

# at the library

## summer READING is for everyone!

June 8 - August 8



### summer reading kickoff!

Wednesday, June 10 • 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Drop-in event for all ages. Adults, kids and teens can register and read all through the summer to win prizes!

Games, crafts  
and fun for  
the whole  
family!



# UNEARTH A STORY™

## Dear Community,

One of the many things I love about our library is that it continues to grow alongside the communities we serve. Sometimes that growth takes the form of new books or programs. Sometimes, it becomes something you can see rising from the ground.

Over the past several months, many of you have watched construction unfold in our amphitheater and asked about the library's "new roofs." I'm delighted to share that the project is nearly complete, and the space is already coming to life, starting with a yoga class the week I write this. We'll officially celebrate the project at our first summer concert on Friday, June 5, at 7:30 pm. We hope you'll join us.

This project began during the pandemic, when we were all thinking differently about public spaces and outdoor gatherings. What started as a conversation became a vision for a more flexible, welcoming and weather-resilient community space. The original stage was a simple concrete slab. Today, it has been transformed with a covered main stage, improved drainage and an additional side canopy area. The curved rooflines echo the architecture of the library itself, making the new structures feel like a natural extension of the building.

Projects like this do not happen overnight, and they certainly do not happen alone. I am deeply grateful to the Transylvania County Library Foundation, which fully funded the approximately \$650,000 project, and to the many community members whose generosity made that possible. I'm also thankful for the Transylvania County project team, especially Project Manager Larry Reece, and for the architects, engineers, fabricators and construction crews who brought this vision to life.

I also want to remember former Library Foundation Board Chair Morris Jenkins, who passed away this winter. Morris believed deeply in the library and was an enthusiastic supporter of this project from the beginning, often speaking of the importance of "doing it right." I know he would be very proud of this space.

We're looking forward to concerts, yoga, performances, gatherings and so much more under these new canopies for many years to come. Most of all, we're grateful to be part of a community that continues to believe in and invest in its library.

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

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



# noontime notions

in the Rogow Room

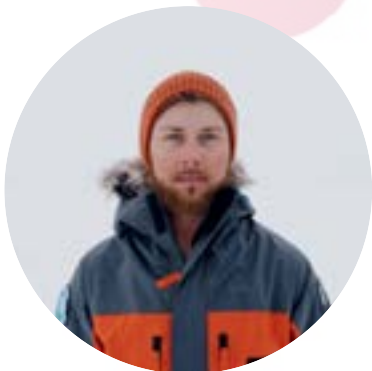
## tuesday, june 16 • noon i found a baby raccoon! now what?!

Local wildlife rehabilitator Sarah Clayton will share how to safely assess a situation, recognize signs of distress or injury, and avoid unintentionally harming a baby or injured wild animal. Attendees will learn practical steps to take if they find a baby or injured animal, and aim to promote responsible, humane action that gives wildlife the best chance of recovery and return to its natural habitat.



## tuesday, july 21 • noon from appalachia to antarctica

In 2023 Transylvania native and arctic expedition guide Jacob "Val" Myers attempted to become the youngest person in history to ski alone and without resupply to the Geographic South Pole in Antarctica. This presentation explores both that harrowing adventure and the way his Appalachian upbringing shaped his relationship with the lands he has travelled to.



# Brevard Music Center at TCL!

Begins Monday, June 29 • 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 27th.**

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 in the Library Amphitheater while the sun sets.

**Join us for the ribbon cutting celebrating the updated Amphitheater on June 5th at 7:30!**

June 5 • **asheville junction**

June 12 • **low gap**

June 19 • **alicia blue**

June 26 • **paper wings**

**Fridays • 7:30 pm**

**Library Amphitheater**

\* rain location: Rogow Room \*



Chautauqua Festival  
2026

## Revolutionary Americans

**6:00 pm**  
**Rogow  
Room**



Doors open one hour  
before shows begins.

**Saturday, June 13**

**Rebecca Motte**

performed by Chris Weatherhead

**Tuesday, June 16**

**Paul Robeson**

performed by Marvin Jefferson

**Thursday, June 18**

**Mother Jones**

performed by Karen Vuranch

**Saturday, June 20**

**Captain Henry Felder**

performed by Clarence Felder

**Tuesday, June 23**

**Edgar Allen Poe**

performed by Larry Bounds



# kid & teen summert

## Teen Space Activity

June • Mini Zen Garden

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 1 • 4:00 pm (ages 10-13)

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

### Registration required

Raving Readers will be reading "A Single Shard" by Linda Sue Park. Book Nuts will be reading "The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo. 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 June: Red, White and Blue Suncatcher

## Fun Learning Mime and Masks with Doug

Wednesday, June 17 • 4:15 - 5:00 pm

### Registration required

Join Doug after his performance on June 17 and learn about illusions and characters in his show. Discover how to use illusions to dazzle your friends and how to make masks and characters to create your own stories. This program is for rising 6<sup>th</sup> and their caregivers.

## Torn Paper Landscape Collages for Teens

Friday, June 19 • 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Registration required

Experiment with paper of different colors and textures to create landscape collages. This program is for rising 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.

# wednesday family s



## Paws & Pages

Wednesdays, June 3 & 17 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, July 1 & 15 • 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 13 & July 11

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.

## LEGO® Night

Monday, June 22 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • Balloon Car

Monday, July 27 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • UUG (Unidentified Undergr

On the 4th Monday of the month, children in grades K-5 can enjoy creating a car or building from the monthly theme or free building. The Library will supply the bricks. Caregivers are encouraged to attend with their children.

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

Thursday, June 25 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Learn all about the many different herptiles that call Western North Carolina their home! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, find out what distinguishes Herptiles from other animals, where they live, what they eat, how they breathe and much more! This program is geared toward ages 5 to 13.

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### The American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course with Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

**Saturday, June 27 • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Earn certification from the nation's leading babysitting class and child care training. This engaging youth-centered training combines hands-on practice, engaging videos, and interactive group activities. The course is open to ages 11-16 and scholarships will be provided to all participants by the Friends of the Library. Visit the Library's website for details.

### Clued-In Mystery for Teens

**Friday, July 17 • 5:30 - 7:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Mr. Boddy has been murdered! But where? With what? And who did it? It's up to you to discover the clues. Similar to the Clue board game you know, we'll find items in the Library after hours in a fun scavenger hunt card game. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders will work together to find and solve.

## shows at 3:00 pm



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### Painting

, June 26 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

and paint a rock! All supplies will be  
ed. All ages are welcome.

### WNC Nature Center presents Forest Sounds

**Monday, July 20 • 4:00 - 4:45 pm**

*Registration required*

Learn why animals make different sounds and what you can interpret just by listening. Then as a group we'll create a class soundscape. This program is for rising 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Teen Book Party

**Thursday, July 23 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Are you a teen between the ages of 14 and 18? Come share your latest reads, discover new books, and munch on tasty snacks. We're all reading different books. The party is all about fun, friendly and respectful discussions.

### Super Soaked Saturday at Transylvania County Parks & Recreation

**Saturday, July 25 • 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!

### Playdough Playtime

**Thursday, July 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.

### What State Am I? Trivia Game

**Thursday, July 30 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

*Registration required*

Test your knowledge of the 50 states (plus territories and Washington, D.C.) in this fun trivia game to celebrate America 250! This program is open to rising 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



North Carolina  
**humanities**

# 2026 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,

*Night Magic*, will be available for pick up beginning July 1.

This program is supported in part by North Carolina Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.



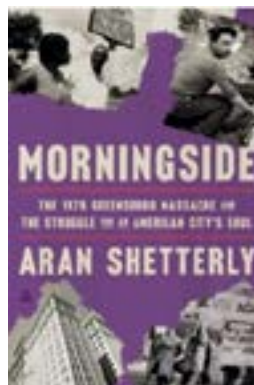
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August 4 • 6:00 pm  
Books available:  
July 1



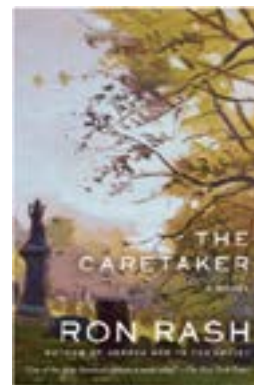
Discussion event:  
Sept. 1 • 6:00 pm  
Books available:  
August 3



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



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



Discussion event:  
Dec. 1 • 6:00 pm  
Books available:  
Nov. 2

## Memory Cafe

June 1st • 10:30 am • Film Favorites  
July 6th • 10:30 am • Stamped Clay Bowls

A monthly social gathering in the Rogow Room for those experiencing early-stage Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, and for their accompanying care partners. Light refreshments provided.

## Improv with Bard in Brevard

Thursday, June 11  
6:00 pm • Library Amphitheater

Registration is required to participate. The public is invited to attend.

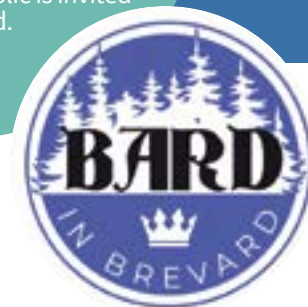


**Zoom through summer and visit one of these local attractions. Reserve a Zoom Pass on our website for free admission for library card holders.**

### Available Zoom Passes include:

- Asheville Museum of Art
- Asheville Museum of Science
- Brevard Music Center
- Children's Museum of the Upstate
- Chimney Rock State Park
- Cradle of Forestry
- Hands On! Children's Museum
- Museum of the Cherokee People
- North Carolina Arboretum
- WNC Nature Center

**Pick up your pass at the Library.**



## new games available for checkout!

We have all types of games available for checkout for both indoor and outdoor summer fun. From yard games to board games, we've got something for everyone.

**taco cat goat cheese pizza  
herd mentality • disc golf set  
and more!**

# more of the programs you love:

## genealogy meetup

Thursday, June 18 • Scottish & Irish Genealogy  
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, July 16 • New England Settlers 1620-1700  
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 11 • Beach Tunes  
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Thursday, July 9 • 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 18 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Thursday, July 16 • 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, July 28 • String Art  
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 8 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Monday, July 13 • 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 12 • *Motherland: A Jamaican Cookbook*  
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens May 11

Friday, July 10 • Alton Brown Month  
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens June 15

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 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.**

**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 closures: friday 7/3 & saturday 7/4

## 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 at Events page



## find us online

website:

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



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@TCLibraryNC



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



### appalachian zen: songs & stories

with singer-storyteller  
Michael Reno Harrell  
Thursday, June 4 • 6:00 pm

A local favorite, Michael Reno Harrell will captivate listeners  
with stories & songs about mountain folks and his love of  
our mountain heritage.

### garden like it's 1776: gardening in the time of Jefferson

with Cooperative Extension Agents  
Bart Renner and Erin Massey  
Thursday, July 2 • 6:00 pm

Renner and Massey will describe & demonstrate  
the innovative gardening and food preparation  
methods used during the Colonial Era.



visit us at:  
Upper French Broad  
River Fest

Champion Park, Rosman  
Saturday, June 20  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



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