

# at the library

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## Why have a library app?

- ✓ Keep your library card in a digital wallet
- ✓ Manage your library account (and your kids) in one place
- ✓ Place holds on books and materials
- ✓ Receive notifications when materials are ready for pickup
- ✓ Learn about library events, new arrivals and more

# all things appalachia

## black history in transylvania county

with Laura Sperry,  
Local History Librarian  
and Edith Darity,  
Community Historian



**Thursday, February 6  
6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Discover the hidden history of Transylvania County's Black community with highlights on prominent figures, community locales, economic industries and achievements. Enjoy a positive and uplifting overview of accomplishments and significant people.

## SPEAKER SERIES

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

## national register of historic places

with Hannah  
Beckman-Black,  
preservation specialist

**Thursday, March 6  
6:00-7:00 pm**

Learn how and why buildings are identified and the benefits of the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places program from the representative of the Western Regional NC State Historic Preservation Office.



# Dear Community,

There is currently snow on the ground for the first time in years, reminding us how weather impacts our neighbors throughout the county in different ways. While main roads are clear, shaded back roads remain icy. The library is bustling with children on their virtual school day, but we know many of you are still stuck at home.

Here's how the library handles weather-related issues:

**Closures:** The Library follows Transylvania County's non-emergency office schedule. We share updates on our website, Facebook page, and our phone system, to the extent possible. Of course, Helene taught us that these things are not always in our control, but we do our best to keep you informed.

**Returns:** Never risk your safety to return library materials! Items returned during closures (or the following day) are backdated to the last open day. In the future, you may see due

dates update in your online account thanks to a new feature in our software. Holding on to borrowed materials while we are closed actually helps us since it reduces the need for our staff to venture out to empty book drops. If we reopen and you are still stuck and have things due, let us know.

**Bookmobile and Second Story Book Store:** These rely on clear roads and follow the Transylvania County School schedule. They close if TCS is closed or on a virtual day due to weather.

Remember, even if you can't visit the library in person, our website offers tens of thousands of ebooks, digital audiobooks, films to stream, magazines to peruse and so much more. All you need is your library card, PIN (check with us if you don't know it) and an internet connection.

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

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



# library tours

Come check us out on a library tour! Whether you're new to our community or you're a longtime library lover, there's always plenty to discover at TCL. Join library staff for a one-hour tour. We'll take you behind the scenes at the library, highlighting things you may or may not know and sharing tips for making the most of your library.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 • 3:30 - 4:30 pm • Library foyer  
Wednesday, Mar. 12 • 3:30 - 4:30 pm • Library foyer



In accordance with the bylaws of the Friends of the Transylvania County Library, this is notice that the following amendment will be presented for a vote at the April 8, 2025 Annual Meeting:

Article IV: Officers, Executive Committee and Board of Directors, Section 3. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Library Director and the chairs of the standing committees. A non-voting library staff liaison may be assigned by the Library Director and may attend and participate in Board meetings. The Board shall manage the affairs of the FRIENDS. The President shall be the chair of the Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall perform the duties prescribed by the FRIENDS and by the parliamentary authority of Robert's Rules of Order.

# cocoa & crafts

Monday, February 3 • 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Kids 3 & up,  
drop-in for cocoa  
and make some  
crafts.





# kid & teen activities

## Teen Space Activity

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

## Tuesday Storytimes & 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

## Paws & Pages

**Wednesdays, February 5 & 19 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Wednesdays, March 5 & 19 • 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!

## Teen Book Party

**Thursday, February 6 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Are you a teen between the ages of 14 and 18? Do you love books? Wanna hang out with fellow book lovers? Join us for the ultimate book party! We'll share our latest reads, discover new books and munch on tasty snacks. We're all reading different books, so get ready for some awesome chats about all kinds of genres and topics. It's all about fun, friendly and respectful discussions.

## Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

**Saturday, February 8 & March 8**

**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 and craft as Tuesday storytime.

## Raving Readers

**Monday, February 10 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Kids ages 10-13 will be reading "The Star of Kazan" by Eva Ibbotson. Sign up for the discussion and pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens Desk.

## Out & About Storytime at

### The Family Place - Rosman

**Wednesday, February 19 • 11:00 - 11:30 am**

**Wednesday, March 19 • 11:00 - 11:30 am**

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

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

**Thursday, February 20 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Learn all about birds, that call Western North Carolina home! We'll venture out on a bird walk and learn some bird calls! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, our area's many different types of birds, what they eat, why some birds migrate, and much more! This program is geared toward ages 5 to 13, but all ages are welcome.

## LEGO® Night

**Monday, February 24 • 6:00 pm • Mystery Build**

**Monday, March 24 • 6:00 pm • City Scene**

On the 4th Monday of the month, children in grades K-5 can enjoy an hour long 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

**Thursday, March 6 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Kids ages 6-9 will be reading "Houdini and Me" by Dan Gutman. Sign up for the discussion and pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens Desk.

## Mini-Rologists with AMOS

**Monday, March 17 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Uncover the secret lives of rocks in Mini-Rologists, the Asheville Museum of Science's (AMOS) geology program for young learners. Young kids ages 3 to 6 years old will gain an understanding of geology through storytelling and mining activities. Participants will be allowed to take some materials home.

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

**Tuesday, March 18 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Join The College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) to learn about the financial aid process for students and adults. You will learn how to choose the right college, navigate financial aid, complete the FAFSA and find scholarships. Please bring a device to follow along and save useful links.

# Visit our three StoryWalk® locations!



What's more fun than spending time outside?  
Doing it with a good book!

Visit these StoryWalk paths and enjoy reading and walking together in the great outdoors.

**Transylvania County Parks & Recreation**  
*(on the bike path)*

**Rosman Community Park**  
*(located off Old Rosman Hwy)*

**Gorges State Park**  
*(along the Bearwallow Valley Trail)*



## shop the Second Story Book Store's **spring cleanup sale**

**Monday, February 10:** Buy One, Get One Free!

**Tuesday, February 11:** Buy One, Get One Free!

**Wednesday, February 12:** Buy One, Get One Free!

**Thursday, February 13:** \$15 Box Day

**Friday, February 14:** Half Off

Promotions apply to all non-fiction books, including: cookbooks, history, art, biographies, children's non-fiction and more!

## Are you planning your garden?

Visit the Transylvania County Seed Library!

The Seed Library is a collection of seeds that you can take from to plant and grow at home. Located near the elevator on the first floor of the library, the Seed Library contains veggie, flower and herb seeds. Stop by and see what's in stock!

We rely on seed donations to keep things stocked, and we hope you'll consider donating seeds throughout the season to help the Seed Library thrive!



# more of the programs you love:

## genealogy meetup

Thursday, February 20 • Notable Ancestors  
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, March 20 • Female Ancestors  
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Meet up with other family history enthusiasts to discuss genealogy topics. Bring and share your own research, discoveries, stories and memorabilia.

## ukulele circle

Thursday, February 13 • Love Songs  
6:00 pm • Storytime Room

Thursday, March 13 • The '60s  
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, February 20 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Thursday, March 20 • 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, February 25 • Mini Mosaics  
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Tuesday, March 25 • Paper Lanterns  
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, February 10 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Monday, March 10 • 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, February 14 • *Indian-ish*  
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens Jan. 17

Friday, March 14 • Ina Garten Month  
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens Feb. 21

Registered participants can stop by the library to review a copy of the books 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 at the library every Friday morning! Class starts at 9:30 am in the Rogow Room, and instructor Clare Desmelik leads the series. 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](http://library.transylvaniacounty.org/fol)



## 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](http://library.transylvaniacounty.org)



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@transylvaniacountylibrary



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@TCLibraryNC



The Book Store is open  
Monday - Friday from  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm.

**NEW!** Beginning February 13, the  
book store will be open for evening  
hours on Thursday's: 9:30 - 7:00.



NC Cooperative Extension &  
Transylvania County Library present:

## living in the mountains

*an educational series exploring the  
unique challenges and opportunities of  
living in the mountains of WNC*

### Identifying & Managing Invasive Species

Wednesday, February 5 • 12:00 pm  
Rogow Room

### Recreation for Older Adults

Wednesday, February 12 • 12:00 pm  
Rogow Room



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