed., August 8th @ 11 AM
Wed., August 15th @ 10 AM
Tue., August 21st @ 2 PM
Wed., August 22nd @ 10 AM
Wed., August 29th @ 10 AM

Computer Basics* (Board Room)
Windows 10 Basics (Kaplan Aud.)
Apple Users Group (Kaplan Aud.)
Word 2013 Basics* (Board Room)
Excel Basics* (Board Room)
Reference USA* (Board Room)
Computer Basics* (Board Room)
Apple Users Group (Kaplan Aud.)
Windows 10 Basics (Kaplan Aud.)
Word 2013 Basics* (Board Room)
Spotting Fake News (Kaplan Aud.)
Computer Basics* (Board Room)
Apple Users Group (Kaplan Aud.)
Windows 10 Basics (Kaplan Aud.)
Excel Basics* (Board Room)

For more information about class content, call Michele von Boeck, Instructional Librarian at 828-697-4725, ext. 2305.
# SUMMER PROGRAMMING — Children & Teens

*There will be NO Storytimes Aug. 6th – Sep. 3rd. Storytimes will resume September 5th.*

## MAIN LIBRARY

**Children:**

- **Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM** - Preschool Storytime* (ages 3-5)
- **Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM** - Toddler Storytime* (18 months-35 months)
- **Thursdays @ 10:30 AM** - Discovery Storytime* (family)
- **Thursdays @ 11:15 AM** - Bouncing Babies Storytime* (birth - 17 months & a caregiver)

- **Wed., June 6th @ 3 PM** - Lego Club
- **Wed., June 20th @ 2 PM** - Big Bang Boom
- **Tue., June 26th @ 2 PM** - Didgeridoo Show
- **Wed., July 11th @ 3 PM** - Lego Club
- **Thu., July 12th @ 2 PM** - Snakes Alive
- **Tue., July 17th @ 2 PM** - Silver Trout Songs and Stories
- **Wed., July 25th @ 10:30 AM** - Tap-N-Shake (toddlers)
- **Wed., July 25th @ 11:15 AM** - Tap-N-Shake (preschoolers)
- **Thursday, July 26th @ 2 PM** - Newly Grown Tales
- **Mon., July 30th @ 1 PM** - Science of Sound* (Hands On!)
- **Tue., July 31st 10 AM-12 PM** - Summer Reading Celebration
- **Wed., August 1st @ 3 PM** - Lego Club

**Teens:**

- **Thu., June 7th @ 4 PM** - Teen Advisory Board
- **Sat., June 22nd @ 2 PM** - Breakout Box
- **Tue., June 26th @ 3:30 PM** - Didgeridoo Workshop*
- **Tue., July 10th @ 2 PM** - Jewelry Making*
- **Wed., July 18th @ 2 PM** - Jump Start to College*
- **Thu., July 19th @ 3 PM** - Teen Book Club
- **Thu., August 2nd @ 4 PM** - TAB Open House

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## EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

- **Mond., June 25th @ 1 PM** - Science of Sound* (Hands On!)
- **Thu., June 28th @ 2 PM** - B-Rad the Magician
- **Tue., July 10th @ 2 PM** - History of the Appalachian Dulcimer
- **Wed., July 11th @ 2 PM** - All About Peregrine Falcons (teens)
- **Wed., July 18th @ 3:30 PM** - Asheville Hoops*

## ETOWAH BRANCH

- **Tuesdays @ 10 AM** - Family Storytime*
- **Tue., June 19th @ 3:30 PM** - Science of Sound* (Hands On!)
- **Thu., June 21st @ 2 PM** - Lego Club
- **Thu., July 12th @ 10 AM** - Snakes Alive
- **Mon., July 16th @ 10 AM** - Mineral & Lapidary Museum
- **Thu., July 19th @ 2 PM** - Stellar Classification (PARI) (teens)
- **Thu., July 26th @ 11 AM** - Newly Grown Tales
- **Tue., August 7th @ 10 AM** - Bilingual Family Storytime

## FLETCHER BRANCH

- **Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM** - Family Storytime*
- **1st Thursday @ 3:30 PM** - LEGO Club
- **Library Dog Program - For all ages. Call for more information.**
- **Tue., June 19th @ 1 PM** - Science of Sound* (Hands On!)
- **Fri., June 29th @ 10:30 AM** - Asheville Hoops*
- **Wed., July 11th @ 2 PM** - Snakes Alive
- **Tue., July 17th @ 11 AM** - Silver Trout Songs and Stories
- **Mon., July 23rd @ 2 PM** - Newly Grown Tales
- **Wed., July 25th @ 2 PM** - Zaniac Robotics* (teens)

## GREEN RIVER BRANCH

- **Thursdays @ 10 AM** - Family Storytime*
- **2nd Tuesday @ 4 PM** - LEGO Club
- **3rd Friday @ 3 PM** - Green River Craft Club
- **Tue., June 19th @ 2 PM** - All About Peregrine Falcons (teens)
- **Fri., July 13th @ 10 AM** - Asheville Hoops*
- **Mon., July 16th @ 2 PM** - Geology Rocks* (Hands On!)
- **Tue., July 24th @ 2 PM** - History of the Appalachian Dulcimer

## MILLS RIVER BRANCH

- **Mondays @ 10 AM** - Family Storytime*
- **1st Tuesday @ 4 PM** - LEGO Club
- **Wed., June 20th @ 11 AM** - Big Bang Boom
- **Wed., June 27th 1-4 PM** - Altered Book Workshop* (teens)
- **Thu., June 28th @ 11 AM** - B-Rad the Magician
- **Mon., July 9th @ 1 PM** - Science of Sound* (Hands On!)
- **Wed., July 11th @ 10 AM** - Snakes Alive
- **Fri., July 20th @ 2 PM** - Stellar Classification (PARI) (teens)
- **Wed., July 25th @ 3:30 PM** - Asheville Hoops*
- **Wed., August 8th 2-4:30 PM** - Jewelry Making* (teens)

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*Registration Required

**Use online calendar to register for programs at the Main Library.**

**Call or stop by to register for programs at branches.**