Buncombe County Public Libraries
PROGRAMS – January 2020

Creative Writing Group for Children's Books
*Thursday, January 2 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.

LEGO Builders Club - Fairview
*Friday, January 3 at 3:30 PM
Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview
(828) 250-6484*
LEGO fun for kids age 5-12.

LEGO Builders' Club - Enka
*Friday, January 3 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, January 3 at 2:30 PM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*
The Skyland Library will host J.R. the Therapy Dog on the 1st Friday of each month. 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!

LEGO Builders Club - Oakley
*Saturday, January 4 at 10:00 AM
Oakley/South Asheville Library - 749 Fairview Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-4754*

Itch to Stitch
*Monday, January 6 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

Book Club: "How to Walk Away" by Katherine Center
*Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 PM
Enka-Candler Library - 1404 Sandhill Rd. - Candler
(828) 250-4758*
We will be discussing "How to Walk Away" by Katherine Center

An Evening with the Author: Robin Russell Gaiser presents 'Open for Lunch'
*Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 PM
Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview
(828) 250-6484*
The Friends of Fairview Library welcome Robin Russell Gaiser, author of ‘Open for Lunch’, on Tuesday, January 7th at 7pm.

 In her book, Gaiser writes of her encounters with a dozen strangers in casual lunch spots from upstate New York to Asheville, North Carolina. She began these encounters almost by chance when she invited someone in line with her at a Subway restaurant to share her table. But as she pursued such encounters over the years, she gradually became “the reporter reporting on myself. Soon the stunning stories of my lunch mates took me deeply into my own narrative.”

Please join us for this lively discussion. Books can be signed and purchased at the event. Refreshments to be served after by the Friends of Fairview Library.

Evening Book Club: “Little Paris Bookshop” by Nina George
*Tuesday, January 7 at 7:00 PM
Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville
(828) 250-6482*
"Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George

Chair Yoga
*Tuesday, January 7 at 2:00 PM
Enka-Candler Library - 1404 Sandhill Rd. - Candler
(828) 250-4758*
In our Restorative Chair Yoga class you will work with props and or in a chair to achieve postures that are restful and meditative. Great for beginners, those seeking relaxation, or participants with joint and mobility limitations.

New! Afternoon Preschool Storytime
*Begins Tuesday, January 7 at 3:30 PM
West Asheville Library - 942 Haywood Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-4750*
Join us at the West Asheville Library for a new afternoon storytime every Tuesday! Preschool story times are geared towards 3-5 year-olds and include singing, stretchers, and creative activities.

Spinning Yarns Knitting and Crochet Group
*Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 PM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*
Beginners can learn a basic pattern. Those with experience are welcome to work on a project and share your knowledge. Supplies will be available for beginners. Come “spin some yarn” at the library!

Weaverville Afternoon Book Club: “Bowlaway” by Elizabeth McCracken
*Wednesday, January 8 at 3:00 PM
Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville
(828) 250-6482*
"Bowlaway" by Elizabeth McCracken

Creative Writing Group
*Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00 PM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*
Our focus is creating a supportive and fun environment for writers through writing exercises and discussions. You are welcome but not required to bring a 300-500 word piece of original writing to share. Open to adults and teens 15 and older.

Fairview Library Dungeons & Dragons Club
*Wednesday, January 8 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 4pm to 5:30. 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. Only the first 6 players to register will have a seat at the table. Please stop by or call the library with any questions.

Winter Yoga Series
*Begins Wednesday, January 8 at 4:00 PM
Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester
(828) 250-6480*
Start your year with yoga! Join us each Wednesday in January for gentle yoga practices with breath awareness, on the mat or in a chair. All levels are welcome. Please bring a mat if you will not be practicing in a chair. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of Leicester Library.

Swannanoa Book Club Reads "My Brilliant Friend"
*Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 PM
Swannanoa Library - 101 W. Charleston Ave. - Swannanoa
(828) 250-6486*
Join us as we discuss book one in the New York Times bestselling Neapolitan quartet about two friends growing up in post-war Italy is a rich, intense, and generous-hearted family epic by Italy’s most beloved and acclaimed writer, Elena Ferrante, “one of the great novelists of our time.” (Roxana Robinson, The New York Times). Treats will be provided. All are welcome.

Let Us Now Listen - Explore the History of Substance Abuse and Recovery in Southern Appalachia
*Friday, January 10 at 6:00 PM
Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville
(828) 250-4718*

Pack Memorial Library is hosting an oral history exhibition that explores the history of substance use and recovery in Southern Appalachia. The exhibition was created by documentary filmmaker John Kennedy who spent the past two years collecting oral histories from individuals who are currently abusing substances or are in recovery.

“Let Us Now Listen” will feature recorded oral histories, portraits by professional photographers, and a “living library” of peers who will be on hand to share their stories and answer questions. The exhibition is a partnership between Kennedy, Pack Memorial Library, Buncombe County Government, and Mountain Area Health Education Center.

Kennedy has collected 53 stories to date with a goal of 100 stories representing a diverse group of men and women who are active or former substance users from across Western North Carolina. These stories explore the intersections between drug use, mental health, sex work, and trauma. The collection also explores the empowerment and hope that can be found in community-based services, peer support, and treatment.

The opening for the exhibit will be Friday, January 10 from 6-8pm at Pack Memorial Library. The exhibit will be at the library for the month of January. These events are free and everyone is invited

**About the Oral Historian**

John Kennedy is a master at listening. In 2017, he produced a documentary for PBS Frontline, with The New York Times, about individuals leaving the prison system called “Life On Parole.” In 2018, he directed and produced a 14-part video series for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Southern Poverty Law Center’s “Teaching Tolerance” program about community traditions and better health outcomes. John has also directed and produced short documentary pieces for Open Society Foundations, the UN Millennium Campaign, and the Global Fund. His journalism has appeared in USA Today, The Washington Post, The New York Times, and other publications. He has also received international attention for his art activism.

Kennedy named this exhibit "Let Us Now Listen" in honor of James Agee's collection of Southern Appalachian oral histories from the Great Depression entitled "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men." Agee’s work inspired Kennedy to always look for the beauty in people’s stories.

Chess Club and Board Games
*Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 AM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*
Come join us for chess or play another board game -we'll have some available and you can bring your own. For kids six years old and up. Kids under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

DIY Family Crafting Day!
*Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 AM
Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview
(828) 250-6484*
Do you enjoy drawing, painting, quilling, or felting? Do you like to decoupage or knit? Folks of all ages are welcome to drop in anytime between 11 and 3 to work on your unfinished project or start a new one. A variety of art supplies will be on hand. Plus, you can browse the wide selection of art books at the library! If the library is closed due to weather on the 11th, we will host the event on January 18th.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
*Saturday, January 11 at 1:00 PM
Wednesday, January 29 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.

Nonfiction Book Club: “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean
*Saturday, January 11 at 11:00 AM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*
"Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire [in the Los Angeles Public Library in 1986], award-winning New Yorker reporter and New York Times bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a "delightful...reflection on the past, present, and future of libraries in America" (New York Magazine) that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before. (simonandschuster.com) Join us to discuss this month's selection “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean. Come explore the world with us through nonfiction!

Read With J.R. the Therapy Dog
*Saturday, January 11 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 Builders Club - Weaverville
*Monday, January 13 at 4:00 PM
Monday, January 27 at 4:00 PM
Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville
(828) 250-6482*
Come and build with us!

Leicester Book Club: “The Immortalists” by Chloe Benjamin
*Tuesday, January 14 at 1:00 PM
Leicester Library - 1561 Alexander Rd. - Leicester
(828) 250-6480*
This month we're reading “The Immortalists” by Chloe Benjamin. The Leicester Library Book Discussion Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Newcomers welcome!

Impeachment: Who, What, How and Why
*Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 PM
Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville
(828) 250-6482*
Are you confused about what’s going on at the US Congress with impeachment investigations and hearings? Want to hear the history of this process? The Friends of the Weaverville Library are bringing you some answers!

WALTER FOREHAND, PhD, JD will present a program on federal impeachment focusing on what the U.S. Constitution says, and the historical basis, the process and possible outcomes of impeachment. He will discuss examples of impeachment in our history, including the notable presidential impeachments.

This is emphatically not a partisan presentation, but if it has an “axe to grind,” it is that understanding of the process has been hampered by two factors: partisan interpretations of the process and the time between the present day and the writing of the Constitution, causing what was once clear to have become obscure. Snow date will be January 21st at 7:00

Librarian Led Book Club: “Bad Blood” by John Carreyrou
*Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 PM
Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville
(828) 250-4700*
In January, we'll be discussing "Bad Blood" by John Carreyrou. 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. The digital library is here: <https://ncdigital.overdrive.com/> Newcomers are always welcome. We'll be meeting in our activities room downstairs.

Black Mountain Afternoon Book Club
*Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 PM
Black Mountain Library - 105 N. Dougherty St. - Black Mountain
828-250-4756*
Read a book by an author who shares your name. No time to read? Join us anyway for a lively discussion in this book-loving group! We guarantee you'll leave with a list of books to read!

Community Garden Meeting
*Wednesday, January 15 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.

Enka History Book Club: "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann
*Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 PM
Enka-Candler Library - 1404 Sandhill Rd. - Candler
(828) 250-4758*
We will be discussing "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann

Uke Jam
*Wednesday, January 15 at 3:30 PM
Wednesday, January 22 at 3:30 PM
Wednesday, January 29 at 12:00 PM
Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville
(828) 250-6482*
Bring your axe and jam with the hippest musicians in town!

Skyland Book Club: “Windy City Blues” by Renee Rosen
*Thursday, January 16 at 2:30 PM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*
Friends of the South Buncombe Library Book Club. This month’s selection is Windy City Blues by Renee Rosen. Join us!

Story Time and Art with the Asheville Art Museum
*Thursday, January 16 at 10:30 AM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*

Reading with JR The Therapy Dog
*Friday, January 17 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.

Evening Book Club: “Snow Flower and the Secret Fan” by Lisa See
*Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 PM
Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview
(828) 250-6484*
Fairview Evening Book Club will be reading Snow Flower and the Secret Fan’ by Lisa See for the month of January and discussing it on Tuesday, January 21st 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.

Genealogy Made Easy: Getting Started the Right Way
*Tuesday, January 21 at 4:00 PM
Swannanoa Library - 101 W. Charleston Ave. - Swannanoa
(828) 250-6486*
Genealogy Made Easy: Getting Started the Right Way will take place on January 21st at 4PM. This hour long class will give the basics and some great resources for genealogists both new to it and for those who would like to learn more.

Regina Mize, MLIS, is a professional genealogist and genealogy educator, and founder of the Genealogy Learning Lab and creator of the soon to be released, Genealogy Made Easy learning series. For more information about Regina, her services, or her educational courses, please visit reginamize.com.

Mystery Book Club: “The Trust” by Ronald Balson
*Tuesday, January 21 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.

Read to Olivia the Therapy Dog
*Tuesday, January 21 at 4:00 PM
Weaverville Library - 41 N. Main St. - Weaverville
(828) 250-6482*
Kids, sign up for your 15 minutes today!

Spinning Yarns knitting and crochet drop in group
*Tuesday, January 21 at 6:00 PM
Skyland/South Buncombe Library - 260 Overlook Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-6488*
Beginners can learn a basic pattern. Those with experience are welcome to work on a project and share your knowledge. Supplies will be available for beginners. Come “spin some yarn” at the library!

Book-to-Movie Program: *The Glass Castle*
*Friday, January 24 at 3:00 PM
West Asheville Library - 942 Haywood Rd. - Asheville
(828) 250-4750*
The Book-to-Movie Program proudly presents “The Glass Castle.” It is rated PG-13 and approximately 2 hours long.

A woman reflects on her unconventional upbringing at the hands of her artsy, nonconformist parents. Now married to a man who works in finance in New York, she faces criticism from her parents that she's betrayed their values. Starring Brie Larson, Woody Harrelson, Naomi Watts, Sarah Snook, and Max Greenfield​, this film is directed by Destin Daniel Cretton​ and based upon the memoir by Jeannette Walls.

This film is free and everyone is invited.

Reading with JR The Therapy Dog
*Friday, January 24 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 for the ENKA program.

WNC Affordable Housing Fair
*Saturday, January 25 at 12:00 PM
Pack Memorial Library - 67 Haywood St. - Asheville
(828) 250-4718*
Pack Memorial Library is hosting it's very first WNC Affordable Housing Fair. Affordable housing information will be available from 12-4 at the library for renters, buyers, and people experiencing homelessness or other housing barriers.

Joining us in the Lord Auditorium to answer your questions, provide resources, and direct you on the right path towards housing:

* Homeward Bound
* Mountain Housing Opportunities
* City of Asheville Housing Authority
* Helpmate
* Blair H. Clark Respite Center
* Habitat for Humanity
* Justice Resource Center
* Gerber Givens Park
* BeLoved
* Eblen Charities
* ABCCM
* Council on Aging

The Lord Auditorium is located downstairs in Pack Memorial Library. The Civic Center Parking garage is directly next to Pack and the hallway entrance is at the 5th floor level. There is also the Rankin Ave. garage nearby and metered parking along the street.

Graphic Novel Book Club
*Tuesday, January 28 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.

Art Adventures for Kids Returns!
*Friday, January 31 at 3:30 PM
Fairview Library - 1 Taylor Rd. - Fairview
(828) 250-6484*
In each Art Adventures 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. All materials will be provided. Art Adventures will meet the last Friday of each month, January – May, at 3:30. Ages 8-12

LEGO Builders Club - Leicester
*Friday, January 31 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.