

at the library

The Transylvania County Library Foundation presents

Fall 2026 J.R. McDowell Speaker

Tuesday, November 10 • 7:30 pm
Porter Center at Brevard College

\$10 General Admission
Tickets on sale at the Library on 10/13
Limit 6 • Cash or check only
Tickets are free for students

North Carolina native and founding member of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, Rhiannon Giddens is a GRAMMY and Pulitzer Prize-winning singer, instrumentalist and composer. Her work centers on lifting up people whose contributions to American musical history have been overlooked or erased and advocating for a more accurate understanding of the country's musical origins.

rhiannon GIDDENS



*Looking Glass Playhouse and
Transylvania County Library
present:*



A Play by Adam Szymkowicz
Tuesday, November 3 &
Wednesday, November 4
7:00 pm • Rogow Room

Support the library programs you
love by buying books, movies,
music, puzzles and more .

10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, Oct. 3 &
Monday - Friday, Oct. 5-9

\$10/box sale Thurs., Oct. 8
\$5/box clearance Fri., Oct. 9

Friends members shop early
on Fri., Oct. 2 from
4:00 - 6:00 pm!

Not a member? Join at the door or visit
library.transylvaniacounty.org/fol/ to
join online.

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COUNTY LIBRARY

annual BOOK SALE October 2-9

Dear Community,

Last fiscal year, people in Transylvania County visited the library approximately 173,000 times and checked out over 350,000 books and other materials. More than 23,000 people attended library programs, not including the many community events held independently in our meeting spaces.

These numbers show how much the library is used. However, they can't really capture what happens every day.

Every day, parents of young children meet up for playtime in the children's area. Teens gather after school to work on homework, play games or spend time together. Unhoused neighbors find a calm place to sit and be part of the community. Tutors meet with students. Social service providers meet with clients. Distance education students find a place to study. Nonprofit organizations hold meetings. People come to explore an idea, try something new or find something familiar and comforting.

These activities may seem unrelated, but they have something important in common: people are sharing the same place.

While I have always loved books and reading, community is truly why I became a librarian. Public libraries are one of the few places where you can encounter a genuine cross-section of your community. You don't have to buy anything or belong to a particular group. You don't have to share anyone else's beliefs or interests. You simply need to be willing to share space with your neighbors.

There is something powerful about that. We may come to the library for completely different reasons, but we occupy the same space. There is room here to read, learn, gather, work, play or simply be. We encounter people we might not otherwise meet and become a little more familiar with the many different lives being lived around us.

It can be easy to spend our time surrounded by people who think and live much as we do. I believe there is value in having places where our paths naturally cross – even if we don't agree or even interact, and especially when we do. I'm proud that our community has created a space where everyone is welcome and where there is always room for one more.

I'll see you at the library!

Rishara Finsel, Library Director



Dark Turn of Mind: A Haunted Americana Tour



Asheville-based bands The Moon & You and Hannah Kaminer present a special night of live music, featuring haunting, ghostly and sometime humorous songs from folk, country and Americana traditions.

October 24 • 6:30 pm • Amphitheater • Costumes encouraged!

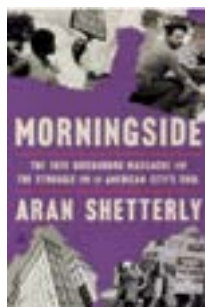


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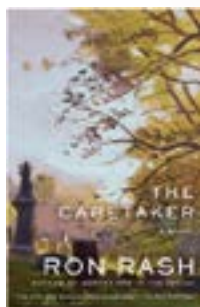
Sign up,
read the
books and
join in
discussion.



10/6 • 6 pm



11/3 • 6 pm



12/1 • 6 pm

Min Xiao-Fen's *Metta* with River Guerguerian

Live Music Soundtrack
for Early Chinese Films

Monday, Oct. 12

Transylvania County Library
in the Rogow Room

6:00 pm



FIELD TRIPS FOR GROWNUPS



BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS FEATURING:



"LOCALLY GROWN"

aka: Gaia Herbs Farm

When: Wednesday, October 7 • 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Meet at the library; we're riding the bus!

"SPACE OUT"



aka: Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute

When: Wednesday, October 21 • 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Meet there: 1 PARI Drive Rosman, NC 28772



"BMC TURNS 90"

aka: Brevard Music Center

When: Wednesday, November 4 • 1:00 - 2:00 pm
Meet there: 365 Andante Lane, Brevard, NC 28712

**REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 28!
SPACE IS LIMITED.**

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

DIRTBAGS AND SURFBUMS

1st Annual Speaker - Sean Gould

Have you ever wanted to run away and chase your dreams? Come meet someone who has! Sean has surfed the West Coast all the way down to Peru, lived in Panama, and much more. Come hear his story.



**Thursday, October 22 • 6:00 pm
Rogow Room**

improv workshop

Registration required • Check our events calendar!

Thursday, October 29 • 6:00 pm • Amphitheater

Thursday, November 19 • 6:00 pm • Rogow Room

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?* Space is limited to 12 participants ages 16+, but everyone is welcome to watch the fun!

noontime notions

Tuesdays: October 20 & November 17 • 12:00 pm • Rogow Room

October 20th

Fall Colors: Wildflowers and More

Jennie Burke of Carolina Nature Tours will present an indoor tour of fall colors on common fall blooming wildflowers, how to identify them and which trees produce the most brilliant colors and why.



November 17th

A Whirlwind Presentation: Severe Weather, Tornadoes and Storm-Chasing in the Mountains

Tornadoes don't happen in the mountains, right? Think again! Join meteorologists and UNC Asheville professors Christopher and Elain Godfrey for an exploration of severe weather.



LOOKING GLASS ROCK



Calling all writers!

Submissions are now open to attend the 2027 Looking Glass Rock Writers' Conference! Enjoy four days of creative writing workshops and public reading events with renowned authors May 20-23, 2027. Applications due December 31.

Visit LGRWC.org for complete conference details and submission guidelines.



fall memoir class public reading

Friday, Nov. 20 • 6:00 pm • Rogow Room

Participants from our eight-week fall memoir class, led by Daphne Larkin, will share selections from their work, offering a glimpse into the personal stories and reflections they've developed during the course.



kid & teen activities

Visit the Library in October to name one of our four Library sock stars. Happy Socktober!

Teen Space Activity

October • Clay Creations

November • LEGO Building

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 the month: Building
- 2nd week of month: Craft
- 3rd week of month: Dance
- 4th week of month: Art

Out & About Storytime

at The Family Place - Rosman

Thursday, October 1 • 11:00 am

Thursday, November 5 • 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).

Paws & Pages

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

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

On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, children can drop by the kids area and read aloud to a furry pal!

Second Saturday Storytime & Craft

Saturday, October 10

Saturday, November 14

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.

Book Clubs • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Raving Readers • Monday, October 12 • (ages 10-13)

Book Nuts • Thursday, November 5 • (ages 6-9)

Registration required • visit the Kids & Teens desk

Raving Readers will be reading "Three Times Lucky" by SheilaTurnage. Book Nuts will be reading "A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt" by C. Coco De Young. Register and pick up a book club copy at the Kids & Teens desk.

The North Carolina Arboretum's ecoEXPLORE Program: Arachnology Season

Thursday, October 22 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Learn all about the many different types of arachnids that call Western North Carolina their home! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, the different types of arachnids (there ARE more than just spiders!), where they live, what they eat plus much more! This program is geared for ages 5 to 13.

LEGO® Night

Monday, October 26 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • Monster Mash

Monday, November 23 • 6:00 - 7:00 pm • Checkers or Chess

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.

Bright Star Theatre: Hispanic Folktales

Wednesday, October 28 • 10:00 - 11:00 am

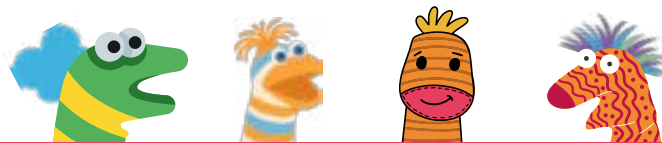
Join us for an adventure featuring a variety of characters from a wide range of cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk tale traditions of the Spanish-speaking world. This show is best appreciated by audiences in grades Pre-K and higher. The program is performed in English. This program is brought to you through a partnership between Transylvania County Library and Mountain Sun Community School.

Playdough Playtime

Thursday, October 29 • 10:30 - 11:00 am

Registration link on library's online events calendar

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.



Socktober: Sock Puppet Workshop

Thursday, October 29 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm

It's Socktober! During this drop-in event, we'll have all the supplies you'll need to create your very own sock puppet! We'll provide the socks, but if you have a special (and clean!) sock you'd like to repurpose into a puppet, bring it along. A puppet theater will be available to act out a story with your new puppet. All ages welcome!

Introduction to Chess

Tuesday, November 17 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Registration link on library's online events calendar

Learn the basics of chess and watch a live demo game. If time allows, enjoy hands-on game experience. This program is for kids ages 8-13.



more of the programs you love:

genealogy meetup

Thursday, October 15 • English/Welsh Records
1:00 pm • North Carolina Room

Thursday, November 19 • Native American Ancestry
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, October 8 • Players' Pick
6:00 pm • Storytime Room

Thursday, November 12 • The Beatles
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, October 15 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, November 19 • 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.

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.

craft connection

Registration required • Check our events calendar!

Tuesday, October 27 • Paper Quilling
6:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens Oct. 1

Tuesday, November 24 • Hand Quilting
6:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens Nov. 2

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.

chess mates

Monday, October 12 • 4:00 - 6:00 pm
Monday, November 9 • 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 • Check our events calendar!

Friday, November 13 • *Seed to Plate, Soil to Sky*
12:00 pm • Rogow Room • Registration opens Oct. 12

Registered participants can stop by the library to review a copy of the book and choose a recipe to make and share with the other participants.

memory cafe

Monday, October 5 • Cornhole Tournament
10:30 am • Community Services Building

Monday, November 2 • History Day
10:30 am • Rogow Room

You're invited to a social gathering for people with early-stage memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's and their care partners.

Join staff for a one hour, behind-the-scenes tour of the library! October 14 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: veteran's day: wed 11/11; thanksgiving: thu-sat 11/26-11/28



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. First Thursday evenings of most months.



the cherokee people and their culture

with author & historian
Yvonne McCall-Dickson
Thursday, November 5
6:00 pm

Historian, author and seventh generation Transylvania County native Yvonne McCall-Dickson will share her extensive knowledge of the Cherokee people and their culture. Learn about the seven clans, social structure, sacred legends and more.



Mobile Food Market at the Library!

Free food giveaway

Rogow Room
Thursdays, Oct. 15 & Nov. 19
3:30 - 5:30 pm



visit us at: Mountain Monarch Festival

Gorges State Park
Saturday, Oct. 3
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

DuPont Forest Festival

Guion Farm
Saturday, Oct. 17
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Halloweenfest

downtown Brevard
Saturday, Oct. 24
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



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