

at the library



author readings + book signings

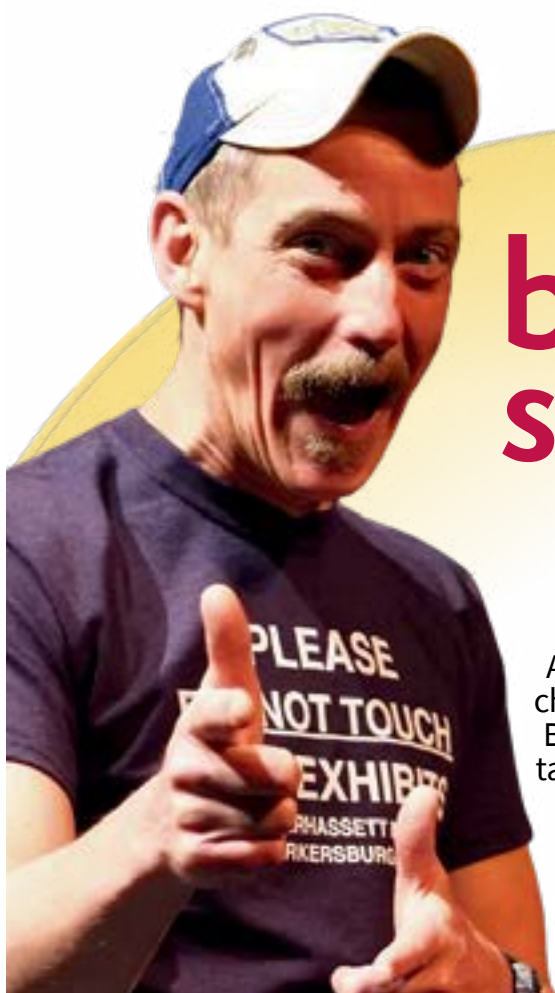


victoria chang + leslie jamison

Friday, May 15 • 7:30 pm • Porter Center, Brevard College

david joy

Saturday, May 16 • 7:30 pm
Rogow Room



bil lepp storyteller

Tuesday, April 21

12 noon • Rogow Room

An award-winning storyteller and five-time champion of the West Virginia Liars' Contest, Bil Lepp spins wildly funny Appalachian tall tales that are outrageous, unforgettable and just true enough to keep you guessing.

**april 19-25:
national
library
week**

**20 years under
this roof!**

drop by on may 13
for a building birthday
goodie

This program will begin with a brief Friends of the Library Annual Meeting to share updates, recognize volunteers and elect officers. All are welcome—membership is not required.

Dear Community,

This spring, on May 13, we'll celebrate the 20th anniversary of our "new" library building. Many of you still call it that, and I love that you do. It speaks to how meaningful this space has been to our community over the past two decades.

Of course, the Transylvania County Library began long before 2006. In 1912, a small subscription library opened in a rented room on South Broad Street; members paid to join and borrow. It soon moved into a small bungalow on the courthouse lawn. By 1935, thanks to local advocates, especially women's civic groups, it had become a free public library. In the years that followed, it grew into a true community resource.

In 1944, the library was formally organized as a nonprofit with the mission of providing public library service to Transylvania County. That same nonprofit would later become today's Transylvania County Library Foundation. For decades, the library operated in this unique way: funded largely by local government, but run and supported by a nonprofit rooted in the community.

Like many libraries, ours continued to evolve as the community grew. In 1956, it relocated to a new building on East Main Street, now home to the Veterans History Museum. By 1974, it outgrew that and moved into a former post office on Gaston Street, today housing the County's administrative offices. In 1982, the library officially became a County department, ensuring stable funding while continuing to benefit from strong community support.

By the early 2000s, that building was full to the brim. Once again, the community stepped up. The Library Foundation led a grassroots campaign that raised \$2.5 million – a third of the project costs – largely through small donations from local residents. When the doors opened in March 2006, the library we know today stood as a true community achievement.

So how old is the Transylvania County Library? Depends on where you start counting. What has been constant is the support behind it. This library exists and thrives because this community believes in it. We're proud to celebrate 20 years under this roof!

I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director

have you signed up for our upcoming events email?

follow the QR code to get a weekly email reminder about all the fun things happening at **transylvania!**
COUNTY LIBRARY



FIELD TRIPS FOR GROWNUPS

These events are for folks 18+. We'll meet the people and places that help our community thrive!

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS FEATURING:

"THE OLDEST HOUSE IN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY"

aka: The Allison-Deaver House

When: Wednesday, April 15 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Meet there: 2753 Asheville Hwy, Pisgah Forest

"WHAT IS ALULA?"

aka: Transylvania Vocational Services

When: Wednesday, April 22 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Meet there: 11 Mountain Industrial Drive, Brevard

"DEMOCRACY IN ACTION: REVISITED"

aka: The Election Center

When: Wednesday, April 29 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Meet there: 150 S. Gaston Street, Brevard

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1ST.
SPACE IS LIMITED.

FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE.



fermentation

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP SERIES: ROGOW ROOM

Registration opens April 17.

Space limited.

kombucha

Monday, May 4 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Make your own effervescent kombucha and grow your own SCOBY

sauerkraut

Monday, May 11 • 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Learn to make delicious, probiotic-rich sauerkraut from scratch

kimchi

Monday, May 18 • 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Learn how to prepare your own version of this spicy side-dish

In partnership with NC Cooperative Extension





donations

through February 2026

In Honor Of

Lisa Sheffield

by Ladson & Jean Hart

Brevard Wednesday Club

by Poo Cabe

Transylvania County Library Staff

by Joan Grant

Barbara MacArthur, Kate Kelly &

Tom Traywick

by Bill & Cantey Carpenter

In Memory Of

Carolyn Zink

by Book & Plate Club

Florence Killian Calabrese

by Cindy Decker

Kathy LeClaire Haehnel

by Waightstill Avery Chapter



donations

through February 2026

In Honor Of

Lisa Sheffield

by Bruce & Jacquelyn Rogow

Daphne Larkin's Memoir Class

by Robert & Mary Martin

Susan Decker

by Kathleen Kelly

Kirk Friedland & Susan Goldsworthy

by The Catsman Foundation

We make every effort to accurately list our gift information in the newsletter. Please let us know about any errors so we can correct our records.

noontime notions Documenting Biodiversity in the Smokies



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

Since 1998, Discover Life in America has been documenting life in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This talk will cover the history of the organization, some of the most fascinating species in the ATBI, and discuss how this data can transform the way that we conserve biodiversity in Southern Appalachia.

Dr. Sam Rosolina is the Vice President of Applied Innovation at Microbial Insights, a laboratory focused on soil and groundwater contamination. He also serves as Board Chair for Discover Life in America.

Transylvania County Library & the Department of Social Services present:

memory cafe

A monthly, one-hour social gathering for those experiencing early-stage Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, and for their accompanying care partners. Join us for a short, optional activity and light refreshments. Registration is suggested, but not required.

**Monday, April 6 • 10:30 - 11:30 am
Rogow Room • Spring Gardening**

**Monday, May 4 • 10:30 - 11:30 am
Rogow Room • Live Music Monday**



spring memoir class public reading **Friday, May 29** **6:00 pm • Rogow Room**

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



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, April 1 & 15 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, May 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!

Out & About Storytime at The Family Place - Rosman

Thursdays, April 2 • 11:00 - 11:30 am

Join us at The Family Place - Rosman on the 1st Thursday of April for a family storytime (birth - 5 years).

Raving Readers

Monday, April 6 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration required

Kids ages 10-13 will be reading "The Bletchley Riddle" by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin. Sign up for the discussion and pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens Desk.

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturdays, April 11 & May 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 and craft as Tuesday Storytime.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Botany Season

Thursday, April 16 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Learn all about the variety of plants that call Western NC their home. We'll make DIY plant presses together, go on a plant scavenger hunt, and venture outside to see what's growing! Come learn about the ecoEXPLORE program and find out what makes a plant a plant. This program is geared for ages 5 to 13.

LEGO® Night

Monday, April 27 • 6:00 pm • Dream House

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.

Playdough Playtime

Thursday, April 30 • 10:30 - 11:00 am

Registration required

Come build, create and play with our colorful playdough collection! Use your imagination to sculpt your own designs or squish and shape the dough on our playmats to learn numbers, letters, shapes and more! This program is for children ages 3 - 5 and their caregivers.

CFNC presents Paying for College Made Simple

Thursday, April 30 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join a local College for North Carolina (CFNC) expert to learn about your options for paying for college. We'll break down financial aid, scholarships and other resources—and share practical strategies to help make college more affordable. This session is a great fit for students of all ages and for parents or caregivers of high school students who are starting to think about next steps after graduation. Come get helpful tips, ask questions and leave feeling more confident about paying for higher education.

Book Nuts

Thursday, May 7 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration required

Kids ages 6-9 will be reading "The Remarkable Rescue of Milkweed Meadow" by Elaine Dimopoulos. Sign up for the discussion and pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens Desk.



more of the programs you love:

genealogy meetup

Thursday, April 16 • Pre-1850 Research
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, May 21 • German Ancestry
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Meet up with other family history enthusiasts to learn about & discuss genealogy topics.

ukulele circle

Thursday, April 9 • Traditional/Folk
6:00 pm • Storytime Room

Thursday, May 14 • The '70s
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Join in and play with us! Bring your own ukulele or check one out with your library card. Song packets available at Circulation desk.

mending circle

Thursday, April 16 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 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.

career advising

Need help with job hunting? Stop by on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10:00am - 12:00 pm and meet with a career advisor from NCWorks.



coming soon!
chautauqua 2026:
revolutionary
americans
June 12-23

craft connection

Tuesday, April 28 • Paper Beads
6:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens April 1

Tuesday, May 26 • Kinusaiga Fabric Art
6:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens May 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, April 13 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Monday, May 11 • 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, April 10 • *How to Cook Everything*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens March 16

Friday, May 8 • *When Southern Women Cook*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens April 13

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, and instructor Clare Desmelik leads the series. This class is free and open to all ages and experience levels.

Join staff for a one hour, behind-the-scenes tour of the library! April 8 & May 13 at 3:30 pm in the library foyer.



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 closures: fri. 4/3, sat. 4/4, sat. 5/23, & mon. 5/25



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/2nd floor closed Saturday

Bookmobile schedule
is online



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Book Store Hours:
Monday - Friday
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Book Store Extended Hours :
Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

all things appalachia

SPEAKER SERIES

A monthly program series exploring the natural world,
culture & history of the southern Appalachian region



early brevard history

with Mac Morrow,
Historian of the City of Brevard
Thursday, April 2 • 6:00 pm

Learn about the creation of Brevard from its earliest
days and how it grew into our beloved mountain oasis

a gathering storm: carolina colonies in the revolutionary era

with Bob Plott, historian & author
Thursday, May 7 • 6:00 pm

Join historian & author Bob Plott as he
discusses many lesser known reasons
for unrest in the Carolina colonies that
precipitated the Revolutionary War



extra! strike and stay: the story of plott hounds

with Bob Plott, historian & author
Thursday, May 7 • 1:00 pm

Award-winning historian & author Bob
Plott will share the history of the Plott
Hound breed – official state dog of NC



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