



# at the library

## noontime notions thanksgiving: a botanist's delight

**Tuesday, November 19 • 12:00 pm • Rogow Room**

Author, lecturer and native herb conservation enthusiast Katherine Schlosser will discuss Thanksgiving's many traditional dishes and their histories. She is eager to engage others in the study and protection of our native herbs.

## a taste of history



HOSTED BY THE ROWELL BOSSE NORTH CAROLINA ROOM

**Tuesday, October 8 • 11:00 am - 3:00 pm • drop-in  
on the 2nd floor of the Library**

Join us for a celebration of local food & culture  
for Family History Month

Try historical food samples, listen to local music,  
identify mystery photos, and share traditional family recipes.



The Jigsaw Puzzle  
Competition  
returns!

See page 2 for  
details.

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**This newsletter was printed  
before Hurrican Helene.**

**For post-storm library update, please visit  
[library.transylvaniacounty.org/storm](http://library.transylvaniacounty.org/storm)**

**The library website has the most up-to-date  
event information.**

**October 5-11**

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, puzzles and more at the Annual Book Sale.

**Open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
Saturday, October 5 &  
Monday - Friday, October 7-11

**Half-price sale Thursday, Oct. 10**  
**\$5/box clearance Friday, Oct. 11**

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

Not a member? Join at the door or visit  
[library.transylvaniacounty.org/fol/](http://library.transylvaniacounty.org/fol/) to join online.

## Dear Community,

If you are reading this, you know that the library offers a vast array of programs and services to everyone in the Transylvania Community. You might not know that we also offer several specialized programs that we do not advertise. For example, youth services staff regularly visit preschools to read stories and offer early literacy lessons.

I want to spotlight one of these “secret” programs today: the Round Table. It may seem odd that I’m promoting a program that I’m not encouraging you to attend, but I think it is a valuable peek behind the scenes, not just of the library, but of our community.

Around four years ago, the United Way of Transylvania County disbanded. In addition to funding local organizations, UWTC was a hub of engagement for local nonprofits. As transition plans developed, the library stepped in to help maintain and grow those connections by taking over one of its programs: the Round Table.

Each month, representatives from local and regional health and human service nonprofit and government agencies gather at the

library. They identify common goals, opportunities for collaboration and support, and share needs and challenges. Round Table members work with every area of need: housing and homelessness, childcare, food insecurity, reentry from incarceration, aging, resources for individuals with disabilities, mental health — and more. While most attend in person, it is a hybrid meeting, and those who cannot get to the library join virtually.

At a time when many things seem divided, that is not the case among the people with their feet on the ground locally, doing the hard work to tackle these complex and challenging issues. While many local organizations would benefit from more financial resources, there is no shortage of kindness, compassion, and persistence among this group of individuals doing vital work throughout Transylvania County.

If you work with a health or human services agency not connected with the Round Table, contact Community Engagement Librarian Kelly McBride ([kelly.mcbride@transylvaniacounty.org](mailto:kelly.mcbride@transylvaniacounty.org)) to learn more.

**I'll see you at the library!**

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



Does your team have the edge? Schedule a time for your team of 2-4 players to compete in this year’s qualifying round of the Jigsaw Puzzle Competition by calling the Library at 884-3151 x2. Each team will be timed in their completion of an identical 300 piece puzzle. The top four qualifiers will compete in head-to-head matchups.



## fall memoir class public reading

Friday, Nov. 22 • 6:00 pm • Rogow Room

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

## Some Things Old, Some Things New

*with Looking Glass Playhouse*

**Monday, November 18 & Tuesday, November 19 • 7:00 pm**

Comic monologues and scenes honoring master of satire and absurdity Christopher Durang (1949-2024), and 15 years of Looking Glass Playhouse. The cast includes Mark Thompson, Sandi Thompson, Amy Shute and Sally Burnett. Founding member Claudia Carter Covington directs. Running time about 60 minutes.



**donations**

through September 2024

**In Memory Of**

**Phyllis Blunt**

by Karen Finley

**Dottie Ehmann**

by Mathatasian Book Club

**Barbara Templeton Masterson**

by Gail Masterson

**Dottie Tinsley**

by Waightstill Avery Chapter, NSDAR

**In Honor Of**

**Mary Osborne**

by Samuel & Margaret Choate



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 4.

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COUNTY LIBRARY  
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**In Honor Of**

**Colin Kirkman**

by Sandy & Bruce Kirkman

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.

**Calling all writers!**

Submissions are now open to  
attend the 2025 Looking Glass  
Rock Writers' Conference! Enjoy  
four days of creative writing  
workshops and public reading  
events with renowned authors  
May 15-18, 2025. Applications due  
December 31.

Visit [LGRWC.org](http://LGRWC.org) for complete  
conference details and submission  
guidelines.



North Carolina  
**humanities**  
**nc reads continues!**

NC Reads is NC Humanities' award-  
winning, statewide book club! Learn  
more and sign up on our website:  
[library.transylvaniacounty.org/ncreads](http://library.transylvaniacounty.org/ncreads)

**Beyond Innocence**  
by Phoebe Zerwick

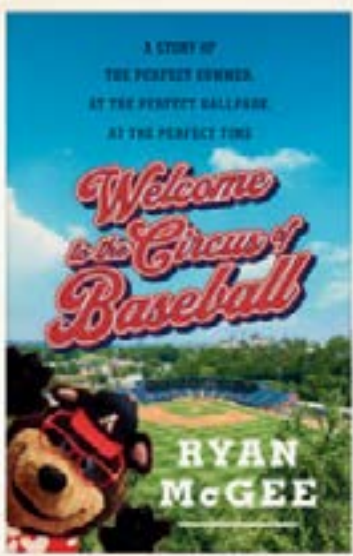
Discussion event: Oct. 1 • 6:00 pm  
Books available: September 3

**The Violin Conspiracy**  
by Brendan Slocumb

Discussion event: Nov. 5 • 6:00 pm  
Books available: October 1

**Welcome to the Circus of Baseball**  
by Ryan McGee

Discussion event: Dec. 3 • 6:00 pm  
Books available: November 1



**Literary Pumpkins**

October 7-16, 2024



All ages are welcome to decorate a  
pumpkin at home and bring it for display in  
the library. Entries have a chance to win a  
\$25 VISA gift card.

Please visit our website for complete guidelines.

# 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 month (October): Surprise Activity

## Paws & Pages

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

**Wednesdays, November 6 & 20 • 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 7 • 4:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Kids ages 10-13 will be reading "Star of Kazan" by Eva Ibbotson. Pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens desk.

## Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

**Saturdays, October 12 & November 9**

**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.

## Chess Mates

**Monday, October 14 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Come to our monthly open chess play on the 2nd Monday of each month from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. The Library will have chess boards set out on the main floor. All ages and levels are welcome to play.

## GetSet Transylvania's Family Dinner Series presents Creative Play

**at Transylvania County Parks & Recreation**

**Monday, October 14 • 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Join us for a free meal followed by an educational session for adults about creative play for young children. Childcare will be provided for kids who are 2 years & up and potty trained. Register through link on Library's event webpage.

## Out & About Storytime at The Family Place - Rosman

**Wednesday, October 16 • 11:00 am**

**Wednesday, November 20 • 11:00 am**

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

## Your Path to College: Navigating Admissions & Financial Aid with CFNC

**Monday, October 21 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) to learn about how to choose the right college, navigate financial aid, complete the FAFSA, and find scholarships. Bring a device to create an account and follow along.

## The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Ichthyology Season

**Thursday, October 24 • 4:00 pm**

Have you ever wondered what makes a fish, a FISH? How do they breathe so easily under the water? Why are they so slimy and hard to catch? Join us for an educational program with the North Carolina Arboretum as we tackle some of the hard questions about fish. Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program and learn all about the many different types of fish that call Western North Carolina their home (and some that don't!). This program is geared toward ages 5 to 13, but all ages are welcome.

## LEGO® Night

**Monday, October 28 • 6:00 pm • Monster Mash**

**Monday, November 25 • 6:00 pm • Musical LEGOs**

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.

## Book Nuts Book Club

**Thursday, November 7 • 4:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Kids age 6-9 will be reading "Zach and the Turkey Attack!" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens desk.

## Minute to Win It Games

**Tuesday, November 12 • 4:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Are you ready for the challenge? Grades 4-7 can call or visit the Kids & Teens desk to sign up for our fun minute to win it games. Library staff will assign teams to compete head-to-head in a number of mini-games that last only a minute.

# more of the programs you love:

## family history third thursday

Mini Workshop and Social Hour

Thursday, October 17 • Cemeteries  
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, November 21 • 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.

## ukulele circle

Thursday, October 10 • The Beatles  
6:00 pm • Storytime Room

Thursday, November 14 • The 2010s and Beyond  
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, October 17 • 5:00-7:00 pm  
Thursday, November 21 • 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, October 22 • Leather Catch All Tray  
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Tuesday, November 26 • Paper Bag Stars  
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, October 14 • 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, November 8 • *The Book of Spice*  
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens Oct. 7

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 November 22! 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?

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library closures: monday 11/11; thursday - saturday 11/28-11/30

## 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

## find us online

website:

library.transylvaniacounty.org



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The Book Store will be closed until November. In the meantime, shop online anytime at our Amazon and eBay stores.

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## 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.

### appalachian music through the decades

with The Likely Stories

Thursday, November 7 • 6:00 pm

Come enjoy a sampling of Western North Carolina's rich musical heritage as the Brevard-based trio journey through the decades to the present with songs & historical tidbits.

"The Likely Stories" are Marc Brown, Mark Wingate, and Sally Wingate



"All Things Appalachia" will NOT meet in October due to the FOL Book Sale.

visit us at:

## Halloweenfest

Downtown Brevard  
Saturday, October 26  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



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**Won't you be a Friend?**