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HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER | SUMMER 2026

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Summer Fun at the Library

JUNE 1 – JULY 31, 2026

Join us for “Unearth a Story” this summer at the Henderson County Public Library! We have a full schedule of events for children, teens, and adults with lots of chances to win prizes. To get started, pick up your activity card (*preschool*) or reading card (*children, teens, and adults*) from your local library!



Find the full schedule of events listed in the [online event calendar](#) or pick up a printed copy at any Henderson County Library.



Don't want to wait for a visit to the library to get started? Create an online account with Beanstack at hendersonnc.beanstack.org to track your reading.

See pages 6-7 for more information.



From the Director's Shelf

Why Summer Reading Matters (and How to Make it Fun!)

Summer is the perfect time to strengthen reading skills while sparking imagination, building confidence, and nurturing a lifelong love of stories.

Our Summer Reading Program is a long-cherished tradition designed to help readers of all ages maintain, or even improve, their reading abilities over break. Research shows that children can lose an average of **20 percent** of their school-year reading gains during the summer, which can add up to as much as **two years behind** by the end of sixth grade.



But the great news is that consistent reading makes a big difference. Children can learn **4,000 to 12,000 new words** each year simply by reading regularly, and those who spend just **20 minutes a day** with a book tend to score much higher on standardized tests than those who read only a few minutes.

Adults can also benefit from year-round reading. Studies show that regular reading supports memory, strengthens decision-making skills, reduces stress, aids sleep, and may even slow cognitive decline.

That's why we're excited to welcome everyone to this year's Henderson County Public Libraries Summer Reading Program: **Unearth a Story!**

Whether you're an enthusiastic book lover, an adventurous learner, or a reluctant reader who "just hasn't found the right book yet," we have something to inspire every age and interest. All summer long you'll find books, hands-on activities, engaging programs, and fun prizes waiting for you.

Registration opens June 1st at all library locations. Stop by, sign up, and pick up an event calendar filled with ways to keep your reading skills, and imagination, active all summer long.

≡ **Trina Rushing, Library Director**



Library Spotlight on...



Volunteers

Each April during National Volunteer Appreciation week, we take time to recognize our amazing volunteers who help at each library location in a variety of ways. Volunteers make deliveries to homebound patrons and reshelve books at all locations. They help with seed libraries, genealogy research, preparing materials for programs, getting new library materials ready for checkout, and more!

Over the last year, 80 volunteers served over 6,000 hours across Henderson County Libraries.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the library, visit the [volunteer page](#) of the library website under the “About Your Library” tab.



Denise, volunteer at Etowah



Myra, volunteer at Main



Barbara, volunteer at Main

Behind-the-Scenes at the Library

After retiring from the federal government, Mike Pace started with the library as an Auxiliary Assistant in October 2021 and then moved into the Courier position in 2022.

Three mornings each week, Mike starts his day early by loading up the delivery van with many crates of library materials traveling from the Main Library to the five branch libraries.

These items also include materials coming from the other North Carolina libraries.

At each branch, Mike drops off multiple crates of books and picks up any items returning to their home library.



Thank you to Mike for getting requested books in the hands of many happy readers across Henderson County!



Digital Tools and Training

BUILD YOUR BUSINESS AT THE LIBRARY!



Whether you're starting out or growing an existing business, the library offers free tools to help you tackle challenges and uncover opportunities. Many of these resources are the same ones companies and corporations pay for— but you can access them at no cost with your library card.

For example, Google pays to access Data Axle and other businesses pay subscription fees for First Research's quarterly industry reports. With your library card, they're all available to you for free.

Find the resources listed below and more linked on the library website on the [Business and Money](#) page under the [Resources](#) tab or ask a library staff member for more information.

Entrepreneurship Database

This resource includes both scholarly materials and practical tools for current and aspiring entrepreneurs. You'll find journals, dissertations, working papers, and conference proceedings, along with a robust toolkit of guides, templates, forms, sample business plans, videos, and tip sheets from successful entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurship Mindset Training Course

Not sure if small business ownership is right for you? This free, self-paced online course explores the mindset needed to succeed. Learn how innovative thinking plays a key role in entrepreneurship and determine whether starting a business is a good fit for you.



Data Axle

Data Axle provides real-time information on 24 million U.S. businesses. Use it to identify major industries in your area, research competitors, conduct market research, find potential contractors or partners, make location decisions, and create targeted marketing mailing lists.

ABI/INFORM



Access a wide range of publications, including scholarly journals, trade magazines, newspapers, and industry reports. Use it to explore industry insights, strategies, management techniques, and business trends.

You can also access First Research quarterly industry reports to guide decisions related to product development, marketing, expansion, customer needs, and market trends.

Stay informed with current and past issues of publications like *AdWeek*, *The Economist*, *Forbes*, and *Harvard Business Review*.

Bringing the Library to You!

On a recent Friday afternoon, the library's Homebound Services team loaded up for a series of deliveries to residents who cannot make it to the library due to health or mobility issues.

After poring over one patron's list of favorite cozy mysteries to determine what titles she wanted next, setting another patron up with digital books in French to prepare her for her upcoming travels, swapping out a set of CD audiobooks and troubleshooting a patron's difficulties with her CD player, and finally wishing a very happy 103rd birthday to a patron who loves to read Daphne DuMaurier, the team headed back to the library with the van full of returned items.

With two staff members and seven regular delivery volunteers, the Homebound Services program makes over 100 deliveries serving 140 library patrons each month.

Patrons receive deliveries in every corner of Henderson County, down quiet gravel roads and at busy senior living facilities. Monthly deliveries can be quick swap-outs of bags of returns for bags of new materials, or lively visits to discuss favorite books, family memories, and upcoming holiday plans. Patrons can choose their own materials or library staff can make selections based on preferences for genre, authors, and formats.

One patron recently shared that,

"This service came at the right time for me since I've become less able to walk and I look forward to my library person showing up with new books."

Another patron told us of her delivery volunteer,

"I just thank God for Ann and look forward to seeing her every month.

I just love reading and it helps in so many ways. I get to go places and solve crimes and fall in love. Best of all, it keeps me grounded in my mind."



≡ **Sarah Kowalak, Homebound Services Coordinator**



If you or someone you know could benefit from monthly deliveries of regular or large print books, CD audiobooks, and/or DVDs, call the Homebound Services program at **828-697-4725, ext. 2331** or see the [Homebound Services](#) page on the library website under the *Using Your Library* tab.



Summer Reading Program & Events



When does the Summer Reading Program start?

You can pick up your reading card starting June 1st from any Henderson County Library or register online with Beanstack by scanning the QR code or visiting hendersonnc.beanstack.org.



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!



How can I win prizes?

Kids & Teens: Turn in your completed card for a free book and a chance to win the grand prize for your age group.

Adults: Turn in your completed card for a chance to win the grand prize for your age group.



What is the grand prize for each age group?

Preschool: Tiny T-Rex and the Impossible Hug Book + stuffie, dinosaur puzzle, and more

Elementary: Geode cracking kit, large dino stuffie, and more

Teen: Prize bag with \$50 gift card for Barnes & Noble

Adult: Prize bag with \$50 gift card for Barnes & Noble




What if I want more chances to win?

Every sheet holds two cards. Complete the additional for an extra chance to win.

 **MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, JULY 31ST TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE FOR YOUR AGE GROUP!**



Bright Star Theatre: Dino Academy [Children]

 **Wednesday, June 10**
11am, Etowah • 2pm, Main

Led by the quirky and curious Dr. Sarah Tops, this action-packed adventure features colorful dinosaur puppets.



The Big Dino Show [Children]

 **Thursday, June 18**
11am, Fletcher • 2pm, Main

The Sigmon Theatrical crew will take you on an interactive expedition through the wonders of the prehistoric world.



Teen Improv Series

[Teens] [Register Online](#)

 **Wednesdays, June 10–July 29**
2:30pm, Fletcher

Learn the elements of story, collaboration, and social skills, as well as improv fundamentals!



Tales & Tunes with Sharon Clarke

[Children]

 **Monday, June 22**
11am, Green River • 2pm, Edneyville

Join us for folk tales and music that will keep children coming back again and again to one of their favorite places— the library.



Introduction to Canning

[Adults] [Register Online](#)

Wednesday, June 24 • 2pm • Main
 Wednesday, July 1 • 11am • Mills River

When done safely, canning is a great way to preserve the abundance of the summer harvest for months to come.

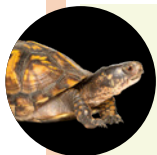


Big Bang Boom!

[Children]

Monday, June 29
 11am, Fletcher • 2pm, Mills River

Big Bang Boom's live show is high-energy and both parents and children will find it hard to stay in their seats!



Scales and Tales

[Children] [Register Online](#)

Wednesday, July 1
 11am • Edneyville

Learn how reptiles have adapted over eons to help them survive in their habitats and hear stories and folklore about them.



Presto Prehistoric with Dana Hill

[Children]

Tuesday, July 14
 11am, Main • 2pm, Edneyville

In this interactive magic and illusion show, kids will dig into the world of dinosaurs and archaeology.



Critter Keeper

[Children]

Tuesday, July 21
 11am, Main • 2pm, Fletcher

This high-energy show features up-close encounters, enabling participants to see and touch live snakes, reptiles, and insects.



Andrew Best

[Children]

Wednesday, July 22
 2pm • Mills River

Songwriter Andrew Best's music appeals to children with its whimsy and simplicity and charms adults with its wit and style.



Zaniac: Dynamic Dino Discovery

[Children, Grades K-8] [Register Online](#)

Wed., July 22 • 2pm • Green River
 Monday, August 10 • 3pm • Mills River

Journey into the fascinating field of paleontology as we uncover the mysteries of Earth's ancient past.



Modern Pop Art Experience

[All Ages] [Register Online](#)

Monday, July 27 • Main
 10am, Children • 1pm, Teens & Adults

Join celebrated artist and educator Michael Albert for a hands-on collage workshop that encourages artistic exploration.



Wiggly Worms and Healthy Soil

[Children] [Register Online](#)

Monday, August 3
 4pm • Etowah

Learn how our wiggly worm friends help us create a healthy soil. Then we will "unearth" some worms eating through our compost!



Introduction to Fermentation

[Adults] [Register Online](#)

Wednesday, August 5
 2pm • Main

Learn about appropriate foods for fermentation, the fermentation process, and food safety.



Rock Detective

[Children] [Register Online](#)

Monday, August 24
 3:30pm • Edneyville

Using real rock samples, magnifying glasses, and simple detective tools, children investigate the three main types of rocks.



PAWS for Reading

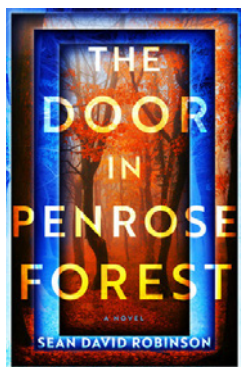
[Children] [Call to Register](#)

Main • Fletcher • Mills River
 See online calendar for dates & times

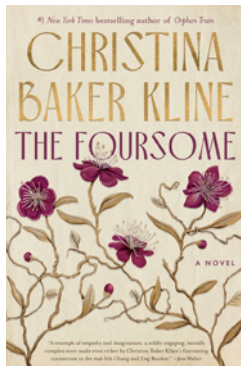
Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a therapy dog. Children should have a book picked out prior to their session.

Regional Reads

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.

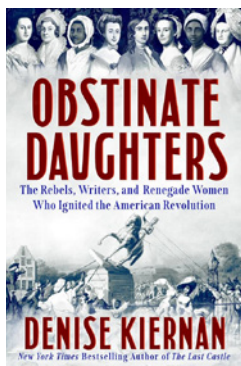
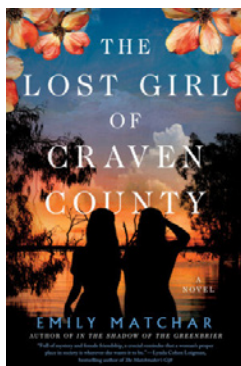


An overworked nurse looking for an escape in a small North Carolina coastal town finds a new romance and becomes involved with a mysterious abandoned baby in *Summer State of Mind* by Kristy Woodson Harvey.



When Nico saw his mother disappear into a glowing door as a child, no one believed him. When he returns to his hometown as an adult and strange things start happening, he is led back to the same place his mother vanished years ago in *The Door in Penrose Forest* by Asheville author Sean David Robinson.

The Foursome by Christina Baker Kline is a fictional reimagining of the lives of Eng and Chang Bunker, the conjoined twins from Siam who lived in Wilkes County in the 1800s and married two sisters there.



Set in Lake Toxaway just before the Great Depression, *These Empty Places* by Sarah Loudin Thomas follows two women who work together to restore the community after the dam break devastated the local landscape and economy.

A Jewish woman in 1939 New Bern, North Carolina finds a young mute woman that sets her on a quest to discover what happened in *The Lost Girl of Craven County* by Emily Matchar.

Obstinate Daughters by North Carolina author Denise Kiernan shares the untold true stories of women who were active participants in the American Revolution.



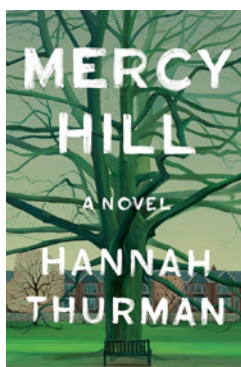
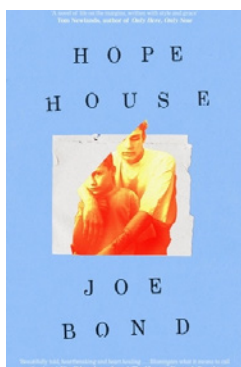
Southern Roots: Recipes and Stories from Mama Dip's Daughter includes a variety of southern recipes from Mama Dip's Kitchen in Chapel Hill, as well as a collection of family stories shared by author Spring Council.

For those working on the 2026 Reading Challenge, the following historical fiction titles could fit the *Feeling Nostalgic* challenge category.

Kissing the Sky by Lisa Patton is a coming-of-age story that finds two young women on an adventure traveling from their sheltered life in the South to experience the Woodstock music festival.

Set in 1980s Kentucky, debut novel *Hope House* by Joe Bond tells the story of a group of boys who live together in a home for troubled teens.

Mercy Hill by Hannah Thurman is a novel set on the grounds of a Raleigh mental hospital in the 1990s where four sisters grow up helping their mother who runs the institution.



Happy reading!

≡ **Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Director**

Adult Programs



Author Meg Waite Clayton

July 6 at 5pm, Main Library Kaplan Auditorium

Settle in for captivating storytelling, conversation, and insight as the *New York Times* Bestselling Author discusses her newest novel, *Typewriter Beach*, and the writing process.

Meg Waite Clayton has written 9 novels, including international bestsellers, *The Postmistress of Paris* and *The Last Train to London*.

Registration is not required for this event. Books will be available for sale, courtesy of Highland Books. Only books purchased at the event will be signed by the author.



Art Exhibit at Main

June 30–September 29, 2026: Sunlit Sensation

The Art League of Henderson County will display works at the Main Library this summer.

Movie Matinees at Main

Join us each month for a free movie in the Kaplan Auditorium!

Patrons with hearing devices equipped with a telecoil (t-coil) can use the Hearing Loop to take advantage of the full experience. Those without a t-coil can borrow a listening device for free. Closed captions or subtitles for the deaf & hard of hearing will be turned on when available.

- June 4 at 2pm- *National Treasure* (Rated PG)
- June 13 at 2:30pm, Special Saturday Matinee- *Journey to the Center of the Earth* (Rated PG)
- July 2 at 2pm- *Night at the Museum* (Rated PG)
- August 6 at 2pm- *Jurassic Park* (Rated PG-13)



Book Clubs

MAIN LIBRARY

PAGE TURNERS

Second Thursday at 2pm

[Register via online calendar](#)

June 11- *The Briar Club*

by Kate Quinn

July 9- *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

August 13- *Typewriter Beach*

by Meg Waite Clayton

ETOWAH LIBRARY

HISTORICAL FICTION

Second Tuesday at 2pm

[Register via online calendar](#)

June 9- *The Caretaker* by Ron Rash

July 14- *Take My Hand*

by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

August 11- *Where the Rivers Merge*

by Mary Alice Monroe

FLETCHER LIBRARY

CHECK 'EM OUT

Second Monday at 11am

June 8- *The Book Woman of*

Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

July 13- *Founding Brothers*

by Joseph J. Ellis

August 10- *Husbands and Lovers*

by Beatriz Williams

MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

SHELF INDULGENCE

First Tuesday at 10am

[Register via online calendar](#)

June 2- *Carrie Soto is Back*

by Taylor Jenkins Reid

July 7- *Parable of the Sower*

by Octavia E. Butler

August 4- *The Last Picture Show*

by Larry McMurtry



The Youth Scoop



I'm going to let you in on a not-so-well kept secret...

One of my favorite parts of working in the Youth Services department is leading school tours. During these visits, I get to see groups of all ages: from preschool classes to 3rd grade book clubs, from 8th graders preparing for high school to senior English classes working on their final projects. I love these tours because they give me space to explain how the library works, point out useful resources, talk up programs, and be the biggest cheerleader for the public library and what it has to offer.



Typically, the younger ages are excited no matter what we do on these tours, so the real challenge tends to lie with our teenagers. Don't get me wrong— the teenagers themselves are not challenging, but I have found that their view of the library can be slow to change. Many teenagers see libraries as a place they used to go for storytime or a place their grandparents go for computer classes, but where do they fit in? Teens want to know what the library can offer them.

And that is what makes these tours so rewarding. I get to see these attitudes change as teens are told the library is here for them, too. Their faces shift as they see the Teen Space where they can hang out with friends surrounded by shelves of books chosen for them. They get more animated when they see flyers for creative writing club, teen craft times, and D&D campaigns. They feel trusted when they learn about our Teen Advisory Board where their opinion can literally shape what we do and have in our collections at the library. These tours are our chance to bring teens into a world they don't think is for them, so they can hopefully leave with the understanding that the library is still a safe space to grow, learn, and be themselves.

Want to help us get teens in the library?

Grab a booklist! Share flyers! Speak to the teens in your life! No matter what their school or home lives look like, teens need more physical safe spaces, so let's make sure they know that the library is there for them.



≡ **Caitlin Lindsey, Youth Services Coordinator**

Teen Advisory Board Graduates



We've reached the end of another school year, which means we have to say goodbye to our 2026 TAB graduates.

Congratulations to Ellery Cheek and Wes Kantner! They served a combined 6 years on our board and we will miss them in our monthly meetings.

This means we have openings for creative, energetic, and responsible teens in 9th–12th grades. Want to make a difference in teen programming at the library? Want to earn volunteer hours? Want to meet new people? Join TAB! Applications can be found at any branch library or on our [website](#).

New Zoom Pass

Our Zoom Pass program is bigger than ever! Join us in welcoming Chimney Rock as our latest partner!



Chimney Rock is open during the spring and summer from 8:30am–5:30pm and guests can hike until 7pm. The pass is available to use during regular hours but excludes admission for registered special events such as guided hikes.

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. Once a patron is notified their Zoom Pass is ready, they can pick it up at their selected library location!

Visit the library website to [reserve your Zoom Pass today!](#)

Chimney Rock • Nature Center • Hands On!
NC Arboretum • Asheville Art Museum
Asheville Museum of Science
The Children's Museum of the Upstate

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.



Visit fotl.info to learn more!

Become a Member of the Friends

New members are always welcome and we invite you to join today! Members receive a 10% discount on purchases at the Bookstore.

You can join the Friends of the Library at the bookstore during normal hours or on their website. The Friends of the Henderson County Public Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, so your membership and donations are tax deductible.

Membership costs are \$10 per year for an individual or \$15 per year for a family.

Projects Supported by the Friends

Last quarter, in addition to helping fund the purchase of library materials, the Friends supported author events and educational programs for children, teens, and adults at all library locations.

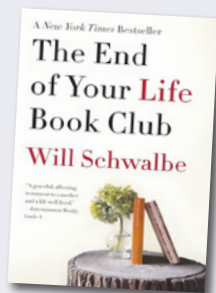
Bookstore Corner with Heather

Usually, my shopping at the Friends of the Library Bookstore is rushed. After all, I must get ready to open the store! I typically go straight to my favorite authors and quickly scan the shelves for something I haven't read. But one day, after striking out in my familiar territory, I lingered and took the time to be open to something new.

One book in particular, Will Schwalbe's *The End of Your Life Book Club*, tapped something in me. I began creating a list of books that have influenced how I view the world. The gift of this book would not have been found if I had not slowed down and ventured out of my comfort zone.

As you visit us during this summer reading season, I invite you to slow down and see what gift awaits you.

≡ **Heather Wiggins, FOL Bookstore Manager**



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

We welcome your donation of gently used books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles. Please do not donate mildewed, smelly, dirty or damaged items. We take pride in the quality of what we sell and condition matters. *Please ask about large volume sets and encyclopedias before donating and see the list below for specific items we do not sell.*

Please DO NOT donate:

- Books with highlighting/underlining
- Books with broken spines
- Textbooks
- Annual cookbooks
- Spiral/plastic/wire-bound cookbooks
- Popular fiction without dust jackets
- Time-Life Series
- Reader's Digest Condensed Books
- Books stamped "Friends"
- Magazines
- Puzzles with missing pieces
- Vinyl, cassettes, VHS, 8-track tapes

We only accept donations during store hours.

We are happy to assist with unloading. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

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Holiday Hours

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 3–

CLOSED

Saturday, July 4–

CLOSED

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 7–

CLOSED



Donations

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, or any individual who donates \$500 or more to the library, will be added to a plaque at the Main Library. Visit our [website](#) ('About Your Library' tab) or call 828-697-4725 for more details.

Thank you to those who have donated:

- ◆ **Ken & Kara Freeman**
(in memory of Lisa Ann Freeman Schutz)
- ◆ **Margaret Lueptow**
(in memory of Dianne H. Chandler)
- ◆ **Karen Hollinger**
(in memory of Wayne Hagan & Kitty Garrett)



Library Locations

MAIN LIBRARY

301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739
828-697-4725

Monday–Thursday 9am–7pm
Friday & Saturday 9am–5pm

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
828-685-0110

Monday 9am–6pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 9am–5pm
Friday 9am–3pm

ETOWAH BRANCH

101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729
828-891-6577

Monday 9am–6pm
Tuesday–Thursday 9am–5pm
Friday & Saturday 9am–3pm

FLETCHER BRANCH

120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
828-687-1218

Monday 9am–6pm
Tuesday–Thursday 9am–5pm
Friday & Saturday 9am–3pm

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790
828-697-4969

Monday 9am–6pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9am–5pm
Friday 9am–3pm
Closed for lunch 12–1pm daily

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759
828-890-1850

Monday 9am–6pm
Tuesday–Thursday 9am–5pm
Friday 9am–3pm

Summer Programs at the Main Library

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- ❑ **Page Turners Book Club** – Second Thursday @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** – Monday, June 1, 2-4pm, Kaplan Auditorium (*All Ages*)
- ❑ **Movie Matinee: *National Treasure*** – Thursday, June 4 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **VAYA Health: Brain Health in Aging** – Tuesday, June 9 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Memory Café: We Love Our National Parks**– Fri., June 12 @ 10am, Kaplan Aud. ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Saturday Matinee: *Journey to the Center of the Earth*** – Sat., June 13 @ 2:30pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Garden Hour** – Sat., June 20 @ 10am, Gardens
- ❑ **Introduction to Canning** – Wednesday, June 24 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Movie Matinee: *Night at the Museum*** – Thursday, July 2 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Author Meg Waite Clayton** – Monday, July 6 @ 5pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Memory Café: Celebrating America's 250th Birthday** – Friday, July 10 @ 10am, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **VAYA Health: Hoarding Disorder** – Tuesday, July 14 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **From Boy Scout to Soldier: Simon J. Gurdal** – Friday, July 17 @ 11:30am (*Adults*)
- ❑ **Sit Step Sing** – Tuesday, July 21 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Modern Pop Art Experience with Michael Albert** – Monday, July 27, 1-3pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party** – Friday, July 31, 2-4pm, Kaplan Auditorium (*All Ages*)
- ❑ **Introduction to Fermentation** – Wed., August 5 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Movie Matinee: *Jurassic Park*** – Thursday, August 6 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **VAYA Health: Self Care- Learning to Live Well and Work Well** – Tuesday, August 11 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))

- ❑ **Main Library Tour** – Wednesday, August 12 @ 3pm ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Stretch and Style Bracelet Making** – Wednesday, August 12 @ 5:30pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **Memory Café: Summer Days at the Beach** – Friday, August 14 @ 10am, Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))

DIGITAL LITERACY CLASSES

- ❑ **Apple Interest Group** – First Tuesday @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ❑ **eBook & Audiobook Basics** – Monday, June 22 @ 1:30pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Libby Master Class** – Thursday, July 30 @ 10:30am, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Getting Started on the Computer** – Mondays, Aug. 10-31 @ 2pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))

GENEALOGY CLASSES

- ❑ **Researching Genealogy at the Library** – Wednesdays, June 10 & August 12 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **How They Lived: American Revolutionary War Edition** – Monday, June 15 @ 1:30pm, Learning Lab ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Family Roots: Maritime Genealogy Sources** – Wed., June 24 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Family Roots: Finding Immigrant Ancestors Naturalization Records** – Wed., July 22 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **American Revolution Genealogy Sources** – Wednesday, July 29 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Family Roots: DAR Membership** – Wed., August 26 @ 2pm, North Carolina Room ([Register online](#))

JOB ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- ❑ **Goodwill Career Connections** – Fridays, 10am-1pm, Learning Lab

Summer Programs at the Main Library

STORYTIMES

JUNE & JULY; RESUMES WEEK OF AUG. 17

- ☐ **Preschool Storytime** – Tuesdays @ 10:30am
(3-5 years)
- ☐ **Toddler Time** – Wednesdays @ 10:30am
(18 months-3 years)
- ☐ **Music & Movement** – Thursdays @ 10:30am
(families)
- ☐ **Bouncing Babies** – Thursdays @ 11:15am
(birth-18 months & caregiver)

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

- ☐ **PAWS for Reading** – Wednesdays @ 4pm,
June 3-August 12 ([Call to register](#))
- ☐ **Sensory STEM** – Fridays, June 19, July 17, & August
21 @ 10am (Children birth-5 years old & family)
- ☐ **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** – Monday, June 1,
2-4pm, Kaplan Auditorium (All Ages)
- ☐ **Grey Seal Puppets: Bathtub Pirates** –
Wednesday, June 3 @ 11am, Kaplan Auditorium
- ☐ **Dinosaur Disco** –
Friday, June 5 @ 10am, Children’s Auditorium
- ☐ **Bright Star Theatre: Dino Academy** –
Wednesday, June 10 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ☐ **The Big Dino Show** –
Thursday, June 18 @ 2pm, Kaplan Auditorium
- ☐ **Garden Hour** – Saturday, June 20 @ 10am, outside
in the garden (All Ages)
- ☐ **Fossil Hunt** – Friday, June 26 @ 2pm, Children’s
Auditorium (Grades 2-5) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Presto Prehistoric with Dana Hill** –
Tuesday, July 14 @ 11am, Kaplan Auditorium
- ☐ **Family Book Club** – Tuesday, July 14 @ 4pm,
Children’s Auditorium (Grades K-5 & family) Pick
up *Dinosaurs: A Magic Tree House Fact Tracker
Graphic Novel* at the Youth Desk beginning 6/16
- ☐ **Critter Keeper** – Tue., July 21 @ 11am, Kaplan Aud.
- ☐ **Modern Pop Art Experience with Michael
Albert** – Monday, July 27 @ 10am-12pm,
Children’s Auditorium ([Register online](#))

- ☐ **Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party** – Friday, July 31,
2-4pm, Kaplan Auditorium (All Ages)

FOUR O’CLOCK CLUB: GRADES K-5

- ☐ Wednesdays, August 19 & 26 @ 4pm,
Children’s Auditorium

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

- ☐ **Teen Creative Writing Club** – First Tuesday @ 4pm,
Learning Lab (Grades 6-12)
- ☐ **Teen Advisory Board** – First Thursday @ 4pm,
Learning Lab (Grades 9-12) ([Application required](#))
- ☐ **Lit Lounge** – Tuesdays, June 23 & July 28 @ 4pm,
Learning Lab (Grades 9-12)
- ☐ **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** – Monday, June 1,
2-4pm, Kaplan Auditorium (All Ages)
- ☐ **Teen D&D Interest Meeting** – Monday, June 8,
3-5pm, Kaplan Auditorium (Grades 6-12)
- ☐ **Teen Craft: Dinosaur Trinket Dish** – Thursday, June
11, 3-5pm, Children’s Auditorium (Grades 6-12)
- ☐ **Teen Debate Club** – Thursday, June 18 @ 4pm,
Learning Lab (Grades 9-12)
- ☐ **Garden Hour** – Saturday, June 20 @ 10am, outside
in the garden (All Ages)
- ☐ **Teen D&D Club** – Monday, June 22, 3-5pm,
Kaplan Auditorium (Grades 6-12) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Teen Craft: Dinosaur Planters** – Thursday, July 9,
3-5pm, Learning Lab (Grades 6-12)
- ☐ **Teen Debate Club** – Thursday, July 16 @ 4pm,
Learning Lab (Grades 9-12)
- ☐ **Teen D&D Club** – Monday, July 20, 3-5pm,
Kaplan Auditorium (Grades 6-12) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Fossil Hunt** – Thursday, July 23, 3-5pm, Children’s
Auditorium (Grades 6-12) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Modern Pop Art Experience with Michael
Albert** – Monday, July 27, 1-3pm,
Kaplan Auditorium ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Teen Craft: Air-Dry Clay Diffuser Discs** – Thursday,
July 30, 3-5pm, Children’s Aud. (Grades 6-12)
- ☐ **Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party** – Friday, July 31,
2-4pm, Kaplan Auditorium (All Ages)

Summer Programs at the Branches

ETOWAH LIBRARY

- ☐ **Family Storytime** – Tuesdays @ 10am
(June & July; will resume week of Aug. 17)
- ☐ **In Stitches** – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)
- ☐ **Lego Club** – Thursdays @ 3pm (Children)
- ☐ **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)
- ☐ **Youth Arts & Crafts** – Mondays, July 6 & August 10 @ 4pm (Children) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Bright Star Theatre: Dino Academy** – Wednesday, June 10 @ 11am (Children)
- ☐ **A Great American Tapestry: Film & Discussion** – Thu., June 11 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Dino Origami** – Wednesday, June 17 @ 2:30pm (All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **From Boy Scout to Soldier: Simon J. Gurdal** – Sat., June 20 @ 11am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Toxins, Tails, Teeth, & Talons** – Monday, June 22 @ 4pm (All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Movie Matinee- The Patriot** – Friday, July 10 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **WNC Landscape Acrylic on Canvas** – Monday, July 13 @ 3pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Let's Get Growing: Let's Go Native** – Thursday, July 16 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Wiggly Worms & Healthy Soil** – Monday, August 3 @ 4pm (Children) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Write Here, Write Now** – Thursday, August 6 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **The Many Paths to a Published Book** – Friday, August 7 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Internet Searching** – Wednesday, August 12 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Family Movie Matinee- Wicked: For Good** – Sat., August 15 @ 10am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Bring Your Garden to the Sun** – Friday, August 21 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

FLETCHER LIBRARY

- ☐ **Family Storytime** – Wednesdays @ 10am
(June & July; will resume week of Aug. 17)
- ☐ **Goodwill Career Connections** – Thursdays, 1-4pm (Adults)
- ☐ **Lego Club** – First Thursday @ 3:30pm (Children)
- ☐ **Check 'Em Out Book Club** – Second Monday @ 11am (Adults)
- ☐ **Craft Day** – Second Tuesday, 10am-4pm (All Ages)
- ☐ **Book Review Book Club** – Second Wednesday @ 10:30am (Adults)
- ☐ **PAWS for Reading** – Saturdays @ 10:30am; Third Tuesday @ 10:30am; Fourth Monday @ 10:30am (Children) ([Call to register](#))
- ☐ **Teen Improv Class** – Wednesdays, June 10-July 29 @ 2:30pm (Teens) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Family Yoga: Toddlers** – Monday, June 1 @ 10am (Ages 2-3) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Zaniac: Busy Bees Pollination Party** – Monday, June 15 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Become a Library Power User** – Tuesday, June 16 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **The Big Dino Show** – Thursday, June 18 @ 11am (Children)
- ☐ **Big Bang Boom!** – Monday, June 29 @ 11am (Children)
- ☐ **Family Yoga: Preschoolers** – Monday, July 20 @ 10am (Ages 4-5) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Language Learning with Transparent Language** – Monday, July 20 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Critter Keeper** – Tuesday, July 21 @ 2pm (Children)
- ☐ **Zaniac: Balloon Blasters** – Monday, August 17 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))
- ☐ **Online Safety 101** – Tuesday, August 18 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

Summer Programs at the Branches

GREEN RIVER LIBRARY

- ❑ **Family Storytime** – Thursdays @ 10am
(June & July; will resume week of Aug. 17)
- ❑ **Sensory STEM** – Mondays, June 8 & July 13
@ 10am (Children birth-5 years old & family)
- ❑ **Planning for the Future: Wills & Advanced Directives** – Monday, June 1 @ 10am
(Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Writing Your Way Through Genres: Beach Reads** –
Monday, June 1 @ 4pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **DIY Quill & Scroll Set** – Wednesday, June 3 @ 3pm
(Teens) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Fossil Hunt** – Wednesday, June 10 @ 2pm
(Grades K-12) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Zaniac: Magnetic Makers** – Wednesday, June 17
@ 2pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Sun Painting** – Thursday, June 18 @ 3:30pm
(All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Tales and Tunes with Sharon Clarke** –
Monday, June 22 @ 11am (Children)
- ❑ **Dinosaur Bath Fizzy** – Wednesday, June 24 @ 2pm
(All Ages 8+) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Southern Appalachians During the Ice Age** –
Thursday, June 25 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Crafting the Stars and Stripes** –
Wednesday, July 1 @ 3pm (Teens) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Writing Your Way Through Genres: Create Your Own Audiobook** – Monday, July 6 @ 4pm
(Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Marbled Paper** – Wednesday, July 8 @ 2pm
(All Ages 8+) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Beat the Paywall** – Wednesday, July 15 @ 10am
(Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Alternative Methods of Painting** – Thursday,
July 16 @ 3:30pm (All Ages 8+) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Rock the Rock Cycle** – Monday, July 20 @ 2pm
(Children) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Zaniac: Dynamic Dino Discovery** – Wednesday,
July 22 @ 2pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))

- ❑ **Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Hummingbirds- Flying Jewels** –
Thursday, July 23 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Crack Open a Geode** – Wednesday, July 29 @ 3pm
(Teens) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **End of Summer Party** –
Thursday, July 30, 1:30-4:30pm (All Ages)
- ❑ **Writing Your Way Through Genres: Children's Books** – Monday, August 3 @ 4pm
(Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Trail Cam Treasures** – Thursday, August 27 @ 2pm (Adults)
([Register online](#))

MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

- ❑ **Family Storytime** – Mondays @ 10am
(June & July; will resume week of Aug. 17)
- ❑ **Lego Club** – First Monday @ 3:30pm (Children)
- ❑ **Shelf Indulgence Book Club** –
First Tuesday @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Pilates** – Wednesdays @ 9:30am (Adults)
- ❑ **PAWS for Reading** – Second & Fourth Mondays
@ 10:30am; Wednesdays @ 3pm;
Fridays @ 10:30am (Children) ([Call to register](#))
- ❑ **Grey Seal Puppets: Bathtub Pirates** –
Wednesday, June 3 @ 3pm (Children)
- ❑ **Online Safety 101** – Monday, June 15 @ 2pm
(Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Big Bang Boom!** –
Monday, June 29 @ 2pm (Children)
- ❑ **Introduction to Canning** – Wednesday, July 1
@ 11am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Andrew Best** – Wed., July 22 @ 2pm (Children)
- ❑ **Zaniac: Dynamic Dino Discovery** – Monday,
August 10 @ 3pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))

Summer Programs at the Branches

EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY

- ❑ **Family Storytime** – Mondays @ 10am
(June & July; will resume week of Aug. 17)
- ❑ **What We Read Book Review Group** –
First Friday @ 1pm; Second Friday in July (Adults)
- ❑ **Voices in Ink: Teen Writing Guild** – Third Tuesday
@ 3:30pm (Teens) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Historical Fiction Book Club** –
Third Friday @ 1pm (Adults)
- ❑ **Lego Club: Summer Dino Edition** –
Last Wednesday @ 3:30pm (Children)
- ❑ **Sensory STEM** – Wednesdays, June 24 & August 26
@ 10am (Children birth-5 years old & family)
- ❑ **Family Movie- Walking with Dinosaurs** –
Wed., June 3 @ 11am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Write Like an Egyptian** –
Tuesday, June 9 @ 11am (Children)
- ❑ **Family Movie- Jurassic Park** – Friday, June 12
@ 11am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Getting to Know Your Google Account** –
Wed., June 17 @ 3pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Tales and Tunes with Sharon Clarke** –
Monday, June 22 @ 2pm (Children)
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Dino Bones** –
Tuesday, June 23 @ 11am (Children)
- ❑ **Zaniac: Lemon Lab** – Monday, June 29
@ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Patriotic Suncatcher** –
Tuesday, June 30 @ 11am (Children)
- ❑ **Celebrating America in Song** –
Tuesday, June 30 @ 3pm (All Ages)
- ❑ **Scales and Tales** – Wednesday, July 1 @ 11am
(Children) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Bookbinding for Beginners** – Tuesday, July 7
@ 2pm (All Ages 10+) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Family Movie- Jurassic World** – Wednesday, July 8
@ 11am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Dino Origami** – Wednesday, July 8 @ 2pm
(All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Presto Prehistoric with Dana Hill** –
Tuesday, July 14 @ 2pm (Children)
- ❑ **Let's Get Growing: Let's Go Native** – Wednesday,
July 15 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Family Movie- The Good Dinosaur** – Tuesday,
July 21 @ 11am (All Ages) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Arts & Crafts Drop In** –
Wednesday, July 22, 1-4pm (All Ages)
- ❑ **End of Summer Party** –
Friday, July 31, 10am-2pm (All Ages)
- ❑ **Digital Resources for Every Child** – Monday,
August 3 @ 4pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Fossil Hunt** – Tuesday, August 4 @ 10am
(Grades K-12) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Petroglyphs** – Wednesday, August 5
@ 3:30pm (Children) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Popsicle Bookmarks** – Wednesday,
August 12 @ 3:30pm (Children) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **The Elder Fraud Industry: Spotting & Reporting
Scams** – Monday, August 17 @ 11:30am
(Adults) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Kids Crafts: Bean Mosaic** – Wednesday, August 19
@ 3:30pm (Children) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Rock Detective** – Monday, August 24 @ 3:30pm
(Children) ([Register online](#))
- ❑ **Rockin' Reptiles & Epic Amphibians** – Tuesday,
August 25 @ 3:30pm (Children) ([Register online](#))





America 250 Programs



☐ **A Great American Tapestry: The Many Strands of Mountain Music- Film and Discussion**

Thursday, June 11 @ 10am- Etowah Library
(Adults) ([Register online](#))

◇ This documentary tells the story of the southern mountains' musical birth and evolution through the strands of the Scots-Irish legacy, oft-overlooked African-American tradition, and through the longest lived music in the Americas— the indigenous tradition. Director/ Producer David Weintraub will speak.

☐ **How They Lived- American Revolutionary War Edition**

Monday, June 15 @ 1:30pm- Main Library
(Adults) ([Register online](#))

◇ Learn how to utilize the North American Women's Letters and Diaries database and other resources to explore the historical context and events that influenced your ancestors' lives during the American Revolutionary War.

☐ **Kids Craft: Patriotic Suncatcher**

Tuesday, June 30 @ 11am- Edneyville Library
(Children)

◇ Join us as we use red, white, and blue tissue paper to design a suncatcher to celebrate America's 250th anniversary!

☐ **Celebrating America in Song**

Tuesday, June 30 @ 3pm- Edneyville Library
(All Ages)

◇ Bring the whole family and join us to listen and sing along with songs that celebrate American for our 250th anniversary! Martha Huggins and Butch Adkins will be playing guitar and singing.

☐ **Crafting the Stars and Stripes**

Wednesday, July 1 @ 3pm- Green River Library
(Teens) ([Register online](#))

◇ Celebrate the United States of America's 250th birthday by crafting your very own American flag art piece using colorful paint sticks.

☐ **Movie Matinee- *The Patriot***

Friday, July 10 @ 10am- Etowah Library
(Adults) ([Register online](#))

◇ In 1776 South Carolina, a plantation owner joins the War for Independence after a British officer murders his 15-year-old son. [Rated R]

☐ **Memory Café- Celebrating America's 250th Birthday**

Friday, July 10 @ 10am- Main Library
(Adults) ([Register online](#))

◇ Join us for an All-American good time, with patriotic music, crafts, activities, and refreshments. This program is intended for persons living with dementia and their care partner.

☐ **Modern Pop Art Experience with Artist and Educator Michael Albert**

Monday, July 27- Main Library
10am-12pm (Grades K-5) ([Register online](#))
1-3pm (Teens & Adults) ([Register online](#))

◇ Michael Albert is a celebrated artist and educator known for his innovative approach to art and his dedication to inspiring creativity in others. Michael has even collaged the Declaration of Independence out of recycled materials! This program will feature an artist talk and a hands-on workshop designed to spark imagination and encourage artistic exploration.

☐ **American Revolution Genealogy Sources**

Wednesday, July 29 @ 2pm- Main Library
(Adults) ([Register online](#))

◇ Finding information about your ancestors from the Revolutionary War era can be a unique challenge for those doing genealogy research. Join Reference Librarian Mark Burdette as he demonstrates various print and electronic resources available at the library.

