



HENDERSON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Illuminations

Quarterly Newsletter

Spring 2018

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LIBRARIES LEAD



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SHELF

Libraries Lead...

"Libraries Lead," the theme of this year's National Library Week campaign, celebrates the many ways libraries lead their communities through the transformative services, programs, and expertise they offer. From education to job resources to lifelong learning, libraries provide free access to the programming and services you need to reach your potential and grow as a leader.

Being a leader means something different to each individual, and Henderson County libraries strive to transform and identify services to meet those varied needs. Over the past year, county libraries provided over 1,300 programs to lead community members to make healthier lifestyle choices, increase financial understanding, improve literacy, and enhance quality of life. Library staff assisted with over 33,000 job skill and/or technology-related questions, such as resume building, online job searching, online applications, and establishing email accounts. Computer classes on topics such as computer basics, internet and email basics, and digital media enhanced skills that lead individuals to improved digital literacy.

During the months of April and May the library will hold a series of programs and events that will expand citizens' knowledge of the free services and resources available at the library, enhance financial knowledge, raise awareness of online privacy, and more.

Community members are invited to participate in any or all of these activities.

- **Trina Rushing**, *Library Director*

- April 4: I Love My Library Day**
- April 9-14: National Library Week**
- April 21-28: Money Smart Week**
- May 1-7: Choose Privacy Week**



Come explore all of the ways the library can lead you to achieve your goals and help you reach your fullest potential.

What's Your Library Worth?

For fiscal year 2016-2017, Henderson County Public Libraries saved patrons 18,054,604.70*.

By providing free access to physical and digital materials, offering reference assistance, computer and wireless internet sessions, programming for all ages, and physical space for people to gather, your library saves you money and supports your community.



— \$18,054,604.70 —

*According to the American Library Association's "What's Your Library Worth?" spreadsheet.

SPOT

LIGHT ON OUR 4TH ANNUAL EVENT

LIBRARY HOURS & LOCATIONS

Main Library 697-4725

301 N Washington Street
Hendersonville, NC 28739
Mon-Thu 9-8 Fri & Sat 9-5

Edneyville Branch 685-0110

2 Firehouse Road
Hendersonville, NC 28792
Mon & Tue 9-7
Wed & Thu 9-5
Fri & Sat 10-2

Etowah Branch 891-6577

101 Brickyard Road
Etowah, NC 28729
Mon & Wed 9-7
Tue & Thu 9-5
Fri & Sat 10-2

Fletcher Branch 687-1218

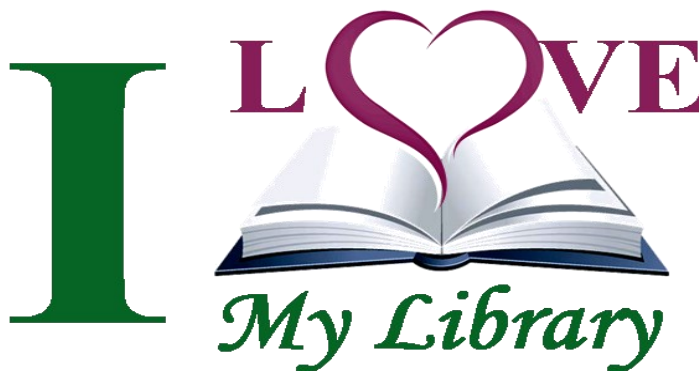
120 Library Road
Fletcher, NC 28732
Mon & Wed 10-7
Tue & Thu 10-5
Fri & Sat 10-4

Green River Branch 697-4969

50 Green River Road
Zirconia, NC 28790
Mon & Fri 9-5*
Tue & Thu 9-6*
Wed & Sat 9-1
**Closed for lunch 12-1*

Mills River Branch 890-1850

124 Town Center Drive
Mills River, NC 28759
Mon & Fri 9-5
Tue & Wed 9-6
Thu & Sat 9-1



Wednesday, April 4, 2018 3-5pm Main Library

- *Informational Tables*
- *Refreshments*
- *Prize Drawings*
- *Demonstrations on the use of our Digital Services*

The Henderson County Public Library seeks to promote literacy, build community, and protect your right to privacy. The "I Love My Library" event is our chance to thank you for your patronage, demonstrate the services we offer, show you ways you can get involved at the library, and welcome new members.

Stop by at any time during the event.

Special Children's Program

4:00 - 4:45pm

Create your own kindness rock and help us decorate our book carts for National Library Week!



Show your support for Henderson County Public Libraries by stopping by to pick up a free car magnet designed especially for this event.



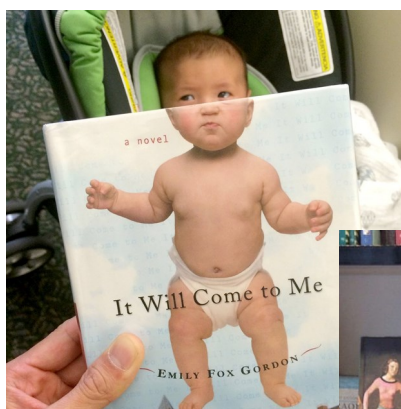
LIBRARIES LEAD

Celebrate the 70th Annual National Library Week: April 8th—14th

National Library Week is an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians, and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study—they're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

Libraries of all types have long been evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Resources like ebooks and technology classes, materials for English-language learners and programs for job seekers are just a few ways libraries and librarians are transforming to lead their communities.

Our library embraces the entire Henderson County community, offering unlimited opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning. We level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life. Join us throughout the week for special programs that show us how we can lead in our communities.



Join the book face photo challenge!

The Main Library will have plenty of covers to choose from.

Tag your entry #hendobookface.



Kids and teens can stop by the Main Library at any time to complete a library scavenger hunt for the chance to win a gift card.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Kids— Celebrate Poetry! Wed., April 11th
4-4:45pm (Main Library, Children's Aud.)

Adults— Poetry Reading Thu., April 12th
2-3pm (Main Library, Kaplan Aud.)



FOR FOOD FINE\$



To celebrate National Library Week and the work that libraries do to transform communities, all Henderson County Public Library locations will participate in the 3rd annual Food for Fines program.

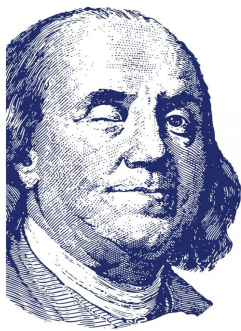
From Mon., April 9th—Sat., April 14th, patrons can pay their existing overdue fines* with in-date, non-perishable food items.

Each item will count as \$1.00 toward the patron's account.

Donations will go to Interfaith Assistance Ministries to meet the basic needs of Henderson County families in financial crisis. Last year patrons donated **1,582 items!**

**Sorry, food cannot be applied toward the cost of lost or damaged materials, debt collection fees, or account credit.*

MONEY SMART WEEK®



April 21st—28th

Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. The Library is joining the effort to stress the importance of financial literacy, inform consumers about where they can get help and provide free educational seminars and activities throughout the week. Programming is offered to all demographics and income levels and covers all facets of personal finance from establishing a budget to first time home buying. Check moneysmartweek.org for other events and new topics hosted by the Library!

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Wednesday, April 25th
4-4:45pm, Main Library

Learn about saving and decorate your own piggy for the piggy bank pageant!



Money Smart Week Events @ Your Library

Saturday, April 21st

SHRED DAY— Securely dispose of documents with personal information. Bring three boxes or up to 75 pounds.
10am-2pm, Etowah Library

Monday, April 23rd

BUDGETING 101— A budget plan is one of the best tools for financial empowerment. Learn how income, expenses, and debt all affect a successful budget and gain tools to help you create a realistic budget.
1-2:30pm, Fletcher Library

ARE YOU READY TO OWN YOUR OWN HOME?— Get homeownership ready by learning about resources and support available through Housing Assistance, a nonprofit organization providing safe, affordable housing for people in Henderson County and the surrounding area.
5-6pm, Edneyville Library

Tuesday, April 24th

ARE YOU READY TO OWN YOUR OWN HOME?— *see description above*
5-6pm, Main Library

LET'S TALK ABOUT A SPENDING PLAN— Learn about managing money, what to do with your tax refund, and creating a spending plan.
5-6pm, Green River Library

Wednesday, April 25th

VETERANS: EMPOWER YOURSELF TO FIGHT FRAUD AND SCAMS— Knowledge is the best way to arm yourself against scams and frauds as every 2 seconds someone's identity is stolen. The Better Business Bureau presents the Top 3 Scams reported by Veterans in NC, Top 10 Most Risky Scams, and Top 3 Most Risky by Age Range.
2-3pm, Main Library

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT AFTER 50— AARP presents the basics of managing finances after 50. Topics include goal setting and budget planning, debt reduction and credit repair, and asset building and protection. Individuals wanting more can register at the program for AARP's free *Finances 50+*.
5-6pm, Main Library

Thursday, April 26th

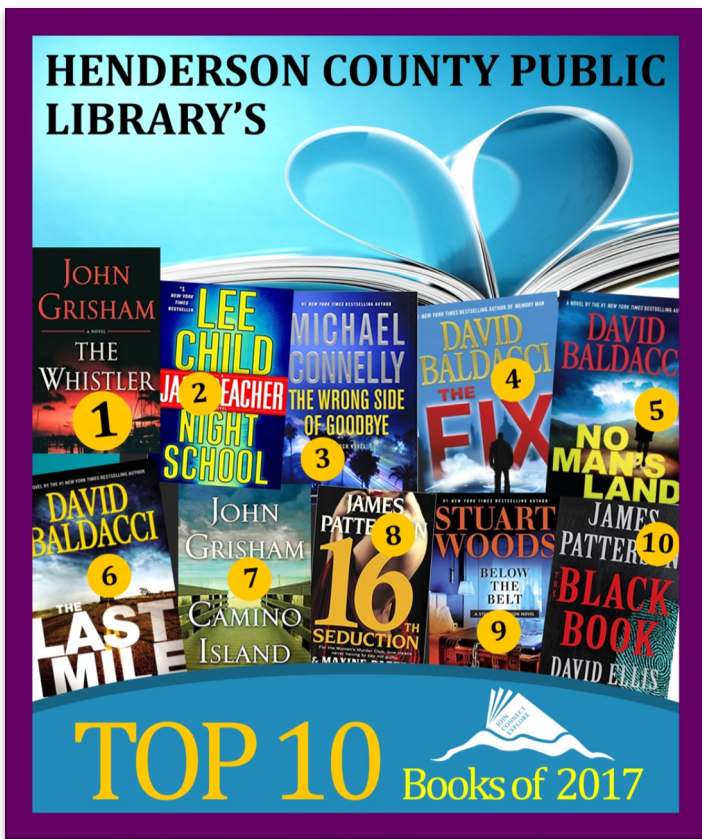
LET'S TALK ABOUT A SPENDING PLAN— *see description above*
5-6pm, Main Library

CHOOSE PRIVACY WEEK May 1st—7th

Every year during Choose Privacy Week, libraries across the country draw awareness to the threats to personal privacy in our digital age. Privacy breaches include government surveillance, corporate marketing data gathering, and identity theft. While these realities may seem out of your control, there are steps you can take to protect your information and stay safe in your digital life. Throughout the week, various library locations will host programs that offer practical advice for managing your digital information. Visit <http://hendersonpl.libcal.com> and search "Choose Privacy Week" for a list of programs hosted at the library.

For practical tips on what you can do now to protect your privacy, visit chooseprivacyweek.org.





Spotting Fake News: An Instructor's Perspective

Fake news, deliberate misinformation spread through traditional and social media, permeates our lives. Since fake news is everywhere, how do you sift through and discern fact from fiction?

Spotting Fake News is one of the more interesting classes I teach. This class gives me the opportunity to share resources and also allows us to discuss the issue of fake news as it affects our daily lives. I give patrons a variety of tools to sift through all the information coming at them so they can feel more in control of their digital lives.

— Michele von Boeck, Instructional Librarian



**Upcoming
Spotting Fake
News Classes
@ the Main Library:**

Thu., March 7th
10am-12pm

Mon., April 30th
2-3pm

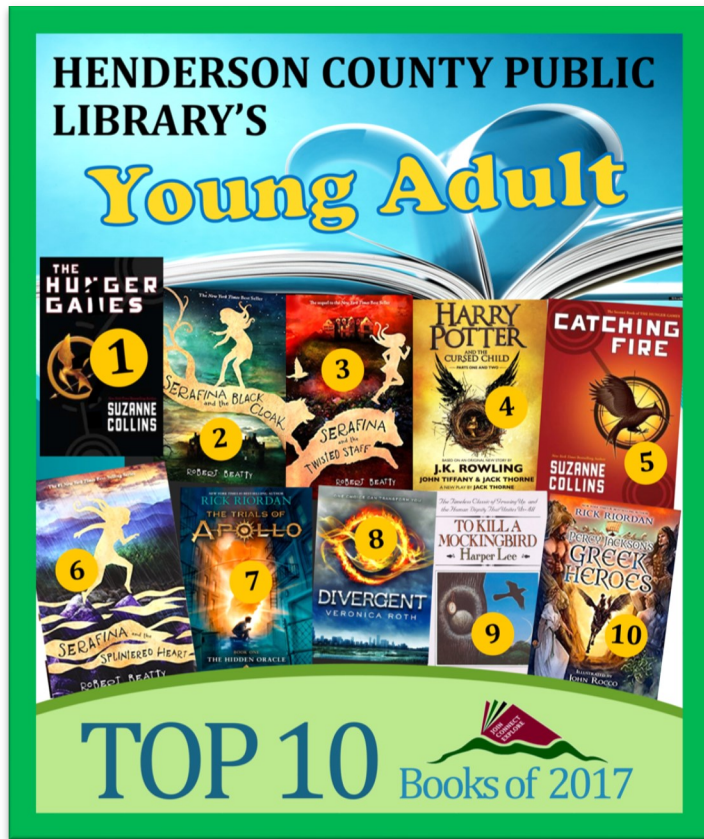
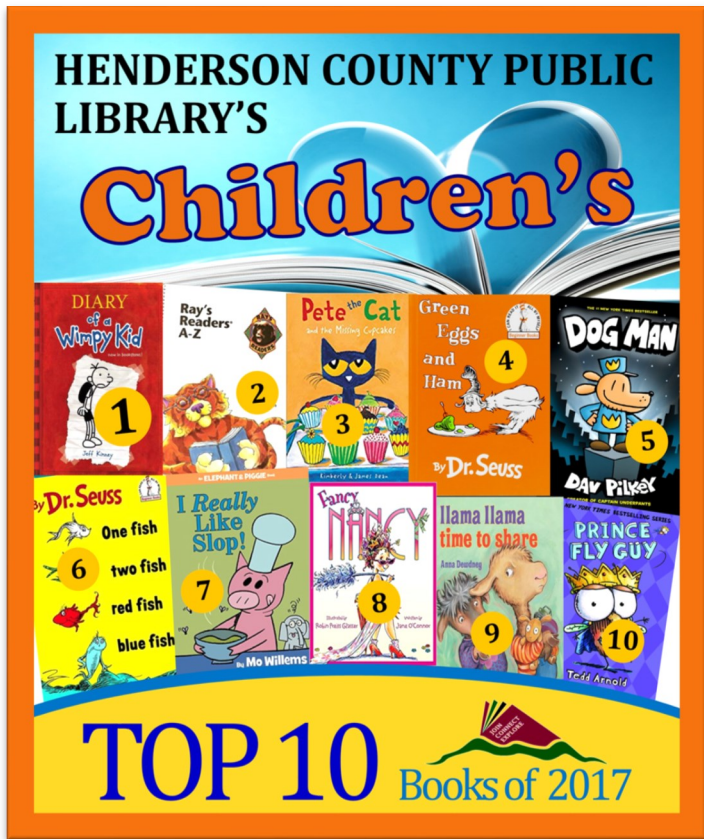
*To sign up for one
of these classes,
stop by the Main
Library Service
Desk or call
828-697-4725,
option 3.*

Reference Resources You Should Know About

Are you interested in learning more about the online resources offered through the library? If so, stop by one of the upcoming sessions hosted by Reference Librarian, Mark Burdette. All demonstrations are free and no registration is required. Unless otherwise noted, sessions will be held in the Kaplan Auditorium of the Main Library. **If you have questions please contact Mark at 828-697-4725, ext. 2307.**

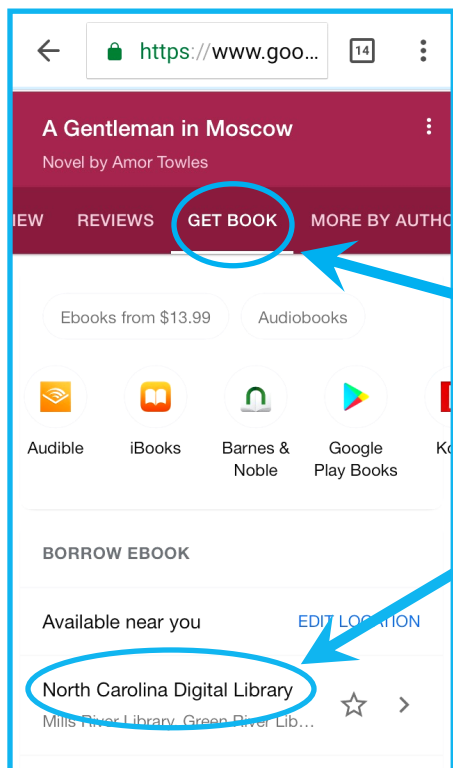
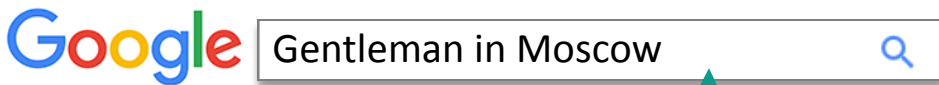
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| March 16 th | Mango Languages | 10-11am |
| April 20 th | NC Historic Newspapers | 2-3pm |
| April 27 th | NC Historic Newspapers | 1-2pm, Fletcher Library |
| May 11 th | Consumer Reports | 10-11am |
| May 18 th | Consumer Reports | 10-11am, Etowah Library |





Find FREE ebooks in your Google search!

Whether you're on a smart phone, tablet, or computer, a Google search for your next book links directly to free ebooks available with your library card.

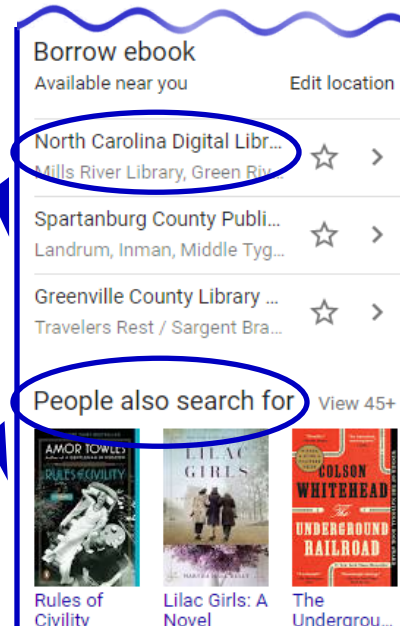
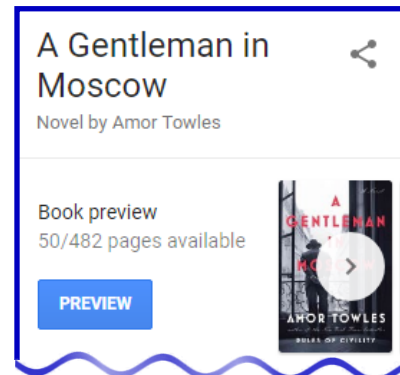


1 Search for the book title in **Google**.

2 **On a computer?** Look to the right hand side of results.
On a phone? Click **"Get Book."**

3 Scan to **"Borrow ebook"** and look for **North Carolina Digital Library**.
Click the link to check out the title for FREE!

4 Looking for similar titles? Click **"People also search for."**





REGIONAL
ROUNDUP

Reporting on notable local and regional books from 2017, popular authors Ann B. Ross and Jan Karon continued their series with *Miss Julia Weathers the Storm* and *To Be Where You Are*. Readers ready to dip their toes into crossover genres may enjoy Diane Chamberlain’s *A Stolen Marriage* or Leanna Sain’s *Half-Moon Lake*.

For novels similar to NC favorites John Hart or Ron Rash, check out *If the Creek Don’t Rise* by Leah Weiss and *The Weight of This World* by David Joy. For thrills and intrigue, get acquainted with Western North Carolina investigators in J.R. Backlund’s *Among the Dead* and Mark De Castrique’s *Hidden Scars*.

For historical mountain stories, try the award-winning *Over the Plain Houses* by Julia Franks and *The Last Ballad* by Wiley Cash, or for stories about modern families, try *Maranatha Road* by Heather Bell Adams and *No One is Coming to Save Us* by Stephanie Powell Watts. If near-future dystopias set in the region are in order, try *The Salt Line* by Holly Goddard Jones or *Ember* by Brock Adams.

In nonfiction about the region, we recommend *Ramp Hollow* by Steven Stoll, especially to contrast J.D. Vance’s *Hillbilly Elegy*, and for more readable histories, try *The Potlikker Papers* by John T. Edge and *The Last Castle* by Denise Kiernan.

- Ed Graves,
Collection Development Librarian



Greetings from the
Etowah Branch!

Etowah Branch Manager, Karen Bryant, and patron, Paula Hoult, meet for Tech Time to explore tablets.

When you visit the Etowah Branch, you’ll notice the abundance of natural light streaming in from large windows, high wooden ceilings, and beautiful stonework. Patrons read in comfortable chairs, work on computers, play games of chess, or catch up with friends. In the children’s room parents read to their children and the toy kitchen is a favorite with young patrons. The quiet study rooms are busy with Blue Ridge Literacy Council instructors tutoring students, homeschool parents teaching lessons, and patrons who just need a peaceful place to work.

We have several regular programs and activities here at the Etowah Branch including an active monthly book club, a new weekly Spanish conversation group, family storytime, and a knitting club. Our new service, Tech Time, allows patrons to make an appointment for help with their mobile devices or laptops. We also host programs presented by the Hands On! Children’s Museum (see page 9 for program information). Several community organizations including Head Start, the Etowah Heritage group, and the local botanical society use the large meeting space available for the public.

Like all of the library’s branches, we rely on a wonderful group of volunteers to work at the front desk, shelve, and support activities. If you’d like to join our team, please don’t hesitate to call!



Sunrise at Etowah Branch.

- Karen Bryant, Branch Manager

Demystifying the College Search

Whether you are a parent of a high school student or a high school student yourself, you might be starting to think about college planning. The library has resources to help you select a school, research how to pay for college, and ace those SATs and ACTs. From the library website, visit the Teen page where you will see a link to “College & Financial Aid Information.” This guide will link you to multiple resources and also help you search the library catalog for related books.

The library also hosts a Jump Start to College Workshop presented by the College Foundation of NC every summer. Registration and more information about this workshop will be available in May.

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College Selection and Financial Aid: Selecting a College

Search this Guide Search

Selecting a College Paying for College Preparing for College

SEARCH THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Search the Library Catalog or click directly on a link below the search box to find library resources on that subject.



Search catalog for...

Search

- College and University Directories
- College and University Admissions

Selecting a College

- College Foundation of North Carolina: Plan for College
The College Foundation of North Carolina website is a comprehensive resource for anyone interested in college. This link will take you to the section on planning where you can search colleges, explore majors, learn about college entrance requirements and more.
- College Navigator
Search for colleges by degree, programs, and location. Create a list of schools for side by side comparisons.
- eLearningNC
Learn more about eLearning and online degree programs in North Carolina.
- College Scorecard
Use the College Scorecard to find out more about a college's affordability and value.
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
Find information on education, training, pay, and outlook for different careers.



Partnership Makes Science Education Fun

If you've recently been in one of our libraries in the 4 o'clock hour there's a good chance you've seen (or heard!) two crazy characters surrounded by dozens of children. They're Bunsen and Beaker, taking a break from their lab at the Hands On! Children's Museum of Hendersonville to introduce children to the facts of science in fun new ways. Laws of physics are demonstrated with air cannons and big topics like coding are tackled with bite size robots. The library is excited to partner with Hands On! and is expanding offerings to all branches.

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| MAIN LIBRARY | Dr. Seuss and STEM — Wed., March 28 th @ 4pm |
| EDNEYVILLE LIBRARY | Dr. Seuss and STEM — Sat., March 3 rd @ 11am Geology Rocks — Sat., March 17 th @ 11am |
| ETOWAH LIBRARY | Fun with Bots — Wed., March 21 st @ 4pm Exploring Insects — Wed., May 16 th @ 4pm |
| FLETCHER LIBRARY | Exploring Insects — Wed., March 14 th @ 4pm Fun with Bots — Wed., May 9 th @ 4pm |
| GREEN RIVER LIBRARY | Dr. Seuss and STEM — Tue., March 6 th @ 4pm Fun with Bots — Tue., May 1 st @ 4pm |
| MILLS RIVER LIBRARY | Forces and Motion — Wed., March 7 th @ 4pm Dr. Seuss and STEM — Wed., May 2 nd @ 4pm |

Dr. Seuss and STEM- Celebrate Dr. Seuss by exploring seuss-ical style experiments. Can you build a tower and put an apple up on top or design a Lorax tree that is pollution free? If you ran a zoo, what would you do?

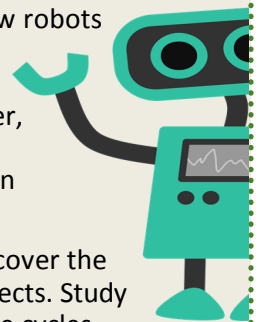
Geology Rocks- Investigate the world beneath our feet. Learn how to identify rocks and minerals and their properties. Discover the rock cycle and the mineral treasures found in NC.

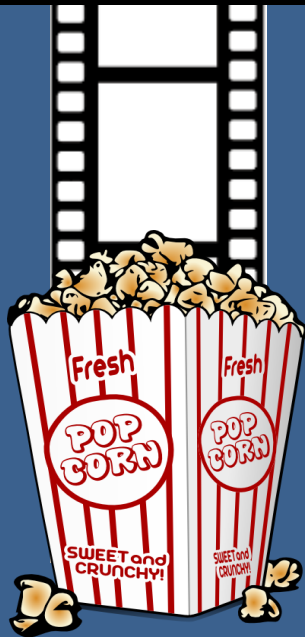
Fun with Bots- Discover how robots work! Experiment with ways a robot can sense, think, and act. Use an Ozobot, paper, and markers to program and control a real robot that fits in the palm of your hand.

Exploring Insects- Discover the fascinating world of insects. Study habitats, learn about life cycles, and create an insect model to bring home.

Forces and Motion- Discover the power of force and motion. Use position words and movement words to describe where and how objects move. Harness the force of air molecules using hand-held air cannons.

All programs are FREE, but registration is required. Please call the host branch for more information or to register. Online registration is available for programs at the Main Library.





Enjoy a **FREE** afternoon at the movies at the Main Library on the first Wednesday of each month. View recent releases on the large screen.



Patrons with hearing devices equipped with a telecoil (t-coil) can use the Kaplan Auditorium's Hearing Loop to take advantage of the full experience.



Dunkirk
March 7th @ 2pm



Victoria and Abdul
April 11th @ 2pm
*second Wednesday this month



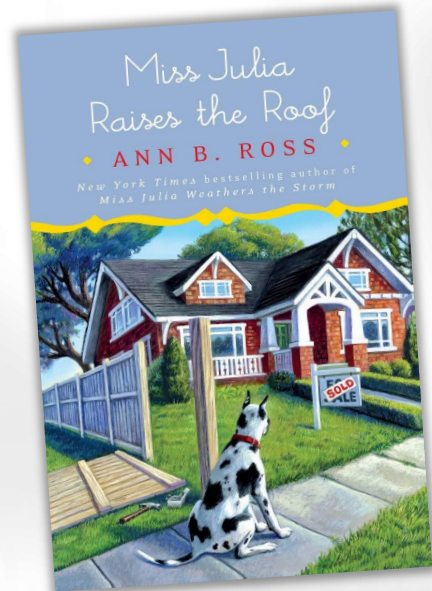
Crooked House
May 2nd @ 2pm



ANN B. ROSS EVENT

In April, bestselling author Ann B. Ross releases her 21st entry in the Miss Julia series, *Miss Julia Raises the Roof*.

The library will host a hometown author visit, brief talk, and signing with Mrs. Ross on release day.



Tuesday, April 3rd @ 5:30pm
Main Library, Kaplan Auditorium

Copies of *Miss Julia Raises the Roof* will be available for purchase.

Baker-Barber Collection Wraps Up Second Community Foundation Grant

In January the library completed a two year grant from the Community Foundation of Henderson County to digitize images in the Baker-Barber Photograph Collection.

The library digitized a total of 33,006 images during the grant period and now has a total of 45,646 digitized images.

27,000 negatives still need to be scanned and we are looking for help. Please contact Mark Burdette at 828-697-4725, ext. 2307 if you are interested.



This photo of the Children's Parade at the 1959 Apple Festival was one of the 33,006 digitized using grant funds provided by the Community Foundation of Henderson County.



2018 Summer Reading Program

Mark your calendars to jam with the library during Libraries Rock!

Our Summer Reading Program has something for all ages including weekly programs, guessing games, and reading logs that can be entered for grand prizes. Patrons will be encouraged to explore the arts and discover the joy of reading.

The program will run from Friday, June 1st to Tuesday, July 31st.

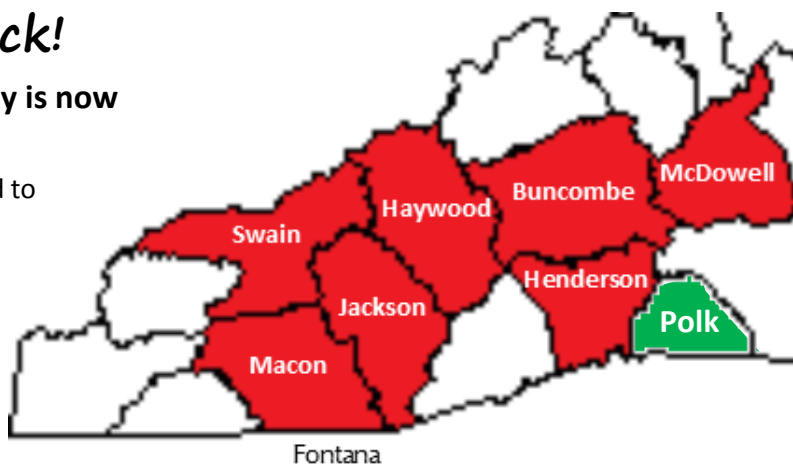


Polk County Joins the Flock!

We're excited to announce that Polk County is now a part of the NC Cardinal consortium.

Henderson County library patrons can use their card to request Polk County materials or check out material from their locations in Columbus and Saluda.

The same can be done for any county highlighted on the map.



Calling all Bookworms!



Would you like to join or lead a book club for adults at the Main Library? We are currently collecting names to see if there is an interest.

Those interested should contact Jennifer Miller at jmiller@henderson.lib.nc.us or 828-697-4725, ext. 2300.

HOLA!

Hablas Español?

Are you fluent in Spanish? Do you enjoy expanding opportunities for Spanish speakers in the community and helping non-Spanish speakers improve their Spanish skills?

We would like to expand our Spanish language offerings at all library locations. Opportunities include hosting bilingual storytimes and conversational Spanish clubs.

If you are interested in leading, contact Ed Graves at 828-697-4725, ext. 2314.



Friends of the Library SPRING BOOK SALE

Friday, May 4th & Saturday, May 5th
10am-4:30pm

1940 Spartanburg Hwy (US-176), Hendersonville

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vance Yoder, *Chairman*

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Thank you to those who have donated:

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| Maggie Carle | Janet Eustace & Matthew Aldrich |
| Sara Noegel | Rhoda Galvani– RTW & Book Club |
| Mary Black | Writers' Guild of WNC |
| Phyllis Brown | Abraham Kuykendall, NSDAR |
| M. Susan Stragand | Carol Adams |

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 the donations/memorials tab on our website or call 828-697-4725, option 3 for more details.

Holiday Hours for the Library:

GOOD FRIDAY Closed Friday, March 30th
*All locations will close at 5pm on Thursday, March 29th

MEMORIAL DAY Closed Monday, May 28th



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Stay Connected!



@HendersonCountyNCGovernment



SPRING PROGRAMMING – Adults

MAIN LIBRARY

- 2nd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Adult Coloring Club
- Tue., March 6th @ 6:30 PM - Henderson County Wildlife
- Wed., March 7th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *Dunkirk*
- Tue., April 3rd @ 5:30 PM - Ann B. Ross
- Wed., April 4th 3-5 PM - I Love My Library Day
- Wed., April 11th @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *Victoria and Abdul*
- Thu., April 12th @ 2 PM - Poetry: A Reading by Participants in the Gilbert-Chappel Mentor Series; Pat Riviere-Seel and Karen Jackson
- Tue., April 24th @ 5 PM - Are You Ready to Own Your Own Home?
- Wed., April 25th @ 2 PM - Veterans: Empower Yourself to Fight Fraud and Scams
- Wed., April 25th @ 5 PM - Financial Empowerment After 50
- Thu., April 26th @ 5 PM - Let's Talk About a Spending Plan
- Wed., May 2nd @ 2 PM - Midweek Matinee, *Crooked House*
- Thu., May 10th @ 2 PM - Literary Afternoon: Amy Duernberger

Computer Classes @ Main:

We offer a variety of basic computer skills classes which are stand alone classes. Classes usually last approximately one and a half hours. *Registration is required. You may register in person at the Service Desk inside the Main Library, or call 828-697-4725, ext. 2318.

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| Wed., March 7 th @ 10 AM | Spotting Fake News* (Board Room) |
| Thu., March 15 th @ 10 AM | Windows 10 Basics (Kaplan Aud.) |
| Tue., March 20 th @ 2 PM | Apple Users Group (Kaplan Aud.) |
| Wed., March 21 st @ 10 AM | Computer Basics* (Board Room) |
| Wed., March 28 th @ 10 AM | Twitter Basics* (Board Room) |
| Mon., April 9 th @ 2 PM | Excel Basics* (Board Room) |
| Tue., April 17 th @ 2 PM | Apple Users Group (Kaplan Aud.) |
| Wed., April 18 th @ 10 AM | Computer Basics* (Board Room) |
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For more information about class content, call Michele von Boeck, Instructional Librarian at 828-697-4725, ext. 2305.

EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

- 1st Thursday @ 2 PM - Women's Book Review Group
- 3rd Monday @ 3:30 PM - Community Sing-a-long!
- 3rd Tuesday @ 2 PM - Christian Fiction Book Club
- Mon., April 23rd @ 5 PM - Are You Ready to Own Your Own Home?
- Sat., May 5th @ 11 AM - Gary Ballard and Bluegrass Band

ETOWAH BRANCH

- Mondays @ 10:30 AM - Knitting Group
- Mondays @ 2:30 PM - Spanish Conversation Group (starting 3/19)
- 3rd Wednesday @ 2:30 PM - Etowah Book Club (start at 2 PM in March & May)
- Wed., April 11th @ 11 AM - Blue Ridge Literacy Council Volunteer Orientation— call 828-696-3811 to register
- Sat., April 21st 10 AM-2 PM - Shred Day
- Fri., May 18th @ 10 AM - Consumer Reports Demonstration

FLETCHER BRANCH

- Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM - Blue Ridge Literacy Council Office Hours
- Tuesdays @ 3 PM - Intermediate Conversational Spanish
- Thursdays @ 12:30 PM - Mahjong
- Saturdays @ 1 PM - Chess Club
- 1st Monday @ 10:30 AM - Mandala Coloring *Reg. Required
- 1st Monday @ 1 PM - Avid Reader Book Club
- 2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Fletcher Book Club
- 2nd Thursday @ 1:30 PM - Writers Guild
- 4th Wednesday @ 1:30 PM - Goodwill Career Connections
- Sat., March 24th @ 11 AM - How to Arrive at 90 Feeling 70
- Mon., April 23rd @ 1 PM - Budgeting 101 *Reg. Required
- Fri., April 27th @ 1 PM - Historic Newspapers Demo
- Wed., May 2nd @ 1 PM - Consumer Fraud & ID Theft

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

- Tue., April 24th @ 5 PM - Let's Talk About a Spending Plan

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

- Tuesdays @ 1:00 PM - Knit and Crochet Group
- Tue. & Thu. @ 9 AM - Yoga with Lynn Edgar *Reg. Required
- 2nd Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Mills River Library Book Club

SPRING PROGRAMMING – Children & Teens

MAIN LIBRARY

Children:

Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM - Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Toddler Storytime
(18 months-35 months)

Wednesdays @ 4 PM - 4 O'Clock Club (Grades K - 5)
1st Wednesday of each month is **LEGO Club**; other weeks will have various activities for school aged children.

Thursdays @ 10:30 AM - Music and Movement Storytime
(all ages)

Thursdays @ 11:15 AM - Bouncing Babies Storytime
(birth - 17 months & a caregiver)

Wed., March 14th @ 4 PM - Pi Day

Wed., March 21st @ 4 PM - Kids Yoga

Wed., March 28th @ 4 PM - Dr. Seuss and STEM* (Hands On!)

Wed., April 4th @ 4 PM - I Love My Library Day: Kindness Rocks

Fri., April 6th @ 10 AM - Upcycled Cinderella (Bright Star Theatre)

Wed., April 11th @ 4 PM - Celebrate Poetry

Wed., April 18th @ 4 PM - Kids Yoga

Wed., April 25th @ 4 PM - Learning to Save & Piggy Bank Pageant

Teens:

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)– 1st Thursday @ 4 PM
If you are a teen in grades 9-12, we need you!
Earn volunteer credit for school (also looks great on college applications and job resumes!), while having fun planning teen programs, recommending materials for the teen collection, and more!
Application is online.

Teen STEAM Labs*– 2nd Thursday @ 4 PM

Teen Chess Club*– Mondays: April 30th–May 21st @ 4 PM

Tue., April 24th @ 4 PM - Teen Craft Club*

***Registration Required**

Use online calendar to register for programs at the Main Library.

Call or stop by to register for programs at branches.



EDNEYVILLE BRANCH

Mondays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

Sat., March 3rd @ 11 AM - Dr. Seuss and STEM* (Hands On!)

Sat., March 17th @ 11 AM - Geology Rocks* (Hands On!)

Sat., March 31st @ 11 AM - Serpentarium Magic

ETOWAH BRANCH

Tuesdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

Wed., March 14th @ 3:30 PM - Teen Craft Club*

Wed., March 21st @ 4 PM - Fun with Bots* (Hands On!)

Wed., May 16th @ 4 PM - Exploring Insects* (Hands on!)

FLETCHER BRANCH

Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM - Family Storytime

1st Thursday @ 3:30 PM - LEGO Club

Library Dog Program - For all ages. Call for more information.

Wed., March 14th @ 4 PM - Exploring Insects* (Hands On!)

Wed., April 25th @ 3 PM - Need for Trees

Wed., May 9th @ 4 PM - Fun with Bots* (Hands On!)

Wed., May 23rd @ 4 PM - Serpentarium Magic

GREEN RIVER BRANCH

Thursdays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

2nd Tuesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club

3rd Friday @ 3 PM - Green River Craft Club

Thu., March 15th, April 12th, & May 17th @ 1 PM - HomeSet Education Homeschool Meet

Tue., March 6th @ 4 PM - Dr. Seuss and STEM* (Hands On!)

Sat., March 31st @ 10 AM - Easter Egg Hunt

Tue., May 1st @ 4 PM - Fun with Bots* (Hands On!)

MILLS RIVER BRANCH

Mondays @ 10 AM - Family Storytime

1st Tuesday @ 4 PM - LEGO Club (no March session)

Hands On! Programs* (see page 9 for program information)

(Grades K-2): **Wed. @ 4 PM**– March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd

(Grades 3-6): **Wed. @ 4 PM**– March 21st, April 18th, May 16th

Fri., April 6th @ 1 PM - Upcycled Cinderella (Bright Star Theatre)