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Winter 2020-2021

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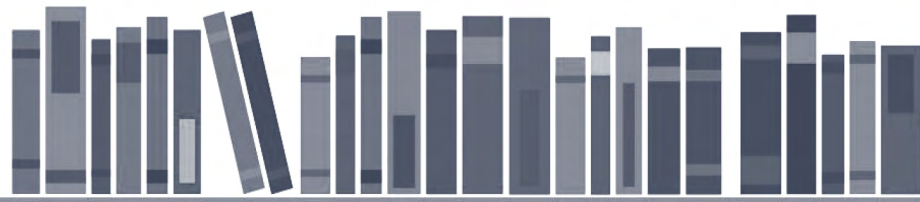
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

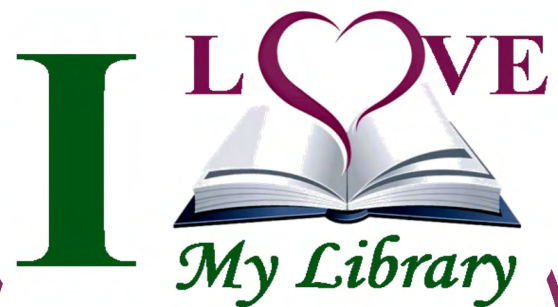
2020...the year of **IMPACT**

There are many words that come to mind when I reflect back on 2020, but one word that best summarizes the year for me is...**Impact**. Each of us were, without a doubt, greatly impacted by the many challenges encountered throughout this past year. So, too, were we impacted by the thoughtful, prompt manner in which community organizations rallied together to address resident needs.

Over the past year residents of all ages have turned to the library for reading materials to help with long hours of isolation, Wi-Fi connectivity for school, work, or to make personal connections, for health information, to search for jobs, to conduct research, to connect with their kids through online story times, and much more. Each person has a story about how the library has impacted them.

Throughout the month of January we will be collecting stories of how the library staff, materials, and resources have impacted our community over the past year, and **we would love to hear from you!** Check our website in early January for a link to submit your impact story. All submissions will be entered for a prize drawing AND be showcased throughout the month of February as we celebrate **Love My Library Month**.

- **Trina Rushing**, *Library Director*



FEBRUARY 2021

Celebrate the Library with us the whole month of February with tons of fun things to do! Keep an eye out for announcements about programs, contests, and other activities. This is our chance to celebrate the library and thank you for your patronage, so don't miss out!



SPOT LIGHT ON NEW STAFF

Susie Salazar, Fletcher Branch Manager

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Main Library

301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739

828-697-4725

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

Edneyville Branch

2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792

828-685-0110

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

Etowah Branch

101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729

828-891-6577

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

Fletcher Branch

120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732

828-687-1218

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

Green River Branch

50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790

828-697-4969

Tue 9am-3pm Thu 12-6pm

Mills River Branch

124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759

828-890-1850

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



Susie Salazar is our new Fletcher Branch Manager. Susie was born in Costa Rica but called South Florida home for over 25 years. She fell in love with Hendersonville last summer during a visit and knew she wanted to relocate here once the opportunity came. Susie volunteered in her school libraries during middle and high school. She has most recently worked in the public school system as an Activities Director for a large high school, coordinating programs and events for the students, staff, community and school district members.

Susie is looking forward to getting to know the community and sharing the love she has for libraries and reading.

Daniel Hay, Circulation Manager

Daniel Hay is enthusiastic to be our new Circulation Manager at the Main Library. In 2019, Daniel, his wife, cat, and two dogs said *adiós* to New Mexico and moved to Hendersonville to be closer to family. Even when it's raining, he enjoys hiking around on the lookout for bears.

Most of his 20 years' library experience is in circulation and reference, but he also has a background in cataloging and a master's degree in Library Science.

Daniel looks forward to being a part of the Henderson County Public Library and is already impressed by the library's positive community relationship.



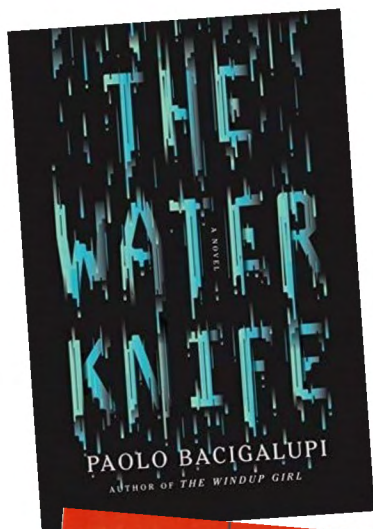
Every three years NCLIVE’s Librarian’s Council makes resource selections for the upcoming cycle. In October they announced selections for the 2021-23 cycle. There were relatively few changes this cycle but it does include two resources popular with library users. These two are the Testing and Education Reference Center, which will be replaced by **Learning Express Library** and Mango which will be replaced by **Transparent Languages**.

In making these selections, NCLIVE staff use a variety of criteria including price, use by patrons, accessibility and quality of content to name a few. Check the library’s online calendar in January for virtual classes.

Changes will go into effect January 1, 2021. These resources can be accessed from any device with an internet connection using your Henderson County Public Library Card. Visit the Research tab at www.hendersoncountync.gov/library.

- **Mark Burdette**, *Reference & Special Collections Librarian*

See the full list of additions, subtractions and renewals here:
<https://www.nclive.org/2021-2023-resource-updates>



“WATERSHED MOMENTS”

“Watershed Moments” is a two year initiative administered by North Carolina Humanities, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This initiative explores our relationships with the environment through a variety of programs.

As part of this program Henderson County Public Library is encouraging our community to participate in the **Statewide Read** that will feature the books *The Water Knife* by Paolo Bacigalupi for adults, and *Dry* by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman for teens. The goal of the Statewide Read is to foster meaningful conversations to help North Carolinians better understand important issues and become more critical consumers of media.

“Watershed Moments” is a two year, multi-program initiative created by North Carolina Humanities, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the North Carolina Humanities.



LEARN MORE AT
www.nchumanities.org

 Check the program insert or the
 Library’s online calendar for
 book discussion dates and
 registration information.



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

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.

First up, we have several outstanding story collections to share. [The Secret Lives of Church Ladies](#) by Deesha Philyaw collects nine stories about Southern Black women and has been nominated for the 2020 National Book Award. [You Want More: Selected Stories of George Singleton](#) collects 30 stories spanning a career depicting the South in both popular and literary publications. A novel in stories unravels from a drug overdose in small town North Carolina in [Lord the One You Love is Sick](#) by Kasey Thonton.

We have continuing fiction series like the Scottish Southern romance crossover [A Highlander is Coming to Town](#) by Laura Trentham. For clean romance set in our area, try a pair of novels in Debbie Mason's Highland Falls series, [Summer on Honeysuckle Ridge](#) and [Christmas on Reindeer Road](#). In a follow up to *The Lemonade Year* by Asheville author Amy Willoughby-Burle, life presents tough choices for working mothers in [The Year of Thorns and Honey](#). For something more suspenseful, try either of Sara L. Foust's Smoky Mountain mysteries, [The Vanishing of Olivia Beck](#) and [The Kidnapping of Cody Moss](#).

In a tragedy told from multiple perspectives, a town reckons with a fire that killed 2 dozen people in [The Ancient Hours](#) by Michael Bible. In [The Right Kind of Fool](#) by Sarah Loudin Thomas, a deaf boy discovers a dead body in a tale that will appeal to readers of Christian fiction and historical mysteries. For a light and cozy mystery try [On Borrowed Crime](#) by Kate Young, which looks at how the leader of the local book club became a murder victim.

For historical novels that weave in elements of fantasy, try the feminist fairy tale [The Once and Future Witches](#) by Kentucky author Alix E. Harrow, or [Daughters of the Wild](#) by Nataalka Burian for a supernatural story about a West Virginia farm family. If you enjoyed the blend of horror and history found in Matt Ruff's *Lovecraft Country* that became the HBO series, resistance fighters battle the Klan in [Ring Shout](#) by P. Djèlí Clark. My picks for two exciting local titles would be [How Fire Runs](#) by Charles Dodd White, a contemporary thriller about white nationalists getting into East Tennessee politics, and a novel about the Shelton Laurel Massacre of 1863 by Vicki Lane titled [And the Crows Took Their Eyes](#).

We have nonfiction titles beginning with Rick Bragg's magazine and travel essays in [Where I Come From: Stories from the Deep South](#), and the literary collection [A Measure of Belonging: Twenty-one Writers of Color on the New American South](#) from Spartanburg's Hub City Press. A memoir by journalist Connor Towne O'Neill called [Down Along With That Devil's Bones: a Reckoning with Monuments, Memory, and the Legacy of White Supremacy](#) is about much more than Confederate monuments, while Asheville author Denise Kiernan has a new book about the history of Thanksgiving and traditions of extending gratitude with [We Gather Together: A Nation Divided, a President in Turmoil, and a Historic Campaign to Embrace Gratitude and Grace](#). Speaking of Thanksgiving, North Carolina chef Vivian Howard follows up her popular *Deep Run Roots* cookbook with [This Will Make it Taste Good](#), full of easy and simple ideas for adding flavor to your table.

Thanks for reading!

- Ed Graves, Branch & Collection Coordinator



ETOWAH LIBRARY'S BOOK CHAT

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

Wed., January 13, 2:30pm
Wed., February 17, 2:30pm

Registration via the library's online calendar is required.

The Zoom link will be emailed to you 2 hours prior to the meeting.



Join in by picking up a reading record at any library. Receive a sticker for every 100 books read, a tote bag when you reach 500 books, and a special prize once you reach 1,000 books.

Make reading part of your family's daily routine and help your child grow into a reader!



CONGRATULATIONS

to the following children and their families for completing the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program this year!

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| EZEKIEL T. | MORIAH P. |
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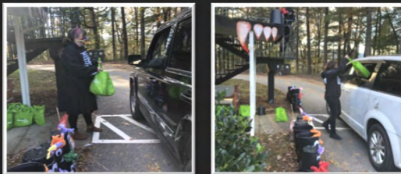
Starting December 7th, pick up a FREE ornament kit!

ORNAMENT TAKE & MAKE



HALLOWEEN FUN!

During October, the library partnered with Fletcher Parks and Recreation and Henderson County Parks and Recreation to be part of two different Halloween events.



We had a great time reaching more than 900 kids through the Trick or Treat Trail and the Dreadful Drive-Thru, which allowed families to safely have a happy Halloween!



Virtual New Year's Eve Programs For Kids!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30
10:00AM

Make Your Own Confetti Popper!

Beginning Dec. 21st, pick up a kit at any open library to create along with us (*while supplies last*)

THURSDAY, DEC. 31
11:30AM

Noon Year's Eve Storytime!

Join us as we ring in 2021 with a special Noon Year's Eve storytime.

2021



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YouTube
Look for the Library playlist on the Henderson County, NC Channel



Online Job Search Assistance and Support for Veterans now Available with your Library Card!



Attention job seekers! You now have access to free support for every step of the job search process with Brainfuse JobNow and your Henderson County Public Library card.

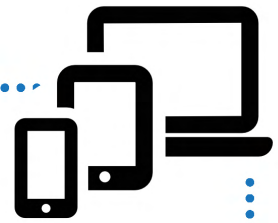
JobNow live online coaches can help with resume and cover letter creation, as well as interview coaching. Coaches are available online every day from 2pm – 11pm. In addition to live help, JobNow offers free access 24/7 to career assessments, job search resources, interview tips, and resume assistance. Adult learners can use the Skill Surfer to find test preparation resources for the GED, US Citizenship test, GRE, GMAT, PRAXIS, ASVAB, and more.



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The Library also offers access to VetNow, a resource geared especially toward Veterans. With VetNow you can connect to a live veteran navigator to learn more about VA benefits and community resources. The VetNow Resume Lab offers help to transition your resume from military to civilian careers.

JobNow and VetNow are available from any device with an Internet connection using your Henderson County Public Library card.



Visit the Research tab at www.hendersoncountync.gov/library. Find Brainfuse under “B” in the Resources A-Z.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY INVITES YOU TO OUR NEW BOOKSTORE

Before the pandemic, the Friends raised about \$100,000 a year to support the library, mostly through two huge book sales. But those book sales had to be cancelled this year. Now funds will come from the proceeds of our new bookstore and online sales.

The store is located in the Friends' building at 1940 Spartanburg Hwy (next to Dollar General) in Hendersonville and is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, noon - 4 p.m. Members of the Friends get a 10 percent discount on all purchases. (You can join at the bookstore). The store follows health guidelines.

Money raised from the bookstore will go to the purchase of books and equipment and sponsorship of programs that benefit all branches of the library system. People can drop off books and other donations at the bookstore when it is open.

- **Richard Labunski**, *FOL Publicity Chair*



The Friends' New Bookstore

THE FRIENDS ALWAYS NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS.
 website: fotl.info e-mail: bookstore@fotl.info phone: [828-513-5115](tel:828-513-5115)

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jean McGrady, Chair		Katie Winkler, Vice-Chair	
Noreen Quinn, Secretary	Susan Manning, FOL President	Rebecca McCall, Commissioner	
Susan Williams	Bill Ramsey	Michael Absher	Celeste Mayes

Thank you to those who have donated:

Baha'is of Henderson County
 Rita Van Zant Delores Brooks
 Elizabeth McCormick & Others
 Readers & Feeders Book Club

- Holiday Hours for the Library:**
- CHRISTMAS** Close at 5pm Tuesday, Dec. 22
 Closed Dec. 23, Dec. 24, & Dec. 25
 - NEW YEAR** Close at 5pm Thursday, Dec. 31
 Closed Friday, January 1
 - MLK JRS BIRTHDAY** Closed Monday, January 18

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.

@hendolibrary
 @HendersonCountyNCGovernment

Stay Connected!

WINTER PROGRAMMING

ALL AGES:

Ornament Take & Make – Starting December 7th

Pick up a kit at the Main Library to make your own holiday ornament! Available for all ages while supplies last.

Love My Library Month – February 2021

Celebrate the Library with us the whole month of February with tons of fun things to do! Keep an eye out for announcements about programs, contests, and other activities. This is our chance to celebrate the library and thank you for your patronage, so don't miss out!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Make Your Own Confetti Popper – Thursday, December 30th @ 10am – YouTube/Facebook + Kit

Pick up kits at all open libraries starting December 21st to create and celebrate the New Year along with us! (*while supplies last*)

Noon Year's Eve Storytime – Thursday, December 31st @ 11:30 am – YouTube/Facebook

Ring in 2021 with a special Noon Year's Eve storytime!

Downtown Storywalk® – February 1st - 26th

Take a walk downtown and discover a new way to engage with one of our favorite seasonal books!

***THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR STORYTIMES OR 4 O'CLOCK CLUB IN DECEMBER. We will resume our regular schedule on January 4th, 2021:**

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am – YouTube/Facebook

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

Weekly Literacy Tip – Tuesdays @ 10am – YouTube/Facebook

Join us for a quick literacy tip every Tuesday to encourage a love of reading in your family.

4 O'Clock Club – Wednesdays @ 4pm – YouTube/Facebook

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

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

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

TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Advisory Board – 1st Thursdays @ 4pm – Zoom

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

"Watershed Moments" Teen Book Discussion – Thursday, January 21st @ 4pm – Zoom

The Library is partnering with the North Carolina Humanities Council to share *Dry* by Neal Shusterman & Jarrod Shusterman with Henderson County teens. **Anyone in 9th - 12th grade can participate. Register for the book discussion online to receive instructions on how to pick up your copy of the book.**

Teen Craft Time: Macrame Rainbow Keychain – February 18th @ 4pm – YouTube/Facebook + Kit

Make a macrame rainbow keychain to decorate your keys, your backpack, your purse... whatever needs some color in your life! **Register to receive instructions on how to pick up your kit.**

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Etowah Book Chat – Wednesday, January 13th & February 17th @2:30pm – Zoom

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

"Watershed Moments" Book Discussion – Thursday, January 28th @2pm – Zoom

The Library is partnering with the North Carolina Humanities Council to share the novel *The Water Knife* by Paolo Bacigalupi with Henderson County. **Register for the book discussion online to receive instructions on how to pick up your copy of the book.**

Check the library's online calendar for more virtual programs/Register for programs: hendersonpl.libcal.com



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



Link emailed 2 hours prior to the program