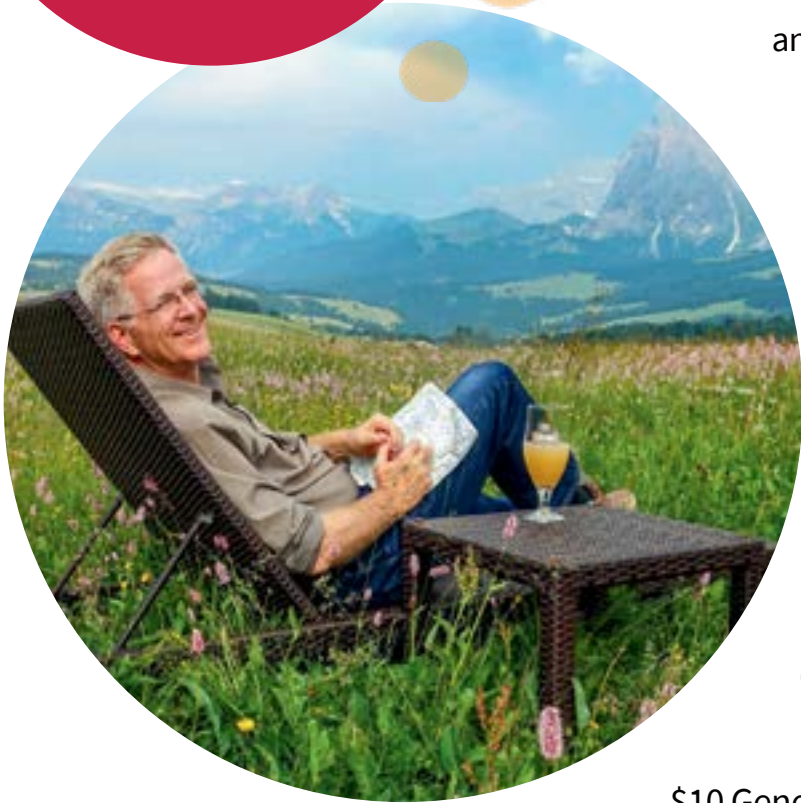


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at the library

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

rick STEVES

Best-selling guidebook author &
public television host

Tuesday, September 17 • 7:30 pm
Porter Center at Brevard College

\$10 General Admission • Tickets on sale at the Library 8/20
Cash or check only • Doors open at 7:00 pm
This event is free for students.

save the date!

Friends of the Library

Annual Book Sale October 4-11, 2024

Want to volunteer?

The success of our sale depends on volunteers!
We'll need volunteers for set up and break down,
cashiers, floor monitors and sorting books.
Set up dates: 9/28-10/3. Break down: 10/12.

Interested? Contact Kelly McBride:
kelly.mcbride@transylvaniacounty.org

The Second Story Book Store will be closed
9/23 - 11/1 as we prepare for the big sale.

**Last day for book donations:
September 16**

Join us for a special concert:

**Andrew Thelston Band
performs**

abbey road

*and other
Beatles classics*

Thursday, September 26 • 7:00 pm
Library Amphitheater (rain location: Rogow Room)

See page 3 for complete Fall Concert Series lineup!

Dear Community,

We did not set out to have an overarching theme for our programs for August and September. However, looking through this newsletter's draft, I am struck by how deeply they explore the complex relationships between people and place.

Connections to the local and the regional shine brightly in the lineup. From public lands in Transylvania County and rails-to-trails history, to Appalachian funerary practices and NC-based book discussions, the programs range from high-interest contemporary topics for our community to fascinating regional explorations that you might not have considered before.

In September, our relatively new Cookbook Club will be cooking from *Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts*, by the

fabulous Crystal Wilkinson. You may have seen Crystal at our library in May 2022 when she was faculty for our Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference, an annual event centered around place-based writing. Her cookbook shares stories and recipes passed through generations of Black Appalachians.

On September 17, our exploration of place will go beyond our regional bounds when we welcome travel guru Rick Steves. A bestselling author, television host, and activist, Rick has empowered countless people to adventure internationally, encouraging them to seek out less-touristy destinations and experience the local ways of life.

I hope you join us as we delve deeply into where we are — and where we might go next.

I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



North Carolina humanities nc reads continues!



NC Reads is NC Humanities' award-winning, statewide book club! Throughout the fall, we'll be reading the books and gathering for discussion. Learn more and sign up on our website: library.transylvaniacounty.org/ncreads

Upcoming book events:

Poster Girls by Meredith Ritchie

Discussion event: Sept. 3 • 6:00 pm
Books available: August 1

Beyond Innocence by Phoebe Zerwick

Discussion event: Oct. 1 • 6:00 pm
Books available: September 3

noontime notions

the future of public lands in transylvania county

Tuesday, Sep. 17 • 12:00 pm

Jack Igelman is an environmental reporter for Carolina Public Press and an economics professor at Warren Wilson College. He has reported deeply and extensively on recent plans to rethink and edit the management plans that govern our public lands including state and national forests.

charlotte, the slugger, and me

Tuesday, Sep. 24 • 12:00 pm

Jack Claiborne will discuss growing up in Charlotte, NC and his family's struggles after his father's death during the Great Depression from his memoir "Charlotte, The Slugger, and Me." Jack became a member of the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame and his brother Slug was a civic activist even presenting the successful idea for integrating Charlotte's restaurants in the early 1960s. Hear his stories (some funny, some poignant) of Charlotte's growth from the Great Depression through the civil rights movement and beyond. Copies of his book will be available for sale and signing.



coming this fall... **memoir
writing class**

Thursdays
sept 26 to nov 14
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Connestee Conference Room

Space is limited to ten participants
Registration begins Wednesday,
August 28 at 9:00 AM

Class will be led by Daphne Larkin, an award-winning book author, columnist and memoirist.

Visit
library.transylvaniacounty.org/memoir
for complete details and
registration guidelines

fall concert series

Fridays • 7:00 pm • Library Amphitheater • rain location: Rogow Room



Zach Russell

August 30



The Moon and You

September 13



Ashes & Arrows

September 20



Randy Steele

September 27



an elder law mini-series:

*Presented by
Pisgah Legal Services*

The Elder Fraud Industry August 14 • 12:00 pm

Scammers defraud seniors in the United States of billions every year. Learn how to spot and avoid potential scams, how to keep yourself safe online and what to do if you or someone you care about may be caught up in a scam.

Wills & Advanced Directives August 21 • 12:00 pm

Learn how to interpret and create various types of legal and support documents with the aim of ensuring informed decision-making and safeguarding individual rights.

exploring mental health topics

Presented by Vaya Health

This five-part educational series explores common mental health topics and disorders, managing symptoms and understanding treatments options.

Part 1: Anxiety: Managing Nervous Energy

Wednesday, August 28 at 12:00 pm

Part 2: Communication 101

Thursday, September 5 at 12:00 pm

Part 3: Hoarding Disorder: Hidden Secrets

Wednesday, September 11 at 12:00 pm

Part 4: Facing Substance Use + Misuse in Your World

Wednesday, September 18 at 12:00 pm

Part 5: Navigating Depression

Wednesday, September 25 at 12:00 pm



*Presented by TC Strong's
Rik Emaus & Nicole Essenberg*

This powerful introduction to suicide prevention covers the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention and what you can do to fight suicide in our community. Caring adults can sign up to attend one of the TALK SAVES LIVES sessions listed below.

Talk Saves Lives with TC Strong

Monday, September 16 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 - 11:00 am

Please register for one of these dates on the library's event webpage.

kid & teen activities



Teen Drop-In Activity

August • Beaded Bracelets & Keychains

September • Design Your Own Puzzle Image

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

August Take & Make

Sand Art - Outdoor Adventure Scenes

Pick up a take & make activity at the Kids & Teens Desk. One kit per child. Available in August, all month long, until they're gone!

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

Book Clubs for Kids

Registration required

Monday, August 5 • 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Raving Readers (ages 10-13)

"The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin.

Thursday, September 5 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Book Nuts (ages 6-9)

"The Lost Library" by Rebecca Stead

Pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens desk.

Paws & Pages

Wednesdays, August 7 & 21 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, September 4 & 18 • 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!

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: Interactive Movie

Friday, August 9 • 2:00 pm

Doors open at 1:50 pm

Join us for a screening of the first movie based on the Harry Potter book series by J.K. Rowling and be a part of the fun as we create an interactive experience. Limited kits will be available on a first come, first served basis. Don't worry if you don't get a kit - there will be plenty of other ways to interact with the movie.

Summer Reading Program Ends

August 10

This is the last day to get prizes and turn in entries for the grand prize drawings.

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturdays, August 10 & September 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.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Entomology Season

Thursday, August 15 • 4:00 pm

Learn all about the many different insects that call Western North Carolina their home (and some that don't!). Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, find out what makes a bug a bug, what they eat, where they live, plus much more! You might even get to meet a bug! This program is geared toward ages 5 to 13, but all ages are welcome.

Out & About Storytime at The Family Place - Rosman

Wednesday, August 21 • 11:00 am

Wednesday, September 18 • 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, August 26: One Color Challenge • 6:00 pm

Monday, September 23: Ancient Egypt • 6:00 pm

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.

Fun Time with Flossy:

A Dental Health Program for Kids

Monday, September 30 • 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.

more of the programs you love:

family history third thursday

Mini Workshop and Social Hour

Thursday, August 15 • Photographs
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, September 19 • Historic Newspapers
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.

ukulele circle

Thursday, August 8 • Country/Americana
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Thursday, September 12 • The '90s & '00s
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

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

mending circle

Thursday, August 15 • 5:00-7:00 pm

Join us for a casual get-together as we work to repair favorite clothing items in need of a little TLC. Bring an item that requires fixing for guidance. Shiloh Broadway, our handy facilitator, will guide us through the process of mending old garments and preventing them from ending up in the landfill.

craft connection

Tuesday, August 27 • Pressed Flower Jars
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Tuesday, September 24 • Sashiko
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, August 12 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Monday, September 9 • 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, August 16 • *The Complete Summer Cookbook*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room

Friday, September 20 • *Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room

Registered participants can stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book and choose a recipe to make and share with the other participants. We'll taste each other's culinary creations, talk about the cookbook, share what we learned and swap recipes. *Space is limited & registration is required.*

yoga

Join us for yoga in the library amphitheater every Friday through October! Class starts at 9:30 am, and instructor Clare Desmelik will lead the series. There are no rain dates, but the porch might be an alternate location for gentle rain. This class is free and open to all ages and experience levels.



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 hours

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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

all things appalachia SPEAKER SERIES

A monthly program series exploring the natural world, culture and history of the southern Appalachian region. First Thursday evenings of most months.

In partnership with the Transylvania County Historical Society:



appalachian funerary practices

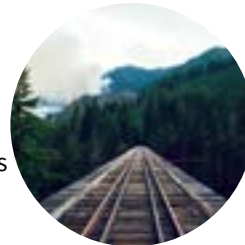
with Dr. Rodger Payne
Thursday, August 1 • 6 pm

Dr. Payne will give an overview of funerary practices before delving into the unique practices of the people of Southern Appalachia.

rails-to-trails history

with David Hill of Hill Studios
Thursday, September 5 • 6 pm

Learn about the history of rails-to-trails programs in the South and how they've changed communities



visit us at:

Mountain Monarch Festival

Gorges State Park
Saturday, September 28
10:00 am - 4:00 pm



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