



## **Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**

### **Request for Board Action**

**Meeting Date: 10/5/2021**

#### **Good News**

**Department:** Library

**Presenter(s):** Jim Blanton, Library Director

**Contact(s):** Jim Blanton, Library Director

**Subject:** Library Story Time Wins Best of WNC Award

#### **Brief Summary:**

Buncombe County Public Libraries has been recognized by the community with best story time or learning session in this year's Mountain Xpress Best of WNC awards. Over the past year the Library's Youth Services team provided a constant stream of ways for families to connect and engage throughout the pandemic, offering more than 400 virtual story time programs through the Preschool Outreach Program and via Zoom from library branches. Throughout the pandemic librarians brainstormed ways to connect with patrons in a new virtual environment with take-home craft activities, reading challenges, drive-in story times, online Dungeons & Dragons, original puppet skits, virtual field trips, and more.

**Recommended Motion & Requested Action:** None

**County Manager's comments and Recommendation:** None