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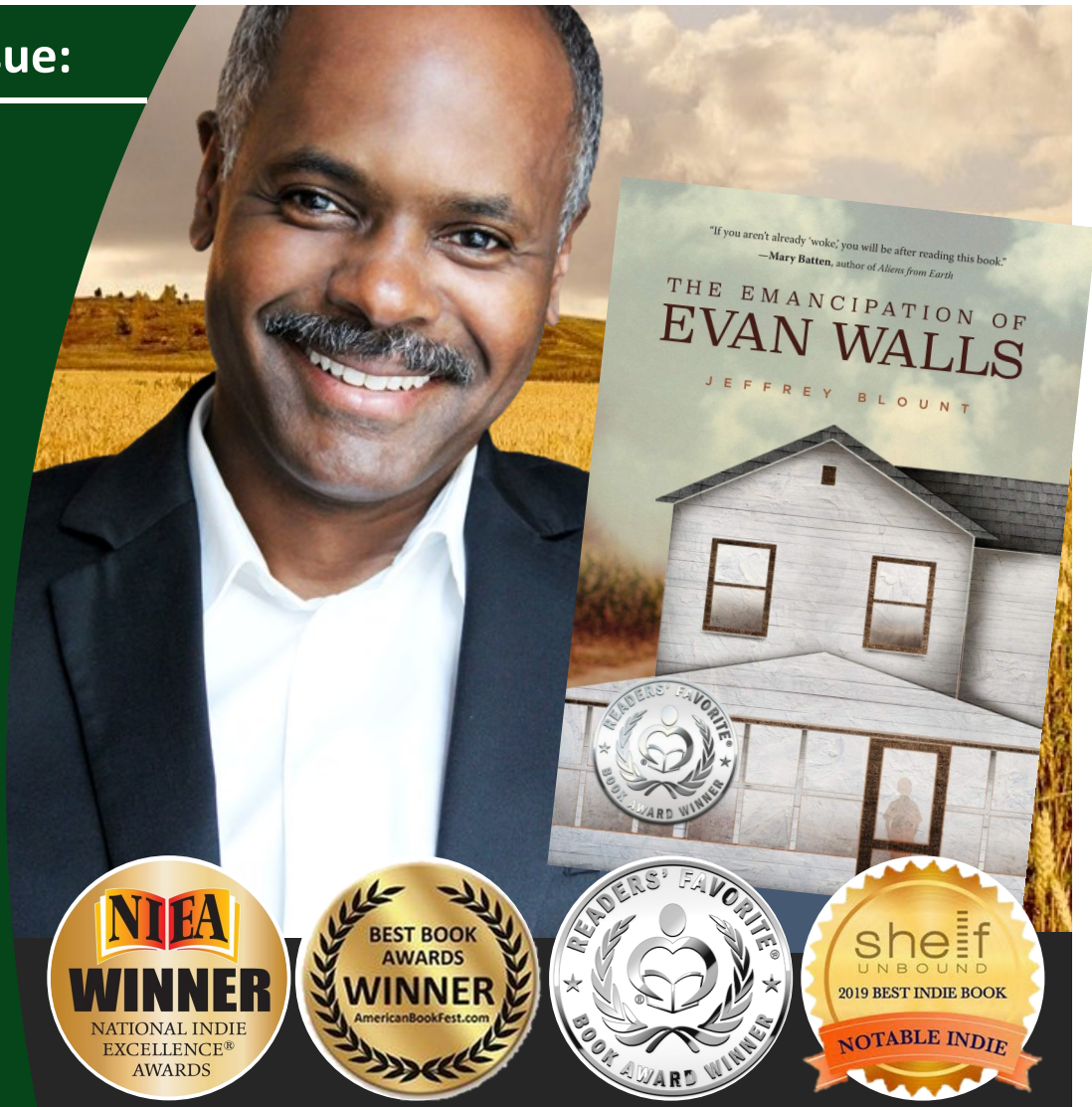

COMMUNITY READ KICKOFF WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

JEFFREY BLOUNT

For more information see page 4.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

WELCOME TO YOUR LIBRARY

The public library belongs to every citizen in the County, yet just 53% of the County population, 61,662 individuals, have library cards. These cardholders saved considerable time and money by checking out and/or accessing an array of library materials and online resources 827,294 times over the past year alone! If you are part of the 47% that do not have a library card, what are you waiting for? Henderson County residents can visit any of our six library locations to get their own library card at no charge. I firmly believe that every single person can find a **FREE** library resource to fulfill a need.

Did you know…

- The library offers thousands of e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, and streaming videos for **FREE**?
- The library offers a variety of computer classes for **FREE**?
- All six public libraries in the County offer **FREE** Wi-Fi and computer use?
- The library offers **FREE** admission passes to local museums and attractions?
- The library offers online language learning, job search, and test prep tools for **FREE**?
- The library offers **FREE** online live tutoring, access to financial, health, and business databases, and more?

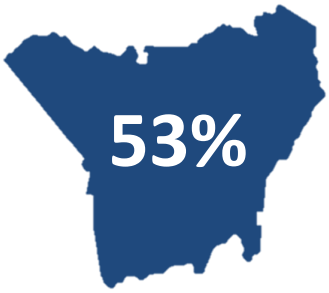
Before you purchase one more e-book, pay for one more subscription, or spend countless hours going in circles on the internet, I encourage you to check out the **FREE** resources available from your library.

Want to learn more about all your library has to offer?

Call 697-4725 to schedule a personal or group tour of the Main Library or check out our website. Library staff are happy to answer questions by phone or in person. We can also come to you- call 697-4725 or email me at trushing@hendersoncountync.gov to schedule a presentation about library services for your next community meeting.

-Trina Rushing, *Library Director*

 # OF BRANCHES ACROSS HENDERSON COUNTY



% OF HENDERSON COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH LIBRARY CARDS

COST OF A LIBRARY CARD FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

SPOT LIGHT ON LIBRARY STAFF

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Main Library
301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739
828-697-4725
Mon-Thu 9am-7pm
Fri & Sat 9am-5pm

Edneyville Branch
2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
828-685-0110
Mon 9am-6pm
Tue & Wed 9am-5pm
Fri 9am-3pm

Etowah Branch
101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729
828-891-6577
Mon 9am-6pm
Tue-Thu 9am-5pm
Fri & Sat 9am-3pm

Fletcher Branch
120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
828-687-1218
Mon 9am-6pm
Tue-Thu 9am-5pm
Fri & Sat 9am-3pm

Green River Branch
50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790
828-697-4969
Mon 9am-6pm
Wed & Thu 9am-5pm
Fri 9am-3pm

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

Leigh Ogus, Circulation Assistant

Leigh is thrilled to join the Main Library Circulation team! She is a military brat, born in North Carolina but mostly raised in Virginia. Leigh returned to her birth state two years ago to be closer to family.

She has her undergraduate degree in history from Virginia Commonwealth University and has previously worked in museums. In her free time, Leigh enjoys hiking, going to museums, and reading of course!

Thank you to all of our auxiliary staff!

Toni Wooten

Juliet Lambert

Mike Pace

Cynthia Biddle

Tom Stark

The library uses the help of an auxiliary staff pool to fill in during regular staff absences and to provide extra help when needed. Our auxiliary library assistants may be called to work at any location during any of our open hours, often with short notice! We appreciate their hard work that helps us provide continued service at all six of our library locations. You may have also seen our driver Tom making library deliveries. Tom visits each library to drop off and pick up many crates of books that have been requested each week.

CONGRATS GRADUATES!

Vanessa & Haley

Congratulations to two library staff members graduating in December!

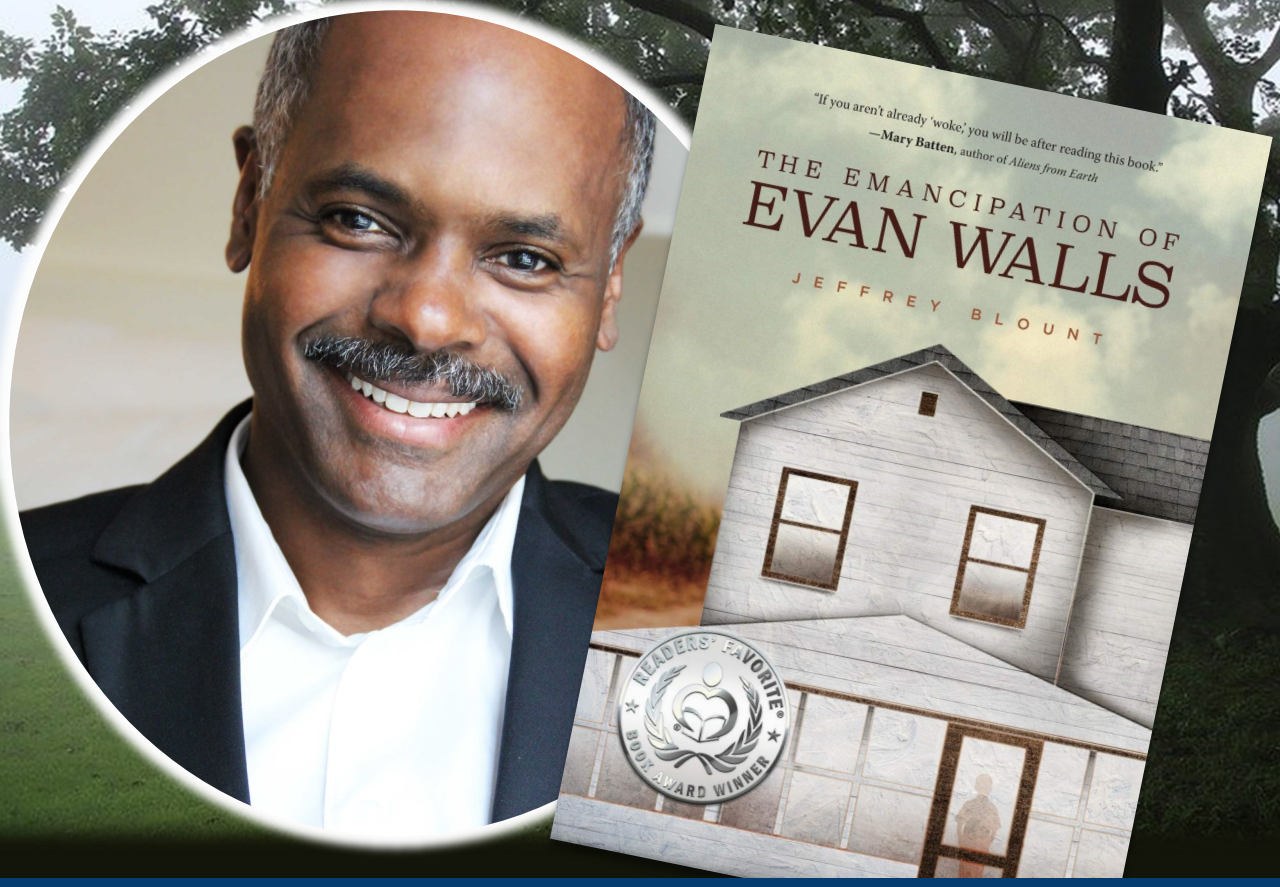
Vanessa Warmingham *(pictured left)* is graduating from the University of South Carolina with a Master of Library and Information Science.

Haley Clarke *(pictured right)* is graduating from North Carolina Central University with a Master of Library Science degree with a concentration in public librarianship.

HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

COMMUNITY READ KICKOFF

WITH AUTHOR JEFFREY BLOUNT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022 2:00PM

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONFERENCE HALL

Jeffrey Blount retired from NBC News in February of 2017. During a 34-year career, he won an Emmy, directed a decade of Meet The Press, The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, The Chris Matthews Show, and major special events.

FREE EVENT ● BOOK SIGNING 1:30-2PM & 3-3:30PM

COPIES OF THE BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, COURTESY OF HIGHLAND BOOKS

BlueRidge COMMUNITY COLLEGE · HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY · FRIENDS of the Henderson County Public LIBRARY · HIGHLAND BOOKS

COPIES ARE AVAILABLE TO CHECK OUT FROM THE LIBRARY AND THE NC DIGITAL LIBRARY!

Look for more information to be announced on community book club meetings and other events

I LOVE My Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
1-5PM, MAIN LIBRARY

'I Love My Library Day' is our chance to thank you for your patronage and welcome new members.

Come join us for some special activities!

BEHIND THE SCENES CIRCULATION TOURS

1PM 1:30PM 2PM 2:30PM

Registrants will meet at the Checkout Desk at their selected tour time. **(Registration Required- Register Online)**

MAKE A BUTTON!

2-2:45PM, Kaplan Auditorium

Drop by to make a button to show your love for the library!

LIBBY APP & NC DIGITAL LIBRARY DEMO

3PM, Kaplan Auditorium

Library staff will demonstrate how to check out e-books, audiobooks, and magazines on your smartphone or tablet with your library card and the Libby app.
(Registration Required- Register Online)

LOVE MY LIBRARY CRAFT (FOUR O'CLOCK CLUB)

4PM, Children's Auditorium

Children, grades K-5, will be able to design a door hanger.

WINTER STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

January – March 22, 2022
Main Library

This winter, artwork by students of Henderson County will be brightening the walls of the Main Library! Art displayed will be in various media and will cover a variety of themes.

Student artwork will be submitted from:

- **Flat Rock Middle School**
- **Rugby Middle School**
- **East Henderson High School**
- **Hendersonville High School**
- **West Henderson High School**

We are excited to begin a new tradition of making space for our local students to shine!

EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to an Open House and Ribbon Cutting at the Edneyville Library on **Thursday, December 16th at 10am**. Come by to see the recent renovations and a new mural created by local artist Stacey Chacon.

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!

HAYDEN A.
ELISE M.
ALEXANDER S.
RUBY F.
AMIR M.
JONATHAN J.
CLYDE KELLY P.

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MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
2PM, KAPLAN AUD.

We will discuss ***The Emancipation of Evan Walls*** by Jeffrey Blount.

REGISTER ONLINE

NEW BOOK CLUB!

SHELF INDULGENCE BOOK CLUB

THIRD THURSDAY @ 10AM
MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

Join us for interesting books, conversation, and coffee!

For info on other book clubs, check out the programing insert or the library's online calendar.

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.

There are a few notable nonfiction titles this time around. Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe have penned a family history of America's wealthiest family in ***Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty***. Essayist Imani Perry takes readers on a multifaceted and personal tour in ***South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation***. A new history of a mountain ghost town is out with Christy A. Smith's ***Lost Cove, North Carolina: Portrait of a Vanished Appalachian Community, 1864-1957***. Janisse Ray's book of essays, ***Wild Spectacle: Seeking Wonders in a World Beyond Humans***, is a jumping off point to see what makes her one of the best nature writers in the Southeast. For true crime that reads like Savannah's acclaimed *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, read about eccentric Louisville in ***A Dark Room in Glitter Ball City: Murder, Secrets, and Scandal in Old Louisville*** by David Domine. For laughs, pick up ***Bring Your Baggage and Don't Pack Light*** by Helen Ellis, humorist and author of *Southern Lady Code*.

For short stories, check out Beth Gilstrap's Carolina storytelling in ***Deadheading and Other Stories***, or stories based on Tennessee folk legends in Andrew Siegrist's ***We Imagined it Was Rain***. Kentucky Poet Laureate Crystal Wilkinson's ***Perfect Black*** combines poetry, memoir, and illustrations portraying her life and work in Southern Appalachia.

Find a new author or genre with any of three first novels. Odie Lindsey's debut, ***Some Go Home***, is a contemporary literary novel about family history in a small Southern town. Grieving the loss of her friend, a woman brings her ashes to her Blue Ridge Mountain home to find a touch of magic and a hint of mystery in ***Wildwood Whispers*** by Willa Reece. In Angel Khoury's ***Between Tides***, a saga of romance and anguish spans two generations and coastlines from the Outer Banks to Cape Cod.

For mountain novels, the historical thriller ***Fate Moreland's Widow*** by John Lane has been republished, about mill barons, labor struggle, and tragedy in the Foothills, and Asheville author Sarah Loudin Thomas has a new Christian novel about a dowser in ***The Finder of Forgotten Things***. In paranormal historical novels, the past comes back to haunt the North Carolina suburbs in local favorite Diane Chamberlain's ***The Last House on the Street***, and ghosts hold the secret to the haunting conclusion of the popular Tradd Street series by Karen White in ***The Attic on Queen Street***.

Perhaps the most buzzed about book is Janet Beard's novel about Appalachian women and their storytelling traditions in ***The Ballad of Laurel Springs***. Suspenseful reads I am looking forward to include a near future dystopian science fiction novel called ***Trashlands*** by Alison Stine, and two thrillers set in remote mountain cabins, ***A Fire in the Night*** by Christopher Swann and ***These Silent Woods*** by Kimi Cunningham Grant.

Thanks for reading!

- Ed Graves, *Branch & Collection Coordinator*

NORTHSTAR
DIGITAL LITERACY ASSESSMENT

Computer skills are essential for daily tasks such as applying for jobs, communicating with friends and family, paying bills, reading the news, and more.

Henderson County Libraries are excited to offer Northstar Digital Literacy Assessments free to library cardholders. Northstar provides free, self-guided assessments on essential computer skills, internet basics, how to use email, Windows, Mac, essential software skills, and using technology in daily life.

Look for more information on the library website about access to Northstar coming in January.

LIBRARY STAFF HAD A BLAST PARTICIPATING IN HALLOWEEN EVENTS THIS OCTOBER!

Thanks to the Friends of the Library and other community partners we were able to hand out candy and library information to **over 6,000 children!**

TREAT STREET *(pictured above)*
It was a chilly evening on October 31st, in downtown Hendersonville, where an estimated 15,000 people came out for Treat Street. The library gave out candy, bookmarks and flyers advertising upcoming events.

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL *(pictured right)*
The Trick or Treat Trail was held on October 23rd at Bill Moore Community Park in Fletcher. It was a beautiful day and over 700 folks attended. We saw some spectacular costumes!

OverDrive
APP GOING AWAY

The OverDrive company will be phasing out the OverDrive reading app in 2022. **As of February 2022, the OverDrive app will no longer be available to download.** If you are currently using the OverDrive app, you will be able to continue using it, however, it will eventually be phased out and the Libby app will be the only option. We know many of you enjoy checking out e-books, audiobooks, and magazines from the North Carolina Digital Library using the OverDrive or Libby app. If you are currently using Libby, you will be able to continue doing so with no interruption. Please note the Libby app is currently not available for Kindle devices. Kindle Fire users can access the digital library from ncdigital.overdrive.com in their internet browser. If you are using a Kindle e-reader, you can check out digital titles on a computer, smartphone, or tablet, then send the title to your e-reader.

Find the Libby app wherever you get apps for your tablet or smartphone or visit the Downloadables tab on the library website. ***Questions?* Call us at 697-4725, option 3.**

We will be hosting a Libby demonstration at our Love My Library Day at the Main Library on Wed., February 16th at 3pm. Visit hendersonpl.libcal.com and navigate to February 16th to register for this free session, or call 697-4725, option 3.

Libby

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WELCOMES LIBRARY STAFF

We were delighted to welcome 45 staff members of the Henderson County Public Library who visited our bookstore on Oct. 11. For many of them, it was the first time they had seen the huge store which has now been open more than a year.

The Friends provide financial support to the library system. We raise money through sales at our bookstore, branch libraries, and online. The money helps the library purchase books and other materials, and sponsor programs.

Our bookstore is at 1940 Spartanburg Hwy (next to Dollar General) in HVL and 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 bookstore regularly has special sales, including a half-price table at the front of the store. Please visit often and become a member of the Friends.

- Richard Labunski, *FOL Publicity Chair*

Library staff at the FOL Bookstore

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOL BOOKSTORE:

website: fotl.info e mail: bookstore@fotl.info phone: 828-513-5115

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jean McGrady, *Chair* **Katie Winkler**, *Vice-Chair*

Noreen Quinn, *Secretary* **Carla Thompson**, *FOL President* **Rebecca McCall**, *Commissioner*

Susan Williams **Bill Ramsey** **Michael Absher** **Celeste Mayes**

Thank you to those who have donated:

The Bowen Family

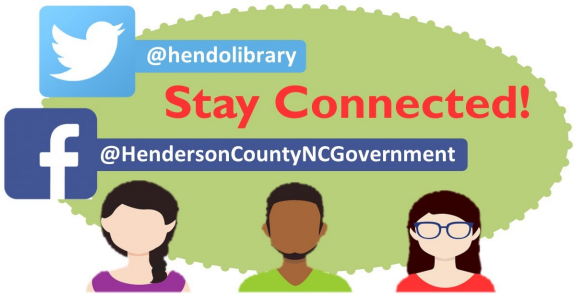
DONATING FUNDS TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR THE LIBRARY IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO IMPACT YOUR COMMUNITY.

The name of any individual receiving an aggregate of $500 in memorial gifts will be added to a plaque in the Main Library. In addition, the name of any individual who donated $500 or more to the library will be added to a plaque at Main.

Visit our website (click the 'About Your Library' tab) or call 828-697-4725, option 3 for more details.

Holiday Hours for the Library:

CHRISTMAS	**Close at 5pm Wed., Dec. 22** **Closed Dec. 23, Dec. 24, & Dec. 25**
NEW YEAR	**Closed Fri., Dec. 31 & Sat., Jan. 1**
MLK JRS BIRTHDAY	**Closed Monday, January 17**



WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

There will be NO regular Storytimes or Four O Clock Clubs after Dec. 2nd. We will resume our regular schedule in January.

STORYTIMES (JANUARY - MARCH):

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: *If Henderson County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no storytime programs. If schools are on a delayed start schedule, programs at Main will continue but Branch programs will be canceled.*

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.)**

Music and Movement (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:

Four O'Clock Club (grades K-5) – **Wednesdays @ 4pm (January-March) (Main Library, Children's Aud.)**

***PAWS for Reading** – **Sat., Dec. 11, Jan. 8, & Feb. 12 (Main Library, Children's Aud.)**
Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a therapy dog by calling the Main Library at 697-4725, option 5

Holidays Around the World with Bright Star Theatre – **Wednesday, December 8 @ 4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Gift Wrapping Decorating (All Ages) – **Thursday, December 9, Drop in 4-6pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Family Tech Tuesdays for Grades K-12 – **Tue., Jan. 4 & Feb. 1 @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab)**

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) – **Tuesday, January 18 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)**

Love My Library Day: Design a Door Hanger – **Wed., February 16 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)** *Four O'Clock Club*

TEEN PROGRAMS:

Teen Advisory Board – **Thursdays @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab):**

Gift Wrapping Decorating (All Ages) – **Thursday, December 9, Drop in 4-6pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Family Tech Tuesdays for Grades K-12 – **Tue., Jan. 4 & Feb. 1 @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab)**

Teen Craft Time – **Thu., January 13 & February 10 @ 4pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)**

Teen Book Club: *We Are Okay* by Nina LaCour – **Thursday, January 20 @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab)**

Teen Anime Club – **Thu., January 27 & February 17 @ 4pm (Main Library, Learning Lab)**

Love My Library Day – **Wednesday, February 16 (Main Library, 1-5pm)** ***See newsletter and online calendar for activities***

ADULT PROGRAMS:

***Apple Interest Group** – **First Tuesday @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Movie Matinee: *Dolly Parton's Christmas of Many Colors: Circle of Love – **Thu., Dec. 2 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Gift Wrapping Decorating (All Ages) – **Thursday, December 9, Drop in 4-6pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Movie Matinee: *Title TBD – **Thu., January 6 & February 3 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Goodwill Career Center – **Wednesday, January 12, Drop in 12-4pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Hands on Heart Craft for Adults** – **Tuesday, January 25 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Author Jeffrey Blount – **Saturday, February 5 @ 2pm (Blue Ridge Community College Conference Hall)**

***Overcoming Communication Barriers (VAYA)** – **Tuesday, February 8 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Page Turners Book Club** – **Thursday, February 10 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Become a Library Power User** – **Tuesday, February 15 @ 10am (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

Love My Library Day – **Wednesday, February 16 (Main Library, 1-5pm)** ***See newsletter and online calendar for activities***

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

COMPUTER CLASSES @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

Registration Required: Call 697-4725, option 3 or stop by the Service Desk to register.

***What's Up With MS Windows? – Thursday, December 16 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Create an Email Account with Gmail – Thursday, January 13 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Excel I – Thursday, January 20 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Excel II – Thursday, January 27 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Learn the Libby App for Digital Downloads from the Library – Thursday, February 17 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

***Create an Email Account with Gmail – Thursday, February 24 @ 2pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)**

WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

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EDNEYVILLE:

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (January-March)

Florence Miner Women's Book Review Group – Fri., Dec. 10, Jan. 7, & Feb. 4 @ 1pm (Adults)

ETOWAH:

Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (January-March)

In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)

***Etowah Book Club – Third Wednesday @ 2:30pm (Adults) (Register via the library's online calendar)**

FLETCHER:

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10:30am (January-March)

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

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

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

GREEN RIVER:

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (January-March)

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

Craft Club – Mon., Dec. 20, Jan. 24, & Feb. 21; Drop in 9am-5:30pm (Children & Teens)

Christmas Party & Crafts – Monday, December 20; Drop in 9am-5:30pm (All Ages)

Valentine's Day Bash – Monday, February 14; Drop in 9am-5:30pm (All Ages)

MILLS RIVER:

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (January-March)

Pilates Mat Exercise – Tuesdays @ 10am (Adults)

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

Lego Club – First Wednesday @ 3:30pm (Starting in January) (Children)

Shelf Indulgence Book Club – Third Thursday @ 10am (Adults)

Card Making Fun With Gail – Wednesday, January 12 @ 10:30am (Adults)

Radical Raptors (Chimney Rock) – Tuesday, January 18 @ 10:30am (Grades K-8)