

Buncombe County Public Libraries PROGRAMS – February 2025

Community Art Supply Swap

02/01/2025 @ 1:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6481

Do you have art and craft supplies you don't need but can't bear to toss? Are you looking for some supplies to start a new hobby? Join us for the winter Arts and Crafts Supply Swap to share the collective crafting wealth of our community.

To participate donate any crafting supplies in good condition at the library before Friday January 31. This can include items such as: scrapbook supplies, yarn, paint, art paper, embroidery kits, craft kits, markers, beads, cloth, jewelry making supplies, etc. Please no heavy equipment, broken, dried out, or messy items. Please also bag any small items such as beads, buttons, etc.

Then, join us from 1-4pm on February 1 to get some new crafting goodies. Any supplies not taken by swappers will be used by the library for programs, donated to charity, or recycled. Email anna.booraem@buncombecounty.org with any questions.

Friends of South Buncombe Library Book Sale

02/01/2025 @ 10:00am to 4pm

Skyland/South Buncombe Library--260 Overlook Road, Asheville--828-250-6488

The Friends of the South Buncombe Library are pleased to announce their first live, in-person book sale of 2025! We will have thousands of fiction AND non-fiction books, not to mention DVDS, CDs, and puzzles at bargain prices, in every genre and for every age group. Prices are a steal at \$2.00 for adult hardcovers and paperbacks for just \$1. Children's items are only \$1 & 50¢! And all movies and music are \$1. Proceeds benefit your library in so many ways: purchasing library supplies and equipment, newspapers, and large print books; providing children's programs; and improving the grounds. Sale Hours: 10am-4pm Friday and Saturday, with 10am-12pm on Friday reserved for Friends of the Library members. Not a member? We're happy to sign you up at the door; the minimum donation is just \$10.00. Movies, music, and children's books Bag Sale on the last hour of business Saturday, if supplies allow. Everything you can cram in a bag from 3pm-4pm on February 1st for just \$2.00!!

Hurricane Helene Art Exhibit by Kira Bursky Exhibit

All month during library hours

West Asheville Library--942 Haywood Road, Asheville--828-250-4750

Multidisciplinary artist and filmmaker Kira Bursky will exhibit her works inspired by Hurricane Helene for the month of February at the West Asheville Library. Kira Bursky (know on social media as All Around Artsy) is inspired by mental health, creativity, and magic. An award-winning creator, Kira has produced more than 60 short films that have screened globally. She's gone viral with over 25 million views across her films, art, and fashion work on platforms like Reddit and YouTube. In addition to her cinematic accomplishments, she sold 2,500 art NFTs and developed an immersive projection-based installation. Kira expanded her artistic repertoire with the launch of All Around Artsy Fashion, a wearable art brand that reflects her passion for dopamine dressing: wearing what makes you feel good. She is now planning the 2025 gallery exhibition tour of her Hurricane Helene

art collection with scheduled stops in NC towns including Asheville, Lansing, and Murphy to name a few. This exhibit is free of charge and open during library hours.

LEGO Builder's Club

02/01/2025 @ 10:00am

Oakely/South Asheville Library--749 Fairview Road, Asheville--828-250-4754

Join us on the first and third Saturday of each month! Build unique LEGO architecture and display your own LEGO creations at the library. Please leave your personal LEGOs at home, we have plenty!

Bouncing Books! Music & Movement Story Time @ the YMCA

02/01/2025 @ 11:00am

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4758

Join us for an interactive story time on the first Saturday of each month at Ferguson Family YMCA! Sing, dance, play, and read with Librarian Kate from Enka-Candler Library. No registration or membership to the YMCA is necessary. Everyone is welcome. This is a family friendly program for ages up to 10 years old.

Skyland Library Knitting & Crochet Club

02/01/2025 @ 3:00pm

Skyland/South Buncombe Library--260 Overlook Road, Asheville--828-250-6489

Bring your needles or your hooks and join us for some friendly company as you work on your current project. No registration necessary; just come by the Skyland Library community room with a love of yarn! Please note this is not a class -- we welcome knitters and crocheters of all skill levels, but there might not be anyone on hand to teach the basics if you've never tried before. Feel free to come and chat or observe, though!

Tiny Tots Yoga

02/04/2025 @ 11:00am

Swannanoa Library--101 W. Charleston Street, Swannanoa--828-250-6486

Join Ms. Brandon at the Swannanoa Library for a fun Yoga class for children ages 1-3 & their caregivers. A fun combination of movement, songs, and stories along with yoga poses and learning breath techniques--good for everyone! 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 Builder's Club

02/04/2025 @ 3:30pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4702

Come down to the Pack Memorial Library and play with Legos! Show off your building skills and make new friends with other LEGO maniacs. Please leave your personal LEGOs at home, because we've got plenty.

Button Making

02/04/2025 @ 4:00pm

North Asheville Library--1030 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville--828-250-4752

Swing by the juvenile section of the library to make a button or two with our awesome button maker! You can use our provided materials or bring a photo, drawing, etc. of your own.

Read to a Dog: Flora the Golden Retriever

02/04/2025 @ 4:00pm

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4739

Trying out your new reading skills in front of other people can be intimidating! But dogs always listen and never judge, even when we make mistakes. Practice reading with a furry pal at the library the first three Tuesday afternoons each month and improve your skills with the listening ear of a certified therapy dog from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Read with Flora the Golden Retriever every first and third Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m. Read with Cooki the Shih Tzu every second Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m. All participants must register and sign a waiver to take part. Register in person, call the library at 828-250-4738, or e-mail eastasheville.library@buncombecounty.org.

Spanish Conversation Practice Group

02/04/2025 @ 5:30pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4703

Our friendly and welcoming Spanish conversation practice group is geared towards people with Intermediate level Spanish skills who are looking for a supportive chance to practice and sharpen their skills. We use discussion prompts, ice breaker games, and guest speakers to help enhance everyone's comprehension and comfort level. Come give it a try!

East Asheville Library Evening Book Club: *The Diamond Eye*

02/04/2025 @ 6:30pm

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4740

Join other readers to discuss this month's pick, *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn!

Enka Evening Book Club: *The Art Thief*

02/04/2025 @ 7:00pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4759

The Enka Evening Book Club will be meeting in our community room on the first Tuesday of the month from 7- 8 PM. For February, the group will be reading and discussing *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. Books are on the book club holds shelf for the book of the month, swing by to pick one up and join us in discussion. All newcomers are welcome to participate and no registration is required. Join us!

Tech Time

02/05/2025 @ 10:00am

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4705

Tech Time is a drop in program where you can receive one-on-one help from library staff. To the best of our ability we will help you solve a tech related problem or accomplish a specific task. We can work together on the library's computers or your device. Anyone is welcome to stop by, we will help people on a first come, first served basis.

Hora Del Cuento - Bilingual Story Time

02/05/2025 @ 10:30am

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4760

An interactive story time for the whole family featuring books, rhymes, and songs in Spanish and English. These early literacy programs for kids and their caregivers are designed to develop a joy for learning through books, songs, and activities. MS. Kate will host story time in the community room at the library. This will not be a ticketed event.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention

Wednesdays and Fridays @ 12:00pm

West Asheville Library--942 Haywood Road, Asheville--828-250-4755

Class is FREE for Adults age 60+ funded by the Older Americans Act. Please contact: Brea Kuykendall at brea@landofsky.org or call 828-251-7438 for more information or to register.

Ukulele Lessons with the Asheville Ukulele Society

02/05/2025 @ 5:00pm

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4742

Come learn to play the ukulele with the Asheville Ukulele Society. Lessons are free, but space is limited. To register, sign up at the library front desk or call 828-250-4738. Lessons are 5:00pm-5:45pm, with an optional Jam Session afterwards. Open to ages 12 & up. Parents of children ages 15 & under must attend with their children. Parents of teens are encouraged to come learn together!

Medicare Basics with the Council on Aging

02/06/2025 @ 3:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6483

Confused about Medicare? New to Medicare? The Council on Aging of Buncombe County in sponsorship with North Carolina Department of Insurance's Senior Health Insurance Information (SHIIP) will present an informational session on the basics of Medicare, including coverage options for 2025. This free seminar will discuss the pathways of Medicare, enrollment periods, and more. Registration is required. 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. Or you can RSVP at coabc.org/events or call 828-277-8288 ext. 1304 with questions.

LEGO Builder's Club

02/06/2025 @ 3:30pm

Skyland/South Buncombe Library--260 Overlook Road, Asheville--828-250-6490

Join us for free-form LEGO building every other Thursday afternoon, at 3:30pm! All ages 5 and up are welcome, but anyone under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by a caregiver. LEGO is provided. Please leave your personal bricks at home.

Intergenerational LEGO Club

02/06/2025 @ 4:00pm

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4743

Have fun building a unique creation with Legos at the East Asheville Public Library! Flex your Lego building skills and make some friends while you're at it. Please leave your personal Legos at home because we've got plenty. Open to all ages 5 & up. Children under 8 must have an accompanying adult in the room. For questions, call 828-250-4738.

Paper Play: A Crafternoon for Adults

02/07/2025 @ 1:00pm

Fairview Library--1 Taylor Road, Fairview--828-250-6486

Set aside some special adult time to explore your creative side in an informal, positive, and relaxed gathering at Fairview Public Library. No experience required. We will have some fun with the theme Have a Heart and a few heart-inspired craft and art activities. Free and all material will be provided. Come prepared to be a bit messy, make new friends, and spend some relaxing time creating with

others. Class size is limited to 8 participants and the instructor is Suzanne Becker. 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.

Bilingual Birdies

02/07/2025 @ 10:30am

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4709

Every first Friday, sing along to songs in English and Spanish with a special performance presented by Bilingual Birdies. This event is free but you do need to pick up a ticket at Pack Youth Services beginning at 10 am the day of the event. Kids ages 0-5 and their caregivers are welcome.

Fiber Fun at the Leicester Library

02/07/2025 @ 3:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6484

Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, weaving, needlework, mending or any other fiber activity to the library! Enjoy the company of other fiber enthusiasts in this twice a month community gathering. This group is informal and self-directed, so bring your own project and share in the joy of crafting. No registration necessary. All are welcome.

LEGO Builder's Club

02/07/2025 @ 4:00pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4762

Join us on the first Friday of each month for LEGO Club! We supply the LEGOs and you create amazing builds that will be displayed in the library for a whole month.

Drawing Barns in Pen and Ink with James Cassara

02/08/2025 @ 1:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6486

The barns of NC hold many stories and serve as wonderful artifacts of our rich history. They're also a lot of fun to draw! In this two hour session we'll learn some basic perspective, how to compose a setting that compliments the structure, as well as rendering the finished product in pen and ink. The best results are found when the artist has a connection to the subject; in that spirit it's strongly recommended that you find a barn that speaks to you. Participants are asked to identify and photograph a barn (more than one is even better!) and print them out in black and white. This class is free with the support of the Friends of Leicester Library. 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. Contact anna.booraem@buncombecounty.org with questions.

Pilates Class- In Person and Online

02/08/2025 @ 11:00am

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4712

To register for these classes, please go to: www.ciscopilates.com. These classes are offered to the public free of charge. We will have some yoga mats on hand for the in-person participants, but feel free to bring your own equipment and water bottle! If you have any questions, please call 828-250-4700.

Quilting Bee

02/11/2025 @ 10:00am

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4745

Quilters of all ages welcome! Bring your own sewing machine and project or work on a community project. Snacks not provided, but we encourage you to bring a bag lunch. Drop in any time to participate.

Updates to Medicare in 2025

02/11/2025 @ 12:00pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4764

Medicare changes and so do we! Learn about what changes are coming in 2025 and how they can affect you! For folks currently on Medicare, community partners and caregivers. This presentation informs you about changes that are taking place to Medicare through this year - premium changes, changes to the drug plans, changes to the assistance programs, premiums, deductibles and cost savings programs. No registration required. Program is free and held in our library community room. This program is provided by the Council on Aging of Buncombe County in conjunction with SHIP(Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program).

Birding for Kids with ecoEXPLORE

02/11/2025 @ 4:00pm

Skyland/South Buncombe Library--260 Overlook Road, Asheville--828-250-6492

Join us for an educational program with the North Carolina Arboretum to learn all about birds, and the many different types that call Western North Carolina their home! We'll venture out on a bird walk, search for evidence of birds, and even learn some bird call! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, our area's many different types of birds, what they eat, why some birds migrate, plus much more!

Read to a Dog with Cooki the Shih Tzu

02/11/2025 @ 4:00pm

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4746

Trying out your new reading skills in front of other people can be intimidating! But dogs always listen and never judge, even when we make mistakes. Practice reading with a furry pal at the library on the first three Tuesday afternoons each month and improve your skills with the listening ear of a certified therapy dog from the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Read with Flora the Golden Retriever every first and third Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m. Read with Cooki the Shih Tzu every second Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m. All participants must register and sign a waiver to take part. Register in person, call the library at 828-250-4738, or e-mail eastasheville.library@buncombecounty.org.

Climate Resilience Writing Workshop

02/11/2025 @ 6:00pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4715

Join us for the 2nd session of our nature-based writing-for-resiliency series. Led by Ellie Huber, an environmental educator with Buncombe County Soil and Water, this writing workshop is focused on resilience inspired by nature. We will be looking to communities within the natural world to inspire our own community resilience post-disaster. We will reflect on poetry, complete writing-activities, and learn about resiliency and the power of connection within natural communities. This writing series is not contingent on attending all three to get something out of it! Feel free to come to one or attend the whole 3-part series! 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.

Leicester Library Book Club: *Leaving Time*

02/12/2025 @ 1:00pm

02/13/2025 @ 1:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6488

This month we're discussing *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. Members can attend on the second Wednesday OR on the following Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the Community Room at the library to discuss the book. Newcomers welcome! A Zoom link is available for those who want to attend on Wednesday but cannot make it in person. Email anna.booraem@buncombecounty.org for the link.

Pack Book Club: *The Sellout*

02/12/2025 @ 10:30am

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4717

The Pack Library Book Club is a book discussion group that meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30AM at the library. We read a variety of genres. The book for February 2025 is *The Sellout* by Paul Beatty. Newcomers are always welcome!

OurVOICE- on-site social worker- bilingual information & assistance for survivors of sexual violence & trafficking

02/12/2025 @ 12:00pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4766

An Our VOICE social worker will be at the Enka Library once a month for information and assistance. This session will be provided to inform community members about sexual assault and human trafficking resources that Our VOICE provides. Do you have questions about services? Do you need assistance? All are welcome and encouraged to attend. These services are free and private. The social worker will be fluent in both Spanish and English. Walk-ins welcome.

Read To A Dog! (with Hayley)

02/12/2025 @ 3:00pm

North Asheville Library--1030 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville--828-250-4754

Reading to a dog can help young readers build skills, confidence, and enjoyment in reading! Participants must register in advance for a 15-minute session, and parent/legal guardian must sign a waiver. Please register by calling the North branch or stopping by the front desk. Any sessions that remain open on the day of the program will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. This session is with handler Sandi and her dog Hayley, who are certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

Intro to Drumming Class

02/12/2025 @ 4:30pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4719

Join us for this educational and fun guided drum session. This class is super fun and no drumming experience is needed. In this hour long session we will establish the foundations of rhythm and experiment with various concepts from there. 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. Registration is required to use one of the provided djembes. Feel free to bring your own drum or percussion instrument and if you are bringing your own drum you do not need to register. This class is best suited for adults and kids 10 and up.

Leicester Community Resilience Conversations: Post Helene Community Check In

02/12/2025 @ 6:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6489

Now that it has been a few months since Helene hit our Region, what do you find is coming up for you these days? Has this experience changed you? Do you have anything you would like to share within the context of a respectful and supportive community? Perhaps you may just want to listen as you are still gathering your thoughts and just trying to make sense of your experience? In this Bi-monthly series, we will think and talk together about how we are experiencing climate events, biodiversity loss and other ecological changes that can create disruptions and hazards to our individual and collective health and safety. Each Leicester Community Resilience Conversations event will feature a suggested topic for us to focus upon. Through these conversations, we hope to foster community resilience and promote personal well-being. We will do this by supporting and honoring the parts of ourselves that make us human, and by observing and making connections between our inner lives, the subjective experience of others, the community at large and the environment on which we live and depend. These conversations will be structured so as to be respectful and supportive. Light snacks will be provided. All are welcome and registration is NOT required. Questions? Contact Anna Booraem at anna.booraem@buncombecounty.org

Fairview Library Fiber Arts Club

02/12/2025 @ 6:30am

Fairview Library--1 Taylor Road, Fairview--828-250-6487

Fiber artists rejoice! Our monthly fiber arts gathering is back on track. Join others who share your interest and enthusiasm on the second Wednesday evening of each month at the Fairview Library. This is a monthly gathering of those who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other fiber crafts, and hanging out with new friends! This is not an instructional group, but newcomers are most welcome. Come ready to meet fun people!

Anti-Valentine's Day Film Series

02/13/2025 @ 4:00pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4721

Sometimes it's not you, it's everyone else. For those of you that are feeling disenchanting with Valentine's day this year, we'll be screening two movies over the course of February. On 2/13 we'll see just how badly dating can go with *The Heathers*. When Veronica starts dating newcomer J.D., their rebellion against the popular clique, the Heathers, takes a turn for the worst. This cult classic will have you feeling pretty good about even your worst dates by the end of it. On 2/25 we'll celebrate friendship with *Frances Ha*. Frances may encounter some pitfalls in her friendships, but she is also sustained by them as her dream of being a professional dancer becomes less and less likely. This is a black and white film that is beloved by audiences for its quirky characters and relatable situations.

Birding for Kids

02/13/2025 @ 4:00pm

Black Mountain Library--105 Dougherty Street, Black Mountain--828-250-4764

Join us for an educational program with the North Carolina Arboretum to learn all about birds, and the many different types that call Western North Carolina their home! We'll venture out on a bird walk, search for evidence of birds, and even learn some bird calls! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, our area's many different types of birds, what they eat, why some birds migrate, plus much more! This free program is for school age kids.

Creative Writing Group online

02/13/2025 @ 4:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6492

Join us for creative writing online! We meet on Zoom for several rounds of writing prompts. The group is simple - we just write and read our writing to each other. This is a supportive and fun environment that gets your creative juices flowing with low stakes and lots of fun. Writers with all levels of experience are invited to join. Email anna.booraem@buncombecounty.org for the link to the online meeting.

Free Sewing and Mending with WNC Repair Cafe

02/13/2025 @ 4:00pm

Fairview Library--1 Taylor Road, Fairview--828-250-6489

Does your favorite shirt have a hole or a tear or a missing button? Are your curtains too long? Has your stuffed animal sprung a leak? Come on down to the library where volunteers who are good with a needle and thread will be happy to help you. This is a drop-in event. Mending is done on a first come, first served basis. Please plan to arrive before 6:30pm. All repairs are free of charge. No repair is guaranteed.

Friends of Leicester Library meeting

02/13/2025 @ 5:30pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6493

The Friends of the Leicester Library will meet at 5:30 pm in the Community Room at the library. Join us for updates on library programs and garden events. All are welcome.

Black Mountain Book Club: TBR

02/13/2025 @ 6:30pm

Black Mountain Library--105 Dougherty Street, Black Mountain--828-250-4765

The TBR (To-Be-Read) Book Club meets every month at the Black Mountain Public Library. Call or email the library for this month's selection.

Homeschool Lunch Bunch: Family Board Games

02/14/2025 @ 12:00pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4723

Enjoy family friendly board games provided by Well Played Board Game. Bring a bag lunch and connect with other homeschool families.

Homelessness Learning Series with the City of Asheville

02/14/2025 @ 12:30pm

02/21/2025 @ 12:30pm

02/28/2025 @ 11:45am

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4768

This 3-part learning series is presented by the Homeless Strategy Division of Community & Economic Development. The City of Asheville's Community and Economic Development department invites you to attend an upcoming 3-part community education series on understanding homelessness. Presented by Debbie Alford, Homeless Strategy Specialist - Training and Development staff with the Homeless Strategy Division.

These three in-person sessions are offered as a series with information building from one session to the next. All 3 sessions are from 12:30-1:30 at the Enka Candler Library in the community room. Please register for all 3 sessions. Pre-registration is encouraged. If you have questions, email dalford2@ashevillenc.gov or call 828-203-0892.

After School Art Experience--Fashion Design

02/14/2025 @ 3:30pm

Fairview Library--1 Taylor Road, Fairview--828-250-6491

Interested in fashion? Learn how to create a 'croquis', a quick sketch of a person that fashion designers use for creating their designs. Then, using color pencils and ink, create fashions for your croquis. All materials except for smocks will be provided.

Button Making Party

02/14/2025 @ 3:30pm

West Asheville Library--942 Haywood Road, Asheville--828-250-4770

Button making! Last summer, we had great fun making all kinds of buttons. Come and see why. You can bring your own artwork from home, or make your own pictures while you're here. Cut up old comic books and magazines for your button pictures, or use our premade pictures. We'll have lots of Valentine's Day-themed pictures you can use to make buttons to give away to your friends and family. If you are going to bring artwork from home, please come by the West Asheville Library any time during the first 2 weeks in February for a circle template so you can make sure that your art will be the right size to fit in the button maker. It doesn't take long to make a button, but you'll definitely want to make more than one. Drop in anytime during the 2 hours, but please plan to stay a while.

Meet the American Humane Hero Dog of the Year- Bo and his partner, Sgt. David Rowland

02/15/2025 @ 1:00pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4769

Join us for a special Reading MENtors meet and greet with American Humane Hero Dog of the Year award winner, Bo, along with his partner Sgt. David Rowland! Bo is an 18 month old bloodhound who has been helping solve crimes and save lives since he was 8 months old. Hear about Bo's work in the Gastonia Police Department, ask questions, and have the chance to meet and take photos with Bo and Sgt. Rowland. 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. Or call the Enka Library at 828-250-4758 to register. Big thanks to our Friends of the Enka-Candler Library for sponsoring this program and to the Gastonia, NC Police Department for letting Bo and Sgt. Rowland join us for the day.

Skyland Library Knitting & Crochet Club

02/15/2025 @ 3:00pm

Skyland/South Buncombe Library--260 Overlook Road, Asheville--828-250-6494

Bring your needles or your hooks and join us for some friendly company as you work on your current project. No registration necessary; just come by the Skyland Library community room with a love of yarn! Please note this is not a class -- we welcome knitters and crocheters of all skill levels, but there might not be anyone on hand to teach the basics if you've never tried before. Feel free to come and chat or observe, though!

North Asheville Book Club: *The Language of Flowers*

02/18/2025 @ 2:00pm

North Asheville Library--1030 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville--828-250-4756

Join us to discuss this month's book: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Deffenbaugh's North Asheville Book Club meets in-person on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

Read to a Dog: Flora the Golden Retriever

02/18/2025 @ 4:00pm

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4749

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WesFest- A Public Library Program for Wes Anderson Enthusiasts in 3 Parts

02/18/2025 @ 6:00pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4770

We'll be hosting a themed activity plus film once a month during the wintry months. If you're someone who enjoys having a movie on while crafting, or someone who just wants to watch a movie, join us. Activities will correspond with the film and are voluntary.

With that, we present WesFest! What better way to stay warm and cozy than immersing yourself in well curated colors, themes, and the imagination of director, Wes Anderson.

Our two films in February and March are:

- Love- *Moonrise Kingdom*- February 18 - 6:00 P
 - Activity: Write a letter to someone you're smitten with
- Family- *The Royal Tenenbaums*- March 18- 6:00 P
 - Activity: Design Your Own Book Jacket

All materials are provided for the activities. These activities can be considered as open art hours with a movie, there is no formal lesson and no instructor present, but materials galore! In the case of unexpected closures due to ice or snow, we will post about cancellations on our events calendar, Instagram page, and Facebook page.

Bookmarked: Online Library Book Club discusses *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

02/18/2025 @ 7:00pm

Online--828-250-6492

The library's moderated online book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month, September through May. You can join by emailing jen.waite@buncombecounty.org at least one hour prior to the meeting.

Enka History Book Club: *Black AF*

02/19/2025 @ 2:30pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4772

The Enka History Book Club reads historical fiction and non-fiction on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. For February the group will be reading and *discussing Black AF: History the Un-Whitewashed Story of America* by Michael Harriot. Books are available for pick up at the library in large print and regular print. The group meets in the community room and newcomers are always welcome.

Birding for Kids with ecoEXPLORE

02/19/2025 @ 4:00pm

West Asheville Library--942 Haywood Road, Asheville--828-250-4777

Join us for an educational program with the North Carolina Arboretum to learn all about birds, and the many different types that call Western North Carolina their home! We'll venture out on a bird walk, search for evidence of birds, and even learn some bird calls! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, our area's many different types of birds, what they eat, why some birds migrate, plus much more! This free program is for school age kids.

Weaverville Library Knitters and Stitchers

02/20/2025 @ 10:00am

Weaverville Library--41 N. Main Street, Weaverville--828-250-6485

Join us for a morning of crafting and conversation. Participants bring their own projects and enjoy the company of others. This is not an instructional group. Newcomers are always welcome. Pre-registration is not required.

Hominy Creek Comfort Makers

02/20/2025 @ 10:30am

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4773

If you can sew on a machine, hand sew, crochet or knit, stuff a pillow or iron come join our makers group! Sewers, knitters, and menders are welcome to join us. We will be working on projects that provide comfort items to anyone struggling. Comfort items may include but are not limited to quilts, crocheted or knitted blankets, Hospice pillows, chemo port pillows and beanies/hats. To get us started there will be a few Hospice pillow kits, cut and ready to sew, stuff, and complete. Come prepared with your supplies & tools including sewing machine, fabric, yarn and any other items you might need. The library will have some materials on hand as well! You're also more than welcome to join us, hang out, and work on your own project if you'd like. The group meets in the library community room. No registration required.

Skyland/South Buncombe Book Club: *The Women*

02/20/2025 @ 2:30pm

Skyland/South Buncombe Library--260 Overlook Road, Asheville--828-250-6495

Join us for a book discussion sponsored by the Friends of the Skyland/South Buncombe Library! This month we will be reading *The Women* by Kristen Hannah. The book is available in both physical and digital editions through Buncombe County Public Libraries, and we will also have a few extra copies to borrow at the South Buncombe Library.

Blood Drive with the Blood Connection at Enka-Candler Library

02/20/2025 @ 3:30pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4774

The Blood Connection will be at the Enka-Candler Library accepting donations on Thursday, February 20. Walk-ups or registration is welcome. To register visit the Blood Connection website,

find the date, and sign up for the Enka-Candler Library event. You will need to sign a waiver to donate blood.

An Intro to Rhythm, Drumming, & Beyond with Scott Middleton from TRAP of Asheville

02/20/2025 @ 4:00pm

North Asheville Library--1030 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville--828-250-4757

In this hour-long workshop, we will focus on rhythmic note values and their various subdivisions while touching upon accents, drum tones, rests, hand patterns, call and response interplay, popular and world drumbeats, time signatures, playing along to music, and more. Ages 6 and up. No drumming experience is needed! 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.

Drop-In Tea Blending Workshop

02/20/2025 @ 4:00pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4731

Hot tea season is here and we can help you craft your perfect cup. Drop by any time after 4pm to mix custom tea blends. Caffeinated and non-caffeinated options will be available. We will provide all of the supplies, each participant is invited to make up to ten tea bags to take home with them. Library staff will be there to provide assistance and information about the tea and herbs until supplies run out. No information given during this workshop should be taken as medical advice, participants consume their tea blends at their own risk

Read With Gracie!

02/20/2025 @ 4:00pm

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4775

Join us on the first Thursday of each month at Enka-Candler Library from 4-5 p.m. and read with Gracie! Gracie is a certified therapy dog who loves to meet new friends and read lots of books. Registration isn't required, but we will ask you to sign-in so everyone can get a chance to spend time with Gracie.

Writing the Storm: a creative writing workshop in two parts

02/20/2025 @ 6:00pm

02/27/2025 @ 6:00pm

Fairview Library--1 Taylor Road, Fairview--828-250-6494

Most everyone in the Fairview community has been affected by Hurricane Helene, and many of us have stories to tell about it. In this two-part workshop, participants will be guided in sharing their personal experiences of and after the hurricane by documenting and expressing them in writing: a proven practice of marking, processing and interpreting life events. Whether you suffered losses, came to the aid of those who did, or encountered our historic storm's repercussions in some other way, this workshop offers a therapeutic opportunity to creatively convey your knowledge and understanding of Helene's effects.

Our instructor is Ann McCutchan, the author of six books, was a community writing teacher and university professor of creative nonfiction for more than thirty years, guiding hundreds of students and adults in writing about personal experiences. Her work has won several awards and been included in The Best American Spiritual Writing anthology. As a journalist, she interviewed and wrote about survivors of Hurricane Katrina. She lives in Fairview. For more information, please see:

www.annmccutchan.com. 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.

Fairview Book Club: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*

02/21/2025 @ 11:00am

Fairview Library--1 Taylor Road, Fairview--828-250-6496

Fairview Library will now host a monthly Friday book discussion group! We will follow the same booklist as the Bookmarked online discussion group that meets monthly on Tuesdays. You are welcome to attend both! Our February selection is *the Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*

Friendship Bracelet Party

02/21/2025 @ 3:30pm

West Asheville Library--942 Haywood Road, Asheville--828-250-4782

Make and swap beaded friendship bracelets. Drop off for tweens and teens is ok, but for younger kids, please plan to stay and help your child make their bracelets.

Tech Time

02/22/2025 @ 10:00am

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4733

Tech Time is a drop in program where you can receive one-on-one help from library staff. To the best of our ability we will help you solve a tech related problem or accomplish a specific task. We can work together on the library's computers or your device. Anyone is welcome to stop by, we will help people on a first come, first served basis.

Spanish Conversation Practice Group

02/22/2025 @ 10:30am

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4734

Our friendly and welcoming Spanish conversation practice group is geared towards people with Intermediate level Spanish skills who are looking for a supportive chance to practice and sharpen their skills. We use discussion prompts, ice breaker games, and guest speakers to help enhance everyone's comprehension and comfort level. Come give it a try!

Right Tree, Right Place: Tree Planting Workshop

02/22/2025 @ 2:00pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6497

Join Asheville GreenWorks and Buncombe County Libraries for a FREE tree planting workshop. Local experts will go over the following topics: site and tree evaluation, utilities, soil conditions, selecting nursery stock and installing a new tree. We will hold a one hour indoor portion and then a one hour outdoor installation at the Library. Please dress to get a little dirty and bring along a water bottle.

Pan Harmonia Baroque Ensemble Open Rehearsal

02/25/2025 @ 10:30am

02/27/2025 @ 1:30pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4737

Enjoy the beautiful acoustic sounds of local chamber music group Pan Harmonia and experience how musicians work behind the scenes. This free open rehearsal will be in preparation for Pan

Harmonia's March 9 concert at First Presbyterian Asheville and feature GP Telemann's *Suite in A Minor* and CPE Bach's *Concerto in D Minor* for flute and strings.

Pan Harmonia is nationally recognized for its unique work and superb artistry. Their creative vision has garnered support from the North Carolina Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. They champion works by lesser-known composers, especially women and people of color alongside beloved classics. Performing musicians are: Kate Steinbeck, flute · Mariya Potapova and Jonathan Urizar, violins · Claire Gerhardt, viola · Katherine Ruhlen, cello · Matthew Waid, bass · Jessica Schaeffer, harp and Barbara Weiss, harpsichord. This event is open to all and does not require registration.

WNC Scale Model Club

02/25/2025 @ 5:00pm

North Asheville Library--1030 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville--828-250-4759

The Western North Carolina Scale Model Club is a non-profit group for static (non-RC) model builders to present their models and share tips and tricks in a laid back atmosphere. Bring your latest finished piece or your work in progress. All skill levels are welcome! This program is designed for Ages 12 and up due to the fragile nature of these models.

Anti-Valentine's Day Film Series Pt. 2

02/25/2025 @ 6:00pm

Pack Memorial Library--67 Haywood Street, Asheville--828-250-4739

Sometimes it's not you, it's everyone else. For those of you that are feeling disenchanting with Valentine's day this year, we'll be screening two movies over the course of February. This is the second part of this series, Frances Ha. Tonight we'll celebrate friendship with Frances Ha. Frances may encounter some pitfalls in her friendships, but she is also sustained by them as her dream of being a professional dancer becomes less and less likely. This is a black and white film that is beloved by audiences for its quirky characters and relatable situations.

Homeward Bound Outreach - Supply and Information Popup

02/26/2025 @ 11:45am

Enka-Candler Library--1404 Sandhill Road, Candler--828-250-4780

Homeward Bound will be tabling in the Enka-Candler Library from 11:45 AM- 1 PM on the last Wednesday of the month along with the YMCA Healthy Living Mobile Unit. They will have information on homelessness resources plus cold weather and camping supplies like sleeping bags, coats, tents, hats, gloves, warm socks, toiletries and more. Help spread the word to those who may need it. Homeward Bound staff are here to help answer any questions you may have and provide assistance as best they can, there is no fee for this service. Pop in any time.

Read To A Dog! (with Hayley)

02/26/2025 @ 3:00pm

North Asheville Library--1030 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville--828-250-4760

Reading to a dog can help young readers build skills, confidence, and enjoyment in reading! Participants must register in advance for a 15-minute session, and parent/legal guardian must sign a waiver. Please register by calling the North branch or stopping by the front desk. Any sessions that remain open on the day of the program will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. This session is with handler Sandi and her dog Hayley, who are certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

LEGO Builder's Club

02/26/2025 @ 3:30pm

West Asheville Library--942 Haywood Road, Asheville--828-250-4789

Lego Club for ages 5-12. Make new friends and have fun building. Legos will be provided--please leave yours at home.

ecoEXPLORE: Birding for Kids!

02/26/2025 @ 4:00pm

East Asheville Library--3 Avon Road, Asheville--828-250-4754

Join us for an educational program with the North Carolina Arboretum to learn all about birds, and the many different types that call Western North Carolina their home! We'll venture out on a bird walk, search for evidence of birds, and even learn some bird calls! Come ready to hear about the ecoEXPLORE program, our area's many different types of birds, what they eat, why some birds migrate, plus much more! Registration is not required, but arriving on time is encouraged because of the bird walk element, we don't want you missing anything!

LEGO Builder's Club

02/27/2025 @ 3:30pm

Skyland/South Buncombe Library--260 Overlook Road, Asheville--828-250-6497

Join us for free-form LEGO building every other Thursday afternoon, at 3:30pm! All ages 5 and up are welcome, but anyone under 10 years old will need to be accompanied by a caregiver. LEGO is provided. Please leave your personal bricks at home.

Black Experience Book Club: *The Fifth Season*

02/27/2025 @ 6:30pm

39 South Market St, Asheville, NC 28801--828-257-4540

The Black Experience Book Club reads books by Black authors about the many facets of the Black experience. Join other book lovers to discuss this month's pick, *The Fifth Season* by N.K. Jemisin.

After School Art Experience--Drawing Game

02/28/2025 @ 3:30pm

Fairview Library--1 Taylor Road, Fairview--828-250-6500

100 years ago, Surrealists invented a game called "Exquisite Corpse". In this game, participants draw on a piece of paper then fold the paper to hide what they drew. They pass it to someone else. That person draws something and folds the paper again to hide it. At the end, all participants will have contributed to other drawings and have their own unique drawing to take home as well. It's creative, inspiring, and it can be really funny! For school age kids.

LEGO Builder's Club

02/28/2025 @ 3:30pm

Leicester Library--1561 Alexander Road, Leicester--828-250-6500

Drop in or stay for the entire time. Build and share ideas! LEGOS + snacks are provided. This program is FREE and no registration is needed.