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nc reads is back!

Sign up, read the books
and join in discussion.



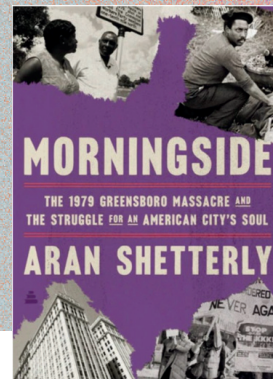
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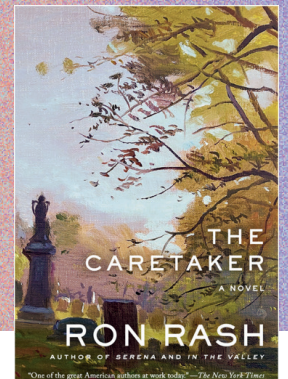
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fall concert series

Fridays in September • 7:00 pm • Amphitheater • rain location: Rogow Room



jane kramer + free
planet radio
August 28



a led zeppelin tribute
the andrew
thelston band
September 4



the foreign
landers
September 18



house of
hamill
September 25

Dear Community,

A library is much more than a building or a collection of books. It is a community effort, shaped every day by the people who use it, support it and believe in what it makes possible. That includes the staff who serve the public, volunteers who give their time, Friends of the Library members, Foundation donors, parents bringing children to storytime, neighbors meeting in our community rooms and readers who simply borrow a good book. Every one of those interactions helps create the library that you enjoy today.

If you've visited our website recently, you've probably noticed that things look a little different. We have introduced a new online events calendar and meeting room reservation system. This makes it easier to discover programs, register online and share them with friends and family. Reserving our small meeting rooms is now easier, too, with online booking available for the College Walk Study Room and Conestee Conference Room. These improvements make library services more accessible while also giving our staff more time to focus on creating great library experiences.

That spirit of shared investment is reflected in many ways. The Friends of the Library devote countless hours to collecting, sorting and selling books that support library programs. Others honor loved ones through gifts to the Library Foundation, ensuring the library can continue to grow and evolve for future generations.

This summer, we also said goodbye to our friend and Library Foundation Board member John Welch. John understood that libraries don't simply exist, they are built, sustained and strengthened by people who care. He spent a career in librarianship and then nearly two decades serving the Transylvania County Library as a volunteer, Foundation Board member and steadfast advocate for reading and lifelong learning. Our community is better because of him.

Thank you for being part of our community and making this library what it is.

I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director

new!

reserve a room online!

College Walk and Conestee Small Meeting Rooms may be reserved at no cost for small gatherings.

For more information, visit: library.transylvaniacounty.org/roomguide

reserve now!



The Transylvania County Library Foundation gratefully recognizes those honored through gifts received during recent months.

In Honor Of

Mary H. Osborne
Susan Goldsworthy
Transylvania County Library Staff

In Memory Of

Sally Baker
Kathy LeClaire Haehnel
Morris Jenkins
John Thomas Welch II

legacy planning



LEGAL AID
OF NORTH CAROLINA

**Monday, Aug. 10
noon • Rogow Room**

Learn how simple legal planning can help protect your wishes, your family, and your property. Legal Aid of NC will discuss wills, advance directives (power of attorney and living will), and heir property.

SAVE THE DATE

October 2-9 Friends of the Library annual book sale

Volunteers Needed

Help with setup (Sept. 26–Oct. 1), sales, floor monitoring, book sorting or breakdown (Oct. 10). Volunteer forms are available at the Circulation Desk.

Book donations end Sept. 7.

Second Story Book Store
closed Sept. 21–Oct. 30.



makin'a difference with the Friends of the Library

wednesday, 8/26 • 4:00 - 7:30 pm • oskar blues brewery
10% of beverage and food sales donated to the Friends

noontime notions

all about fly fishing! - an interactive journey
into one of the oldest angling traditions

Tuesday, August 18 • 12:00 pm • Rogow Room

Led by Stephanie Adams, an NC Wildlife Resources Commission Certified Fly Fishing Instructor, this presentation covers the essentials every budding fly angler should know. Most of the session is built around interactive activities and demonstrations, giving participants the chance to practice casting, explore gear, and learn techniques up close. Stephanie's goal is simple: to get folks excited, confident, and inspired to step outside and enjoy fishing.

improv workshop



Thursday, August 27 • 6:00 pm • Amphitheater

Join actors and company members from Bard in Brevard for a fun, interactive evening of improvisation in the style of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Expect all sorts of hijinks as our talented performers — and brave audience volunteers — jump into skits and games designed to bring out the comic in all of us. Registration is required and limited to 15 participants ages 16+, but everyone is welcome to watch the fun.

medicare 101

Are you new to Medicare? There's a lot to learn! Join us, along with NC Cooperative Extension and the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), September 21 to learn how Medicare works, the enrollment process, how to avoid penalties and ways to save money.

**Monday, Sept. 21
10:30 am**



building healthy brain habits

an interactive workshop focused on building everyday habits that support brain health at any age. Speakers include Dr. Ora Wells, Alzheimer's Association's Denise Young and Cooperative Extension agent Erin Massey.

**Monday, August 10th
6:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Space is limited. Registration
opens online July 20th at 9:30 am.**



eating the mediterranean way

Cooperative Extension agent Erin Massey will return with this free, six-part series exploring wellness through nutrition, mindfulness and Mediterranean cooking. Each class includes a cooking demonstration and taste testing of simple, delicious recipes. Come to one session, or all of them! **Registration required • available online now!**

**Mediterranean
Eating**
Aug. 5
1:00 pm

**All About
Protein**
Aug. 12
1:00 pm

**The Good
Fats**
Aug. 19
1:00 pm

**Fruits &
Veggies**
Aug. 26
1:00 pm

**Whole
Grains**
Sept. 2
1:00 pm

**Rethinking
Sweets**
Sept. 9
1:00 pm

memoir writing class

Thursdays
sept 24 to nov 12
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Connestee Conference Room

Space is limited to ten
participants
Registration opens online
Thursday, August 27 at 9:30 am

Class will be led by Daphne Larkin,
an award-winning book author,
columnist and memoirist.

Summer Reading Program Ends August 8

Last day to get prizes and turn in
entries for prize drawings.



kid & teen activities

Teen Space Activity

August • Racing Origami Chickens

September • Magnetic Mini Canvas

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

Book Clubs

Raving Readers • Monday, August 3 • 4:00 pm (ages 10-13)

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

Registration required • visit the Kids & Teens desk

Raving Readers will be reading "The Seventh Most Important Thing" by Shelley Pearsall. Book Nuts will be reading "Tua and the Elephant" by R. P. Harris. Register and 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 the month: Building
- 2nd week of month: Craft
- 3rd week of month: Dance
- 4th week of month: Art
- 5th week of September: Fine-Motor Tracing Cards

Paws & Pages

Wednesdays, August 5 & 19 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, September 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!

Dog Man: Interactive Movie

Friday, August 7 • 3:00 pm • Doors open at 2:50 pm

Join us for a screening of this 2025 film based on the popular graphic novel series by Dav Pilkey and immerse yourself in the fun as we create an interactive experience. Limited kits will be available on a first come, first served basis. Don't worry if you don't get a kit – there will be plenty of other ways to interact with the movie.

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturday, August 8 & September 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 Tuesday storytime.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Entomology Season

Tuesday, August 11 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Learn all about the many different insects that call Western North Carolina their home (and some that don't)! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE, find out what makes a bug a bug, what different types eat, where they live, plus much more! This program is geared for ages 5 to 13.

Teen Book Party

Thursday, August 13 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration required • available online now!

Are you a teen between the ages of 14 and 18? 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. It's all about fun, friendly and respectful discussions. Visit our event calendar to register online.

Family Show Extra: Chimney Rock presents Animals of Appalachia

Thursday, August 20 • 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Chimney Rock's most popular program is a favorite for all ages! Get up-close with their animal ambassadors while learning about the wildlife that roams our region. Participants will gain knowledge on habitats, adaptations and animal characteristics.

LEGO® Night

Monday, August 24 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • One Color

Monday, September 28 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • Theme Parks

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

Out & About Storytime at The Family Place - Rosman

Thursday, September 3 • 11:00 am

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

Beginning Reader Bingo

Thursday, September 24 • 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Registration required • available online now!

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 song breaks in between. This program is for kids ages 5-7 along with their caregivers. Visit our event calendar to register online.

Family Dinner Series: Foundational Skills for Early Learning at Transylvania County Parks and Recreation

Monday, September 28 • 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Registration coming soon

Join us for a free meal followed by an educational session for adults. The workshop topics include school choice, kindergarten registration, what families can expect during the transition to school, and the early learning skills that help children enter kindergarten ready to learn and thrive. Childcare will be provided for kids who are 18 months and older.

more of the programs you love:

genealogy meetup

Thursday, August 20 • Cluster Research
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, September 17 • Cousins & Siblings
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

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

ukulele circle

Thursday, August 13 • Country & Americana
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Thursday, September 10 • The '90s & '00s
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, August 20 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 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. Facilitator Shiloh Broadway will guide us through the process of mending old garments and preventing them from ending up in the landfill.

yoga

Free yoga at the library every Friday morning! Class starts at 9:30 am in the Amphitheater (weather permitting), and instructor Clare Desmelik leads the series. This class is open to all ages and experience levels.

craft connection

Registration required • available online now!

Tuesday, August 25 • Paint Night
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Tuesday, September 22 • Printmaking
6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Adults, come explore a new craft technique. Each session includes light instruction and a bit of guidance as you explore your creative side.

chess mates

Monday, August 10 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Monday, September 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

Registration required • available online now!

Friday, August 14 • *Something from Nothing*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens July 13

Friday, September 11 • *Greek-ish*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens Aug. 17

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.

memory cafe

Monday, August 3 • BINGO Day
10:30 am • Rogow Room

Monday, August 31 • Backyard Birding
10:30 am • Rogow Room

Drop in to this social gathering for people with early-stage memory loss and their care partners.

Join staff for a one hour, behind-the-scenes tour of the library! August 12 & September 9 at 3:30 pm in the library lobby.



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: saturday 9/5 & monday 9/7



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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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



history of summer camps

with Eagle's Nest Camp
Executive Director
Beth Venable

Thursday, August 6 • 6:00 pm

Venable will explore the history of local summer camps, their impact, and the many stories that have led our county to become the largest concentration of summer camps in the U.S.

Charlestonians in the Blue Ridge

with author and historian Craig Gralley
Thursday, Sept. 3 • 6:00 pm

Gralley reveals the unexplored history of wealthy Charlestonians and the enslaved who settled in Dunn's Rock and their impact, as described in his latest book.



veterans history event:



the ending of world war II in the pacific

with author and scholar
James M. Scott

Wednesday, Sept. 23 • 4:00 pm

An in-depth analysis of the moral dilemma at the center of America's impact on Japan. Book signing to follow.



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