

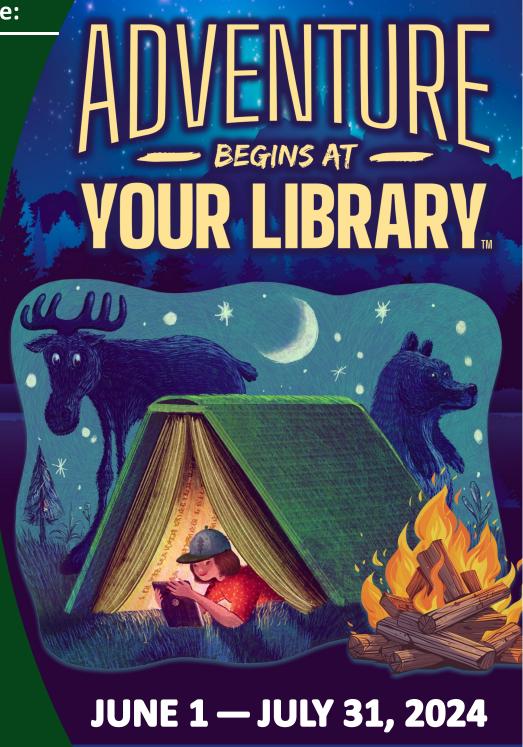
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Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2024

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GIVING THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Henderson County Public Library volunteers recently gathered at The Barn at Tall Oaks to celebrate and be thanked for the valuable service they provide to our Henderson County communities.

Over the past year, 96 dedicated volunteers provided a combined total of 6,527 hours across our library system. This generosity provided nearly \$105,000 of labor and support to help our library system

thrive. Henderson County Library is immensely grateful for the contributions made by each of our volunteers.

Collectively, these individuals shelved over 800,000 items, assisted with processing over 17,000 new items, delivered materials monthly to over 65 homebound residents, assisted with displays, programs, the seed library, and more. For this dedication to serve in so many impactful ways, we want to extend a very big THANK YOU!

The Henderson County Library is always looking for volunteers who have a passion for service and a love of literacy and learning. To learn more about the many opportunities available, visit our volunteering page at www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/volunteer-your-library.

-Trina Rushing, Library Director



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 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

Roman Tasciotti, Etowah Library Assistant

Roman Tasciotti is excited to join the team at the Etowah Library as a part time program assistant. Roman was previously working across all Henderson County Library branches as an auxiliary library assistant. He moved to the Hendersonville area last year from Georgia and is currently working on a bachelor's degree. Roman enjoys listening to and playing music.





Sarah Kowalak. Circulation Assistant

Sarah Kowalak is excited to join the library full time after working as a part time auxiliary staff member since 2023. Sarah has served the local community as an elementary school teacher and through a career in local nonprofits. Originally from Boston, Sarah has lived in Hendersonville for 20 years, along with her husband Jeff, and has been bringing her two boys to the Main Library since well before they could walk! A lover of books, mountains, gardens, and learning new things, Sarah is currently pursuing her master's degree in library science at East Carolina University.

Mark Grossane, Reference Librarian

Mark Grossane has recently joined the Main Library team as a part time Reference Librarian. Mark is a native New Yorker who after a brief and uneventful career on Wall Street, found a new career in librarianship and never looked back. After earning a master's degree in library science, Mark enjoyed working in a public library for 25 years as a reference librarian. Mark is also a proud veteran of the US Army and served as a field artillery officer for 12 years in the NY Army National guard, attaining the rank of major. Since moving to the area several years ago, Mark enjoys hiking and visiting new places in Western NC, and especially enjoys spending as much time as he can with his new grandson!



LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT TO COMPLETE DIGITIZATION OF THE BAKER BARBER PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

In April, the Community Foundation of Henderson County awarded the library a Community Grant to complete the digitization of the remaining undigitized portion of the Baker Barber Photograph Collection. This grant will fund two temporary part-time staff positions to scan the approximately 20,000 remaining undigitized images in the collection. This will complete an important step in preserving this vital local history resource and ultimately making it accessible to the public.

Anyone interested in applying for the temporary position should visit the Henderson County Human Resources page to fill out an application: www.hendersoncountync.gov/hr.



War Bond Drive Main Street Hendersonville, June 24, 1944

(Baker Barber Collection, Community Foundation of Henderson County, Henderson County Public Library)

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS





NC CARDINAL TRAINING SESSION

Henderson County Library participates in the North Carolina Cardinal consortium of libraries, giving Library cardholders access to the collections of 63 counties, 6 municipalities, and 7 special libraries in North Carolina.

In April, our Library hosted an NC Cardinal training session with library staff from across Western NC in attendance. Two of our own staff members presented at this training session. Technology Specialist Forrest Tate shared about creating and using reports to help with collection management. Cataloger Jennifer Jackson presented on bibliographic cataloging best practices.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Jennifer Jackson, Technical Services Cataloger, completed her master's degree in library and information science from UNC Greensboro in May.

Branch and Collection Coordinator Daniel Hay recently graduated from the Vision Henderson County class. Vision is a comprehensive leadership program designed to develop community leaders and is presented by Blue Ridge Community College and The Henderson County Chamber of Commerce.



TAB (TEEN ADVISORY BOARD)

We've reached the end of another school year, which means we have to say goodbye to our 2024 Teen Advisory Board graduate.

Congratulations to Elias Alger! Elias served for 2 years on our board and we will miss him in our monthly meetings!

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

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COMPUTER CONNECTIONS

SECOND TUESDAY 2:30-4:30PM (MAIN LIBRARY)
FOURTH WEDNESDAY 11:30AM-1:30PM (MAIN LIBRARY)

Computer learners of all levels are encouraged to drop in for any or all open labs during **Computer Connections**, a new bimonthly open lab for digital skills support. A Computer Connections librarian will start you on your learning journey by connecting you to computer learning resources. Learning resources can be completed during the lab using library laptops or continued at home on a personal device. These sessions fill the gaps between instructional technology classes by letting learners practice skills learned with the benefit of a librarian present. Don't have access to a personal computer or Microsoft software but need to learn it for work or school? During the Computer Connections, laptops are available to learn and practice software skills such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Certificates are available for learners who pass a Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment, which can be added to a resume or shown to an employer.

GETTING STARTED ON THE COMPUTER

Learners with little to no computer skills should check out our popular Getting Started on the Computer series. These courses will be offered at the Main, Etowah, and Green River Libraries this summer. Visit the library's online calendar for dates and times or check with your preferred branch for more information.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

USING YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY: LIBBY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 @ 11:30AM (MAIN LIBRARY)

Curious about Libby? Already a user? Learn how to get the most out of your account. Join us for a deep dive into the library that is always open and available from anywhere with an internet connection! **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GOOGLE ACCOUNT

TUESDAY, JULY 23 @ 2:30PM (MAIN LIBRARY)

Google is more than just a search engine and your Gmail account gives you access to more than just email! Learn about the other free cloud-based applications you can access with your Google account. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

PATRON STORY

I am so very grateful for the digital skills support that I have received from the Henderson County Library system over the last few years. All the instructors have been very knowledgeable, but so important to me, they have been especially welcoming, enthusiastic, patient, encouraging, and supremely non-judgmental!

In wanting to keep abreast of the times, acquire a more comprehensive knowledge of our personal home finances and fiscal responsibilities, and generally understand my children's and grandchildren's technology interests, I have proceeded with full utilization of the many types of classes available, specific or open self-paced labs. The classes are more my style for interactive personal settings versus a purchased manual or online video. They put some genuine fun and smiles into a subject that does not captivate me if I may speak honestly. I have the privilege to often decide how to use my time and these classes afford me a blend of face-to-face people time and tech time. My life preference has been people, working professionally in service industries, personnel, as a full-time mom, wife and now grandma. I do believe in life-long learning and this is one avenue that is a winning one. Go ahead and sign up! The staff will welcome you wherever you are in your tech journey... and you'll be so glad that



Judi Schultz

you did go for it!!

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.

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

OUR YOUNG BOOKSTORE CUSTOMERS

How do children learn to read? First, by being read to in the early years of life. Next, by enjoying reading for themselves. The children select their own bargain priced books from our extensive young readers department. Additionally, at check-out they can take a piece of candy and a sticker. The candy does not

help them to read.
However, it does add to
the fun of a bookstore
visit.

Failure to read at grade level or better limits success in school and can even limit success in life. We invite parents and grandparents to take the kids out to the FOL bookstore. It makes for a fun outing!

The Carrick family photo and comments by mom Megan tell the story.



"Reading is an immensely valuable gift, and we strive to immerse our family in its art and beauty as much as possible. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we've been able to affordably grow our home library and offer ourselves and our children a plethora of reading selections – for now and for years to come!

The organization, cleanliness, and friendly staff make every trip a fun experience. We are so thankful for all that Friends provides."

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY FOL

Last quarter, the Friends supported educational programs at all library branches for adults and children including art and science workshops and lectures.

The Friends also supported staff appreciation and a volunteer appreciation luncheon for library volunteers.

In addition, two more Memory Kits and other books were purchased for circulation.

The popular Zoom pass program also continues to grow with support from the Friends.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WHY OUR BOOKSTORE MUST RECYCLE

Our FOL Bookstore relies on gently used books from generous donors. Without those donations, we would have no bookstore. Yet, experience tells us that not all donated books satisfy patron expectations and it would be a mistake to put them on our shelves because they wouldn't sell. Reluctantly, we have no choice but to recycle a small percentage, which is why store patrons may have noticed our recycling dumpster. The condition of books is important to buyers, which is why musty, warped, smoky, highlighted or marked-in books are recycled. Also recycled are books over four years old on computers, travel, law, medicine, and textbooks as those topics change quickly. We do all we can to avoid recycling. We sell many books at \$0.25 on the lobby sale shelves at the Main, Fletcher, and Etowah Libraries. We also donate books to other nonprofits that seek to improve the literacy of their clients. Our goal is to make the best possible use of donated items to raise money for the library. Patrons expect our bookstore to continue to be the best it can be. We aim to please. We hope you agree and will continue to support us through your donations and purchases!

OUR YOUNG-AT-HEART BOOKSTORE CUSTOMERS

For many of our not-as-young customers, our bookstore is much appreciated. They come looking for books on the shelves that were not there on a previous visit. They take their time and share conversations. The flat, paved parking lot and no stairs to enter the store are appreciated by those who have mobility challenges. They buy a few books and head for check-out. And just like the kids, they select a piece of candy. **Come join the fun as described by regular customer Steve Carlisle.**

"Hello, my name is Steve Carlisle, and I am a proud patron of the Friends of the Henderson County Public Library Bookstore. If you love books and building your own home library as I do, then this store is the place for you.

The bookstore's wide selection of extremely low-priced books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles has me frequently visiting their freshly stocked shelves.



A most helpful and knowledgeable staff of volunteers will eagerly assist in any inquiries I have or simply spend a moment telling me about a 'great new read' I might enjoy from my varied interests. This is a special store for lovers of books of all ages."

FOL BOOKSTORE

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

> 828-513-5115 bookstore@fotl.info



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
- Readers Digest Condensed
- Time-Life Series
- Encyclopedias
- Magazines
- Albums, VHS, or Cassette Tapes







ADVENTURE BEGINS LIBRARY

Join us for "Adventure Begins at Your Library" this summer at the Henderson County Public Library! We have a schedule full of programs for children, teens, and adults with lots of chances to win prizes.

To get started, pick up your activity card (preschool) or reading card (children, teens, and adults) from any of our six library locations.. You can also print your activity card or reading card directly from the library's website— www.hendersoncountync.gov/library.

Don't want to wait for a visit to the library to get started? You can create an online account through Beanstack! Just go to http://hendersonnc.beanstack.org to begin tracking the time you spend reading with badges and more.



WHEN DOES IT START?

You can pick up your reading card starting Saturday, June 1, 2024! But don't forget to join us for our big Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Monday, June 3rd at the Main Library from 1-4pm. We will have face-painting, fun games, and more!



CAN MY WHOLE FAMILY PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER READING?

Of course! We will have cards for all ages: preschool, elementary, teens, and adults. We want everyone to have fun reading this summer! Just make sure you pick the card created for your age group.



HOW CAN I WIN PRIZES?

Kids & Teens: Turn in your completed card by July 31st for a free book AND a chance to win the grand prize for your age group.

Adults: Turn in your completed card by July 31st for a chance to win the grand prize.



WHAT IS THE GRAND PRIZE FOR EACH AGE GROUP?

Preschool Prize: Play Camping Set + Mother Bruce Book & Plush + Play Mat

Elementary Prize: Reading Tent + Malcolm Mushroom Plush + Ticket to Ride Board Game

Teen Prize: Prize Bag + \$50 Gift Card for Barnes & Noble

Adult Prize: Gift Bag + \$50 Gift Card for Barnes & Noble



WHAT IF I WANT MORE CHANCES TO WIN?

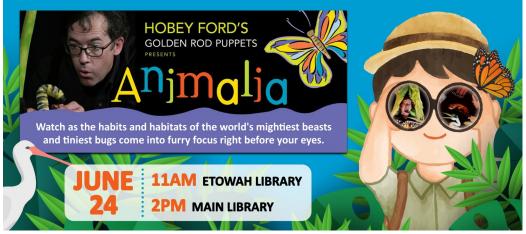
Every sheet holds two cards. Complete the additional card on the bottom for an extra chance to win. Turn all cards in by Wednesday, July 31st to be eligible to win the grand prize!

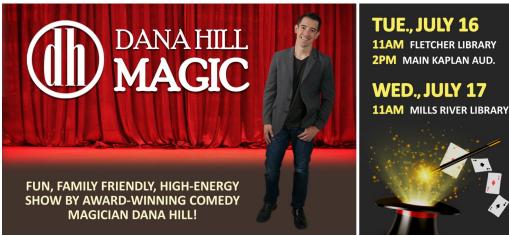


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JERRY & MARGE GO LARGE

June 6, 2pm PG-13 | 96 Minutes

ARTHUR THE KING July 18, 2pm

PG-13 | 107 Minutes





FIRST TUESDAY @ 10AM **MILLS RIVER LIBRARY**

REGISTER ONLINE

June 4- The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune

July 2- The Big Door Prize by M.O. Walsh

> August 6- Emma by Jane Austen



SECOND TUESDAY @ 2PM **ETOWAH LIBRARY**

REGISTER ONLINE

June 11- A Short Time to Stay Here by Terry Roberts

> July 9– The Last Ballad by Wiley Cash

August 13– Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See



SECOND MONDAY @ 11AM FLETCHER LIBRARY

REGISTER BY CALLING 687-1218

June 10- Killing Floor by Lee Child

July 8- When We Meet Again by Kristin Harmel

August 12- The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Page Turners

MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

2PM, KAPLAN AUDITORIUM

REGISTER ONLINE

June 13- The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

July 11– The Bookbinder by Pip Williams

August 8- The Museum of Ordinary People by Mike Gayle



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.

Whether you are working on your 2024 Reading Challenge or just looking for a good beach read, we have a variety of genres in this summer's list.

Four siblings return to their North Carolina home after the death of their father to save the family land from a development company in Long After We Are **Gone** by Terah Shelton Harris.

Troubled Waters by Mary Annaise Heglar is a novel about family and climate change inspired by the author's own family history.

Pearce Oysters, a debut novel by Joselyn Takacs, follows a family of Louisiana oyster farmers whose livelihood is in jeopardy after an historic oil spill.

Beach read favorite authors Mary Kay Andrews and Kristy Woodson Harvey both have recently published new novels. A widow is determined to return a landmark hotel on the coast of Georgia to its former glory despite staff shortages and financial trouble in **Summers at the Saint** by Mary Kay Andrews. In Kristy Woodson Harvey's A Happier Life, a granddaughter learns about her grandparents as she readies their long-abandoned house for sale in Beaufort,

North Carolina. A young woman seeks solace with her best friend's family in an Outer Banks beach town after her father's death in The Saddest Girl on the Beach. Author Heather Frese won the Lee Smith Novel Prize with her debut novel, The Baddest Girl on the Planet. The Charmed Friends of Trove Isle by Annie Rains follows a group of friends who reunite when the main character returns to her small NC hometown. In What You Leave Behind by Wanda M. Morris, a woman returns to her childhood home and accidentally uncovers an illegal property redevelopment scheme in the poor and rural communities of her southern hometown. Never Fall Again by South Carolina author Lynn H. Blackburn is the first in a suspenseful romance series set in a small North Carolina mountain town. A debut cozy mystery set in Charlotte by Callie Carpenter, *Death by Demo* finds a recently divorced woman investigating a crime when a body is found in the walls of a historical home she is renovating. To Slip the Bonds of Earth by Amanda Flower is a historical fiction mystery that features Orville and Wilbur Wright's sister Katharine. When the Wright brothers' flyer plans are stolen, Katharine sets out to find the thief and recover the plans. South Carolina native and musician Darius Rucker tells the story of his childhood in Charleston as the son of a single mother and how his band, started at the University of South Carolina, became known worldwide in his memoir, Life's Too Short. Happy Reading! - Lisa Donaldson. Assistant Director and Marketing Librarian Illuminations Summer 2024



TOM FISCH IS A SONGWRITER AND SINGER OF SONGS.

To describe his music is a bit like describing a favorite recipe— the first ingredient is tasteful acoustic guitar playing. Second, add Tom's smooth vocal style. Sprinkle in a dash of humor. Combine with the heart and soul of an eclectic mix of songs from the great American songbook in the folk/country style, and you've cooked up some enjoyable entertainment.



Katherine Reay publishes both fiction and nonfiction, holds a BA and MS from Northwestern University, and currently lives outside Chicago.

NATIONAL BESTSELLING & AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Art Exhibit at the Main Library

June 28—Sep 27, 2024

"Red, White and Blue"

Presented by the Art League of Henderson County

This exhibit will include art in a variety of media that will feature patriotic themes and the colors red, white, and blue.

LIBRARY RECEIVES FUNDS FOR GARDENING BOOKS

The Library recently received a generous gift of \$10,000 from the Estate of Cynthia Jean Brown to purchase books on the environment, gardening, and growing food. Cynthia 'Cindy' Brown was a longtime volunteer who spent many hours each week at the Main Library. While her primary task was shelving books, she was always quick to offer assistance with other tasks whenever needed.

Thanks to Cindy's generosity, her love for both the library and environment will live on in the form of over 100 children's books and 350 adult books covering everything from container gardening, climate change, composting, growing and harvesting food, and more. As these newly purchased titles arrive, they will be distributed across the library system for patrons to enjoy.



CINDY BROWN (PICTURED LEFT)
AT LOVE MY LIBRARY DAY.

ETOWAH LIBRARY AMPHITHEATER RIBBON CUTTING

On May 17th, the Etowah Library celebrated the opening of their new outdoor amphitheater. This beautiful event space was made possible with funds provided by the Community Foundation of Henderson County through the Richard J. and Betty A. Scott Estate.

The library looks forward to utilizing this space to offer additional literacy, cultural arts, and lifelong learning programs to the Etowah community.





LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Katrina McGuire, Vice-Chair

Elizabeth Jennings, Secretary

Milton Butterworth, FOL President

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Thank you to those who have donated:

- ♦ Janet & Dale King
- ♦ High Vista Book Club
- ◆ Margie Lami Linton (in memory of Arleen Katheryn Gale)

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:

INDEPENDENCE DAY | CLOSED THU., JULY 4

LABOR DAY | CLOSED MON., SEPTEMBER 2



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SUMMER PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Apple Interest Group –
First Tuesday @ 2pm (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: June 13, July 11, & August 8 @ 2pm
(Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Garden & Seed Community Conversations – Mondays: June 17, July 15, & August 19 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Sit Step Sing – Fridays: June 21, July 19, & August 23 @ 3pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party (All Ages) – Monday, June 3 1-4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Movie Matinee: Jerry & Marge Go Large – Thursday, June 6 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Enriching Mental Health with Complementary
Treatments: Part 3 (VAYA Health) –
Tuesday, June 11 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) (Register Online)

*Researching Genealogy at the Library – Thursday, June 20 @ 2pm (North Carolina Room) (Register Online) Adult Crafternoon Drop In: Make a Suncatcher – Thursday, June 27 2-3pm (while supplies last) (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Enriching Mental Health with Complementary Treatments: Part 4 (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, July 9 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: Arthur the King –
Thursday, July 18 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Tom Fisch Concert: Songs for a Summer Evening – Tuesday, July 23 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party (All Ages) – Wednesday, July 31 1-4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Movie Matinee: *Title TBD* –
Thursday, August 1 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Become a Library Power User!— Wednesday, August 7
@ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Community Mental Health Training by VAYA (topic TBD) – Tuesday, August 13 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Author Katherine Reay – Thursday, August 15 @ 5pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee – Tuesday, August 20 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Computer Connections (Open Lab) – Second Tuesday 2:30-4:30pm (Learning Lab)

Computer Connections (Open Lab) – Fourth Wednesday 11:30am-1:30pm (Learning Lab)

*(More) Getting Started on the Computer 2– Mouse Shapes & Fixing Typos Thursday, June 6 @ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*(More) Getting Started on the Computer 3– Keyboard Keys, Drives, & File Movement Wednesday, July 10 @ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online) *Using Your Digital Library: Libby Wednesday, July 17 @ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*Getting to Know Your Google Account Tuesday, July 23 @ 2:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

*(More) Getting Started on the Computer 4– Screen Interaction, Customizing, & Updates Thursday, August 8 @ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

SUMMER PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

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STORYTIMES (June—August 1; Storytimes will resume Aug. 19th)

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

*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 August (Outside in Garden or Children's Auditorium)

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

Sensory Play Hour (Birth-5 years + Families) – Fridays: June 21 & July 19 @ 10am (Children's Aud.)

Garden & Seed Community Conversations – Mondays: June 17, July 15, & August 19 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party (All Ages) – Monday, June 3 1-4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Gravity Check –
Thursday, June 6 @ 2pm (Children's Auditorium)

Critter Keeper –
Wednesday, June 12 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Golden Rod Puppets: Animalia – Monday, June 24 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Heeler Family Party – Friday, June 28 2-4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Dana Hill Magic –
Tuesday, July 16 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) –
Tuesday, July 16 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)
Beginning June 18th, pick up *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein at the Youth Services Desk.

Big Bang Boom! –
Monday, July 22 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Roper Mountain Science on Wheels: Super Cold Science – Tuesday, July 30 @ 11am (Kaplan Auditorium)

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party (All Ages) – Wednesday, July 31 1-4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

TEEN PROGRAMS

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

*Teen Advisory Board (Grades 9-12) –
First Thursday @ 4pm (no meeting in June or July)
(Learning Lab) (Application Required)

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

Garden & Seed Community Conversations – Mondays: June 17, July 15, & August 19 @ 5:30pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party (All Ages) – Monday, June 3 1-4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Teen Craft: DIY Sushi Candle (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, June 20 3-5pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

*Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12) – Wednesdays: June 26 & July 24 2-5pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

Bookless Book Club for Teens (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, July 18 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

Teen Craft: DIY Sugar Scrubs (Grades 6-12) – Thursday, July 25 3-5pm (Children's Auditorium)

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party (All Ages) – Wednesday, July 31 1-4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

SUMMER PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY 2 FIREHOUSE RD, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.685.0110

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (June-August 1; Storytimes will resume Aug. 19th)

*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays: June 19 & August 7 @ 3pm (Children) (Call to register)

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

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

Edneyville Library Sing-Along – Fourth Monday @ 4pm (All Ages)

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

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

*Tai Chi – Tuesdays: June 11 & 25; July 9 & 23; August 6 & 20 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*4-H Discovery Series: Stream Ecology –
Monday, June 3 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online)

*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Pollinators – Tuesday, June 4 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

Intro to Recycling – Wednesday, June 5 @ 3:30pm (All Ages)

*Zaniac: The Magic of Colors – Tuesday, June 11 @ 2pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Virtual Adventures: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park – Friday, June 14 @ 1pm (All Ages)

Porkchop Productions: The Totally Twisted Tale of the Three Little Pigs – Monday, June 17 @ 2pm (Children)

*Paper Circuit Art – Tuesday, June 25 @ 2pm (Teens) (Register online)

*Let's Get Growing: It's About Thyme –
Wednesday, June 26 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Cutting the Cord – Friday, June 28 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*4-H Discovery Series: Soil Science – Monday, July 8 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online) WNC Nature Center: Fur, Feathers, & Scales – Wednesday, July 10 @ 11am (Children)

Virtual Adventures: Yellowstone National Park – Friday, July 12 @ 1pm (All Ages)

*Journal Making – Tuesday, July 16 @ 2pm (Teens) (Register online)

*Let's Get Growing: The Lore & Language of Flowers – Wednesday, July 17 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*What Rangers Do (Chimney Rock State Park) – Wednesday, July 17 @ 3pm (All Ages) (Register online)

*Medicare Updates in 2024 & Beyond – Friday, July 19 @ 10:30am (Adults) (Call 828-277-8288 ext. 1304 to register)

*Zaniac: Astronaut Adventures –
Tuesday, July 23 @ 2pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Intro to Podcasts – Wednesday, July 24 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Basics of Canning – Friday, July 26 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Beneficial Bats – Tuesday, July 30 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

Roper Mountain's Science on Wheels: Super Cold Science – Tuesday, July 30 @ 2pm (Children)

End of Summer Party – Tuesday, August 6 @ 2pm (All Ages)

Virtual Adventures: Glacier National Park – Friday, August 9 @ 1pm (All Ages)

*4-H Discovery Series: Nature Journals –
Monday, August 12 @ 4pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Light Waves – Tuesday, August 13 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

*Become a Library Power User – Wednesday, August 21 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Ancient Appalachia – Tuesday, August 27 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)

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

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (June-August 1; Storytimes will resume Aug. 19th)

*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 in June @ 10:30am (Adults) (Call to register)

*Chair Exercises – Wednesdays: June 26; July 3, 10, 17, & 24 @ 9:30am (Adults) (Call to register)

Picnic with Professionals (Special Guest Smokey Bear) – Wednesday, June 5 @ 12pm (All Ages)

Critter Keeper – Wednesday, June 12 @ 11am (Children)

Schiele Museum – Wednesday, June 19 @ 2pm (Children)

Dana Hill Magic – Wednesday, July 17 @ 11am (Children)

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FLETCHER LIBRARY 120 LIBRARY RD, FLETCHER | 828.687.1218

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10:30am (June-August 1; Storytimes will resume Aug. 19th)

Lego Club - First Thursday @ 3:30pm; July session on 7/11 due to holiday (Children)

*PAWS for Reading – Saturdays: June 1 & 22 @ 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)

Pilates Mat Exercise –

Thursdays: June 20 & 27; July 18 @ 2:30pm (Adults)

Gravity Check Juggling -

Thursday, June 6 @ 11am (Children)

Porkchop Productions: The Totally Twisted Tale of the Three Little Pigs – Monday, June 17 @ 11am (Children)

Dana Hill Magic - Tuesday, July 16 @ 11am (Children)

GREEN RIVER LIBRARY 50 GREEN RIVER RD, ZIRCONIA | 828.697.4969

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (June-August 1; Storytimes will resume Aug. 19th)

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

*Eating the Mediterranean Way - Wednesdays: June 5, July 17, & August 7 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

*Progressive Painting – Thursday, June 6 @ 2pm (Adults & Teens 13+) (Register online)

*Zaniac: Astronaut Adventures! -Monday, June 10 @ 2pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Bear Basics – Wednesday, June 12 @ 2pm (All Ages)

Author Elorah Flanagan -

Thursday, June 13 @ 3pm (Children)

*4-H Discovery Series: Nature Journal – Monday, June 17 @ 4:30pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online)

Schiele Museum –

Wednesday, June 19 @ 11am (Children)

Virtual Adventures: A Year in the Life of a Bear – Thursday, June 20 @ 2pm (All Ages)

*Pass the Paragraph – Friday, June 21 @ 1:30pm (Adults & Youth 11+) (Register online)

Craft Club: Create a Compass! -

Monday, June 24, Drop in all day (Children & Teens)

Medicare 101: The Basics -

Wednesday, June 26 @ 2pm (Adults)

Wild Encounters – Thursday, June 27 @ 2pm (All Ages)

*Zaniac: Minecraft Workshop –

Monday, July 8 @ 2pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

WNC Nature Center: Fur, Feathers, & Scales – Wednesday, July 10 @ 2pm (Children)

*Progressive Painting – Thursday, July 11 @ 2pm (Adults & Teens 13+) (Register online)

*4-H Discovery Series: Intro To Circuits – Monday, July 15 @ 4:30pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online)

Craft Club: Make an Adventure Pouch! – Monday, July 22, Drop in all day (Children & Teens)

Medicare Frauds & Scams -Wednesday, July 24 @ 2pm (Adults)

Virtual Adventures: Yellowstone National Park -Thursday, July 25 @ 2pm (All Ages)

*Intro Into Writing & Publishing – Friday, July 26 @ 1:30pm (Adults & Teens 13+) (Register online)

*Progressive Painting Kids Edition -Monday, July 29 @ 2pm (Children) (Register online)

End of Summer Party! -Wednesday, July 31 @ 2pm (All Ages)

*Zaniac: Light Waves – Monday, August 12 @ 4:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Medicare Updates in 2024 -

Wednesday, August 14 @ 2pm (Adults)

Craft Club - Monday, August 19, Drop in all day (Children & Teens)

*Getting Started on the Computer -Friday, August 23 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

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Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (June-August 1; Storytimes will resume Aug. 19th)

Lego Club - Thursdays @ 3pm (Children)

In Stitches – Mondays @ 10am (Adults)

- *Chair Exercises— First & Second Mondays @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)
- *Getting Started on the Computer –
 Third Monday @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)
- *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)
- *4-H Cloverbud Classes- First & Third Wednesdays in June & July @ 1:30pm (Children Ages 5-7) (Register online)
- *Etowah Book Club –
 Third Wednesday @ 2:30pm (Adults) (Register online)
- *Silent Write Second Thursday @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)
- *Eating the Mediterranean Way Fridays: June 7 @ 10:30am; July 12 @ 1pm; August 9 @ 10:30am (Adults) (Register online)
- *Awareness Through Movement Fridays: June 14, 21, & 28; July 12, 19, & 26 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)
- *Write Your Life Thursdays: June 27, July 25, & August 22 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)
- *4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Gardening— Wednesday, June 5 @ 3pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online)
- *Canning Thu., June 6 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)
- *Veterans History Museum: D-Day Talk with WWII Veteran George Sarros –

Thursday, June 6 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

- *Invasive Species Hike at Holmes Wed., June 12 @ 10am (Adults & Teens 16+) (Register online)
- *Zaniac: Ice Oasis Innovation –
 Wednesday, June 12 @ 3pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)
- *Writing Class with Angela Evans –
 Friday, June 14 @ 12pm OR Saturday, August 3 @ 10am
 (Adults & Teens 16+) (Register online)
- *WNC Nature Center: Mini Fur, Feathers, & Scales Monday, June 17 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)
- *Papermaking with M's School of Art –
 Wednesday, June 19 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)
- *Environmentally Friendly Landscaping –
 Thursday, June 20 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Golden Rod Puppets: Animalia – Monday, June 24 @ 11am (Children)

- *What Rangers Do (Chimney Rock State Park) Wednesday, June 26 @ 10am (All Ages) (Register online)
- *Mushroom Hike at Holmes Tuesday, July 2 @ 10am (Adults & Teens 16+) (Register online)
- *4-H Discovery Series: Intro to Birding— Wednesday, July 3 @ 3pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online)
- *Zaniac: Coding with Dash Bot Wednesday, July 10 @ 1pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)
- *Fizzies and Scrubs with M's School of Art —
 Thursday, July 11 @ 1:30pm (Adults) (Register online)
- *Let's Get Growing: The Lore & Language of Flowers Thursday, July 18 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Medicare 101: The Basics - Fri., July 19 @ 1pm (Adults)

Big Bang Boom! - Monday, July 22 @ 11am (Children)

- *Epic Tomatoes from your Garden w/ Craig LeHoullier Tuesday, July 23 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)
- *It's A Breeze with Roper Mountain Science Center Wednesday, July 24 @ 10am (Children 5+) (Register online)
- *Veterans History Museum: Battle of Okinawa with Milt Fletcher Fri., July 26 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)

Kindergarten Readiness – Wednesday, July 31 @ 10am

- *Seed Saving August 1 @ 1pm (Adults) (Register online)
- *Money Visioning & Goal Setting (OnTrack) –
 Tuesday, August 6 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)
- *Critter Keeper August 7 @ 10am (Register online)
- *Zaniac: Magical Magnets –

Thursday, August 8 @ 10am (Grades K-8) (Register online)

- *Maneje Su Dinero (OnTrack) martes, agosto 13 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)
- *Intro to Fire Ecology Hike at Holmes Wed., August 14 @ 10am (Adults & Teens 16+) (Register online)
- *Tie-Dye for Kids with M's School of Art Wednesday, August 14 @ 10am (Children & Teens) (Register online)
- *4-H Discovery Series: Nature Journal–
 Wed., August 14 @ 3pm (Ages 8-18) (Register online)
- *Cocoa Butter Salves with M's School of Art –
 Thursday, August 15 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Medicare Fraud & Scams - Fri., Aug. 16 @ 1pm (Adults)

- *Genealogy and DNA Tuesday, August 27 @ 2pm (Adults & Teens 16+) (Register online)
- *Veterans History Museum: A Friendly Meeting of WWII Enemies with Ed Cottrell – Wednesday, August 28 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)





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