

at the library

summer READING for everyone!

june 9 - august 9



summer reading kickoff!

Wednesday, June 11 • 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Drop-in event for all ages. Adults, kids and teens
can register and grab a tote bag.

Games, crafts
and fun for
the whole
family!

A limited supply of
tote bags will be
given away when
you register.
Don't miss your
chance to snag one.

Dear Community,

Summer is a season for exploration, imagination and joy—and there's no better place to start than the library! Our summer reading theme this year is *Color Your World*, and we invite people of all ages to do just that: add creativity, curiosity, and color to their lives through books, experiences and community connection.

Summer reading isn't just for kids. Whether you're diving into a stack of mysteries, revisiting a childhood classic, or discovering a new favorite author, reading expands your world and deepens your sense of self. It sparks ideas, builds empathy and keeps your brain happily engaged. And it's even better when shared—through conversation, book clubs, or reading aloud with a child.

This summer, the library is your launchpad for all kinds of adventures. From family-friendly Wednesday shows (bubble circus! live theater! science magic!) to Brevard Music Center

student concerts, Super Soaked Saturday, and visits from Chautauqua historical figures like Josephine Baker and Babe Ruth, there's something happening for everyone. Head out of town with a Zoom pass for free admission to regional attractions, or check out yard games to bring the fun home.

Everything we do, whether it's a concert in the amphitheater or a Wonderbook in a child's hands, reflects our belief that learning and creativity belong to everyone. When we read, play, explore, and connect with others, we enrich our own lives and help our community thrive. The library is here to meet you where you are and grow alongside you, offering opportunities.

So grab a reading log, drop in for a program, check out something unexpected and see where the summer takes you. You might be surprised by what you discover.

Color Your World—and let the library be part of the picture.

I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director

monday, june 23 • 7:00 pm • preventing falls



Join Heather Bauer as she explores the ABCs of falls prevention. Whether you are bringing greater care into your own life or caring for an aging loved one, this session is for anyone of ANY age who is interested in staying strong, grounded and independent in order to live as safely and fully as possible. Discover why falls may occur – and gain more confidence to reduce the risk of falling. Each participant will take home a falls risk score, preventions tools and home safety assessment.

noontime notions in the Rogow Room

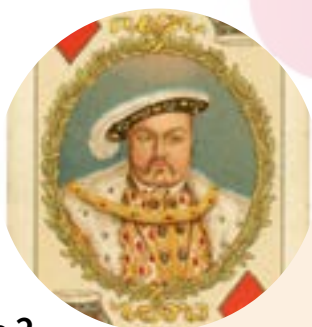
tuesday, june 17 • noon how we keep each other close

Local historical novelist Katherine Scott Crawford will share the fascinating world of miniature portraits popular in the post-Revolutionary South. Crawford used her knowledge of portraiture as the basis for her newly released novel, *The Miniaturist's Assistant*. Highland Books will be on hand with books for sale and signing.



tuesday, july 15 • noon henry and his wives

Women have played an incredible role in creating the person who became King Henry VIII of England. His grandmothers and his mother were influential, but it was the women who became his wives that we remember most. Paula Withrow will showcase these six women with diverse backgrounds, goals and powers who manipulated, angered, disappointed and even catered to Henry – including how they influenced his reign and his legacy.



Chautauqua Festival
2025

American Celebrity



6:00 pm
**Rogow
Room**

Doors open one hour
before shows begins.



Fridays • 7:30 pm

Library Amphitheater

* rain location: Rogow Room *

Saturday, June 7

Erma Bombeck

performed by Susan Marie Frontczak

Tuesday, June 10

Babe Ruth

performed by Kevin Treu

Thursday, June 12

Josephine Baker

performed by Becky Stone

Saturday, June 14

Lucille Ball

performed by Leslie Goddard

Tuesday, June 17

Albert Einstein

performed by Larry Bounds



The Friends of the Transylvania County Library present the

summer CONCERT SERIES

Pack up your lawn chairs, throw on your sunglasses and join us for one of our favorite annual series. Local and regional performers share their music while the sun sets in the Library Amphitheater.

june 6 • **dulci**

june 13 • **randy steele**

june 20 • **jett holden**

june 27 • **three wheels turning**

kid & teen summer

Teen Space Activity

June • Fidget Key Rings

July • Breakout Box

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

Book Clubs

Raving Readers • Monday, June 2 • 4:00 pm (ages 10-13)

Book Nuts • Thursday, July 10 • 4:00 pm (ages 6-9)

Registration required

Raving Readers will be reading "From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler" by E.L. Konigsburg. Book Nuts will be reading "Comet in Moominland" by Tove Jansson. Pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens desk.

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 of July: Surprise Activity

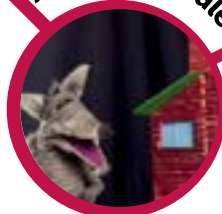
**June 18
Bright Star Theatre:
Wizard of Oz**



**June 25
Roper Mountain
Science Center
Coastal Critters**



**July 2
Grey Seal Puppets
A Tangle of Tales**



**July 9
Professor Whizzpop's Art Attack**



wednesday family s

Paws & Pages

Wednesdays, June 4 & 18 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, July 2 & 16 • 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!

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturdays, June 14 & July 12

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 second Tuesday Storytime.

Out & About Storytime at The Family Place

Wednesday, June 18 • 11:00 am

Wednesday, July 16 • 11:00 am

Join family Storytime at The Family Place - Rosmarie. 3rd Wednesday each month (birth - 5 years).

Zaniac presents Design Studio: Where STEM Meets Creativity!

Monday, June 23 • 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration required

Kids will explore the exciting fusion of science and testing wearable creations inspired by technology is for rising 1st - 3rd grade students.

LEGO® Night

Monday, June 23 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • Tiny LEGO

Monday, July 28 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • One Color

On the 4th Monday of the month, children in grades 1-5 can build a monthly theme or free building. The Library will support them with their children.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Herpetology Series

Thursday, June 26 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Learn all about the many different herptiles that call the arboretum home. Find out what they live, what they eat, how they breathe and much more. Ages 5 to 13.

time activities



Place - Rosman

Asheville Museum of Science presents Collision Course

Tuesday, July 8 • 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Registration required

Students will explore material and physical science through the design of a system for launching a small car into a target. During this open-ended creativity and problem-solving lesson, students will apply Newton's Laws of Motion and explain how speeds change when objects collide. This program is for rising 2nd - 4th graders.

Zaniac presents Minecraft Masterminds: Building Brains with STEM Challenges

Thursday, July 24 • 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Registration required

In this hands-on program, participants will dive into the world of Minecraft education to explore and apply key STEM concepts. This program is for rising 4th - 6th grade students.

shows at 3:00 pm



Craft Your World • Fridays • 11:00 am

Registration required for each

Embroidery for Teens • June 20

Rising 6th-12th graders can learn a stitch or two of simple embroidery on pieces of fabric with colorful threads or bring a clothing item.

Upcycled Puppets • June 27

Rising 3rd-5th graders can use parts & pieces to make their own puppet.

Visual Journals for Teens • July 11

Rising 6th-12th graders can paint, collage, doodle their very own visual journal.

Sea Creature Crafts • July 18

Kids ages 3 to rising 2nd graders can make two simple sea creature crafts.

Super Soaked Saturday at Transylvania County Parks & Recreation

Saturday, July 26 • 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us for a FREE day of water fun for all ages! Bring your family and friends to enjoy the summer sun while cooling down in style. We'll have water slides, water tables, music by DJ Dogg and more! This event is a collaboration between the Transylvania County Library, Transylvania County Parks & Recreation and The Family Place. The fun will happen rain or shine!

Beginning Reader Bingo

Thursday, July 31 • 11:00 - 11:45 am

Registration required

Join us for a fun pictures-and-sight-word-bingo game experience! Celebrate the early literacy work you and your child have done with rounds of bingo and periods of dance in between. This program is for kids ages 5-7 along with their caregivers.

LEGO® Art Challenge

K-5 can enjoy creative play by building from the only the LEGO® bricks. Caregivers are encouraged to

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Western North Carolina their home! Come ready to distinguishes Herptiles from other animals, where more! This program is geared toward

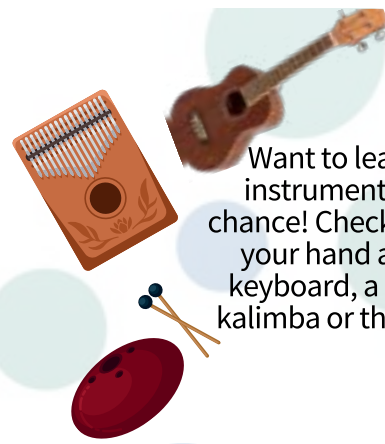


Zoom through summer and visit one of these local attractions. Reserve a Zoom Pass on our website for free admission for library card holders.

Available Zoom Passes include:

Asheville Museum of Science
Asheville Museum of Art
Brevard Music Center
Children's Museum of the Upstate
Cradle of Forestry
Hands On! Children's Museum
North Carolina Arboretum
WNC Nature Center

Pick up your pass at the Library.



Want to learn to play an instrument? Now is your chance! Check out kits and try your hand at the ukulele, keyboard, a percussion kit, kalimba or the tongue drum.

Take a Tour!

Contact the library to schedule a one-hour group 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.



Add some fun to your summer with yard games at the library! Croquet, Bocce ball, Giant Jenga and so much more are available to check out with your library card.

BMC at TCL

Begins Monday, June 30
1:00 pm • Rogow Room

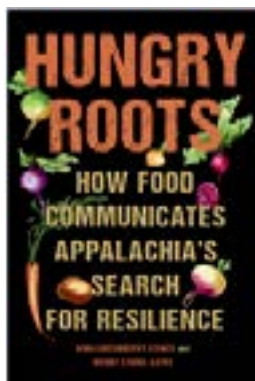
High school and college students from the Brevard Music Center perform in a series of free concerts at the Library on Mondays **through July 28th.**



North Carolina
humanities

2025 North Carolina Reads

North Carolina Reads is North Carolina Humanities' award-winning, statewide book club! Throughout the fall, we'll be reading the books and gathering for discussion. To participate in the program, sign up through our website, pick up a copy of the books, read along and join our discussion events. The first book, *Hungry Roots*, will be available for pick up beginning July 1.



Discussion event:
August 5 • 6:00 pm
Books available:
July 1



Discussion event:
Sept. 2 • 6:00 pm
Books available:
August 1



Discussion event:
Oct. 7 • 6:00 pm
Books available:
Sept. 2



Discussion event:
Nov. 4 • 6:00 pm
Books available:
Oct. 1



Discussion event:
Dec. 2 • 6:00 pm
Books available:
Nov. 3

more of the programs you love:

genealogy meetup

Thursday, June 19 • Migration Patterns
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, July 17 • Changing Land
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, June 12 • Beach Tunes
6:00 pm • Storytime Room

Thursday, July 10 • The '80s
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, June 19 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, July 17 • 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, June 24 • Mandala Art
6:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens June 2

Tuesday, July 22 • Painted Tote Bags
6:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens July 1

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, June 9 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Monday, July 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, June 13 • Latin American Street Food
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens May 16

Friday, July 11 • Good Lookin' Cookin'
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens June 16

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 library's amphitheater, 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.

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library closures: friday, july 4 & saturday, july 5



library hours

212 South Gaston Street
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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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Regular Open Hours
Monday - Friday
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Extended Hours
Thursdays 9:30 am - 7:00 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.

watch & discuss: **historic inns of lake toxaway**



with John Nichols III & Dan Johnson of
Historic Toxaway Foundation
Thursday, June 5 • 6 pm

View and discuss two short
documentary films on the heyday of
the Lake Toxaway area



visit us at:

Upper French Broad
River Fest
Champion Park, Rosman NC
Saturday, June 21
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

revolutionary patriots of transylvania county

with Kate Orr, Davidson River
Cemetery Board President
Thursday, July 3 • 6 pm

Learn about the lives and legacies of
some of the earliest settlers in
Transylvania County who served
during the American Revolution



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