

Buncombe County Public Libraries

PROGRAMS – February 2020

LEGO Builders

Saturday, February 1 at 10:00 AM

Oakley/South Asheville Library - 749 Fairview Rd. - Asheville

(828) 250-4754

LEGO fun for age 5 and up.

Pet Food Drive for Meals on Wheels

In February

Swannanoa Library - 101 W. Charleston Ave. - Swannanoa

(828) 250-6486

Did you know that there are over 120 seniors with Meals on Wheels whose pets need food too? We take the months from November through February to give thanks and love for those pets who give home-bound seniors and others the love and attention they need. Bring donations of pet food for Meals on Wheels to the Swannanoa Library throughout the month of February.

Itch to Stitch

Monday, February 3 at 10:00 AM

Monday, February 17 at 10:00 AM

Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville

(828) 250-6482

Bring your current needle project and work while socializing with other like-minded crafters

New!! Memoir Writing Group

Monday, February 3 at 3:00 PM

West Asheville Library - 942 Haywood Rd. - Asheville

(828) 250-4750

Have you thought about writing your life story? Your memoir will give future generations an important piece of your family's history. But even more profoundly, writing your memoir is a powerful experience. You can look back with adult eyes, reflect, and connect dots in your past that you may never have. This supportive group will take that journey together, using specific exercises to help us access memories in unique ways.

At each session, we will go through one or two exercises, as time allows. We will write together, only sharing insights if we feel comfortable doing so. (This is not a writer critique group.) Because the exercises proceed in a specific manner, only those who register and begin together will proceed through the entire process.

Free, but space is limited; registration is required. Register at the library or call 828-250-4750.

Adult Book Discussion: *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 PM

Enka-Candler Library - 1404 Sandhill Rd. - Candler

(828) 250-4758

We will be discussing *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer. All interested readers are welcome to attend.

***Brothers Like These*: Short Story Readings by Vietnam Veterans**

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 PM

Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview

(828) 250-6484

Please join us on Tuesday, February 4th at 7pm as we welcome a group of local Vietnam veterans to share powerful accounts of the time they spent serving the country, their battles with PTSD, and the healing power of creative writing as they share a selections they wrote for the book *Brothers Like These*. There will be a discussion after the readings about the healing journey from the psychological wounds of war through creative writing. Copies of their book *Brothers Like These: Vietnam War Veterans Poems and Prose* will be available for \$10. Sponsored by the Friends of Fairview Library. Refreshments to be served after.

Chair Yoga

Tuesday, February 4 at 2:00 PM

Enka-Candler Library - 1404 Sandhill Rd. - Candler

(828) 250-4758

In our Chair Yoga class you will work with props or in a chair to achieve postures that are restful and meditative. Great for beginners, those seeking relaxation, or participants with mobility limitations. This class is free and everyone is invited.

Evening Book Discussion: *Homegoing*

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00 PM

Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville

(828) 250-6482

We will be reading *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. All interested readers are welcome to attend.

Native Plants, Birds, and the Crisis of Climate Change

Tuesday, February 4 at 5:30 PM

West Asheville Library - 942 Haywood Rd. - Asheville

(828) 250-4750

Cathy Walsh, certified Blue Ridge Naturalist, board member of Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society and member of Asheville's Tree Protection Task Force will talk about her efforts over the past 1 ½ years to get policy passed by Asheville City to prohibit the use of any invasive non-native plants on City property and to encourage the greater use of native trees and plants in their place. She will share the journey that other towns and counties in North Carolina have made in these efforts, and who has helped her in this endeavor, including noted environmentalists and elected officials.

Cathy will also cover the research by Audubon, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and other researchers in past months looking at how climate change, habitat loss and human behavior has caused the loss of 29% of all birds in North America over the past 50 years. She will share suggestions of what we can all do to reverse these losses and will talk about why we should all care about this crisis.

Read to Olivia the Therapy Dog

Tuesday, February 4 at 4:00 PM

Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville

(828) 250-6482

Come read with Olivia the therapy dog. Kids, sign up for your 15 minutes today!

BINGO

Wednesday, February 5 at 11:00 AM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4700

Come meet new people and participate in our BINGO game for all ages! Prizes are donated from the Friends of the Library. Coffee and morning snacks are provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FREE to play!

Afternoon Book Club: *Hidden Figures*

Wednesday, February 5 at 3:00 PM

Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville

(828) 250-6482

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Fairview Library Dungeons & Dragons Club

Wednesday, February 5 at 4:00 PM

Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview

(828) 250-6484

Epic adventure awaits with the Fairview Library Dungeons & Dragons Club! Join us the first Wednesday of every month from 4 to 5:30pm. Supplies and snacks provided. Open to players grades 6 - 12. SPACE IS LIMITED! This event is free, but you do need to register. Please visit the library web page and use the link on the calendar for this program to sign up.

LEGO Builders

Wednesday, February 5 at 4:00 PM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4700

Join us for LEGO building fun! Ages 5 & up.

Preschool Story Time - Valentine Tea

Wednesday, February 5 at 10:30 AM

Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester

(828) 250-6480

Join us at the Leicester Library for a special Valentine Tea! Preschool story times are geared towards 3-5 year-olds and include singing, stretchers, and creative activities.

The Rhythmic Arts Project of Asheville

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 12 at 4:00 PM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4718

The Rhythmic Arts Project of Asheville will be hosting monthly classes at Pack Memorial Library for teens and adults with developmental disabilities.

TRAP is dedicated to empowering and educating individuals with developmental disabilities through the power of percussion and music. Caretakers, parents, and family members are welcome to participate!

This event is free, but you do need to register. Please visit the library web page and use the link on the calendar for this program or call 250-4718 to register for the class. Registration is required so we know how many participants to expect, there is no charge for this class.

Community Garden Meeting

Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 PM

Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester

(828) 250-6480

We are starting a community garden at the library and we need your help! Come learn more about the garden's design and find out how to get involved. Membership to the Leicester Library Community Garden Committee is free.

Creative Writing Group for Children's Books

Thursday, February 6 at 1:00 PM

Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester

(828) 250-6480

The Leicester Library Creative Writing Group is open to adults who want to write children's books. Meetings will include writing exercises and group discussions. We'll focus on writing picture, early-reader, and chapter books for kids. Participants are welcome but not required to bring up to 500 words of original writing to share.

Friends of Leicester Library Meeting

Thursday, February 6 at 3:30 PM

Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester

(828) 250-6480

Find out how you can support the Leicester Library at this open meeting!

LEGO Builders

Friday, February 7 at 3:30 PM

Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview

(828) 250-6484

LEGO fun for kids age 5 and up.

LEGO Builders' Club

Friday, February 7 at 4:00 PM

Enka-Candler Library - 1404 Sandhill Rd. - Candler

(828) 250-4758

LEGO fun for kids age 5 and up.

Read with J.R. the Therapy Dog!

Friday, February 7 at 2:30 PM

Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville

(828) 250-6488

Kids are invited to stop by between 2:30-3:30 pm to practice their reading skills with a gentle, patient and adorable canine friend. J.R. is a certified therapy dog and he can't wait to meet you!

West Asheville Book Club: *The Island of Sea Women*

Saturday, February 8 at 3:00 PM

West Asheville Library - 942 Haywood Rd. - Asheville

(828) 250-4750

Our book this month is *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. All interested readers are welcome to attend.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Saturday, February 8 at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, February 26 at 4:00 PM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4700

Join us for Dungeons & Dragons on the second Saturday of the month from 1-4pm, and last Wednesday of the month from 4-6pm. For ages 12 and up. This event is free, but registration is required. Please call the library to register at 250-4720.

Read With J.R. the Therapy Dog

Saturday, February 8 at 11:00 AM

Swannanoa Library - 101 W. Charleston Ave. - Swannanoa

(828) 250-6486

Come to the library and practice your reading with J.R., certified therapy dog and amazing listener.

Lego Club

Monday, February 10 at 4:00 PM

Monday, February 24 at 4:00 PM

Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville

(828) 250-6482

Come and build with us! LEGO fun for kids age 5 and up.

Leicester Book Club: *The End of Your Life Book Club*

Tuesday, February 11 at 1:00 PM

1561 Alexander Road, Leicester 28748

(828) 250-6480

February's meeting will be at Sandy Mush Community Center, 19 School Rd, Leicester, NC 28748.

This month we're reading *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. The Leicester Library Book Discussion Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Newcomers welcome!

A True Likeness: The Black South of Photographer Richard Samuel Roberts

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00pm

Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville

(828) 250-6482

One hundred and eighty glass plates stored beneath a home in Columbia, SC contained the life's work of a unique and unrecognized master photographer who operated a studio in Columbia, South Carolina from 1920 to 1935. Richard Samuel Roberts chronicled the lives of middle class, southern African Americans in the early 20th century and was one of the few major African American commercial photographers working in the region during this time. Archivist Thomas L. Johnson worked with the Roberts family to preserve these remarkable photos and bring them to the public. The exhibit has traveled the country and been printed in book form. Mr. Johnson will join us to detail this extraordinary process: part detective story and part cultural and artistic revelation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Weaverville Library.

Friends of Fairview Library Meeting

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM

Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview

(828) 250-6484

The Friends of Fairview Library will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 7pm. All dues paying members are welcome to attend. The Friends of Fairview Library Board is looking for a Secretary and Treasurer. Please attend this meeting or contact Branch Manager Jaime McDowell at jaime.mcdowell@buncombecounty.org if you are interested in serving in one of these positions.

Librarian Led Book Club: *We Were Eight Years in Power*

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4700

In February, we'll be discussing *We Were Eight Years in Power* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Books are available to be picked up at Pack Memorial Library or you can reserve a copy on our digital library or the Libby app.

<https://ncdigital.overdrive.com/> Newcomers are always welcome. We'll be meeting in our activities room downstairs.

Love Gone Wrong

Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 PM

Swannanoa Library - 101 W. Charleston Ave. - Swannanoa

(828) 250-6486

Join Irene Moser, Appalachian scholar and old-time musician for an evening of love gone wrong. These stories and songs of murder and unfaithful loves pining away are based on mountain folk tales and dark legends, many from old Celtic traditions. Accompanied by family and friends.

Romance in the mountain songster— lyrical, riddling, murderous, and humorous with folklorist and singer Irene Moser, her brother Artus Moser, Jr. (banjo), her nephews Mark Moser (mandolin) and Artus Moser, III (harmonica), and music teacher, Brooks Butler (guitar).

The Mosers' knowledge comes not only from formal education, but from their family's roots in the mountains. Retired from teaching in West Virginia, Irene taught folklore at Warren Wilson and WCU; Dr. Artus, retired founding Director of the Asheville Kidney Center, has sung and played guitar and later banjo most of his life; Mark and Brooks, both teachers, have played various instruments professionally for years. Art, III, in retirement from the State of NC has furthered his musical interests. They all feel honored to carry the musical traditions of our mountains across multiple generations. This event is for teens to adult...many tales too dark for younger children.

Mixed Level Pilates Mat Class with Cisco Pilates

Saturday, February 15 at 11:00 AM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4700

Learn the fundamentals of Pilates, or for those who are already experienced, deepen your practice in this mixed level class. Pilates is a whole body workout where we find strength, stretch, and control. Alexis will target the level of class to who is there, so everyone is equally challenged. Pilates is for every BODY...no matter your age, gender, or physical ability. Bring your own mat (a thick mat is better if you have one), a small towel, and a water bottle. The library has a few mats available to borrow. This event is free, but you do need to register. Please visit the library web page and use the link on the calendar for this program to sign up.

Jazz Hour at Pack

Monday, February 17 at 6:00 PM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4718

Jazz Hour is back at Pack! Join us once a month for the free hour of jazz presented by composer and Steinway pianist Michael Jefry Stevens. Each month Michael will bring in new guest musicians, local and from around the country, to perform a free concert in our auditorium downstairs. Program is free to attend and no ticket is required. All ages are welcome.

Fairview Evening Book Club: *Arcadia*

Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM

Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview

(828) 250-6484

Fairview Evening Book Club will be reading *Arcadia* by Lauren Groff for the month of February and discussing it on Tuesday, February 18th at 7pm. No sign up or registration is required to join book club, and new members are always welcome. Book Club meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm September-May.

Black Mountain Mystery Book Club: *The Trust*

Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM

Black Mountain Library - 105 N. Dougherty St. - Black Mountain

828-250-4756

Discuss mystery genre books in a community of book-loving sleuths. We'll be discussing *The Trust* by Ronald Balson.

North Asheville Book Club: *League of Wives*

Tuesday, February 18 at 2:00 PM

North Asheville Library - 1030 Merrimon Ave. - Asheville

(828) 250-4752

Join us to discuss our book of the month: *The League of Wives* by Heath Hardage Lee. The North Asheville Book Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Stay tuned for next month's selection!

Black Mountain Afternoon Book Club

Wednesday, February 19 at 3:00 PM

Black Mountain Library - 105 N. Dougherty St. - Black Mountain

828-250-4756

Call the library at 250-4756 for February's selection.

Uke Jam

Wednesday, February 19 at 3:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26 at 3:30 PM

Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville

(828) 250-6482

Bring your axe and jam with the hippest musicians in town!

Story Time and Art with the Asheville Art Museum

Thursday, February 20 at 10:30 AM

*Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*

Reading with JR The Therapy Dog

Friday, February 21 at 4:00 PM

*North Asheville Library - 1030 Merrimon Ave. - Asheville
(828) 250-4752*

Come practice your reading with J.R., certified therapy dog and amazing listener. Kid readers up to age 12 can sign up for 15 minute sessions. Stop by the library to register or call 828-250-4752.

Explore Science at the Nanoscale: STEM fun at Pack for ALL ages!

Saturday, February 22 at 12:00 PM

*Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville
(828) 250-4718*

Join volunteers from the Research Triangle Nanotechnology Network to make thin films, try on a clean room suit, design a photomask, and more! Visitors will get a crash course on nanotechnology using a portable scanning electron microscope (SEM) and light microscopes to examine bugs, flowers, and other materials up close. Hands-on activities for all ages, children through adult, will help visitors relate to nanoscale phenomena and get an idea of techniques used to make things on this size scale.

This free program will take place in the auditorium at Pack Library from 12- 3pm and there will be multiple activity tables for all learning levels from children to adults. Everyone of all ages is welcome to participate. No ticket required, walk in and come when you can!

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, February 25 at 3:00 PM

*North Asheville Library - 1030 Merrimon Ave. - Asheville
(828) 250-4752*

Come join the Graphic Novel Book Club! We'll come together at the North Asheville Library on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 3pm. We'll discuss the graphic novel of the month and create some related artwork! Come by the North Asheville circulation desk to check out a copy of our current book of the month! For ages 8-12.

Intro to the Startup Ecosystem

Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 PM

*Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville
(828) 250-4700*

New to town and looking to get connected? Have a game-changing idea or sensational startup plan? Pack Memorial Library is presenting a free program to help kickstart your small business in Buncombe County.

Join Stephanie Kissell, co-founder of Supportedly and Jeff Kaplan, Director of Venture Asheville for a one hour primer on the local startup ecosystem.

Buncombe County Public Libraries are here to support entrepreneurs. Did you know we offer many resources to help you with your business? From meeting rooms with high speed Wi-Fi to online tools you can access from home, your BCPL library card is a free pass to core resources. A library representative will be on hand with information about the Ice House Entrepreneurial Program, a flexible online program designed to develop

creativity, critical thinking, effective problem solving and other entrepreneurial skills. Ice House is available free through Buncombe County Public Libraries. This event will be Tuesday, February 25 at 6pm at Pack Memorial

Social Justice Book Club at Firestorm Books: *The Line Becomes a River*

Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 PM

Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester

(828) 250-6480

Build relationships and build your understanding of social justice in this reading group sponsored by the Leicester Library! Monthly meetings alternate between the Leicester Library and Firestorm Books & Coffee, 610 Haywood Road. On February 25, we'll discuss *The Line Becomes a River* by Francisco Cantú at Firestorm Books & Coffee.

Black Asheville History Harvest Update

Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 PM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4740

Join the Friends of the North Carolina Room and the Buncombe County Community Engagement Team for an update on the North Carolina Room's most recent community archiving project: The Black Asheville History Project. In November, Library Services and the Community Engagement Team worked together to host two "History Harvests." Come to this event to see what kind of materials the harvests yielded and to learn more about the project's next steps and how you can get involved!

Art Adventures for Kids

Friday, February 28 at 3:30 PM

Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview

(828) 250-6484

In each session, kids will get a crash course on a particular artist or art technique, and create their own works of art using what they have learned as inspiration. This event is free and all materials will be provided. Art Adventures will meet the last Friday of each month, January through May at 3:30.

Leicester LEGO Builders

Friday, February 28 at 4:00 PM

Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester

(828) 250-6480

Meet builders & exhibit your Lego skills. Drop in, or stay the whole time. Ages 5 & up.

Reading with JR The Therapy Dog

Friday, February 28 at 4:00 PM

Enka-Candler Library - 1404 Sandhill Rd. - Candler

(828) 250-4758

Kids are invited to stop by between 4 & 5 pm on the 4th Friday of each month to practice their reading skills with a gentle, patient and adorable canine friend. J.R. is a certified therapy dog and he can't wait to meet the readers of the Enka-Candler community! No advance registration is required.

Satur-YAY Book Club: *Darius The Great Is Not Okay*

Saturday, February 29 at 3:30 PM

Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville

(828) 250-4700

Join us for a brand new book club! Teens and adults are welcome to join in a discussion about a young adult book every month. For February, we'll be reading Adib Khorram's *Darius The Great Is Not Okay*. Books are available to be picked up at Pack Memorial Library or you can reserve a copy on our digital library. Newcomers are always welcome. We'll be meeting in the YA section downstairs at Pack Library.