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2024 author readings



**Free and open to
the public**

Highland Books will be
on hand with books for
sale and signing.

Sponsored by the
Transylvania County Library
Foundation & Brevard College.

pam houston & dorianne laux

Friday, May 17 • 7:30 pm • Porter Center, Brevard College

jason mott

Saturday, May 18 • 7:30 pm • Rogow Room

YOGA
at the library

Fridays, April - October
9:30 - 10:30 am • Library Amphitheater

Join instructor Clare Desmelik for
FREE yoga in the library amphitheater.
Classes are open to all ages and
experience levels.



We're celebrating
**National
Library Week**
April 8-12!

See inside:

Sir Winston Churchill
pays a visit,
and J.R. McDowell Speaker,
Drew Lanham
"colors" the conservation
conversation.

Plus, Smokey Bear is
turning 80!

Dear Community,

Spring is in the air! Outside the library, we see pops of color in the first blooms. Inside the Library, a whirlwind of excitement has begun. As you browse the pages of this newsletter, I hope you can see why! From award-winning authors to art explorations, field trips to fraud prevention — there is so much to experience.

Transylvania County Library can provide this robust array of free events because of direct community support. As a County department, the Library's budget includes core operations: staffing, books and other library materials, utilities, maintenance and other fundamentals. It does not include program or event funds. We make the jump from a good library to a great library because of two associated grassroots nonprofits: The Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation.

Established in 1957, the **Friends of the Transylvania County Library** is a membership organization that provides funding for most library programming: ZOOM passes, Noontime Notions, amphitheater concerts, yoga, summer reading programs, crafting, book clubs, movies and much more. If you have checked out a ukelele or game, participated in a yoga class, or attended a Chautauqua performance, that is thanks to the Friends.

A Friends of the Library annual membership costs \$15 per household. Right now, there are approximately 780 Friends memberships. They are eager to hit 800, so if you are not a member and your resources allow it, please consider joining so they can

reach that goal! In addition to memberships, the Friends raise funds through donations and used book sales. Learn more at library.transylvaniacounty.org/fol.

The **Transylvania County Library Foundation** builds and maintains endowment funds to support library services now and in the future. First incorporated in 1944, the Library Foundation rose to prominence in the early 2000's when it raised a third of the funds necessary to build the current "new" library building.

The Library Foundation supports major programs and initiatives like the J.R. McDowell Speaker Series, the Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference, preservation and digitization of local history resources, capital improvements, and the recent update to library branding and communications. The Library Foundation is funded by donations, bequests and gifts in memory or honor of someone. Learn more at library.transylvaniacounty.org/foundation.

Although they are distinct organizations, the Friends and the Foundation work together in a complimentary manner. You may have seen the Story Walks we installed at three county locations last summer. The Library Foundation provided funding for the initial installation of the walks (the posts, frames and other start-up needs), and the Friends of the Library fund the ongoing maintenance as we switch out stories seasonally. Both organizations are 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



noontime notions: science series

tuesdays in april • noon

understanding artificial intelligence (ai)

april 16 • presented by Dr. Thomas Lairson

what is physics?

april 23 • presented by Dr. Royce Zia

nuclear fission & fusion

april 30 • presented by Dorothy Sulock

noontime notions
tuesday, may 21 • noon

ethics & moral reasoning in war

presented by Roger Herbert

From 2018 to 2021, Roger Herbert directed the US Naval Academy's ethics program. In his most recent book, *Ethics at War* (with co-authors), Roger describes the moral deliberation framework that the Naval Academy formally adopted in 2021. He will discuss the framework and how it can be applied to ethical challenges we all face.



We're celebrating National Library Week!

sir winston churchill the writer

**Tuesday, April 9
12 noon • Rogow Room**

This event also serves as the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library. Learn what the Friends accomplished in 2023 and help us honor the many volunteers who contributed their time and talents over the last year!



performed in
the Chautauqua
style by Larry Bounds

**At the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library on April 9 at noon,
the board will present the following slate of officers for election:**

Colin Kirkman, President
Khaled Khiyar, Vice President/President Elect
Jeni Brandon, Secretary
Dave Watts, Treasurer

The Transylvania County Library Foundation
and Brevard College present:
Spring 2024 J.R. McDowell speaker

DREW LANHAM

birder, naturalist and hunter-conservationist

2022 MacArthur Fellow and award-winning author of
The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature

**“COLORING THE CONSERVATION
CONVERSATION”**

Thursday, April 11 • 7:00 pm
Porter Center at Brevard College

Free general admission tickets are available at the Library.
Doors to the Porter Center will open at 6:30 pm.



donations

through February 2024

In Memory Of

Ruth Avery Moss Moore by
Yvonne & David Krowka

Bonnie Zwicker Owen by

Waightstill Avery Chapter, NSDAR

Constance Leigh Howell Stroud by

Waightstill Avery Chapter, NSDAR

In Honor Of

Ed & Cindy Gash by
Serena Buckner

Susan Goldsworthy by

Larry & Lynn Klein

Mary Osborne by

Samuel & Margaret Choate

through February 2024

In Memory Of

Eva Denninger and
Jackie Lupton given by
Linda Goodwin

We make every effort to accurately list our gift information in the newsletter. Please let us know about any error so we can correct our records.



Are you starting to plan your garden? Consider donating seeds to our seed library! We rely on seed donations to help the seed library thrive.

Guilty Party

a play by Scott Doss

Monday, April 8 & Tuesday, April 9 • 7:00 pm

Lookinglass Playhouse will present two performances of the Scott Doss play *Guilty Party*. Five guests at the local hospital farewell party hide deadly secrets and find their way in and out of big trouble in this “whodunit” farce.

The cast includes Sally Burnett, Joan Rinchisen, Amy Shute, Mark Thompson and Sandi Thompson. Claudia Carter Covington directs. In the Rogow Room. Running time about 70 minutes.



spring memoir class public reading

Friday, May 24 • 6:00 pm • Rogow Room

The program will feature the first-person stories written by class members during the eight-week class Spring Memoir Writing Class taught by Daphne Larkin.

FIELD TRIPS FOR GROWNUPS

These events are for folks 18+. We'll ride the bus to meet the people and places that help our community thrive!

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS FEATURING:

"THE BEST VIEW IN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY"

aka: The Landfill

When: Wednesday, April 24 • 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Meet at the library; we're riding the bus!

"THE SHINY INTERIOR OF A FIRE TRUCK"

aka: The Fire Department

When: Wednesday, May 8 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Meet there: 95 W. Main Street, Brevard

"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CALL 911"

aka: The Public Safety Facility

When: Thursday, May 30 • 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Meet at the library; we're riding the bus!

REGISTER TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
SPACE IS LIMITED.

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE.



all things appalachia

SPEAKER SERIES

cherokee traditions

with Anna Fariello

Thurs. May 2 • 6:00 pm
Rogow Room

Learn about the arts and crafts of the Cherokee people with Southern Highland Craft Guild lifetime achievement honoree and retired professor Anna Fariello

This program honors National Historic Preservation Month

"All Things Appalachia" will not occur in April.



safety first!

a three-part educational series exploring ways to keep you and your family safe

Emergency Preparedness

with Transylvania Public Health

Wed., May 15 • 12:00 pm • Rogow Room

Staying Safe Online

with the NC Department of Justice

Wed., May 22 • 12:00 pm • Rogow Room

Fraud Prevention

with Self-Help Credit Union

Wed., May 29 • 12:00 pm • Rogow Room

smokey bear turns 80!

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

Join Smokey in completing a reading challenge to learn about wildfires and the environment in honor of his 80th birthday this year. Read books, take action, get prizes and have fun!

The challenge runs through May 31 and is geared for ages 4 to 10, but all ages are welcome to participate.



Fire Safety and Prevention with Smokey Bear

Tuesday, May 14 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm • Rogow Room

We will read the "Smokey Bear Story" together and then explore various stations: learn how to safely put out a campfire, try on a real fire pack, complete an obstacle course, and more. Don't forget to get your photograph taken with Smokey Bear himself! This program is brought to you in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service – Pisgah Ranger District and FIND Outdoors.

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:

- o 1st week of month: Building
- o 2nd week of month: Craft
- o 3rd week of month: Dance
- o 4th week of month: Art
- o 5th week of April: Fine Motor Lacing Flower

Paws & Pages

Wednesdays, April 3 & 17 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

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

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

Artistic Afternoons in April

Registration required

An exploration of art for youth on Tuesdays in April!

Tuesday, April 9 • 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm

Art of Collage (Grades 6-12)

Tuesday, April 16 • 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Beginning Clogging (Grades 3-12)

Tuesday, April 23 • 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sew Cute Monsters (Grades 3-5)

Tuesday, April 30 • 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friendship Bracelets & Keychains (Grades 4-8)

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturdays, April 13 & May 11

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.

Book Clubs for Kids

Registration required

Monday, April 15 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Raving Readers (ages 10-13)

"The Sign of the Beaver" by Elizabeth George Speare

Thursday, May 2 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Book Nuts (ages 6-9)

"Who Stole the Wizard of Oz" by Avi

Pick up a book club copy at the Youth Services desk.

Out & About Storytime at The Family Place - Rosman

Wednesday, April 17 • 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 15 • 11:00 am

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

LEGO® Night

Monday, April 22 • 6:00 pm

It Came from Outer space

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.

No LEGO Night in May.

Fun Time with Flossy:

A Dental Health Program for Kids

Monday, April 29 • 10:00 - 10:30 am

Meet Flossy the Flossasaurus! Kids ages 2 to 5 and their parents and caregivers will enjoy fun stories and activities on encouraging good dental health. This program is led by a dental hygienist from Transylvania Public Health's children's dental program, Healthy Smiles.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Herpetology Season

Thursday, May 23 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Learn all about the many different reptiles and amphibians that call Western North Carolina their home! This program is geared toward ages 5 to 13, but all ages are welcome.



more of the programs you love:

ukulele circle

Thursday, Apr. 11 • Traditional/Folk
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Thursday, May. 9 • The '70s
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

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

second look films

Thursday, May 23 • 1:00 pm • Rogow Room

We'll be showing the movie, *The Last Full Measure*, based on a true story centering the posthumous awarding of the Medal of Honor to a U.S. Air Force Pararescueman who saved over 60 men during the Vietnam War. Rated R.

family history third thursday

Mini Workshop and Social Hour

Thursday, Apr. 18 • Census records
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, May 16 • FindAGrave.com
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, Apr. 23 • Stamped Brass Cuff Bracelets
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Tuesday, May 28 • Intro to Collage
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.

chess mates

Monday, April 8 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Monday, May 13 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Do you like to play chess? Looking for a partner to play with? Come to our monthly open chess play! We will have chess boards set out on the main floor of the library. Pick a board, play with a friend (new or old!) or observe a game in action. All ages and levels are welcome to play.

cookbook club

Friday, Apr. 12 • *Joy of Cooking*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room

Reserve a copy of April's cookbook, *Joy of Cooking* through your online account. Choose a recipe and make the dish to share with the other participants. The book is also available to peruse at the Library's Reference desk. We'll taste each other's culinary creations, talk about the cookbook and what we learned, and we'll swap recipes. Space is limited & 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

library closures: Friday, April 19 • Saturday, May 25 - Monday, May 27

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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Monday - Friday
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

noontime notions - extra: how brevard is becoming more age friendly

Help celebrate Older American's month with Paula Hartman-Stein, Ph.D. and learn more about what the recent acceptance of Brevard as a member of the national network of Age-Friendly Communities under criteria established by AARP means for our community. Hartman-Stein is the Community Coordinator for the City of Brevard Age-friendly Task Force.

tuesday, may 7
noon



National Library Outreach Day is April 10!

The Bookmobile will be parked in the Library parking lot. Hop on board for a tour, check out a few books and learn about all the places our Bookmobile travels throughout the month.



visit us at:

**Kindergarten
Readiness Rally**

Transylvania
Recreation Department
Thursday, April 4
4:00 - 6:00 pm



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