

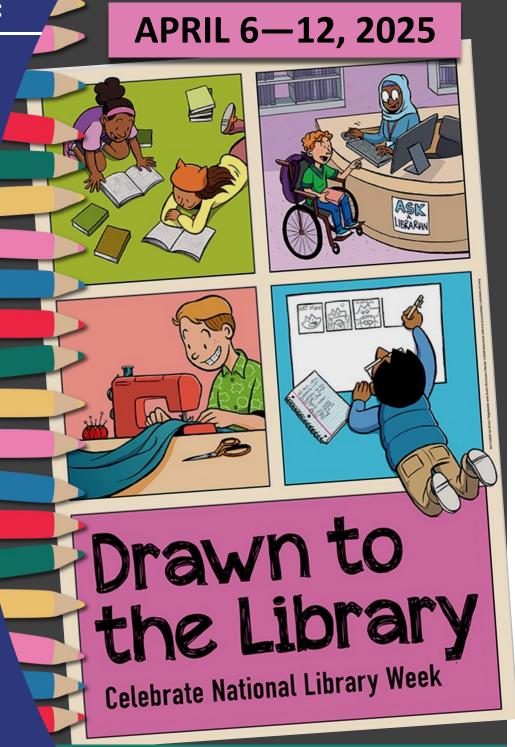
# Illuminations

**Quarterly Newsletter** 

Spring 2025

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

CELEBRATING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK: APRIL 20-26, 2025

National Volunteer Appreciation Week takes place each April as a time to recognize the impact of volunteers and the power of their service. While the observation lasts just one week, the gratitude we extend to library volunteers who give of their time and talent to ensure that our library can continue to provide quality services to Henderson County communities, continues throughout the year.

Over the past year alone, more than 100 dedicated volunteers donated a combined total of 7,479 hours across our library system. This generosity provided nearly \$150,000 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.

Library volunteers play a vital role in helping the library meet patrons' needs. Each year, they reshelve over 800,000 items, assist with processing over 17,000 new items, deliver materials monthly to over 65 homebound residents, assist with displays, programs, the seed library, and the list goes on. This library system continues to thrive because of their continued support, dedication, and willingness to provide assistance for a few hours each week.

For this dedication to serve in so many impactful ways, we extend a very big THANK YOU!

- Trina Rushing, Library Director

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:

www.hendersoncountync.gov/library/page/volunteer-your-library



## 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

## Leslie Harrison, Circulation Assistant



Leslie's love of reading started as a child when her older sister worked at the local library in her hometown of Spencer, NC and her mother would often drop her off to hang out with her after school or during the summer. Leslie started working for Barnes & Noble in Marina Del Rey, CA in 1999 and stayed with the company for 25 years. She tends to gravitate toward history, biography, and music when reading, but also occasionally enjoys some new fiction and noir mystery books as well. She started playing guitar when she was 14 and that cultivated a love of all things music.

Leslie is very excited to start her new journey with the Henderson County Public Library as she enjoys serving the public and helping patrons find what they are looking for!

## Tayler Hodges, **Branch Library Assistant**

Tayler is excited to join the staff at both the Mills River and Etowah branches. A native of Hendersonville, she recently graduated with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English and Music from Mars Hill University. While there, she published several poems and short stories. She is currently pursuing her Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Leslie enjoys reading dystopian novels, writing poems and nonfiction stories, and petting cats.



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#### CHANGING YOUR LOAN PERIOD

When you check out a title in Libby, you can pick a 7, 14, or 21-day lending period. Your chosen lending period will save for all future borrows in that format at that library. When you borrow or renew a title, tap the loan period on the confirmation screen. Then, select a new loan period for that title.



#### RETURNING TITLES EARLY

Titles are automatically returned to Libby on their due date. If you finish a title early you can return it. This gives it to the next person in line and frees up one of your available loans.

- 1. Tap **Shelf**
- 2. Tap Loans on the top of the screen
- 3. Tap Manage Loan
- 4. Tap Return Early, then Return Loan Note: Libby books you read on Kindle need to be returned from Amazon's website, your Kindle ereader, or the Kindle app.



#### **EXPRESS INTEREST IN TITLES**

Let us know which titles you're interested in that we don't yet offer with the Notify Me smart tag. Titles we don't own will appear when you run a search and there are no matches in our library or if you turn on the "deep search" filter. The title will be anonymously shared with your library. If the title is purchased, you'll receive a notification with the option to borrow or place it on hold. Identify the title you're interested in. Tap **Notify Me**. You'll be promoted to set up a Notify Me smart tag.



#### TURNING ON DYSLEXIC FONT IN A BOOK

When in a book, tap the center of the screen, then the reading settings icon (large A) at the top right of the screen. Then under Book Design tap OpenDyslexic.



#### READ AS MANY MAGAZINES AS YOU WANT WITH EASE

There are no checkout limits on magazines, they do not count as one of your 6 loans, and magazines are always available. Subscribe to a magazine to have the newest issue automatically added to your magazine rack. When reading, you can open individual articles to adjust the text size or lighting.

- Tap the center of the screen to hide the timeline
- 2. Tap the article button near the bottom of the reader
- 3. If there are multiple articles on a page, select one from the list
- 4. Tap **Appearance** (large A icon)
- 5. Drag the slider to adjust the text size or select a lighting setting, then tap Save





## What computer skills do YOU want to learn?

#### **COMPUTER BASICS**

Those who are new to the computer or looking to brush up on the essentials should 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, setting you on the path to meeting your computer goals.
 Four Mondays @ 2pm, April 28<sup>th</sup>-May 19<sup>th</sup>, Main Library. (Registration Required)

#### **ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING ABOUT APPLE DEVICES**

Apple Interest Group is for anyone interested in, or already using, an Apple device. Meeting topics vary, but always include a Q&A time. First Tuesday @ 2pm, Main Library

#### GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR GOOGLE ACCOUNT

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— March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10am, Edneyville Library (Registration Required)

#### STAY UP TO DATE ON POPULAR TECHNOLOGY

- Ready to ditch cable? Want to learn how to stream media, use your free library resources to access video content, or pick up local channels? Cutting the Cord—Wed., April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am, Main Library (Registration Required)
- Learning a new language? Learn about the library's free language learning app and how you can build your listening, speaking, and writing skills at any level in over 110 languages, including English for speakers of other languages.
   Using Your Digital Library: Transparent Language— March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10am, Etowah (Registration Required)

#### TECHNOLOGY TO AID YOU IN GENEALOGY RESEARCH

- Learn how to search Newspapers.com, a top resource for genealogy and local history. With your library card you can access digitized historical newspaper content from over 1,000 NC county newspapers covering 1751-1999.
   Historic NC Digital Newspaper Collection— May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10am, Etowah Library (Registration Required)
- Do you want to know more about your heritage but don't know where to begin? Ancestry.com Library Edition is a
  great resource offered through the library to jumpstart your research. Staff will show patrons how to navigate the
  site, follow leads, and save the information that's discovered.
   Ancestry.com Library Edition Demonstration— Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm, Main Library; Wednesday,
  May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2pm, Fletcher 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 Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10am; Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm; Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm, Main Library (Registration Required)

#### **GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY**

- Ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines are available to you anytime, anywhere when you use your digital library. Learn the ins and outs of our two digital library platforms and start getting the most out of your account.
   Libby- Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am, Main Library (Registration Required)
   Hoopla- April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm, Main Library; May 23rd @ 10am, Edneyville Library (Registration Required)
   Libby & Hoopla- Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10am, Etowah Library (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- Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm, Green River Library; Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10am, Edneyville Library; Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm, Main Library (Registration Required)

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## 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

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.

Questions? Email the FOL at bookstore@fotl.info

## **WEBSITE**

fotl.info

## STAFF PICKS AT THE BOOKSTORE

We are excited to announce that we have brought back our "Staff Picks!" Apparently, the FOL volunteers have a lot in common with our patrons because the books have been in constant replacement! You can find the recommendations on one of the tables when you enter the store. Make sure to take a look for a "sure thing" as far as a great read.

Speaking of staff picks... Our featured volunteer today, Antoinette Molless, has picked out three titles for you that she said EVERY human should read. Antoinette has been helping us for over 15 years and is a huge reader. She also loves to bake, walk and is the crafty one that makes the special gift card holders you see hanging at the front when you check out. She is a true Renaissance woman! Several of the books that she has picked out were chosen from PBS shows that mentioned these very authors. Antoinette is a

knowledge seeker for sure! We appreciate her and the talents that she shares freely with us.

### Merci Antoinette!





## PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE FOL LAST QUARTER

In addition to providing funds for physical and digital library materials, the Friends supported a variety of adult and children's programs at multiple library branches, including author events and speakers.

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

ARE YOU FEELING "PUZZLED" IN THE **STORE LATELY?** 

Things look different inside and out? Don't worry! Things are awry! Be on the looking for "signs" of change! We are excited!! Spring cleaning is real!



## **BREAKING NEWS!! NEW INCENTIVES** FOR FOL MEMBERSHIP!

For our loyal members, the FOL will have a quarterly gift to say Thank You for your continued yearly support. Whether it be a coupon, BOGO or maybe just a "sweet treat," be on the lookout for our quarterly FOL members week and offers! It's your THANK YOU from us!!

## **DID YOU KNOW NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS APRIL 6-12, 2025?**

We at Friends of the Library are excited to celebrate what we all know and LOVE! Our LIBRARIES!

In honor of this celebration we will be offering our FOL MEMBERS a \$5 coupon to be used ONLY during this week towards merchandise.

"Libraries are the living memory of mankind."



## **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**



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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## Movie Matinees @ Main

FIRST THURSDAY AT 2PM | KAPLAN AUD.



March 6, 2pm PG | 160 Minutes

### THE MONUMENTS MEN

April 3, 2pm PG-13 | 118 Minutes

#### **CONCLAVE**

May 1, 2pm PG | 120 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.



#### MAIN LIBRARY NORTH CAROLINA ROOM

THURSDAY, MARCH 20 10AM-12PM **TUESDAY, APRIL 29 2-4PM** WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 2-4PM

Join us every month for a different topic relating to genealogy followed by an open lab where library staff can help you with your genealogy research and using the library's genealogy resources. Connect and share with other family history enthusiasts. All levels of experience are welcome. Library computers will be available for research, however you are welcome to bring your own laptop.

Register online: hendersonpl.libcal.com



This quick workshop provides information on how to develop a professional resume, including keywords, transferable skills, and using power verbs and action phrases. Highlight how your experience and education meet or exceed what employers are looking for. **Registration Required** 

Three dates to choose from!

WED., MARCH 12 1-3PM

WED., APRIL 30 1-3PM

**THU., MAY 22** 9:30-11:30AM

**MAIN LIBRARY LEARNING LAB** 









# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 6-12, 2025

First observed in 1958, National Library Week is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers, and promote library use and support. This year's theme "Drawn to the Library" highlights all the ways in which the community can use the library: research, entertainment, connection, and more.

Join us as we celebrate National Library Week with displays, programs, and fun for all ages! Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone!

#### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN (GRADES K-5)

- Stop by your local branch to guess the shredded graphic novel in the jar for the chance to win a prize!
- Wed., April 9 @ 4pm | Main Library Children's Aud.
   Test your building skills with a catapult challenge at our Four O'Clock Club.

#### **PROGRAMS FOR TEENS (GRADES 6-12)**

- Tue., April 8 @ 4pm | Main Library Learning Lab
   Create a tiny library diorama in a recycled tin.
- Thu., April 10 @ 4pm | Main Library Kaplan Aud.
   Stop by for an afternoon of anime and snacks at our monthly Teen Anime Club.

#### **PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

- Wed., April 9 @ 2pm | Main Library Kaplan Aud.
   Drop in to experiment with creating Pop Art pieces using a variety of arts and crafts materials.
- Thu., April 10 @ 10am | Etowah Library
  Learn how to use your Digital Library to gain access
  to books, movies, and more via Libby and Hoopla.
  Registration Required
- Thu., April 11 @ 10am | Edneyville Library
   Become a Library Power User and learn how to navigate the website and search the catalog like a librarian. Registration Required



#### MAIN LIBRARY KAPLAN AUDITORIUM

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 11 2-3PM**

#### PTSD: HEALING THE EMOTIONAL WOUND

When trauma occurs, it can have lasting effects on the person who experiences it and their caregiver. This presentation defines PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) and reviews the impact of trauma. Highlighted are treatment options and self-care strategies related to older adults.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 8 2-3PM**

#### AN OVERVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH

This introductory course aims to educate individuals on the most common mental health diagnoses among the aging population, along with treatment options to help overcome stigma. Variations between mental health and illness will be considered.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 13 2-3PM**

#### **ANXIETY: MANAGING NERVOUS ENERGY**

A growing number of individuals report experiencing anxiety symptoms in recent years. This course examines anxiety as it disproportionately affects the aging population. Traditional and alternative treatments will be the focus of symptom management.

Register online or call the library for assistance. www.vayahealth.com/calendar or 697-4725, opt. 3

# Art Exhibit at the Main Library



March 31 – June 30, 2025

"All Creatures Great and Small Part 2"

This exhibit will include art in a variety of media that features the artists' favorite animal subjects.



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FIRST TUESDAY @ 10AM MILLS RIVER LIBRARY

\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

March 4– A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

**April 1**– *The Guncle* by Stephen Rowley

May 6- Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare by Giles Milton



#### SECOND TUESDAY @ 2PM ETOWAH LIBRARY

\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

March 11 – Euphoria by Lily King

April 8- West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

May 13- Washington Black by Esi Edugyan



#### SECOND MONDAY @ 11AM FLETCHER LIBRARY

\*REGISTER BY CALLING 687-1218\*

March 10– The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

April 14— The Last Train to Key West by Chanel Cleeton

May 12- The Marsh King's Daughter by Karen Dionne

## Page Turners

#### **MAIN LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**

2PM, KAPLAN AUDITORIUM
\*REGISTER ONLINE\*

March 13- Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

April 10– The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry

May 8- No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister



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.

One of NC Humanities virtual book club picks this year is *Doc Watson: A Life in Music* by North Carolinian Eddie Huffman. This biography will be engaging for anyone interested in Doc Watson or the evolution of old-time, traditional, and folk music over the past 90 years.

For a literary biography, check out A Matter of Complexion: The Life and Fictions of Charles W. Chesnutt by Tess Chakkalakal. Chesnutt was a poor teacher raised in rural North Carolina during Reconstruction who became the first professional African American writer to break into the all-white literary establishment.

Whispering Winds of Appalachia by John Ellington is a Gold Medal Winner of the Southern Fiction Independent Publisher Book Award and Southern Fiction Reader's Favorite Book Awards. This book is for fans of heartfelt literary fiction that addresses the agony of irreversible choices and their consequences.

For those working on the 2025 Henderson County Library Reading Challenge, the following titles fit a few of the challenge categories.

Book covers with a stack of newspapers or red thorns would fit into the "No humans were harmed" category. Consider *Southern News, Southern Politics* by Rob Christensen. He was chief political reporter at North Carolina's capital newspaper, the *News and Observer*, for decades. Christensen shows how influence and messaging affect the politics of a state and a region for generations.

In Emily Carpenter's immersive Southern Gothic thriller, *Gothictown*, Billie Hope is offered an inexpensive but spacious Victorian home in Juliana, Georgia. Plus, she'll get a business grant to open a new restaurant in a charming riverside community laden with opportunity. It seems like a dream come true...or a devil's bargain.

For "Almost Famous", read a book from a celebrity book club or list. Kate Fagan is a sportswriter from South Carolina. Her latest book *The Three Lives of Cate Kay* is a Reese Witherspoon book club pick. Fagan's story is framed as Cate Kay's unpublished memoir even though she was raised Annie Callahan and currently goes by the name Cass Ford. Each name and life shows how she dealsor doesn't deal--when tragedy strikes.

For "Tell me it isn't true?", read a book based on a true story.

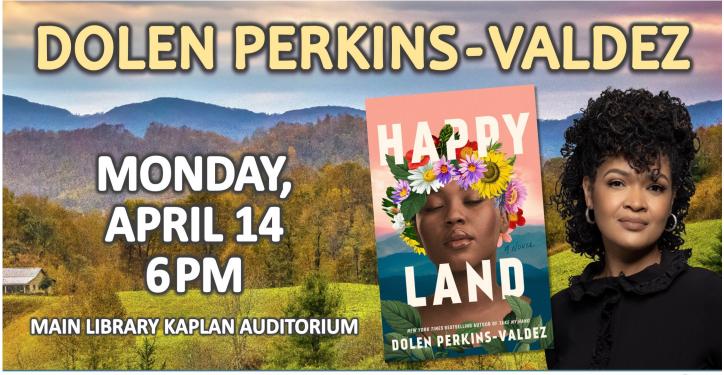
The Story She Left Behind by Patti Callahan Henry, was inspired by a true story and enhanced by vivid descriptions of characters and settings in South Carolina and London. This is a tale of a woman drawn to her imaginary world, who fiercely loved her family, as well as an exploration of the hard choices that tear families apart and the love that sustains them.

Lastly, the "Hot off the press" challenge is met by reading a book published in 2025. *Happy Land* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez tells the story of The Kingdom of the Happy Land, a community established in the late 1800s by freed slaves near Hendersonville. Save the date for April 14<sup>th</sup> when the author will speak at the Main Library.

Reading Challenge accepted!

- Daniel Hay, Branch & Collection Coordinator

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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register online at hendersonpl.libcal.com

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR** 

**BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE** 







### SEED LIBRARY REOPENING

The Seed Libraries @ Main, Etowah, and Mills River have reopened for the season! Located near the check-out desks, our Seed Libraries are free and open to all.



#### What is a seed library?

A Seed Library offers free seeds and resources for planting, growing, harvesting, and saving seeds. Patrons are encouraged to grow their own food and return saved seeds to share with the community.

- \*Seeds are available on a take-what-you-need basis.
- \*The availability and selection of seeds will change with the growing season.

The seed library is stocked for anyone that wants to browse, take some home, or leave some for us!

**Coming Soon:** We're expanding our popular pollinator garden to bring even more color to our Main Library!

#### Want to help us grow?

Join us the second Monday of each month @ 4pm for Garden Hour or stop by the Children's Desk to ask how you can help!





Save the Date for Summer Fun at the Library:

JUNE 2 — AUG 1, 2025

Get ready for a colorful summer of creativity and fun at your local library! All ages will have an opportunity to read for a chance to win prizes. Experience music, art, and library magic with events offered throughout the summer.



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## **VOICES AND VOTES EXHIBIT**

The Voices and Votes: Democracy in America exhibit was on display at the Main Library from December 7<sup>th</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup>. Henderson County Library was one of six locations across North Carolina to host the exhibit thanks to a grant from North Carolina Humanities and the Smithsonian Institution.

The library saw **over 1,000 visitors** to the exhibit and hosted several programs related to the history of voting and democracy in America. Staff also set up displays of local historic photos and newspaper headlines, as well as several interactive voting activities. A special thank you to the Henderson County chapters of the League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women for providing volunteer docents who spent a total of 185 hours staffing the exhibit.



## LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Michael Absher, Chair

Katrina McGuire, Vice-Chair

Elizabeth Jennings, Secretary Milton Butt

Milton Butterworth, FOL President Sheila Franklin, Commissioner

Jean McGrady Celeste Mayes Anthony Baltiero Rachel Poller



#### Thank you to those who have donated:

- ◆ John & Pamela Sandusky (in memory of Morton Lazarus)
- ◆ Katy Anello; Grace Vineyard; Paul & Amy Lottes; Teri & Joe Shockey (in memory of Acee Hughes)
- Hilda Hamilton; Alicia Westbrook & Max Mays; Marble City Baptist Church; Linda Harris (in memory of Ted Harris)
- ◆ Laura Sutherlin (in memory of Barry Lyndon Love)
- ◆ Kenneth Wright (in memory of Kathy Wright Bennett)
- ◆ Bowen Family (in memory of Larry Lee)
- ◆ Linda Mulligan & Book Club (monetary donation)

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

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

## Holiday Hours for the Library:

GOOD FRIDAY | CLOSE EARLY 5PM APRIL 17 CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 18

**MEMORIAL DAY | CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 26** 



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

#### PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

\*Page Turners Book Club – Thursdays: March 13, April 10, & May 8 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: March 10, April 14, & May 12 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

\*Sit Step Sing – Fridays: March 7 & May 2 @ 3:15pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: Wicked -

Thursday, March 6 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*PTSD: Healing the Emotional Wound (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, March 11 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: *The Monuments Men* – Thursday, April 3 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*An Overview of Mental Health (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, April 8 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) (Register Online)

Pop In for Pop Art -

Wednesday, April 9 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Author Dolen Perkins-Valdez – Monday, April 14 @ 6pm (Kaplan Auditorium) (Register Online)

Movie Matinee: Conclave -

Thursday, May 1 @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Main Library Tour -

Wednesday, May 7 @ 3pm (Register Online)

\*Anxiety: Managing Nervous Energy (VAYA Health) – Tuesday, May 13 @ 2pm (Kaplan Aud.) (Register Online)

#### TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS & CLASSES FOR ADULTS

#### Apple Interest Group -

First Tuesday @ 2pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

\*Family Roots & Research Lab -

Thursday, March 20 @ 10am; Tuesday, April 29 @ 2pm; Wednesday, May 28 @ 2pm (North Carolina Room) (Register Online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Libby – Tuesday, March 25 @ 10:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Cutting the Cord – Wednesday, April 9 @ 11:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online) \*Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla – Tuesday, April 15 @ 2:30pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Getting Started on the Computer 4-Part Series – Mondays, April 28—May 19 @ 2pm (Learning Lab)

(Register Online- Register once for the entire series)

\*Ancestry.com Library Edition Demonstration – Wed., May 14 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

\*Become a Library Power User! -

Thursday, May 15 @ 2pm (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

### JOB HELP FOR ADULTS

#### **Goodwill Career Connections –**

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

\*NCWorks Resume Workshop -

3 Dates to Choose from:

Wednesday, March 12 @1pm Wednesday, April 30 @ 1pm Thursday, May 22 @ 9:30am (Learning Lab) (Register Online)

NCWorks Info Session -

Thursdays: April 3 & 17 @ 11am (Kaplan Aud.)



## SPRING PROGRAMMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY

301 N WASHINGTON STREET, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.697.4725

### STORYTIMES (March—May 15, 2025)

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

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

Third Friday @ 10am; no session in April (Children's Aud.)

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: March 10, April 14, & May 12 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

\*Beginning American Sign Language Class (Grades 3-6) – Tuesdays, April 1—May 6 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium) (Register Online– Register once for the entire series)

Family Book Club (Grades K-5) -

**Tuesday, March 25 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)**Beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>, pick up *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza* by Mac Barnett & Shawn Harris at the Youth Services Desk.

Music Discovery Program with the NC Symphony Orchestra (Ages 3-5, but can be enjoyed by all ages) – Friday, March 28 @ 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 (Learning Lab) (Application Required)

Teen Anime Club (Grades 6-12) -

Second Thursday @ 4pm (Kaplan Auditorium)

Garden Hour (All Ages) – Mondays: March 10, April 14, & May 12 @ 4pm (Outside in Garden)

\*Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 6-12) -

Wednesdays: March 26 & April 16, 3:30-6:30pm

(Learning Lab) (Register Online)

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

Wednesdays @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

March 5 – Let's Build It!

March 12 – Sock Puppets

March 19- Make Art Like Eric Carle

March 26 – Skill Toys

April 2 – Let's Build It!

**April 9**– Catapults

**April 16**– Gnomes

April 23 - Paper Fans

**April 30**– Watercolor Bouquet

May 7 – Let's Build It!

May 14— Drive-In Movie: The Wild Robot (Kaplan Aud.)



Teen Craft Time: Boba Party (Grades 6-12) -

Thursday, March 20 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Teen Craft Time for National Library Week: Tiny Library (Grades 6-12) – Tuesday, April 8 @ 4pm (Learning Lab)

Teen Craft Time: Sharpie Mug (Grades 6-12) –

Thursday, April 24 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

Teen Craft Time: Sew a Corner Bookmark (Grades 6-12) – Thu., May 15 @ 4pm (Children's Aud.)

Teen Craft Time: Paint a Clay Pot (Grades 6-12) -

Thursday, May 22 @ 4pm (Children's Auditorium)

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## SPRING PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

### **EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY 2 FIREHOUSE RD, HENDERSONVILLE | 828.685.0110**

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (March—May 15, 2025)

\*PAWS for Reading – Wednesdays: March 19; April 16; May 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)

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

What We Read Book Review Group -

First Friday @ 1pm (Adults)

\*Chair Exercises -

Tuesdays: March 18 & 25 @ 10am

Mondays: April 21; May 5 & 19 (Adults) (Register online)

\*Getting to Know Your Google Account -

Friday, March 14 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*The Wild Robot – Monday, March 17 @ 2pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Minecraft Masterminds— Tuesday, March 18 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Let's Get Growing: Color & Texture in the Landscape — Wednesday, March 19 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: An Overview of Native Brook Trout Conservation in NC –

Wednesday, April 2 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Marvelous Mammals - Monday, April 7 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*Become a Library Power User! -

Friday, April 11 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Design Studio -

Tuesday, April 15 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*The American Buffalo: A Film by Ken Burns -

Part One: Tuesday, April 22 @ 2pm Part Two: Wednesday, April 23 @ 2pm

(Adults) (Register online- Register once for both parts)

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Restoring Natural Floodplains – May 7 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Guardians of the Wild -

Tuesday, May 13 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*MountainTrue Speaker Series: Public Lands — Tuesday, May 20 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Hoopla –

Friday, May 23 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

#### FLETCHER LIBRARY 120 LIBRARY RD, FLETCHER | 828.687.1218

Family Storytime – Wednesdays @ 10am (March—May 15, 2025)

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

\*PAWS for Reading – First, Third, & Fourth Saturdays @ 10:30am; Second Saturday @ 12:30pm; Third Tuesday @ 10:30am; Fourth Monday @ 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)

**Book Review Book Club –** 

Second Wednesday @ 10:30am (Adults)

Goodwill Career Connections –

Thursdays, Drop in 1-4pm (Adults)

\*Zaniac: Engineering- Rapunzel Needs Your Help - Wed., March 12 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

2025 Medicare Updates -

Monday, March 24 @ 2pm (Adults)

\*Zaniac: Forensic Science –

Tuesday, April 29 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Earth Science & Engineering -

Tuesday, May 20 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Ancestry.com Library Edition Demonstration – Wednesday, May 21 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

## **GREEN RIVER LIBRARY** 50 GREEN RIVER RD, ZIRCONIA | 828.697.4969

Family Storytime – Thursdays @ 10am (March—May 15, 2025)

\*Ecosystems – Monday, March 10 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Become a Library Power User -

Monday, March 17 @ 4pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: Dynamic Dino Discovery -

Wed., March 26 @ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

\*Zaniac: The Science of Weather – Wednesday, April 9
@ 3:30pm (Grades K-8) (Register online)

Medication Disposal Program – April 14 @ 4pm (Adults)

Egg Hunt! - Saturday, April 19 @ 11am (Children)

What Rangers Do – Monday, April 21 @ 4pm (All Ages)

Rockin' Reptiles and Epic Amphibians -

Thursday, May 1 @ 4pm (All Ages)

\*Mosaic Coasters – Monday, May 5 @ 4pm (Adults, Teens, & Children Ages 8+) (Register online)

\*Don't Waste It! -

Monday, May 12 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

## SPRING PROGRAMMING @ THE BRANCHES

### ETOWAH LIBRARY 101 BRICKYARD RD, ETOWAH | 828.891.6577

Family Storytime – Tuesdays @ 10am (March—May 15, 2025)

Lego Club - Thursdays @ 3pm (Children)

In Stitches - Mondays @ 10am (Adults)

\*Awareness Through Movement – Wednesdays @ 10am (No session on 3/12) (Adults) (Register online)

\*The Ancestors Club -

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

\*Write Your Life -

First 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)

\*Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District Lectures: Animal Adaptations/Ecosystems –

Monday, March 3 @ 4pm (Children) (Register online)

\*Intro to Grant Writing -

Friday, March 7 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Movie Matinee for Youth: Mulan -

Saturday, March 8 @ 10am (Children & Teens)

\*Brothers and Sisters Like These-

Saturday, March 8 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Movie Matinee: Norma Rae -

Friday, March 14 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Let's Get Growing: Color & Texture in the Landscape – Thursday, March 20 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Conserving Carolina Speaker Series: Trilliums of the Southern Appalachian Mountains –

Thursday, March 20 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register online)

\*Downsizing and Decluttering -

Friday, March 21 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Transparent Language – Friday, March 28 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Marvelous Mammals –

Monday, March 31 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Creating Ceramic Mushrooms – Friday, April 4 @ 10am (Outside) (Adults) (Register online)

\*Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District Lectures: STEM Earthquake Build –

Monday, April 7 @ 4pm (Children) (Register online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Libby & Hoopla -

Thursday, April 10 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Journaling with Art -

Friday, April 11 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Movie Matinee for Youth: Gnomeo and Juliet – Saturday, April 12 @ 10am (Children & Teens)

Appalachian Strings –

Monday, April 21 @ 2pm (Outside) (All Ages)

\*Movie Matinee: Henry V -

Friday, April 25 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Toxins, Tails, Teeth, & Talons -

Monday, April 28 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

\*Using Your Digital Library: Historic NC Newspapers – Friday, May 2 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Create a Bird ID Book – Monday, May 5 @ 4pm (Children & Teens) (Register online)

\*Intro to Writing and Publishing -

Friday, May 9 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

Movie Matinee for Youth: The Great Mouse Detective — Saturday, May 10 @ 10am (Children & Teens)

\*Let's Get Growing: Pollinator Gardens –

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

\*Movie Matinee: The Hound of the Baskervilles – Friday, May 16 @ 10am (Adults) (Register online)

\*Rockin' Reptiles and Epic Amphibians -

Monday, May 19 @ 4pm (All Ages) (Register online)

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

Family Storytime – Mondays @ 10am (March—May 15, 2025)

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

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

\*Shelf Indulgence Book Club -

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

Pilates Mat Exercise – Wednesdays @ 9:30am; No session on 3/12 or 3/26 (Adults)

\*Eating the Mediterranean Way - Tuesdays:

March 11; April 8; May 6 @ 2pm (Adults) (Register Online)

\*Chair Exercises - March 12 & 26 @ 10am; April 9 & 23 @ 11am; May 7 & 21 @ 11am (Adults) (Register Online)

2025 Medicare Updates -

Monday, March 3 @ 3:30pm (Adults)

Zaniac: Dynamic Dino Discovery – Wednesday, March 19 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register Online)

Medicare 101: The Basics -

Monday, April 7 @ 3:30pm (Adults)

\*Zaniac: Minecraft Masterminds – Wednesday, April 23 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register Online)

Medicare Frauds and Scams -

Monday, May 5 @ 3:30pm (Adults)

\*Zaniac: The Science of Weather – Wednesday, May 28 @ 3:45pm (Grades K-8) (Register Online)

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