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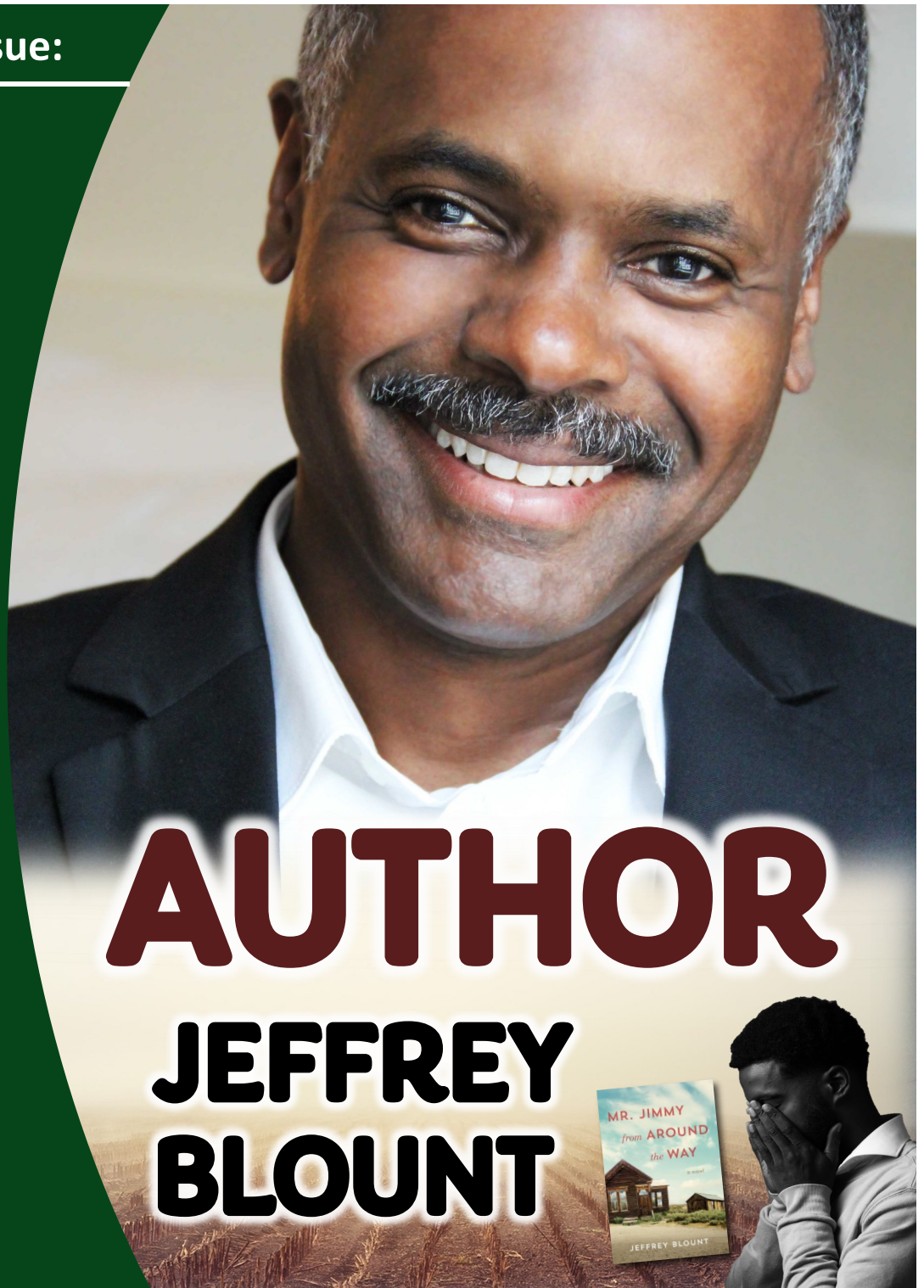
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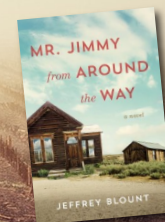
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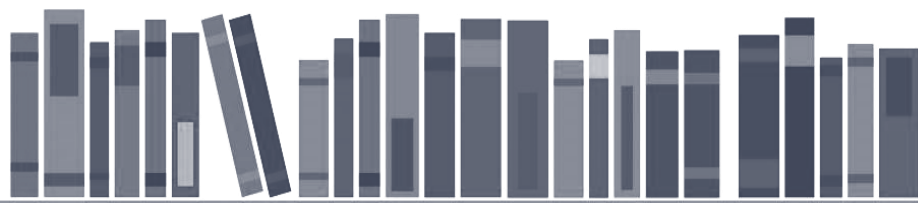
AUTHOR

JEFFREY BLOUNT



www.hendersoncountync.gov/library

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF



HELP WANTED: BAKER-BARBER PORTRAIT IDENTIFICATION

The physical Baker-Barber Photo Collection contains over 60,000 glass plate negatives, acetate negatives, and photographic prints depicting people, places, and events in and around Henderson County from 1884 to the mid-1990s. The Library's goal is to digitize, identify, and catalog all images in this collection over the next few years, making them fully viewable and searchable by the public. In order to meet this goal, the Library needs the community's help identifying individuals and families depicted in these images. In an effort to expedite identification, the unidentified portraits are being uploaded to the Baker-Barber website making them viewable by the public.

To access these unidentified images, go to the Baker-Barber website:

<https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/baker-barber-collection>

Click on 'search collection', and then click on the 'uncataloged browse only' button. This browsable collection currently contains over 25,000 images, with more images being added in the coming weeks.

Should you recognize an individual or family simply click on the 'feedback' button in the top right corner, provide as much detail as possible, and click 'submit'.



This information will guide library staff in accurately cataloging the remaining images, thus making them fully searchable by the public.

Your assistance with unlocking the stories behind these images will allow us to share this community's rich past for generations to come.

- Trina Rushing, Library Director



LOVE MY LIBRARY

FEB 15

3:30-5:30PM

MAIN LIBRARY

Our annual Love My Library Day event is a chance for us to say thank you to library users, demonstrate library resources and services, and welcome new library card holders.

Stop by the Main Library anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 on February 15th for information tables, demonstrations, library tours, and a chance to win a prize drawing. We will also be reusing old books to make beautiful magnets— a craft that is open to all ages.

Everyone is welcome!

SPOTLIGHT 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

Closed for lunch 12-1pm daily

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

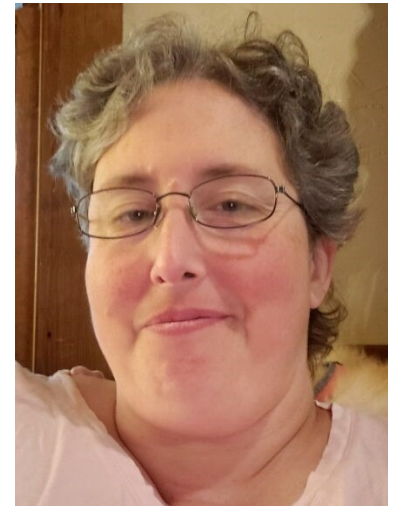
124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759

828-890-1850

Mon 9am-6pm
Tue-Thu 9am-5pm
Fri 9am-3pm

Elizabeth Lee, Youth Services Librarian

Elizabeth is happy to join the Youth Services staff at the Main Library. She has known since she was a child that she wanted to work in a library. She joins us from Appalachian Regional library where she worked thirteen years as the Children's Librarian. Elizabeth has experience working with children from a variety of backgrounds and levels of ability. She looks forward to meeting and getting to know the families of Henderson County. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys spending time with her cats, reading as many books as possible, and crafting for others.



Cameron Barlow, Etowah Branch Manager

Cameron recently moved back from Newfoundland, Canada, where he completed a masters in Folklore. Cameron enjoys photography, specifically taking note of small and overlooked things like pigeons and spider webs. He is currently working on a children's book about a chipmunk named Philip who likes to take his time to do things and learns the value of slowness. Cameron looks forward to getting to know the folks of Etowah and making the library a home away from home for everyone there.

Maggie Gardner, Branch Library Assistant

Maggie is excited to be joining the teams at the Mills River and Etowah branches. A native of Cincinnati, she moved to Western North Carolina in October of 2023. She worked previously as a nurse in various roles and enjoys continuing to be of service to patrons and her community. Maggie spends her time practicing the violin and is also an avid hiker, having thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2019 with her husband, Alex. She has a cat, Lilly, and a dog, Banksy. Her favorite reading genre is Sci-Fi.



2023 AGING IN PLACE CONFERENCE



Each fall, library outreach staff attend the Aging Projects, Inc. Aging in Place Conference held at Blue Ridge Community College. Staff share information with attendees on the library Homebound Delivery Service, Digital Library Information, and other library programs and services. This year at the conference, one of our long-time volunteers was honored with the Aging Projects, Inc. Volunteer of the Year Award.

Lucy Baines has been volunteering with the Henderson County Library Homebound Outreach program for the past 10 years. Driven by fond childhood memories of the Henderson County Bookmobile, Lucy delivers books and other library materials to nearly 20 patrons each month. In addition to deliveries, Lucy provides valuable help with many behind the scenes tasks that keep our outreach deliveries moving.

Homebound Outreach is a free program available to any Henderson County resident who has a medical reason that prevents them from visiting the library. Participants in the program are eligible to receive free monthly delivery of any library materials. The Henderson County Public Library's Homebound Outreach program was developed in the 1980s to serve patrons previously served by the Bookmobile that operated between 1951-1977. From a handful of patrons, this program has now grown to serve hundreds in nursing homes, residential facilities, and private residences. For more information about the Homebound Outreach Program, call the Main Library at 828-697-4725.



PISGAH
LEGAL SERVICES

HEALTHY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

Learn how Pisgah Legal Services can help you:

- ◆ Enroll in the healthcare marketplace
- ◆ Determine expanded Medicaid eligibility
- ◆ Assist in tax preparation

DEC 12 | 5:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY





DEFEND YOURSELF ONLINE

DEC 8 | 11AM | MAIN LIBRARY

Just in time for the holiday season, IT faculty from Blue Ridge Community College will come give a lecture on what you need to know to stay secure in a cyber world.



MAIN LIBRARY

GETTING STARTED ON THE COMPUTER

JANUARY 23 | 2-3:30PM

FEBRUARY 28 | 11AM-12:30PM

Are you starting your computer learning journey from the beginning? Sign up for Getting Started on the Computer.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register online: hendersonpl.libcal.com

Or Call 828-697-4725, option 3

SELF-PACED COMPUTER LEARNING WITH NORTHSTAR

DEC 12, JAN 16, JAN 25, FEB 13,

FEB 22, MAR 12, & MAR 21 | 2-4PM

Looking to improve your computer skills? Join us for this free digital literacy program! Courses can be completed at home on your own time, or during the library sessions listed above. Topics include essential computer skills, essential software skills, and using technology in your daily life. Learners can also have their assessments proctored to receive a certificate that can be put on resumes or shown to an employer.



- ✓ Help creating a resume
- ✓ Help filling out an online job application
- ✓ Help getting started with your job search
- ✓ Interview practice



Drop In

to get help from a Career Connections Coordinator!



HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WEDNESDAYS
10AM—1PM
FLETCHER LIBRARY

FRIDAYS
10AM—1PM
MAIN LIBRARY



CLINICS

RESUMES

JAN 22
4-5PM
ETOWAH

JAN 29
4-5PM
EDNEYVILLE



COVER LETTERS

FEB 12
4-5PM
EDNEYVILLE

FEB 26
4-5PM
ETOWAH



*** REGISTER ONLINE: HENDERSONPL.LIBCAL.COM ***



BECOME A LIBRARY POWER USER!

JAN 30 | 2PM | MAIN LIBRARY

Register online: hendersonpl.libcal.com



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.

2024 FOL OFFICERS

MILTON BUTTERWORTH
President

BRAD THOMPSON
Vice President

JANE BAIRD
Treasurer

JESSICA BROWN
Secretary

BILL RAMSEY
Past FOL President

BECOME A FRIEND

New members are always welcome and we invite you to join today!

Members receive a 10% discount on purchases at the Bookstore.

Membership costs are:
Individual – \$10 per year
Family – \$15 per year

The Friends of The Henderson County Public Library is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, so your membership and donations are tax-deductible.

You can join the Friends of the Library at the bookstore during normal hours.

Questions? Email the FOL at membership@friendsofthehcpl.org

WEBSITE
fotl.info

DEAR FOL MEMBERS & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Members are important to our organization. You need to know that we appreciate you.

Bookstore Purchases: We offer a member discount of 10% on all purchased items to demonstrate that appreciation. Members visit the store often. Your purchases provide funds needed for our support of the Henderson County Public Library. Annual membership is \$10 or \$15 for the entire family. See Store Manager Heather at check-out to apply or renew.

Here is a list of the less obvious things our members help us to achieve:

Public Relations: Members spread the word about our FOL bookstore. New customers and potentially new members often result. We don't need to buy advertising.

Volunteers: Our store operation requires 75 volunteers. When volunteers relocate or age out, we occasionally need fresh talent. Members are a rich source of that talent.

Team Spirit Building: Our members cheer us on. Members' smiles and positive comments when visiting the store are important reinforcement for our volunteers.

Suggestions and Ideas: Members are our best source of input as to how we can make the organization more successful. Members seem to have an "owner's" perspective.

Visible Support of our Public Library: Having hundreds of FOL members is proof of community support when our library presents its annual county budget request or seeks important grants.

When becoming a member or renewing your annual membership before its expiration date, know that in doing so you help in many important ways. We sincerely thank you!



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

▶ PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY FOL

Last quarter, the Friends supported programs for children, teens, and adults at each library location. They also provided funds for books for the library collection.

▶ NEW FOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Friends of the Library is to provide funding to the Henderson County Library System to help it achieve key objectives. The FOL joins the Library in seeking to have a positive impact on literacy in our community through our Bookstore operation.

▶ INTRODUCING THE PERFECT GIFT CARD FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Gift Cards in \$10 and \$25 denominations can be purchased at the Friends Bookstore.

Perfect gifts for children who use a gift card to make book purchases in our extensive children and young reader section. Youngsters love (seem to prefer) picking their own books.



Perfect gifts for adults who crave affordable books, puzzles, sheet music, CDs & DVDs.

▶ FOL BOOKSTORE TO TAKE HOLIDAY BREAK

Our Bookstore will be closed between Christmas and New Years. Closures will be on December 26, 28, and 30. We will enthusiastically return to full operation on January 2nd.

Over seventy volunteers are required to operate our bookstore. Most serve several hours every week. The last week of the year is an important time to focus on our families. We thank you for understanding.

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 ◀

Thank you for your donations to the Bookstore! Donations are accepted at the FOL Bookstore during regular hours of operation.

We accept the following items:

- Hardcover Fiction & Nonfiction
- Paperback Fiction
- Cookbooks
- Leather bound books
- Oversized books
- Religious books
- Dictionaries & Reference books
- Foreign language books
- Children's books
- Young Adult books
- Large Print books
- Travel, Computer, or Medical books less than 5 years old
- Classics
- DVDs
- Book Sets (except encyclopedias)
- Rare, Antiquarian books

We DO NOT accept:

- Dirty or damaged books
- Books with broken spines
- Encyclopedias
- Magazines
- Albums, VHS, or Cassette Tapes

Movie Matinees @ Main

FIRST THURSDAY AT 2PM | KAPLAN AUD.



BARBIE

December 7, 2pm
PG-13 | 116 Minutes

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3

January 4, 2pm
PG-13 | 91 Minutes

INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY

February 1, 2pm
PG-13 | 142 Minutes



Patrons with hearing devices equipped with a telecoil (t-coil) can use the Kaplan's Hearing Loop to take advantage of the full experience. *Those without a t-coil can borrow a listening device for FREE.*

CLOSED CAPTIONS OR SDH (SUBTITLES FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING) WILL BE TURNED ON WHEN AVAILABLE.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE DVD COLLECTION

During the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, Henderson County library patrons borrowed DVDs nearly 80,000 times. Our DVD collection includes new and popular feature films, documentaries, television shows, and educational programs available for checkout. While today's marketplace labels DVD technology "old", it is easy to use and does not require special equipment and a monthly internet plan to use.

The library's collection contains titles that may not be available on streaming products or at rental kiosks. With subscription services continuously changing their content and service models, the library remains a source of reliable content. Additionally, patrons may borrow DVDs from other NC Cardinal Libraries, increasing the number of potential titles by thousands. Check out up to 10 DVDs at a time for a three-week period. Create a film festival at home, host a family movie night, or binge-watch a favorite television series.

- Sarah Hudson, AV & Programming Librarian



SEE NEW TITLES COMING IN THE WEEKLY WOWBRARY NEWSLETTER!

Wowbrary
The Newest Stuff at Your Library

Wowbrary can be viewed on the library website through the Reader Resources [page](#). You can also sign up to receive new issues of Wowbrary by email. **Ask any staff member for more details.**



ART EXHIBITS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

ART LEAGUE EXHIBIT “Let the Light Shine Through” JANUARY—MARCH 2024

What comes to mind when you look at Monet’s misty morning on the River Seine paintings? Or when you read the words of Charles Dickens in Great Expectations, “It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade?”

This exhibit will highlight the contrast between light and shadows, light and colors.

THIRD ANNUAL WINTER STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

JANUARY—MARCH 18, 2024



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

Student artwork submissions are from: East Henderson High School, Hendersonville High School, Hendersonville Middle School, and West Henderson High School.

We are excited to continue this tradition of making space for our local students to shine!



We are so proud of our new graduates of the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program!

Reading to your child when they are young stimulates the part of the brain that allows them to understand the meaning of language and helps build key language, literacy, and social skills. These skills are critical to Kindergarten success.

If you have a child who is not yet in Kindergarten, please consider participating in this vital program. It WILL make a difference! Pick up a 1,000 Books reading record at any Henderson County Library to get started today.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN WHO READ 1,000 BOOKS THIS YEAR!

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|-----------|-----------|
| Aurelia S | Jaxon W |
| Chloe P | Lacey C |
| Eliana B | Matthew C |
| Elliana N | McKay W |
| Georgia P | Mia H |
| Henry T | Scarlet M |



ADULTING 101 HOW TO WRAP GIFTS

Teens and adults are invited to get in the holiday spirit as we learn a few techniques for wrapping gifts in the Kaplan Auditorium!

DEC 13 | 5:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY

INDULGENCE BOOK CLUB

FIRST TUESDAY @ 10AM
MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

REGISTER ONLINE

December 5– *A Christmas Carol*
by Charles Dickens

January 2– *Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times* by Katherine May

February 6– *The Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis



Historical Fiction
BOOK CLUB

SECOND TUESDAY @ 2PM
ETOWAH LIBRARY

REGISTER ONLINE

December 12– *I was Anastasia*
by Ariel Lawhon

January 9– *Orphan Train*
by Christina Baker Kline

February 13– *The Holy Ghost Speakeasy and Revival*
by Terry Roberts



Check 'Em Out
FLETCHER LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

SECOND MONDAY @ 11AM
FLETCHER LIBRARY

REGISTER BY CALLING 687-1218

December 11– *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn

January 8– *The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett*
by Annie Lyons

February 12– *The Housemaid's Secret* by Freida McFadden

Page Turners

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

2PM, KAPLAN AUDITORIUM

REGISTER ONLINE

December 14– *The Trackers*
by Charles Frazier

February 8– *The Last Ballad*
by Wiley Cash

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.

The Girl from the Red Rose Motel by South Carolina author Susan Zurenda tackles issues of homelessness and poverty from the perspective of a homeless high school student who becomes friends with a student from a wealthy family. This novel was inspired by the author's time as a high school teacher.

The Big Game is Every Night from South Carolina author Robert Maynor is a powerful coming of age story featuring a teenage football player whose life begins to unravel after he breaks his leg during a game.

Local author Robert Morgan has recently published a new biography of Edgar Allen Poe titled *Fallen Angel: The Life of Edgar Allen Poe*. *Fallen Angel* focuses on how Poe's personal relationships influenced his life and art.

If you're looking for a fun holiday romance, check out *Bright Lights Big Christmas* by Mary Kay Andrews. After losing her job the main character finds new friends and family in New York as she sells trees from her family's North Carolina Christmas tree farm in Greenwich Village.

Dangerous Women by North Carolina author Mark de Castrique is the second book in the Secret Lives mystery series featuring retired FBI agent turned boardinghouse landlady Ethel Fiona Crestwater and her double first cousin twice removed sidekick.

A New York Times Bestseller and Oprah's Book Club Pick, Jesmyn Ward's *Let Us Descend* blends historical fiction and magical realism as it follows a young, enslaved woman in the south who is separated from family and must survive on her own.

Donna Everhart's newest historical fiction title, *When the Jessamine Grows* is centered on a rural North Carolina family who is challenged when they try to remain neutral during a time of impending Civil War.

Kinfolk by Sean Dietrich is a southern historical fiction novel about family, second chances, and country music.

Homeward by Angela Jackson-Brown is set in 1962 Georgia and features a young woman who loses her husband then becomes active in the Civil Rights Movement through the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

The American Queen by Vanessa Miller is a fictional story set in the real place in Henderson County known as the Kingdom of the Happy Land where a group of former slaves started a new community. Miller will speak at the Main Library on February 6th at 5:30pm.

Western North Carolina author Alan Gratz will speak at the Main Library on January 16th at 5:30pm. His latest historical fiction novel for young readers, *Heroes: A Novel of Pearl Harbor*, will be released in early February.

Happy Reading!

- Lisa Donaldson,
Assistant Director and Marketing Librarian





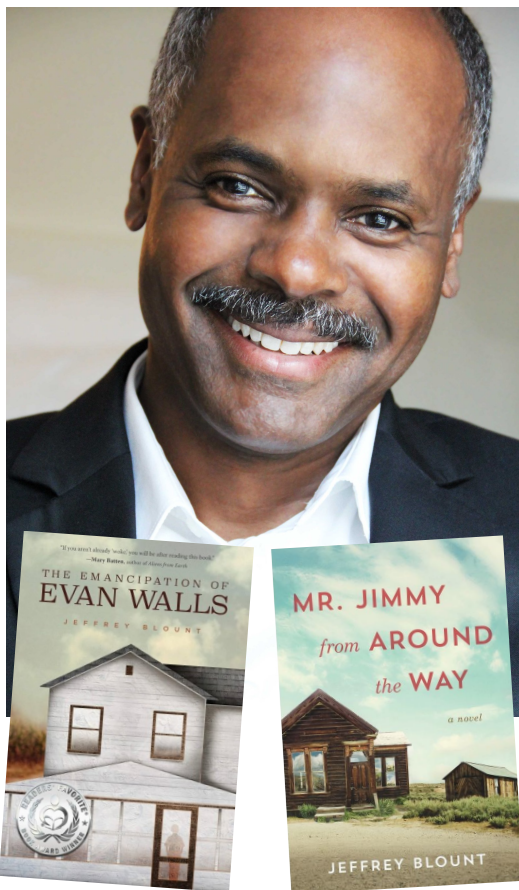
AUTHOR ALAN GRATZ

JAN 16 | 5:30PM | MAIN LIBRARY KAPLAN AUD.

Alan Gratz is the bestselling author of nineteen novels and graphic novels for young readers. His 2017 novel *Refugee* has spent more than four years on the *New York Times* bestseller list and is the winner of 14 state awards. Alan's 2022 novel *Two Degrees* and his 2021 novel *Ground Zero* were both instant #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, and were also *ABA Indie*, *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestsellers. His 2019 novel *Allies* debuted at #2 on the *New York Times* bestseller list and received four starred reviews, and 2018's *Grenade* debuted at #3.

Join us as we host an evening with Alan Gratz at the Main Library on January 16th at 5:30pm. Gratz will speak about books, writing, and his upcoming novel *Heroes*, set in Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941.

Register for this free event through the online event calendar, by phone, or in person at any Henderson County Library. A selection of Alan's titles will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of Highland Books.



AUTHOR JEFFREY BLOUNT

JAN 20 | 2PM | BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Award winning author Jeffrey Blount will speak about his upcoming book, *Mr. Jimmy from Around the Way* at the Blue Ridge Community College Conference Hall on Saturday, January 20th at 2:00pm.

Registration is required for this free program sponsored the Friends of the Library. The first 50 who register and attend the program will receive a free copy of the book at the event. Additional copies of the book will be available for sale at the event, courtesy of Highland Books. The author will sign books before and after speaking, starting at 1:30pm.

Jeffrey Blount is the author of four novels. His last book, *The Emancipation of Evan Walls*, was the winner of the 2020 National Indie Excellence Award for African American fiction. Blount is also an Emmy award winning television director. During a 34-year career at NBC News, he directed Meet the Press, The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, and major special events.

Mr. Jimmy from Around the Way is a moving account of a billionaire who falls from grace and finds salvation in helping an impoverished community come to life. Set in Washington, DC and the fictitious town of Ham, Mississippi, this important novel depicts crippling failure, self-discovery, empowerment, and the complicated possibilities of redemption.

MARTHA HUGGINS RETIRES AFTER 26+ YEARS WITH THE LIBRARY



After 26 years with Henderson County Libraries, Martha Huggins will be retiring at the end of December. Martha started her career as a substitute with the library system, but soon after joined the staff as an Assistant at the Edneyville Library. While Edneyville was her primary home for the past 23 years, Martha maintained a willingness to fill in at other libraries across the county when needed.

Martha has experienced many changes in library services over the years, but one thing that hasn't changed is her desire to serve her community. Over the years, Martha was actively involved in organizing book clubs, conducting story times, and coordinating programs for all ages. Martha will long be remembered for showcasing her musical talents during monthly sing-alongs at the Edneyville Library.

Martha shared that it has been an honor and privilege to work with so many great people over the years. She plans to spend time with family and make lots of music in her retirement.

We congratulate Martha on her retirement and thank her for her years of service to our community!

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Michael Absher, Chair

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Bill Ramsey, FOL President

Rebecca McCall, Commissioner

Jean McGrady

Celeste Mayes

Anthony Baltiero

Rachel Poller

Thank you to those who have donated:

◆ **Etowah Library's In Stitches Group**
(in memory of Linda Shepherd)

◆ **Bowen Family**
(in memory of Larry Lee & Savie Underhill)

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 | CLOSED DECEMBER 25-27**

● **NEW YEAR | CLOSED MON., JANUARY 1**

● **MLK DAY | CLOSED MON., JANUARY 15**

Stay Connected!



@HendersonCountyNCGovernment



myLIBRO
HCPL APP

vimeo
vimeo.com/channels/1733219

WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

ADULT PROGRAMS

Apple Interest Group – First Tuesday @ 2pm; January session on 1/9 (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Main Library Tour – First Wednesday @ 3pm ([Register Online](#))

Goodwill Career Connections – Fridays, Drop in from 10am-1pm (Learning Lab)

*Page Turners Book Club – Thursdays: December 14 & February 8 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) ([Register Online](#))

Movie Matinee: *Barbie* – Thursday, December 7 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Defend Yourself Online (BRCC) – Friday, December 8 @ 11am (Kaplan Auditorium)

Pisgah Legal Services Healthy Economic Opportunities Program – Tuesday, December 12 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Aud.)

Adulting 101: How to Wrap Gifts – Wednesday, December 13 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Movie Matinee: *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3* – Thursday, January 4 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Movie Matinee: *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* – Thursday, February 1 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Author Vanessa Miller – Tuesday, February 6 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Love My Library – Thursday, February 15, Drop in 3:30-5:30pm

*Sit Step Sing – Friday, February 23 @ 3:15pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Tuesday, December 12 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Tuesday, January 16 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

*Getting Started on the Computer – Tuesday, January 23 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

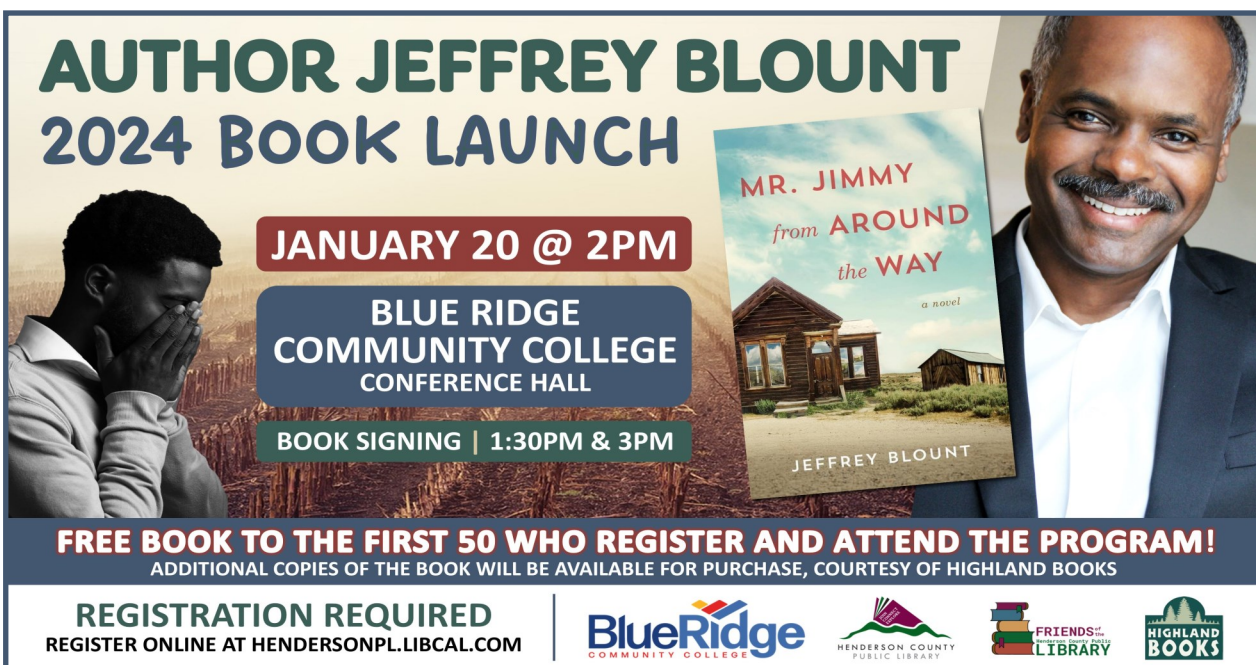
Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Thursday, January 25 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

*Become a Library Power User! – Tuesday, January 30 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Tuesday, February 13 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

Self-Paced Computer Learning (Northstar) – Thursday, February 22 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

*Getting Started on the Computer – Wednesday, February 28 @ 11am (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))



AUTHOR JEFFREY BLOUNT
2024 BOOK LAUNCH

JANUARY 20 @ 2PM

BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONFERENCE HALL

BOOK SIGNING | 1:30PM & 3PM

FREE BOOK TO THE FIRST 50 WHO REGISTER AND ATTEND THE PROGRAM!
ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE, COURTESY OF HIGHLAND BOOKS

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTER ONLINE AT [HENDERSONPL.LIBCAL.COM](https://hendersonpl.libcal.com)

BlueRidge COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
HIGHLAND BOOKS

WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

STORYTIMES (No Storytimes December 11th—January 1st)

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 (Children’s Auditorium)

Toddler Storytime (18 months-3 years) – Wednesdays @ 10:30am (Children’s Auditorium)

Music and Movement (families welcome) – Thursdays @ 10:30am (Children’s Auditorium)

Bouncing Babies (birth-18 months + caregiver) – Thursdays @ 11:15am (Children’s Auditorium)

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Four O’Clock Club (Grades K-5) – Wednesdays @ 4pm (January & February) (Children’s Auditorium)

***PAWS for Reading** – Second Saturday 10:30-11:30am & 1:30-2:30pm (Children’s Auditorium)
(Sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a therapy dog by calling the Main Library at 697-4725, option 5)

Garden Club – Second Monday @ 4pm; No session in December (Outside in Garden or Children’s Auditorium)

Book Bandits (Grades 3-6) – Second Tuesday @ 4pm; No session in December (Children’s Auditorium)

Rudolph Party! – Wednesday, December 6 @ 4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) – Tuesday, January 16 @ 4pm (Children’s Auditorium)

Beginning December 12th, pick up *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street* by Karina Yan Glaser at the Youth Services Desk.

ecoEXPLORE: Ornithology (Four O’Clock Club) – Wednesday, January 24 @ 4pm (Children’s Auditorium)

Slime for Your Valentine (Four O’Clock Club) – Wednesday, February 14 @ 4pm (Children’s Aud.)

Love My Library – Thursday, February 15, Drop in 3:30-5:30pm

Recycling 101 (Four O’Clock Club) – Wednesday, February 28 @ 4pm (Children’s Auditorium)

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Creative Writing Club (Grades 6-12) – First Tuesday @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

***Teen Advisory Board (Grades 9-12)** – First Thursday @ 4pm (Learning Lab) ([Application Required](#))

Teen Anime Club (Grades 6-12) – Second Thursday @ 4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

***Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12)** – Wednesdays: Jan. 24 & Feb. 21 @ 3:30pm (Learning Lab) ([Register Online](#))

Adulting 101: How to Wrap Gifts (Adults & Teens) – Wednesday, December 13 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

***Young Adult Author, Alan Gratz** – Tuesday, January 16 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium) ([Register Online](#))

Teen Book Club (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, January 18 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

Beginning December 14th, pick up your copy of *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes at the Youth Services Desk.

Info Session on FAFSA & Financial Aid (College Foundation of NC) – Thursday, January 25 @ 4pm (Children’s Aud.)

Love My Library – Thursday, February 15, Drop in 3:30-5:30pm

Teen Clay Workshop: Sculpting Day (Grades 6-12) – Tuesday, February 27 @ 4pm (Children’s Auditorium)

Teen Clay Workshop: Painting Day (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, February 29 @ 4pm (Children’s Auditorium)



WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY 2 FIREHOUSE RD, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.685.0110

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (No Storytimes December 11th—January 1st)

*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays: December 6 & January 24 @ 3pm (Children) ([Call to register](#))

Lego Club – Last Wednesday @ 3:30pm; December session on 12/20 due to holiday (Children)

The Name of This Book Club is Secret – Second Wednesday @ 3:30pm (Grades 3-7)

Sit and Stitch – Second Wednesday @ 10am (All Ages)

What We Read Book Review Group – First Friday @ 1pm (Adults)

*Camp, Cook, Play – Monday, December 4 @ 4pm (Grades K-7) ([Register online](#))

*DIY Stationery Workshop – Tuesday, December 5 @ 3:30pm (All Ages) ([Register online](#))

*Healthy Holiday Snacks – Friday, December 8 @ 10:30am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

Tree Decorating Party – Monday, December 11 @ 4pm (All Ages)

*Zaniac: It's Electric! – Tuesday, December 12 @ 3:30pm (Grades 2-8) ([Register online](#))

Holiday Sing-Along – Monday, December 18 @ 4pm (All Ages)

*Chair Exercises – Tuesdays: January 9-30 & February 6 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*Zaniac: Forces & Motion – Tuesday, January 16 @ 3:30pm (Grades 2-8) ([Register online](#))

*Let's Get Growing: Fruit & Vegetable Gardening – Wednesday, January 17 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Sewing – Monday, January 22 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))

Bear Basics – Tuesday, January 23 @ 3:30pm (All Ages)

*Using Your Digital Library – Wednesday, January 24 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*Resume Clinic – Monday, January 29 @ 4pm (Adults & Teens) ([Register online](#))

*Cover Letter Clinic – Monday, February 12 @ 4pm (Adults & Teens) ([Register online](#))

*Zaniac: Newton's Speedway – Monday, February 19 @ 4pm (Grades 2-8) ([Register online](#))

*Faux Stained Glass Painting – Wednesday, February 21 @ 3:30pm (Teens) ([Register online](#))

*4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Circuits – Monday, February 26 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) ([Register online](#))



ETOWAH LIBRARY 101 BRICKYARD RD, ETOWAH | 828.891.6577

Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (No Storytimes December 11th—January 1st)

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

*The Ancestors Club – First Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) ([Call to register](#))

*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 (no session in December) (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*Write Your Life – Thursdays: December 28, January 25, & February 22 @ 10am (Adults) ([Call to register](#))

Our Five Senses (WNC Nature Center) – Monday, December 11 @ 4pm (Children)

*DIY Stationery Workshop – Tuesday, December 12 @ 3:30pm (All Ages) ([Register online](#))

*Awareness Through Movement – Wednesdays: January 3-24 & February 7-28 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*DIY Graphic Novels – Monday, January 8 @ 4pm (Teens) ([Register online](#))

*Let's Get Growing: Fruit & Vegetable Gardening – Thursday, January 18 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*Resume Clinic – Monday, January 22 @ 4pm (Adults & Teens) ([Register online](#))

*Zaniac: Crazy Chemistry II – Thursday, January 25 @ 3:30pm (Grades 2-8) ([Register online](#))

*History Presentation by Ronnie Pepper: Shining the Light on the Education of Blacks in Henderson County – Thursday, February 1 @ 10am (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*Heart Art Cards – Saturday, February 3 @ 10am (All Ages) ([Call to register](#))

Bright Star Theatre: Winter Fables – Monday, February 12 @ 4pm (Children)

*Intro to Watercolor – Thursday, February 22 @ 2pm (Adults) ([Register online](#))

*Cover Letter Clinic – Monday, February 26 @ 4pm (Adults & Teens) ([Register online](#))

WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

FLETCHER LIBRARY 120 LIBRARY RD, FLETCHER | 828.687.1218

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10:30am (No Storytimes December 11th—January 1st)

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

*PAWS for Reading – First, Second & Third Saturdays @ 10:30am (Children) (Call to register)

*Check 'Em Out Book Club – Second Monday @ 11am (Adults) (Call to register)

Fletcher Craft Day – Second Tuesday; Drop in 10am-4pm (All Ages)

Goodwill Career Connections – Wednesdays, Drop in 10am-1pm (Adults)

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

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

*Zaniac: Predator or Prey – Thursday, December 14 @ 3:45pm (Children) (Register Online)

*Eating the Mediterranean Way – Monday, December 18 @ 11am (Adults) (Register Online)

*Zaniac: Coding with Dash Bot – Thursday, January 18 @ 3:45pm (Children) (Register Online)



GREEN RIVER LIBRARY 50 GREEN RIVER RD, ZIRCONIA | 828.697.4969

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (No Storytimes December 11th—January 1st)

YarnAbility – First Monday @ 4pm ; Jan. session on 1/8 due to holiday (Adults & Teens)

Craft Club – Third Monday: Drop in 9am-5:30pm; Jan. session on 1/22 due to holiday (Children & Teens)

Universal Yums – Fourth Wednesday @ 4pm; Dec. session on 12/20 due to holiday (Children 4+, Teens, & Adults)

*Crochet Your Own Necklace – Thursday, December 7 @ 1:30pm (Adults, Teens, & Children 10+) (Call to register)

Zaniac: 3D Christmas Tree Engineering Challenge – Monday, December 11 @ 4:30pm (Children)

Healthy Holiday Snacks – Thursday, December 14 @ 2pm (Adults)

*Felted Wool Soap – Monday, December 18 @ 4pm (Adults, Teens, & Children 10+) (Call to register)

Christmas Party! – Thursday, December 21; Drop in 9am-5pm (All Ages)

Eating the Mediterranean Way – Monday, January 29 @ 4pm (Adults)

Zaniac: Valentine's Paper Circuits – Monday, February 12 @ 4:30pm (Children)

Valentine's Day Party! – Wednesday, February 14; Drop in 9am-5pm (All Ages)



MILLS RIVER LIBRARY 124 TOWN CENTER DR, MILLS RIVER | 828.890.1850

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (No Storytimes December 11th—January 1st)

*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays (NOT first Wed) @ 3:30pm (Children) (Call to register)

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

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

Pilates Mat Exercise – Mondays @ 3:30pm (Adults)

*Shelf Indulgence Book Club – First Tuesday @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Yoga with Lynn Edgar – Fridays: January 5, 12, & 19 @ 10:30am (Adults) (Call to register)

Animals of Appalachia (Chimney Rock)– Friday, February 16 @ 11am (Children)

