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Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2025-2026

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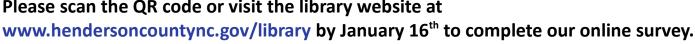


HELP US ENVISION OUR FUTURE!

We have recently launched a strategic planning process to help guide our direction over the next five years. This process will take about 6 months to complete and will ensure that 2026-2031 library services align with community needs.

A key component of this process is input from Henderson County residents via a community survey. This survey will help us learn more about YOU: what you value about the library, what services you use, and what you would like to see from your library in the future. Whether you're a regular library user, infrequent visitor, or have never visited the library, your voice matters!

Your answers to this survey will help us better serve you – and all of Henderson County. Thank you for your time and input!



Residents who are unable to complete the survey online may obtain a printed copy at any of the branch library locations throughout the county.





SPOT LIGHT ON BAKER BARBER PHOTOS

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 Brickvard 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

Baker Barber Photograph Collection moves to the next stage of preservation

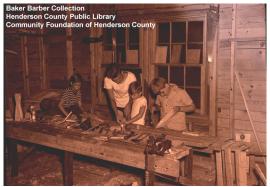
The Baker Barber Photograph Collection has had a very exciting few months. In June the library concluded a project funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Henderson County to complete the digitization of the last 23,000 images in the Collection. This represented an important milestone in physically preserving this historic photograph collection.

After working on the Baker Barber collection as a grant funded employee, Vicki Entreken joined the library full time in September as the new Special Collections Librarian. Vicki has previous special collections experience at the Tampa Bay History Center and at the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative where she helped research and preserve the Burgert Brothers' historic photograph collection.

Vicki's primary job will be identifying and cataloging the approximately 60,000 uncatalogued images in the collection. This process is the next stage in preserving and making the collection accessible to the public.



The Baker Barber images can be viewed on the library's website- find the Genealogy and Local History page linked under the Resources tab.



Camp counselor helps three boys with shop tools at Camp Carlyle in July 1944



Mrs. Bill Carpenter with two babies by the Christmas tree in December 1944

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DIGITAL SKILLS

COMPUTER BASICS

New to computers or looking to brush up on the essentials? Consider our **Getting Started on the Computer** series. This four-part, hands-on, instructor-led series will introduce you to the basic skills needed to operate and navigate a computer. No prior computer experience is necessary.

Four Mondays @ 2pm, Feb. 2nd- 23rd, Main Library (Registration Required Register once for all 4 classes)

ONLINE SAFETY 101

Learn how to recognize online threats, good Internet safety habits, and how to build strong passwords to secure your accounts and devices.

Online Safety 101– Tuesday, February 17th @ 2pm, Fletcher Library (Registration Required)

APPLE DEVICES

This group is for anyone interested in, or already using, an Apple device. Topics vary by attendees' interest, come with questions.

Apple Interest Group- First Tuesday @ 2pm, Main Library

POPULAR TECHNOLOGY

Ready to ditch cable? Interested in learning how to stream media, use your free library resources to access video content, or pick up local channels?

Cutting the Cord— Monday, January 5th @ 4pm,

Green River Library (Registration Required)

Curious about podcasts? This course will introduce participants to accessing and finding podcasts that match their own unique interests.

Intro to Podcasts-

Tuesday, January 13th @ 10:30am, Main Library Friday, February 27th @ 11am, Edneyville Library (Registration Required)

GOOGLE WORKSPACE

Google is more than a search engine! Google offers an extensive variety of free, cloud-based applications including Google Drive, Gmail, Docs, and Sheets. Learn how to get the most out of your account in this informative session.

Getting to Know Your Google Account—February 19th @ 10am, Etowah Library (Registration Required)

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DIGITAL SKILLS

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Family history research is more than names and dates. 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.

How They Lived- Wednesday, December 3rd @ 2pm, Main Library (Registration Required)

Work on your family history research in this librarian led open lab. Each session will briefly cover a different genealogy topic followed by time to research. All levels of experience, from beginners to experts, are welcome! Family Roots & Research Lab – Fourth Wednesday @ 2pm, Main Library (Registration Required) (No meeting in December)

USING YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY— FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

Curious about eBooks and audiobooks but have yet to try them out? This class is for you! Join us for an introduction to Libby and Hoopla, two of the library's eBook and audiobook platforms.

No prior experience needed.

eBook & Audiobook Basics- Monday, January 12th @ 1:30pm, Main Library (Registration Required)

Do you use the Libby app and are curious what more it can do? Libby has advanced search features and discovery tools. It's customizable, allows you to track your reading, organize your TBR lists, let librarians know what you want to read, and more.

Registrants should have an existing Libby account and have previously checked out books.

Libby Master Class—Thursday, February 12th @ 10:30am, Main Library (Registration Required)

eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, TV, and more! All of this is available to you anytime, anywhere when you use your Hoopla digital library. Learn the ins and outs of this platform and start getting the most out of your account.

Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla-

Tue., January 6th @ 11am, Edneyville Library (Registration Required)

Beat the paywall! Learn how to use your library card to read current articles from Consumer Reports, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The New Yorker, and The Economist. Search older issues for topics of interest.

Beat the Paywall—Tuesday, January 20th @ 10am, Edneyville (Registration Required)

Become the ultimate library user! Learn how to use the library website and app to master your library account, search the catalog like a librarian, find recommended reading, access digital reading, listening, and viewing materials, and discover free, upcoming events.

Become a Library Power User-

Friday, February 27th @ 2pm, Main Library (Registration Required)

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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.

FOL OFFICERS

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BRAD THOMPSON Vice President

GREG CHARTIER
Treasurer

SUZANNE ELLIS
Secretary

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 or on our website.

Questions? Email the FOL at **bookstore@fotl.info**

WEBSITE

fotl.info

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

It's that time of year when we celebrate the stories of Christmas Past, Present, and Future— so let's dive right in!

OUR PAST...

What a fantastic quarter it's been—full of exciting moments and milestones!

Meet the NEW Mobile Library!

We're so proud we were able to support the entire Henderson County area by providing funds to help purchase the beautiful new traveling library on wheels. YOUR dollars hit the road! You may have seen the Mobile Library at local events, spreading the joy of reading far and wide. Heather Wiggins (FOL Bookstore Manager) and Herb Humphries (FOL Volunteer), along with the Henderson County Library Director, Trina Rushing helped introduce the Mobile Library to our FOL family and friends. We loved seeing so many of you— especially the younger readers— exploring the adventures inside!



Fresh looks inside and out!

We've replaced our well-worn carpet and added some lovely greenery outside.

The hardworking crew that spent a week moving shelves and laying carpet commented on how great our book selections are and even purchased several items.



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY





October brought the Tricks & the Treats!

From our spooky volunteers to the OctoberFIND game, it was a blast!

Several lucky members discovered the hidden book on the shelves and went home with their next read on us! Congrats to all our "Finders Keepers" winners!



OUR PRESENT...

As the season of gratitude arrives, we've got plenty to share! We'll be offering special member perks this holiday season— including free gift wrapping, festive gift card holders, and pre-wrapped "Secret Santa" books for those last-minute gifts-to-go. Stay tuned for our Santa's Helper Stations popping up in December. Be nice—and join today!



OUR FUTURE...

FOL Bookstore Closed December 25— January 3

We'll reopen on January 3, 2026 for your next FOL Bookstore fix!

SPECIAL KIDS' CORNER

Don't miss our sweet bookmark and crayon packs, perfect for your little readers (or the young at heart!).

This thoughtful project was gifted to us by a wonderful member— a nurse who works with a 91-year-old artist in a retirement home. Together, they created these to share with others. Talk about timeless treasures.



A SEASON OF GRATITUDE



Past, present, and future—we are endlessly thankful for our volunteers and patrons who make this place so special. We aren't called Friends for nothing! Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season filled with family, fun, feasts, and your Forever Friends of the Library.

FOL BOOKSTORE

1940 Spartanburg Hwy Hendersonville, NC 28792 (next to Dollar General)

> 828-513-5115 bookstore@fotl.info



HOURS **C**



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.

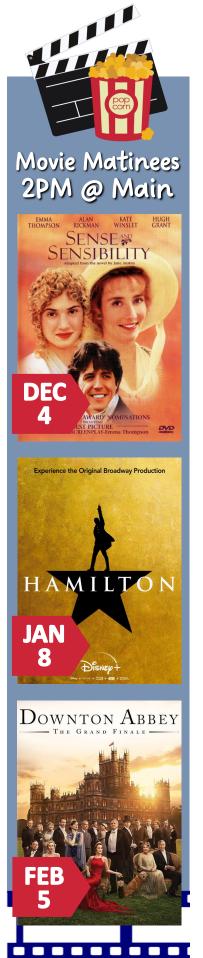
Please DO NOT donate:

- 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" (lobby books)
- 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. We love our Friends Bookstore and hope you do too!

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BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO YOU!

The launch of our new Mobile Library service has created an incredible opportunity for Henderson County Public Library to broaden our offerings beyond the physical library branches. Operating as a mini-branch-on-wheels, the Mobile Library features a wide variety of recently published fiction and nonfiction books, DVDs, CD audiobooks, Spanish/Bilingual titles, young adult literature, picture books, easy readers, chapter books for children, and large print books. In addition to providing materials, Mobile Library staff can assist with creating new library cards, offer guidance on using library resources, and share information about library programs and events.

So far, the library has participated in events like Art on Main, the Halloween Crawl in Fletcher, the Healthy Heroes event with IAM, and Farm City Day at Jackson Park. The Mobile Library also regularly visits assisted living facilities, schools, neighborhoods, and local parks. Want to follow the next chapter in the Mobile Library's journey? Check out our calendar on the library website for the latest updates.

If you would like to request a visit from the Mobile Library, please fill out the form available on our website. We look forward to connecting with you in your community!

- Carrie Rowe, Outreach Coordinator









Library staff had a great time distributing candy and flyers all around the community to celebrate Halloween. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to see us!

Fletcher Fall Festival (October 25)

✓ Halloween Boo Bash at Green River (October 30)

Treat Street on Main in Downtown Hendersonville (October 31)



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!

Max A.
Windsor B.
Addie C.
Teo C.
Avery D.
Isaac D.
Christine G.
George H.
Henry H.
Luke H.
Liam H.
Reid H.
Lillian J.

Charles K.
Samuel K.
Jacob L.
Judah L.
Xander M.
Kennedy P.
Lena P.
Scarlett P.
Bradley S.
Everett S.
Arthur V.
Jackson V.
Olivia Y.

5th ANNUAL WINTER STUDENT ART EXHIBIT | JANUARY-MARCH 2026, 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: **East Henderson High, North Henderson High, West Henderson High**

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

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FIRST TUESDAY @ 10AM MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

REGISTER ONLINE

Dec 2- The Christmas Train by David Baldacci

Jan 6- When Ghosts Come Home by Wiley Cash

Feb 3- James by Percival Everett



SECOND TUESDAY @ 2PM ETOWAH LIBRARY

REGISTER ONLINE

Dec 9– *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi

Jan 13- Whispering Winds of Appalachia by John Ellington

Feb 10- Happy Land by Dolen Perkins-Valdez



SECOND MONDAY @ 11AM FLETCHER LIBRARY

Dec 8- The Sanatorium by Sarah Pearse

Jan 12– How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin

Feb 9– The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick

Page Turners

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

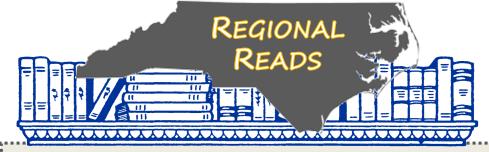
2PM, KAPLAN AUDITORIUM

REGISTER ONLINE

Dec 11– Share a favorite book by or about Jane Austen in celebration of her 250th birthday

No meeting in January

Feb 12- Even as We Breathe by Annette Clapsaddle



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.

Set in a fictional public library in North Carolina, *The Charmed Library* by Jennifer Moorman is an enchanting novel of magical realism where book characters come to life for a grieving librarian. Don't miss the chance to meet author Jennifer Moorman as she speaks at the Main Library on January 7th at 4:30 PM. Reserve your seat online.

North Carolina author Meagan Church's newest novel, *The Mad Wife*, explores identity and societal expectations of wives and mothers in the 1950s.

Hendersonville native Mark de Castrique's *Desperate Spies* is the third installment in the Ethel Fiona Crestwater mystery series. Crestwater, a 75-year-old retired FBI agent, agrees to help a former colleague with a high-stakes job involving state secrets and desperate criminals.

Fallen City by Western North Carolina author Adrienne Young is the first in a new historical fantasy series where a young couple's relationship ignites chaos and rebellion in their city.

When a renovation gone wrong jeopardizes a family's beauty shop in a small Georgia town, three sisters pull together to save their late mother's legacy in *Good Hair Days* by Grace Helena Walz.

A phony psychic vision unexpectedly draws a tarot card reader and shop owner into a murder investigation in *The Tarot Reader* by Finley Turner. North Carolina author Turner's suspenseful second novel is set in Winston-Salem.

Cipher, by local author Jeremy Jones is an exploration of his ancestor's diaries which had been originally written in code in the 1800s and then deciphered in the 1970s to reveal the private life of an Appalachian farmer of the time.

Had I A Dove: Appalachian Poets on the Helene Floods includes poems and reflections on the devastation of Hurricane Helene by 80 regional writers including Ron Rash and Robert Morgan.

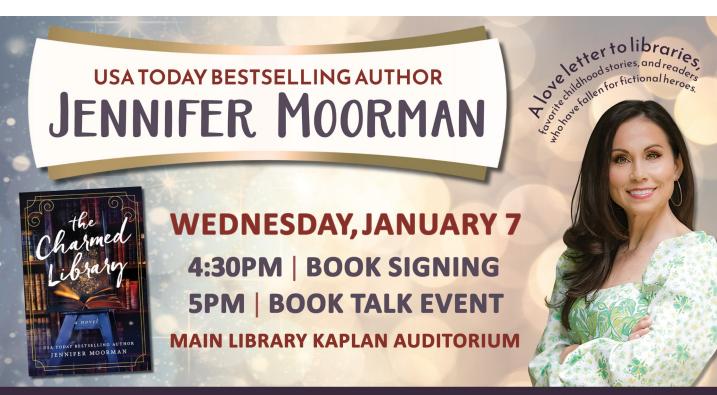
We Gather Together by Asheville based author Denise Kiernan was the *Our State* Magazine Book Club title for November 2025. The book explores the history of gratitude and a woman's campaign in the 19th century to create an annual day of thanksgiving.

Asheville author Linda-Marie Barrett shares a guide to intentional gathering in *Creating a Salon: The Magic of Conversations that Matter*.

We hope these titles will bring inspiration to your winter reading list. Happy Reading!

- Lisa Donaldson, Assistant Director and Marketing

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REGISTRATON REQUIRED- REGISTER ONLINE: HENDERSONPL.LIBCAL.COM | BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANE AUSTEN!

December 17th marks what would be the 250th birthday of author Jane Austen. Known for her astute observations of society and masterful storytelling, Austen's works have remained timeless classics that continue to captivate readers of all ages.

Austen completed six novels in her lifetime that have been widely read. Several of Austen's novels have been adapted for well-known movies and television series. The stories of Jane Austen have inspired many spin-off novels modeled on her plots, characters, and settings.

Celebrate with the library by reading a book by or about Austen or choose a retelling in your favorite genre! Look for a book display at the Main Library in December that will highlight

these titles. On December 4th at 2pm there will be a free

screening of Sense and Sensibility at the Main Library.

Join the Page Turners Book Club discussion on December 11th at 2pm where we will each share a favorite Austen title or retelling.



READING CHALLENGE

For those of you working on the 2025 Reading Challenge, don't forget to turn your completed challenge sheet in to any library location by January 31, 2026 to be entered into the prize drawing. Challenges completed using Beanstack will be automatically entered into the drawing.

The 2026 Reading Challenge with all new categories will be available in January.

We hope that participating has encouraged you to read and discover new genres, authors, series, and subjects! Watch for library



displays throughout the year to help with some of the Challenge categories, or ask any library staff member for help finding titles.

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This December, the Library is excited to launch a new monthly Memory Café program. Memory Cafés are social gathering spaces for individuals experiencing memory loss and their care partners, where people can build connections and enjoy being together in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. Each café will feature a distinct theme and provide activities and events centered around that theme.

In December, we will be focusing on wintertime activities, songs, crafts, and cookie decorating! The Memory Cafés will be hosted by library homebound outreach staff on the second Friday of each month at 10am.

Reserve your seat online or call 828-697-4725, extension 2331 for more information.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Thank you to those who have donated:

- ◆ Pardee Spiritual Care Department (in memory of Arline Dorothy Cortese)
- ◆ Stacey Cimowsky, Cindy Nardini, & Laura Jacimore (in honor of Mary Ann Osby)

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 DEC. 24, 25, & 26 (MAIN CLOSES 5PM TUE., DEC. 23)

NEW YEAR | CLOSED THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 (MAIN CLOSES 5PM WED., DEC. 31)

MLK DAY | CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 19



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WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY 301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Goodwill Career Connections –

Fridays, Drop in from 10am-1pm (Learning Lab)

*Page Turners Book Club – Thursdays: December 11 & February 12 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

*Memory Café – Fridays: December 12, January 9, & February 13 @ 10am (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: Sense and Sensibility -

Thursday, December 4 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Christmas with The Pyramid Brass Concert -

Monday, December 8 @ 3pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Author Jennifer Moorman -

Wednesday, January 7 @ 4:30pm (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: Hamilton – Thursday, January 8 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (2 hours & 40 minutes)

Adult Crafternoon: Mason Jar Luminary –

Tuesday, January 13 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Movie Matinee: *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale* – Thursday, February 5 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Main Library Tour -

Wednesday, February 11 @ 3pm (Register Online)

Storytelling Concert Starring Ronnie Pepper –

Thursday, February 19 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Sons of the American Revolution present: George Washington, his Compatriots, and the Nascent American Revolution –

Monday, February 23 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

The Golden Girls Watch Party and Trivia Night — Wednesday, February 25 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS & CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Apple Interest Group -

First Tuesday @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*eBook & Audiobook Basics – Monday, January 12 @ 1:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Intro to Podcasts – Tuesday, January 13 @ 10:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Getting Started on the Computer 4-Part Series – Mondays: February 2-23 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online – Register once for the entire series)

*Libby Master Class – Thursday, February 12 @ 10:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Become a Library Power User! -

Friday, February 27 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

GENEALOGY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

*How They Lived – Wednesday, December 3 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Family Roots & Research Lab -

Fourth Wednesday @ 2pm; no session in December (North Carolina Room) (Register Online)

January 28– *Source Citations* **February 25**– *Research Logs*



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WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

STORYTIMES (holiday themed Dec 1-4; storytimes will resume Jan 5)

Preschool Storytime (3-5 years) -

Tuesdays @ 10:30am (Children's Auditorium)

Toddler Time (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

Sensory Play Hour (Birth-5 years + Families) -

Third Friday @ 10am; no session in December (Children's Auditorium)

The Christmas Rock Out Tour with Playhouse Jr. -

Wednesday, December 10 @ 4:30pm (Kaplan Aud.)

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) -

Tuesday, January 20 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Beginning December 15th, pick up your copy of *Winterhouse* by Ben Guterson at the Youth Services Desk.

Four O'Clock Club (Grades K-5) -

Wednesdays @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

December 3– The Muppet Christmas Carol (Kaplan Aud.)

January 7 – Let's Build It!

January 14 – Watercolor Animals

January 21 - Pop Art Hot Chocolate

January 28 – Make Your Own Mask

February 4– Let's Build It!

February 11 - Random Acts of Kindness Cards

February 18-BINGO

February 25 – Dog Man Party



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Creative Writing Club (Grades 6-12) -

First Tuesday @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

*Teen Advisory Board (Grades 9-12) -

First Thursday @ 4pm; no session in January (Learning Lab) (Application Required)

Audiobook Book Club (Grades 6-12) –

Thursday, January 15, 4-6pm (part 1)

Thursday, February 19, 4-6pm (part 2)

(Children's Auditorium)

We will listen to Sunrise on the Reaping by

Suzanne Collins while we craft!

Teen Craft: Painted Rock Photo Holders (Grades 6-12) -

Thursday, January 8 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Teen Craft: Galaxy Bookmarks (Grades 6-12) -

Thursday, February 12 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)



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WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

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Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (holiday themed Dec 1-4; storytimes resume Jan 5)

*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays: Dec. 17; Jan. 21; Feb. 18 @ 3pm (Children) (Call to register)

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

What We Read Book Review Group -

First Friday @ 1pm (Adults)

Historical Fiction Book Club -

Third Friday @ 1pm (Adults)

Draw and Color – Mondays: Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22, & Dec. 29 @ 10am (Children)

Voices in Ink: Teen Writing Guild – Tuesdays: Dec. 9, Jan. 20, & Feb. 17 @ 3:30pm (Ages 10-18)

*Kids Crafts – Dec. 10, Dec. 16, Jan. 7, Jan. 26, Feb. 3, & Feb. 11 @ 3:30pm (Children) (Register online)

*Tree Farms – Tuesday, December 2 @ 3:30pm (Children) (Register online)

*Winter Origami – Wednesday, December 3 @ 3:30pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Enriching Mental Health with Complimentary
Treatments (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, December 30
@ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Glow Science-Light, Color, & Energy -Mon., January 5 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla –

Tuesday, January 6 @ 11am (Adults) (Register online)

*STEM Earthquakes – Tuesday, January 13 @ 3:30pm (Children) (Register online)

*Planning for the Future: Wills and Advanced Directives (Pisgah Legal) – Wednesday, January 14 @ 11am (Adults) (Register online)

*Beat the Paywall: Newspapers & Periodicals –
Tue., January 20 @ 10am (Adults & Teens) (Register online)

*Let's Get Growing: Gardening Calendar -

Wednesday, January 21 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*PTSD: Healing the Emotional Wound (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, January 27 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Baloon Blasters – Monday, February 2 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Backyard Birds – Tuesday, February 10 @ 3:30pm (Children) (Register online)

Love Your Library Celebration Day – Friday, February 13, 9am-3pm (All Ages)

*Understanding Schizophrenia and Psychosis (VAYA Health) – Mon., Feb. 23 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Animals of Appalachia – Tuesday, February 24 @ 3:30pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Intro to Podcasts -

Friday, February 27 @ 11am (Adults) (Register online)



FLETCHER LIBRARY 120 LIBRARY RD, FLETCHER | 828.687.1218

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10am (holiday themed Dec 1-4; storytimes resume Jan 5)

Lego Club – First Thursday @ 3:30pm; Jan. session on 1/8 due to holiday (Children)

*PAWS for Reading – Saturdays @ 10:30am; Third Tuesday @ 10:30am; Fourth Monday @ 10:30am (Children) (Call to register)

Check 'Em Out Book Club -

Second Monday @ 11am (Adults)

Fletcher Craft Day -

Second Tuesday, Drop in 10am-4pm (All Ages)

Book Review Book Club -

Second Wednesday @ 10:30am (Adults)

Goodwill Career Connections –

Thursdays, Drop in 1-4pm (Adults)

*Holiday Crochet – Saturday, December 13 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Forces and Motion – Monday, December 15 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Tunisian Crochet – Saturday, January 10 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Design Studio -

Monday, January 12 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Family Yoga: Toddlers – Monday, February 2 @ 10am (Ages 2-4) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Guardians of the Wild-Biomimicry -

Monday, February 16 @ 4pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Online Safety 101 –

Tuesday, February 17 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

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WINTER PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

ETOWAH LIBRARY 101 BRICKYARD RD, ETOWAH | 828.891.6577

Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (holiday themed Dec 1-4; storytimes resume Jan 5)

Lego Club - Thursdays @ 3pm (Children)

In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)

*The Ancestors Club -

First Tuesday @ 2pm (Adults) (Call to register)

*Write Here, Write Now -

Second Thursday @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*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)

*Paper Star Holiday Garland -

Friday, December 5 @ 12pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Pigment Dyed Glass Ornaments or Suncatchers – Mon., Dec. 8 @ 4pm (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Winter Origami – Wednesday, December 10 @ 3:30pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Holiday Family Movie: Home Alone -

Sat., December 13 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

*Holiday Jazz with The Paul & Nicole Trio -

Sat., December 20 @ 11am (All Ages) (Register online)

*Where Did We Go? – Monday, January 5 @ 4pm (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee: The Heart is a Lonely Hunter – Friday, January 9 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee for Youth: Lilo & Stitch - Saturday, January 10 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Pony Bead Project – Monday, January 12 @ 4pm (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Let's Get Growing: Gardening Calendar -

Thursday, January 15 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Communication 101 (VAYA Health) -

Wednesday, January 21 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Wonderful Water – Monday, January 26 @ 4pm (Children) (Register online)

*Backyard Birds -

Monday, February 9 @ 4pm (Children) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee: Barefoot in the Park -

Friday, February 13 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Movie Matinee for Youth: *How to Train Your Dragon* – Sat., Feb. 14 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)

*Getting to Know Your Google Account –

Thursday, February 19 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

GREEN RIVER LIBRARY 50 GREEN RIVER RD, ZIRCONIA | 828.697.4969

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (holiday themed Dec 1-4; storytimes resume Jan 5)

*Teen Cookie Decorating & Hot Chocolate Party – Wed., December 17 @ 3:30pm (Teens) (Register online)

*How to Create a Vision Board – Thursday, December 18 @ 3:30pm (Adults & Youth Ages 8+) (Register online)

Crafternoon- Fabric Spool Ornaments - Monday, December 22, 1:30-5pm (Adults & Youth Ages 5+)

Holiday Party! -

Monday, December, 1:30-4:30pm (All Ages)

*Zaniac: Peppermint Slime – Monday, December 29 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online) *Cutting the Cord-

Monday, January 5 @ 4pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Eat Dirt!- The Science of Soil – Monday, January 26 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Crafternoon- Valentine's Day Edition - Monday, February 9, 1:30-5:30pm (Adults & Youth Ages 5+)

Valentine's Day Party -

Thursday, February 12, 1:30-4:30pm (All Ages)

*Mixed Media Cherry Blossom Painting – February 19 @ 3:30pm (Adults & Youth Ages 8+) (Register online)

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

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (holiday themed Dec 1-4; storytimes resume Jan 5)

Lego Club - First Monday @ 3:30pm (Children)

*PAWS for Reading -

Wednesdays @ 3pm (Children) (Call to register)

*Shelf Indulgence Book Club -

First Tuesday @ 10am (Adults) (Register Online)

Pilates Mat Exercise – Wednesdays @ 9:30am (Adults)

*Zaniac: Peppermint Slime – Monday, December 8 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)