

at the library



Plus, National
Library week
celebration with
Jennifer McGaha!
Details on page 2.

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Friday, May 16 • 7:30 pm • Porter Center, Brevard College

terrance hayes + elizabeth rush

Saturday, May 17 • 7:30 pm • Rogow Room

noontime notions: science series

presented by
David Johnson,
Science Advisor
at PARI

Free and open
to the public

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

astronomy 101

the universe in 75 minutes

Tuesday, May 13 • noon

artemis: earth, moon, mars

first steps toward living on other worlds

Tuesday, May 20 • noon

the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (seti)

Tuesday, May 27 • noon

spring author events

Spinning Toward the Sun

Monday, May 5 • 6:30 pm • Rogow Room

Spinning Toward the Sun: Essays on Writing, Resilience, and the Creative Life reflects on creativity, resilience, and the strength found in adversity. Join us to hear contributing essayists, including Nora Shalaway Carpenter, Megan Shepherd and more.

All book sale proceeds benefit
Hurricane Helene relief efforts.

Dear Community,

The library is always growing and evolving to reflect the needs of the people we serve. As our community changes, we listen, adapt, and expand our collections to ensure that everyone can find materials that are engaging, useful and relevant to their lives. I'm excited to highlight two new collections designed to improve access and better meet the needs of our readers.

First, we've expanded and relocated our **Spanish-language materials for adults**. While we already had a small selection scattered throughout our general adult collection, we've now gathered them into a dedicated section and added new titles. This collection, located by the first floor elevator, includes fiction and nonfiction books for Spanish-speaking community members and those learning or reading in Spanish. By creating this space, we hope to make these materials easier to find and more inviting for all.

We're also introducing **Wonderbooks** to our children's collection. Wonderbooks are print books with a built-in audio player that allows kids to listen as they read along. These interactive books support literacy development, making reading more accessible for emerging and reluctant readers. Whether a child is building confidence in their reading skills or simply enjoying a story in a new way, they provide a fun and engaging experience. As I write this, we're eagerly awaiting our first shipment, so keep an eye out for them to hit the shelves soon!

The library is a place where everyone can discover something that speaks to them—literally, in the case of Wonderbooks! Expanding our collections in meaningful ways ensures that all members of our community can find library materials that reflect their interests, experiences and needs.

We invite you to explore these new collections, share them with others, and let us know how we can continue to improve.

I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



listen & read-along books • games • videos

FREE online resource for kids!

fermentation

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SERIES: ROGOW ROOM

Registration required. Space limited.

sauerkraut fermentation

Wednesday, May 7 • 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn to make delicious, probiotic-rich sauerkraut from scratch

shrubs & switchels

Wednesday, May 14 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Learn to make shrubs and switchels: refreshing, gut-friendly beverages

fermented pickles

Wednesday, May 21 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Learn the art of pickling as we talk through health benefits and preservation techniques

In partnership with NC Cooperative Extension

We're
celebrating
National
Library Week!

author
jennifer mcgaha

Tuesday, April 8
12 noon • Rogow Room

the radical practice
of joy

This program doubles as the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting. Learn what the Friends accomplished in 2024 and help us honor the many volunteers who gave their time and talents this past year!



donations

through February 2025

In Memory Of

A. Backofen

by Joanne Backofen

Florence Bechtold Calabrese

by Cindy Decker

Dixon Lee

by Mathatasian Book Club

Lydia Williams

by Richard & Martha Mayberry

In Honor Of

Susan Goldsworthy

by Larry & Lynn Klein

The Charles Roberts Family

by Michelle Stuckey

donations

through February 2025

In Honor Of

Susan Decker

by Kathleen Kelly

Kate Kelly

by Jane & Rob Forsyth

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.



memoir class public reading

Thursday, May 29

6:00 pm

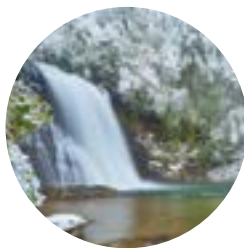
Rogow Room

Class members will share their first-person stories written during the eight-week Spring Memoir Writing Class taught by Daphne Larkin.

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.



wonderful waterfalls of north carolina

Thursday, April 3

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Rogow Room

Join Kevin Adams for a presentation about North Carolina's spectacular waterfalls.

Adams, the leading authority on the state's falling water, will discuss the natural and cultural history of waterfalls and share stories from a lifetime of chasing them all over the state.

in honor of Historic Preservation Month

transylvania through time

Thursday, May 1

6:00-7:00 pm

Rogow Room

Rebecca Suddeth will guide us on a journey through Transylvania's past, exploring ten historic properties along the way.

Discover the rich histories and stories behind these sites, their cultural significance, and the importance of preservation.



noontime notions titanic: ship of dreams

Tuesday, April 15 • 12:00 pm • Rogow Room

Catch a glimpse of the world of 1912 and the amazing people who boarded the most luxurious, largest ship in the world to sail into immortality. Dr. Melinda Ratchford will take us on a voyage in time to learn about the *R.M.S. Titanic* and share her extensive collection of Titanic memorabilia.



by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard

Tuesday, April 1 & Wednesday, April 2 • 7:00 pm

Looking Glass Playhouse presents this "tour de farce." Four actors play 15 characters in this hilarious look into small town life in Tuna, Texas with Sandi Thompson, Amy Shute, Sally Burnett and Mark Thompson - directed by Claudia Carter Covington. Running time about 90 minutes. In the Rogow Room.



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
- 5th week in April: Bingo and more

Paws & Pages

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

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

Registration required

Kids ages 10-13 will be reading "Gold Rush Girl" by Avi. Sign up for the discussion and pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens Desk.

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturdays, April 12 & May 10

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.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Botany Season

Tuesday, April 15 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Learn all about the many different plants that call Western North Carolina their home. We'll answer all of our biggest plant questions, look at plant parts up close, and venture outside to see what's growing! 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.

Out & About Storytime at

The Family Place - Rosman

Wednesdays, April 16 & May 21 • 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).

LEGO® Night

Monday, April 28 • 6:00 pm • Marble Maze

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.

Teen Book Party

Thursday, May 1 • 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.

Book Nuts

Thursday, May 8 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration required

Kids ages 6-9 will be reading "Astrotwins: Project Blastoff" by Mark Kelly. Sign up for the discussion and pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens Desk.

children's
BOOK WEEK
MAY 5-10

scavenger hunt &
character craft

celebrate by dressing up as your favorite book character

more programs you love!

genealogy meetup

Thursday, April 17 • topic: Roadblocks
Thursday, May 15 • topic: Name Game
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, April 10 • genre: Traditional / Folk
Thursday, May 8 • genre: The '70s
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Join in and play with us! Bring your own ukulele or check one out from the library. All skill levels welcome.

mending circle

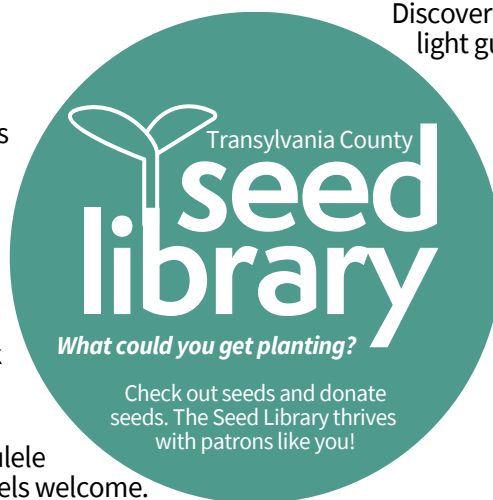
Thursday, April 17
Thursday, May 15
5:00 - 7:00 pm • 1st floor Reading Area

Give your favorite clothes a second life. Bring a garment in need of a little TLC and get expert guidance from skilled facilitator, Shiloh Broadway. Basic mending materials provided.

world affairs book club

Thursday, April 17 • *The Message*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Thursday, May 15 • *Everyone Who is Gone is Here*, by J. Blitzer
10:00 - 11:30 am • Conneestee Room

Interested in world affairs? This group explores key issues through engaging books, covering politics, economics, culture and more in a welcoming space for all to learn, connect and grow as informed global citizens.



craft connection

Tuesday, April 22 • Yarn Wall Hangings
Tuesday, May 27 • Bead Loom Bracelets
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Discover a new craft technique each month. Enjoy light guidance as you explore your creative side.
For adults; registration required.

chess mates

Monday, April 14
Monday, May 12
4:00 - 6:00 pm • 1st floor Reading Area

Love chess? Want to learn? Come play! Boards provided—pick a game, find a partner (old or new), or watch the action. All ages and skill levels welcome.

cookbook club

Friday, April 11 • *Erin Gleeson's Cookbook*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • *Registration opens Mar. 21*

Friday, May 9 • *Milk Street's Cook What You Have*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • *Registration opens Apr. 16*

Each month, we explore a new cookbook. Choose a recipe to make and share, then discuss what you learned with fellow participants. *Registration required.*

yoga

every Friday morning
9:30 - 10:30 am • Library Amphitheater

Start your weekend early with yoga at the library. Join instructor Clare Desmelik for an all-levels, all-ages class. Bring water to drink and a towel or mat. In case of light rain, the walkway porch may be available, but check for updates if the weather is poor.
No class on April 18



coming soon!
chautauqua 2025:
american celebrity
June 7-17



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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.

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library closures: Friday and Saturday April 18 & 19, Saturday and Monday May 24 & 26



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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OPEN: Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 9:30 am - 4:00 pm. Thursdays 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

invasive plants basket weaving

with Jeff Gottlieb, the "Primitive Naturalist"

Tuesday, May 13 • 6 - 9 pm • Rogow Room

In this hands-on workshop, explore the status of invasive plants in WNC, and then make a beautiful, unique and useful basket using kudzu and other bountiful yet problematic plants.
Space limited to 15. *Registration required.*



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library tours

New community member or longtime library lover, join library staff for a one-hour tour behind the scenes at the library, highlighting things you may not know and sharing tips for making the most of your library.

Wednesday, Apr. 9 • 3:30 - 4:30 pm • Library foyer
Wednesday, May 14 • 3:30 - 4:30 pm • Library foyer



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