

# Illuminations

Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2021

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

# WELCOME BACK TO UNRESTRICTED ACCESS



On May 3, 2021 our libraries lifted restrictions that had been in place over the past year and reopened the doors to a new normal. As proud as we are of the continued services were we able to provide throughout the pandemic, we are even more excited to be able to resume many of the hours and services that our community has been missing.

Expanded hours of operation at all of our locations and lifted browsing limits allow ample time to locate that perfect next read on the shelves, catch up on the news, use the computer, or work on a project. Study rooms are now open and available as quiet spaces for group collaboration, tutoring, or individual study, and programs are transitioning from a virtual to in-person environment.

This year's Summer Fun @ Your Library, which runs June 1<sup>st</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup>, will be filled with both virtual and in-person programs for all ages. In-person programs, including storytimes, will require registration as space will be limited throughout the summer. Be sure to check the online calendar for more details and register early. If a program fills up, or you just can't make it to the library, you will still have the opportunity to experience the exciting performers virtually from the comfort of your own home.

Whether you're looking for a good book, a space to meet with friends, a computer to hunt for a job, or an engaging program, look no further than your nearest library. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

- Trina Rushing, Library Director



Kindergarten Readiness StoryWalk<sup>®</sup> Locations JULY 2021

The Library and Smart Start are partnering with Henderson County Public Schools, Henderson County Parks & Rec, Fletcher Parks & Rec, Town of Mills River, and Historic Johnson Farm, to bring a series of StoryWalks® to Henderson County.

During July, each location will share a different story about getting ready for Kindergarten!

- **1.Around the Main Library** @ 301 N Washington Street
- 2. Edneyville Community Ctr @ 15 Ida Rogers Drive
- 3. Etowah Park @ 449 Etowah School Road
- 4. Kate's Park @ Library Road (Next to Fletcher Library)
- 5. Historic Johnson Farm @ 3346 Haywood Road
- 6. Tuxedo Park @ 1299 Old US 25 Hwy
- 7. Mills River Park @ 124 Town Center Drive (Next to Mills River Library)



Once you visit a StoryWalk® location, be sure to stop by your nearest library branch to be entered for the chance to win prizes!

# **SPOT** LIGHT ON NEW STAFF

# Samantha Watts, Youth Services Assistant



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 & Wed 9am-5pm Fri & Sat 9am-3pm

#### Fletcher Branch

120 Library Road Fletcher, NC 28732

828-687-1218 Mon 9am-6pm

Wed & 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

#### **Mills River Branch**

124 Town Center Drive Mills River, NC 28759 **828-890-1850** Mon 9am-6pm Tue & Thu 9am-5pm Fri 9am-3pm



Samantha is thrilled to be the newest addition to the Youth Services staff at the Main Library. She has had a love of books from the time that she can remember such things, and always felt an immeasurable happiness when in a library. She is fond of all things Disney (and believes it is no small coincidence that her initials are the same as Snow White's), cats (she only has one, but thinks that he is rather spoiled... and very vocal) and playing putt putt with her husband (though finds it more enjoyable if she actually wins). She grew up right down the mountain in the little town of Marion. but has lived in Fletcher for the past decade. She's been a volunteer and an auxiliary employee for the Henderson County Library for a combination of four years, and is excited to share the joy of reading with the youngsters of the community she calls home.

#### Victoria Tatum, Youth Services Assistant

Victoria is a military brat who never had a place to call home until she found North Carolina as a teenager. After graduating from college in 2014, Victoria took a job as a public library page in South Florida and knew right away, the library was the job for her. She made her way back to North Carolina and worked as a Youth Services Librarian in both Greensboro and Winston-Salem for two years, before bouncing around in an elementary school media center and a medical school information center. Victoria feels she's finally found her way back home and is excited to join the Henderson County Public Library.





### Rebecca Murphy, Circulation Assistant

Rebecca is excited to join the Circulation team at the Main Library. She is a WNC native and started pursing a degree in Library Science in 2020.

Rebecca shared: "I've always loved books and learning and felt the best way to share my passions with the public was through the library. Nothing makes me happier than helping someone find a great story or discover new information!"



# SUMMER FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY!

Join us for Tails and Tales this summer at the Henderson County Public Library! Youth Services staff are excited to bring a mix of virtual and in-person programs to children and teens this summer with lots of chances to win prizes. All you need to do to get started is pick up your activity card (preschool) or reading card (children and teens) from your local library! Turn in your completed card for a free book AND a chance to win a grand prize for your age group.

Adults can join the fun by picking up their own reading cards. Completed cards can be turned in for a chance to win prizes! Look for take and make kits, online, and in person programs happening all summer for adults as well.

Don't want to wait for a visit to the library to get started? You can create an online account through ReadSquared starting June 1<sup>st</sup>! Just go to http://hendolibrary.readsquared.com to begin tracking the time you spend reading with bonus mini-games, badges, and more.



#### WHEN DOES THIS START?

Summer Fun kicks-off on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>! Go on a virtual African Safari with the North Carolina Zoo @ 2pm. Register to join the Safari here: https://hendersonpl.libcal.com/event/7757923

#### WHAT ABOUT OTHER PROGRAMS?

We are bringing back in-person storytimes, teen programs, and performers, so check out our online calendar for more details. Most in-person programs will require registration, but don't worry - we will still be sharing a lot of virtual events available from the safety of your home!



#### **CAN MY WHOLE FAMILY PARTICIPATE?**

Of course! We will have cards for all ages: preschool, elementary, teens, and adults. We want everyone to have fun reading this summer. Just make sure you pick the activity card created for your age group!

#### WHAT IS THE GRAND PRIZE?



Great question! Every age group has a different grand prize. Preschool Prize: Eric Carle's Animal Tales + Whale Plushie + Puzzle Elementary Prize: Wings of Fire Book Set + Binoculars + Animal Origami Kit Teen Prize: LED Lights and Gift Card Adult Prize: Tablet or Hammock



WHAT IF I WANT MORE CHANCES TO WIN?

Every sheet holds two cards. All you have to do is complete the additional card at the bottom for an extra chance to win. Just make sure everything is turned in by Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>!





The word "Juneteenth" is an abbreviation of "June 19th". On June 19th, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger issued an official order in Galveston, Texas that proclaimed all slaves were free. Free men and women in Texas took June 19<sup>th</sup> as the date that officially ended slavery legally, if not in practice. Texans created an annual rite for this date, with the first Juneteenth in 1866. Juneteenth endures as generations of Texans continued celebrating their Emancipation Day. Civil rights leaders of the late 1960s brought back the idea of a Juneteenth celebration to their own communities.

**Crystal Cauley**, founder of the Black History Collective of Henderson County, presents a display at the Main Library for the month of June in honor of Juneteenth and African American History. Visit Henderson County's Facebook page and YouTube channel for a Juneteenth video presented by Crystal Cauley.

# VISIT THE BLACK HISTORY COLLECTIVE OF HENDERSON COUNTY'S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE COMMUNITY JUNETEENTH EVENTS.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNETEENTH, CHECK THE LIBRARY'S CATALOG FOR RESOURCES OR ASK A LIBRARIAN FOR ASSISTANCE.

## MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS

We are excited to announce that our children's auditorium has been recently updated! We added a sink so that clean-up is easier for those programs that get a little messy. We also have brand new carpet and freshly painted walls. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for storytime this summer! Visit the Library's online calendar to register today!





# FOOD

Henderson County Libraries collected and donated

734 POUNDS

of non-perishable food items for Interfaith Assistance Ministry.



'HANK YOU!



\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\*

Space is limited. Register via the library's online calendar.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB Main Library, Kaplan Aud.

Thursday, July 8 @ 2:00pm The Lake on Fire by Rosellen Brown

Thursday, Sep. 9 @ 2:00pm The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

ETOWAH BOOK CLUB Etowah Library, Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 16 @ 2:30pm The Holy Ghost Speakeasy and Revival by Terry Roberts

Wednesday, July 21 @ 2:30pm The Feather Thief by Kirk W. Johnson

Wednesday, Aug. 18 @ 2:30pm All the Flowers in Paris by Sarah Jio



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.

Summer is coming and all of us have earned a vacation, so I'll start with a few easy breezy reads for your beach bag. For a book about second chances set in North Carolina, pick up Kristy Woodson Harvey's Under the Southern Sky, or for a Myrtle Beach family history of changing fortunes, try the memoir Low *Country* by J. Nicole Jones. Denise Hunter's *Bookshop by the Sea* checks all the boxes for a beach read with romantic tension, just don't confuse it with the multigenerational The Bookstore on the Beach by Brenda Novak, which has a bit more depth. For something tender, try T.I. Lowe's Southern Christian novel Under the Magnolias, or take a trip from West Virginia to New Mexico with three women in an Oldsmobile in the road trip novel *Call It Horses* by Jessie Van Eerden. In series fiction, Anna Gerard's Georgia B&B Mystery series continues with **Peaches and Schemes**, and the Tish Tarragon culinary mystery series continues with The Curse of the Cherry Pie by Amy Patricia Meade. For fans of Sharyn McCrumb or Julia Keller's Appalachian crime fiction series with a strong female lead, try the third novel in Jess Montgomery's Kinship series, The Stills.

For literary storytelling that Southern books are known for, strangers on a northbound train out of South Carolina trade life stories in <u>The Salt Fields</u> by Stacy D. Flood. A country radio station broadcasts clues to find buried treasure in <u>A Piece of the Moon</u> by Chris Fabry. Three coming-of-age novels include Monica West's debut about faith and family <u>Revival Season</u>, the real life story of an unwed mother in the historical novel <u>A Mother's Promise</u> by K.D. Alden, and a teenage girl navigating the emotional highs and lows of Black life in 1930s Georgia in <u>When Stars Rain Down</u> by Angela Jackson-Brown. A funny and likeable young man in a wheelchair may have been witness a crime in <u>How Lucky</u> by Will Leitch. Akin to last year's bestseller <u>Where the Crawdads</u> Sing, two friends fight for their hopes and dreams in the swamp gothic novel <u>The Girls in the Stilt House</u> by North Carolina author Kelly Mustian. For a dark thriller billed as Kentucky noir, look no further than <u>The Killing Hills</u> by Chris Offutt. Lastly, <u>Bewilderness</u> by Karen Tucker is a contemporary novel about addiction that begins in the North Carolina mountains.

In new novels by Asheville authors, two lovers can't escape the past by settling in the mountains with Thomas Calder's <u>The Wind Under the Door</u>, and Sarah Patten's <u>The Measure of Gold</u> is a World War II novel of espionage and alchemy. Clemson professor of wildlife ecology J. Drew Lanham has a book of ornithology poems called <u>Sparrow Envy</u>. For more regional nonfiction, check

out local flower grower Niki Irving's instructional <u>Growing Flowers</u>, a baking book by local miller Jennifer Lapidus in <u>Southern Ground</u>, or two outstanding cookbooks <u>Rice</u> by culinary historian Michael W. Twitty, and Matthew Raiford's <u>Bress 'n' Nyam: Gullah Geechee</u> <u>Recipes from a Sixth-Generation Farmer</u>.



Thanks for reading! - Ed Graves, Branch & Collection Coordinator

# **Transparent** Language<sup>®</sup> Online



Thinking about making travel plans? Want to brush up on a language you studied years ago? Homeschooling your kids? Learning English as a second language? Transparent Language can help!

There over 110 languages to learn and study with Transparent. English as a second language materials are available for native speakers of more than 30 languages. You can start from the beginning or study



to enhance your vocabulary and grammar knowledge. Use the customizable Learning Path to track your progress and create learning goals.



For younger children Transparent includes KidSpeak<sup>™</sup>. KidSpeak<sup>™</sup> teaches words and phrases suited to young learner's age and interests. Activities, puzzles, and songs guide users along with a cartoon friend who speaks the language.

Transparent Language is free with your Library Card and can be used on any computer, phone, or tablet with an internet connection. There is also an app available for download. Visit the *Research* tab on the Library website and look for *Language Learning*, or call 697-4725 for assistance.

- Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Director & Marketing Librarian



Knitting <sup>for</sup> Cause

Started at Fletcher Library in July 2019 by volunteer Kay Green, this group makes hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, sweaters, and blankets for the Interfaith Assistance Ministry in Hendersonville to give to children and adults who are without housing. At this point, 399 items have been donated. Most of the items are hats for kids. All items are handmade, made with love, and are either knitted or crocheted. Each item is tagged with a label with the creator's first name. The group is very enthusiastic about creating warm, good-looking items for people in need.

If you have donations of yarn, knitting needles, or knitted or crocheted items, please call the library at 828-687-1218. Many thanks to those who have donated items so far.

#### Knitting for a Cause make-athome kits are available.

Each kit includes yarn and either a knitting or crocheting pattern. So far, 120 kits have been made. You are welcome to use your own yarn and/or pattern as well. Since April 2021, the Edneyville, Etowah, Green River, and Mills River Libraries have joined Fletcher Library in offering these kits.

#### KNITTING FOR A CAUSE GROUP

#### FLETCHER LIBRARY SECOND SATURDAY 10AM-12PM

Yarn and patterns are provided. Please bring your size 4, 5, 6, 7, and/or 8 circular or straight knitting needles if you have them.

**\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED\*** 

Register via the library's online calendar.

# **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: VOLUNTEERS AND EVENTS**

The Friends provide vital support to the library system. But without our dedicated volunteers, there would be no FOL.

We need volunteers for many tasks. At our bookstore, about 30-40 boxes of donations are dropped off every day it is open. Volunteers process those books, DVDs, and CDs to get them ready for sale. They also help shoppers find selections that would interest them.

The store at 1940 Spartanburg Hwy (next to Dollar General) in HVL 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).

The Friends will have a booth at the Farmers Market at the historic train depot in HVL on **6/26**, **7/10**, and **7/31**. We'll sign up new members and offer a raffle with a valuable prize. A volunteer will read from a children's book in the kid's zone.



FOL volunteers Donna Carter (left) and Doreen Huskes

## - Richard Labunski, FOL Publicity Chair

# FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOL BOOKSTORE: website: fotl.info e-mail: bookstore@fotl.info phone: 828-513-5115



# SUMMER PROGRAMMING

## ALL AGES: Blue Ridge Humane Society Videos – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Fridays @ 10:30am

**June 11:** What We Do **June 25:** Taking Care of Pets in Summer July 23: How to Adopt a Pet July 9: Favorite Pet Stories

## STORYTIMES DURING JUNE & JULY:

Family Storytime – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Mondays @ 10:30am

\*Edneyville Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am

\*Mills River Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (outside)

- \*Etowah Family Storytime Tuesdays @ 10am
- \*Preschool Storytime (3-5 years) Tuesdays @ 10:30am (Main Library, Children's Aud.)
- \*Toddler Storytime (18 months-3 years) Wednesdays @ 10:30am (Main Library, Children's Aud.)
- \*Fletcher Family Storytime Wednesdays @ 10:30am
- \*Green River Family Storytime Thursdays @ 10am (outside)
- \*Discovery Storytime (families welcome) Thursdays @ 10:30am (Main Library, Children's Aud.)
- \*Bouncing Babies (birth-18 months + caregiver) Thursdays @ 11:15am (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

\*NC Zoo: African Safari – VIRTUAL: Zoom – Tuesday, June 1 @ 2pm Tales in French – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Wednesday, June 2 @ 10:30am ASAP Videos – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Fridays @ 10:30am: June 4 & 18, July 2, 16, & 30 What'cha Reading? – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Tuesdays @ 10:30am: June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20 \*Zaniac: Three Little Pigs – VIRTUAL: Zoom – Wednesday, June 9 @ 11am or 4pm Blue Ridge Humane Society Take & Make Video – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Wednesday, June 16 @ 4pm (Dog toy kits will be available at all library locations beginning June 14<sup>th</sup> / While Supplies Last) Storyteller Mary Davis Gage – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Wednesdays @ 10:30am: June 23 & June 30 \*Tales in French – Wednesday, July 7 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.) \*NC Zoo: Amazing Adaptations – VIRTUAL: Zoom – Friday, July 9 @ 2pm \*Chimney Rock State Park: Snakes – Wednesday, July 14 @ 2pm (Main Library, Outside Field) \*Chemical Capers – VIRTUAL: Zoom – Wednesday, July 21 @ 2pm \*Soap Bubble Circus – Wednesday, July 28 @ 2pm (Main Library, Outside Field)

# TEEN PROGRAMS:

\*Teen Advisory Board – Thursdays @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab): June 3 & July 1

- \*Teen Craft Time: How To Make A Zine Thursday, June 10 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)
- \*Teen Anime Club Thursdays @ 4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.): June 24 & July 29
- \*Teen Craft Time: 8bit Art Thursday, July 15 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

\*Teen Book Club: The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen – Thursday, July 22 @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab)

## ADULT PROGRAMS:

\*In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Etowah Library, Meeting Room - Call 891-6577 to register) \*Knit & Crochet Group – Tuesdays @ 1pm (Mills River Library, Outside - Call 890-1850 to register) \*Knitting for a Cause – Second Saturday @ 10am (Fletcher Library, Downstairs Room) Juneteenth Display (Crystal Cauley) – Month of June (Main Library's Lobby) Juneteenth Video with Crystal Cauley – VIRTUAL: YouTube/Facebook – Throughout June Take & Make Tissue Paper Painting Kit – Beginning Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (All library locations / While Supplies Last) Humane Society Cat Toy Take & Make Kit – Beginning Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (Main Library / While Supplies Last) \*Etowah Book Club – Wednesdays @ 2:30pm: June 16, July 21, & August 18 (Etowah Library, Meeting Room) \*Page Turners Book Club – Thursdays @ 2pm: July 8 & September 9 (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.) \*Make An Accordion Scrapbook – Tuesday, July 13 OR July 20 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)

STAY TUNED: Check the library's online calendar for an upcoming virtual program with Storyteller Kathy Gordon!

#### \*=REGISTRATION REQUIRED Register for programs online at hendersonpl.libcal.com



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



Link emailed 2 hours zoom prior to the program