

at the library

nature's wisdom thru native eyes

A David Weintraub film screening &
discussion led by the filmmaker

Thursday, October 26 • 6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Join us for this documentary exploring the intrinsic
connection between indigenous people and nature.



jigsaw puzzle competition

Register your team of 2-4 players beginning **November 1**.
Race to finish the official competition puzzle and outpace
your challengers! The team with the quickest time will be
announced as Puzzle Champions.



FRIENDS OF
transylvania
COUNTY LIBRARY

annual BOOK SALE October 7-13

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale is back and better than ever!
Support the Friends and the library programs you love by buying books,
movies, music and more at the Annual Book Sale.

Open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, October 7 &
Monday - Friday, October 9-13

Half-price sale Thursday, Oct. 12
\$5/box clearance Friday, Oct. 13

Friends members shop early
on October 6 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm!

Not a member? Join at the door or visit
library.transylvaniacounty.org/fol/
to join online.



Dear Community,

When people ask me how things are going at the library, one of my common replies is “Great! Busy!” It is true, and you can see that just by looking at all the activities on the calendar.

However, since we just wrapped up our annual reporting to the State Library of NC, I thought it would be helpful to share some numbers. From July 2022 to June 2023:

- You all borrowed library materials 349,612 times! That’s an average of 10.5 items per County resident. Of those, 73,949, or 21%, were digital checkouts (ebooks, e-audiobooks, etc.) 121,151 checkouts were children’s materials.
- You visited the library 150,632 times! We watched daily counts rise steadily throughout the year as folks became more comfortable in public spaces again. In July and August of 2023, we reached approximately 550 visitors a day on average— comparable to rates before the pandemic.

- Your program attendance totaled 19,823! This was the second highest annual total in at least 20 years.
- You asked 13,105 tough questions! These were research inquiries, technology assistance and other in-depth information needs resulting in reference consultations.

It is too early to see comparisons for this year, but we are typically among the top in the state for an average resident’s use of the library. In the prior year, of the 71 county and regional library systems in NC, you ranked per capita: #1 for checkouts, #2 for library visits and checkouts of children’s materials, #4 for digital checkouts and #5 for program attendance.

So, I may say that the library is busy, but that is really a reflection of you - the enthusiastic readers and learners. We wouldn’t want it any other way!

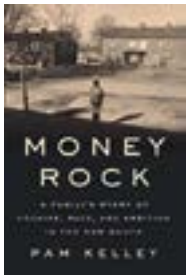
I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



North Carolina humanities nc reads continues!

Sign up,
read the
books and
join in
discussion.



10/3 • 6 pm



11/7 • 6 pm



12/5 • 6 pm

a celebration of casablanca tuesday, oct. 17 6:30 pm

Hosted by award-winning documentary filmmaker Cambiz Khosravi. He will share insights from his documentary on Howard Koch, the co-screenwriter of *Casablanca*.



We encourage you to watch the film before the Tuesday program. You can watch it at the Library on Monday, Oct. 16 at 6:00 pm.

noontime notions tuesday, oct. 17 • noon samuel coleridge-taylor: a new world is coming

Presenter Pam Blevins will trace the life of gifted Afro-English composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor who was a blazing light in British music. Born in London in 1875, his musical gifts were recognized early and nurtured by his family. As a mixed-race child, he endured the taunts of white boys. But his race didn't matter to benefactors who helped ensure his future, one that brought him international acclaim as a composer, including great popularity in America. Blevins' talk will feature photographs and recordings of his music.

noontime notions tuesday, nov. 21 • noon tales of the cherokee: people and events

Celebrate National Native American Heritage Month with presenter Betty Reed. She will offer a unique journey with words and images into the world of the Cherokee and showcase Reed's 25+ years of research on Cherokee personalities and events.



kid & teen activities



Teen drop-In Activity

Teens in grades 6-12 can stop by the Teen Space area and get creative with our monthly activities!

Tuesday Storytimes & Weekly Activity

10:00 am Babies & Toddlers (birth - 2 years)

10:30 am Activity Time

11:00 am Preschoolers (3 - 5 years)

Stories, songs, movement and more to build your child's early literacy skills. Activity Time weekly schedule:

- 1st week of month: Building
- 2nd week of month: Craft
- 3rd week of month: Dance
- 4th week of month: Art
- 5th week of month (October): Monster Mash Dance

Teen Drawing Club

Mondays, October 2 & 16 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Mondays, November 6 & 20 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Meet up with other drawing enthusiasts and enjoy an hour of drawing, sketching, doodling or coloring. Sharing techniques and creations is encouraged. Basic supplies are provided. This program is for those in grades 6-12.

Paws & Pages

Wednesdays, October 4 & 18 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, November 1 & 15 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, children can drop-in to the kids area and read aloud to a furry pal!

Raving Readers

Monday, October 9 • 4:00 pm

Registration required

Kids ages 10-13 will be reading "City of Ember" by Jeanne DuPrau. Pick up a book club copy at the Kids and Teens desk.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Arachnology Season

Thursday, October 12 • 4:00 pm

Learn all about the many different arachnids that call Western North Carolina their home! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, the different types of arachnids, where they live, what they eat, plus much more! This program is geared toward ages 5 to 13, but all ages are welcome.

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturday, October 14

11:00 am Family Storytime (birth - 5 years)

11:30 am Craft Time

Stories, songs, movement and a craft to build your child's early literacy skills. Same theme as Tuesday storytime and craft.

Out & About Storytime at The Family Place - Rosman

Wednesday, October 18 • 11:00 am

Wednesday, November 15 • 11:00 am

Join us at the Family Place - Rosman on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month for a family storytime (birth - 5 years).

Literary Pumpkins
October 23-31, 2023
See our website event for more details on how to participate!

Kick-off to College and Career with CFNC

Wednesday, November 2 • 4:00 pm

Join The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) for inspiration and information to get you on your way to the future you dream of! You'll leave with the tools to confidently find a great career, apply to a range of right fit college and career programs, and access financial aid to help bring down costs.

Introduction to Chess

Monday, November 6 • 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Learn the basics of Chess and watch a live demo. If time allows enjoy live game experience. This introduction is geared towards kids ages 8-13, but all ages are welcome to learn the basics of Chess. No registration required.

Book Nuts Book Club

Thursday, November 16 • 4:00 pm

Registration required

Kids age 6-9 will be reading "Frindle" by Andrew Clements. Pick up a book club copy at the Kids and Teens desk.

LEGO® Night

Monday, October 23 • 6:00 pm • Monster Mash

Monday, November 27 • 6:00 pm • On the Farm

On the 4th Monday of the month, children in grades K-5 can enjoy creative play by building from the monthly theme or free building. The Library will supply the LEGO® bricks. Caregivers are encouraged to attend with their children.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Mammalogy Season

Thursday, November 30 • 4:00 pm

Learn all about the many mammals that call Western North Carolina their home! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, find out what makes a mammal a mammal, how they survive the winter, what they eat, plus much more! This program is geared toward ages 5 to 13, but all ages are welcome.

all things appalachia

SPEAKER SERIES

pisgah map company

with Pete Kennedy



Thursday, November 2 • 6:30 pm • Rogow Room

The owner and cartographer of Pisgah Map Company, Pete Kennedy, will discuss how he has channeled his love for the Pisgah National Forest and passion for the outdoors into making beautifully designed trail maps.



Calling all writers!

Submissions are now open to attend the 2024 Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference! Enjoy four days of creative writing workshops and public reading events with renowned authors May 16-19, 2024. Applications are due December 15.

Visit LGRWC.org for complete conference details and submission guidelines.

 **second story**
BOOK STORE
is currently closed.

The Book Store will reopen
November 1.

Donations of gently used books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles will resume on **Mondays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon beginning November 6.**



planning for gardening success

all year long

presented by Bart Renner, Agriculture Agent with Transylvania County Cooperative Extension

Backyard Woodland Botanical & Medicinal Herbs for the Beginner

Wednesday, October 18 • 1:00 pm • Rogow Room

Landscape Design:

Planning for Perfection... Next Year

Wednesday, November 1 • 1:00 pm • Rogow Room

more of the programs you love:



ukulele circle

Thursday, Oct. 19 • The Beatles
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Thursday, Nov. 9 • 2010's & Beyond
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Join in and play with us! Bring your own ukulele or check one out with your library card.

tai chi

Tuesdays through October 24
12:00 pm • Library Amphitheater

Join Carrie Blair for an introduction to Tai chi. Tai chi is a gentle form of exercise that can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance. All experience levels are welcome.

second look films

Thursday, Oct. 19 • 1:00 pm • Rogow Room

We'll be showing the movie, *Dark Waters* starring Mark Ruffalo. It's a legal thriller based on the true story of Robert Bilott's case against DuPont. Rated PG-13.

family history third thursday

Mini Workshop and Social Hour

Thursday, Oct. 19 • Cemeteries
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, Nov. 16 • City Directories
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Meet up with other genealogy enthusiasts for a 15 minute workshop highlighting a family history research resource, followed by time to share your finds, frustrations and family history journey of discovery.

craft connection

Tuesday, Oct. 24 • Recycled Book Pumpkins
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Tuesday, Nov. 28 • Origami Ornaments
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

We'll explore a different craft technique at each of these programs. Each session includes light instruction and a bit of guidance as you explore your creative side. These programs are for adults and registration is required.



Won't you be a Friend?

A \$15.00 contribution entitles you to a year's membership; however, the generosity of your contribution determines the extent of assistance the Friends can provide to the Library. Membership contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please mail your check (payable to Friends of the Library) and this form to: *Friends of the Library, 212 S. Gaston St., Brevard, NC 28712*. Or, drop off this form at the Library any time!

PLEASE include your name, mailing address, email address, and phone number on the reverse side.

Yes! I want to be a **Friend of the Library** with my \$15 annual contribution.

Yes! I would like to **make an additional donation** to further support the Friends of the Library's mission in the amount of \$_____. **Total enclosed \$_____.** **Thank you for your generosity!**

Want to join or renew online? Want to donate to the Friends of the Library?

Visit library.transylvaniacounty.org/fol

holiday closures: fri. nov. 10 & sat. nov. 11 • thurs. nov. 23 thru sat. nov. 25



library hours

212 South Gaston Street
Brevard, NC 28712
828.884.3151

Monday 9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday 9:30 am - 8:00 pm
Friday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday closed

NC Room is closed on Saturdays

Bookmobile schedule is online



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Closed through Oct. 31
November hours:
Monday - Friday
9:30 am - 4:00 pm



Have you explored the NC Kids Digital Library?

Discover thousands of eBooks, audiobooks and read-alongs for kids in pre-K, kindergarten and elementary school. Login to the Libby app, tap the menu, choose NC Kids Digital Library as your library and start searching!



visit us at:

Halloweenfest

Downtown Brevard
Saturday, October 28
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



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