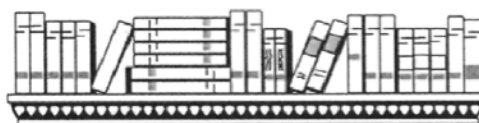


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### Centennial Concert Series Presents:

#### *Appalachian Fire*

Kick off our Centennial celebration in the Kaplan Auditorium on **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** with blue-

grass – Western North Carolina style. *Appalachian Fire* is sure to warm up your evening with high energy picking and tight harmony of bluegrass standards, originals, instrumentals, and bluegrass gospel.

This program is free and open to the public and sponsored by **the Friends of the Library**.

The final 2013 program at the main library **made possible by the Friends of the Library** was a holiday concert presented by the **Blue Ridge Ringers**. This hand bell choir performed for a capacity crowd in Kaplan Auditorium. Library patrons of all ages watched and listened in awe as the group performed on various styles and sizes of bells. I received many thank you comments from members of the audience. I would like to pass along the thanks of the audience, as well as my own, to the Friends for providing funds for such wonderful program opportunities.

Sarah Hudson, Programming Librarian

### Henderson County Library Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

In 1911 the Hendersonville Town Commissioners adopted the following resolution:

*"Whereas, Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give \$10,000 to erect a free public library building on the condition the Town furnish a lot; and, whereas, a suitable lot has been made available by Capt. M.C. Toms, the offer is accepted and a tax will be levied to raise \$1,000 annually."*

So began the community's first public library, which was completed in 1913 on the corner of King Street and Fourth Ave. On September 21, 1914, the new 3,000 sq. ft. Hendersonville Library opened its doors to the public with a collection of approximately 600 items. During its first year in operation, the total volumes owned by the library increased to 1,412 and 557 borrowers checked out 7,795 items.

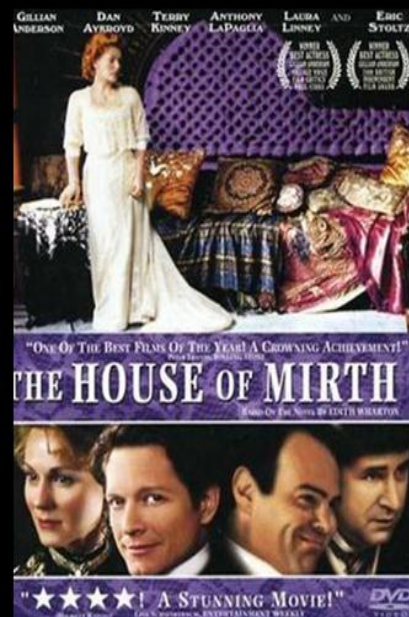
The library has come a long way from those initial years of a few hundred books to today's busy six library system, offering internet access, wi-fi and ebooks along with a catalog of over 250,000 books, magazines, audio books, and DVDs. While the size and scope of offerings may have changed over the years, the mission to 'provide free informational, educational, cultural, and recreational services to the residents of Henderson County' has remained constant. This year the Henderson County Library celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. To commemorate 100 years of service to the community, the library will host monthly centennial events beginning in January and culminating with a September 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebration. Throughout the year we invite everyone to learn about our vivid history and take advantage of the many celebratory programs and events to help commemorate this momentous occasion.

A full listing of Centennial events can be found on the library's website at [www.henderson.lib.nc.us/centennial.html](http://www.henderson.lib.nc.us/centennial.html) or at any branch library.

Trina Rushing, Administrative Librarian

# Book - To - Movie Club

## Tuesdays @ 4:00 PM



## January House of Mirth

Based on the book by  
*Edith Wharton*

**Jan. 14:** Movie  
(Kaplan Auditorium)

**Jan. 28:** Book Discussion  
(2nd Floor Board Room)

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### Understanding Your Medicare Options

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM,  
Edneyville Library

Financial Advisor Leca Harris will discuss healthcare costs in retirement, the different coverage, and answer the questions, "What is medigap?", "How and when do I sign up?" and "What is creditable coverage?". She will also answer questions from attendees. This program will be Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at the Edneyville Library.

Western North Carolina Writers'  
Network Open Mic' Night  
Kaplan Auditorium

**Monday January 13, 2014, 5:30 PM**

This month, the Open Mic' night will take place on Monday January 13, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday To register to read, email: [opmiclit1@gmail.com](mailto:opmiclit1@gmail.com)



Join us at the Main Library for **A Tribute to Rita Hayworth**, a DVD presentation by Tom Nebbia Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.



### Thank you to the FOL from Green River Branch

The Green River Branch librarian, volunteers, and its patrons would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the **Henderson County Friends of the Library** for updating our restrooms in 2013. It was long overdue and was made possible only through your kindness and generosity.

### Finding Neverland ~ Kaplan Auditorium

Tuesday January 21, 2014, 2:00 PM. Join us for a viewing of the Academy Award nominated film Finding Neverland, biopic based on the life of James Matthew Barrie, author of Peter Pan. Johnny Depp stars as the turn-of-the-century writer as the film follows Barrie as he struggles to write and have his play produced while he cares for his down-on-their-luck neighbors who inspired the story in the first place. J.M. Barrie's Neverland also stars Dustin Hoffman, Kate Winslet, and Julie Christie. Rated PG

### DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

The Friends of the Library gratefully acknowledges the following bequests received in 2013:

The Amy B Foster Trust  
 The Estate of Janet S Friedel  
 The Dorothy U Sawyer Trust  
 The Richard J & Betty A Scott Trust (Community Foundation)

Morris Broadband ~ Internet at the Book  
 sale site

### Help Celebrate the Library's Centenary by Sharing Your Library Memories

In her short history of the Library Louise Bailey notes the impact library service can have when she writes of an aunt and her nephew, frequent bookmobile patrons, in the 1950s:



*"Bent on whetting the child's interests and developing a mind she judged to be worth all her efforts she went home from each visit with a big pasteboard box filled with books... None would deny that his aunt and the books she kept before him did much to shape his life."*

Over the course of 100 years we are sure that library service has indeed shaped our mountain communities. As part of our centenary celebration we invite you to share your library memories and stories. Please stop by any branch of the Henderson County Library or visit our website to download a form for your submission. We will display our collective memory in the Main Library, our branch locations and on our website. Thanks for sharing!

**Simon Coultas, Public Services Librarian**

*Image from the Baker-Barber Collection*



**Poetry at work day**  
 ~ January 14,

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## News from the Branches

### Mills River

Join Lynn Edgar, an experienced yoga therapist at the 500hr level, for easy to follow beginner yoga classes, each Saturday in January, 9:30-10:30am.

Space is limited to 20 participants so register now by calling the Mills River Library at 890-1850. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.** Class Schedule: January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014

### Green River

Story Time with Miss Kathy resumes in January on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

### Fletcher

Amazing Animals at the Fletcher Library. On January 25th at 10 AM, explore the world of animal adaptation with zoologists Dr. Bunson and Dr. Beaker. Join us and find out. Grades K-4. Participation is limited to 25 so sign up soon by calling the Fletcher Library at 687-1218. This program is **sponsored by the Friends of the Library** and is presented by Hands-On!

Kindle class on Thursday January 23 at 3:30.

Children can meet "The Mad Scientist on Wheels" on Saturday, January 25 at 10 a.m. !

Adult Book Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:30.

Writer's Guild also meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30.

Children's story times are each Wednesday at 10 a.m. for toddlers to age 3 and at 10:30 for ages 3 to 5 years.

### Etowah

Storytime resumes on Jan. 7th at 10am. Stories, songs, crafts and good times abound when Ms. Kathy does her programs each Tuesday morning.

Jan. 15th at 2:30 , bookclub meets to discuss "Pull of the Moon" by Elizabeth Berg.

Jan. 16th at 3:30, a "Kindle Fire" class is offered free to the public. This class shows how to check out free library E-Books using your "Kindle Fire".

**Thank you to the Friends of the Library** for the many programs and activities that you have sponsored for the Etowah Library in 2013. Here are just a few examples:

- Our summer reading programs and prizes
- Author talks
- Music programs
- Adult reading program gift prizes
- Books for the lobby sale cart, 25 cents-- What a deal!!

### Improvements to the Children's room in the Main Library~ "Thank you" Friends of the Library.



### Using Your Kindle Fire with Library Ebooks

This 45 minute class will demonstrate how to check out free library ebooks on your Kindle Fire. Please bring your device to the class. Those with Kindle Ereaders are also welcome to attend. Free and open to the public.

Mills River Library- January 9th, 3:30 PM

Etowah Library- January 16, 3:30 PM

Fletcher- January 23, 3:30 PM

Edneyville- January 30, 3:30 PM

### We would like to thank the Friends of the Library for its generous support of programs at the Fletcher branch during 2013.

Special programs STIMULATE, EDUCATE, ENTERTAIN, REVITALIZE, and RENEW interest in so many areas and for patrons of all ages. Would you believe 75 patrons filled our auditorium to learn about....Worm Ranching?!? 75 children and adults attended the youTheatre program. Puppets and Magic and Music and Storytelling and we made a Guitar and listened to a Mind Reader!! Civil War presentations expanded our knowledge of the War in Henderson County and we learned about currency and music of that era. Why not check out the programs scheduled during 2014...there is something for everyone!

We also have the Friends to thank for new chairs and display furniture that improve appearance and add to comfort. The Friends have purchased books during times of tight budgets and have funded the Summer Reading Program for children and teens. The Adult Reading Program had 108 completions for a total of 648 books that were read by the participants! The winner received a Barnes and Noble gift card, courtesy of the Friends. All these fun events were made possible by the Friends of the Library.

### Youth Services Department

The Youth Services Department offered a wide variety of educational and fun programs in 2013 for children and teens thanks to **generous funding from the Friends of the Library**.

The biggest youth services program of the year that is funded by the Friends of the Library is the Summer Reading Program. This past summer the Friends funded 24 programs for children that 1,270 children & parents attended and 15 teen programs that 265 teens attended. 957 children and 131 teens received a free paperback book purchased with Friends funds for completing the summer reading program.

The Friends funded 28 additional children's programs throughout the year for events such as Black History month in February and spring break in April. Other programs include nature programs presented by the NC Museum of Natural Science and the WNC Nature Center, local children's theatre programs, and a variety of craft and holiday programs.

The Friends fund other teen programs throughout the year such as the very popular Teen Anime & Manga Club and the Teen Read Week event in October.

Library Card Sign-Up Month in September is a special youth services event funded by the Friends. Each child that gets a new library card in the month of September receives a free paperback book purchased with funds from the Friends. This past September 244 children got a new library and free paperback book!

The YS department also purchased new magazine and picture book displayers as well as a displayer for our new Side-by-Side picture book collection with Friends funds. The Side-by-Side collection offers literacy activities that parents can explore with their children.

Without funding from the Friends of the Library, The Youth Services Department could not offer such a rich variety of programs and services within a great environment to the youth of Henderson County. The Youth Services Department sincerely thanks the Friends of the Library for their generous financial support each year!

### Computer Class Schedule Jan. 2014

*Unless otherwise noted classes are held in the Board Room at the Main (Hendersonville) Branch.*

<b>Computer Basics</b>	<b>Weds, Jan. 15</b>	<b>2 - 3:30 PM</b>
<b>Computer File Organization</b>	<b>Weds, Jan. 22</b>	<b>2 - 3 PM</b>
<b>Power Point 2010 Basics</b>	<b>Weds. Jan. 29</b>	<b>2 - 3:30 PM</b>

Seating is limited so registration is required. Register at the Information Desk or call 828-697-4725 to register.

### Youth Services Programs at the Main Library—2014

STORYTIME SCHEDULE AT MAIN-children's auditorium

Bouncing Babies (birth to 18 months) Thursdays @ 11 am  
 Toddler Time (18 months-3 years) Wednesdays at 10:30 am  
 Preschool Storytime (3-5 years) Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10:30 am  
 4 O'Clock Club (Kindergarten-Grade 5) Thursdays @ 4pm

Play & Grow Together for babies and toddlers up to two years of age-Children's Auditorium Friday, January 31 at 10:30 am

ONE DAY, LIVE ON STAGE-Saturday, January 11 at 2:00 pm Main Library, Kaplan Auditorium

Jump into theatre fun with the Flat Rock Playhouse instructors of YouTheatre as they present a 1-hour theatre blast designed for young actors to explore their creativity and get in touch with their imagination! The workshop is specially designed for young actors, ages 7-13, to explore their creativity through improv, movement, games & storytelling... encouraging them to grow as they play.

YOUTH SERVICES CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Youth Services Department is celebrating the library's centennial with a special centennial program from January through September 2014!

Kid's Old Timey Games-Thursday, January 23 at 4pm-Main Library, Kaplan Auditorium

Children in grades K-5 are invited to play a variety of kid's old timey games! This event is a 4 O'Clock Club program.

TEEN ANIME & MANGA CLUB: Teens, share your interest in anime & manga with other teens. In January we will meet on Saturday, January 11 & Saturday January 25 from 11-1 at the Main Library, Kaplan Auditorium.

### The Art of Calligraphy

Friday January 17, 2014, 1:00 PM  
 Kaplan Auditorium

Artist Catherine Langsdorf gives a program on the art of calligraphy. The presentation will include a PowerPoint talk on the history of calligraphy, the variety of calligraphy styles and the tools used by calligraphers. This will be followed by a demonstration and a question and answer time with the artist.

### Thursday January 9, 2013, 2:00 PM Board Room, Second Floor

Bring a portable craft project, such as knitting, needlework, jewelry making, or paper crafts, to work on. Meet with other crafters and learn about new library materials. We will meet in the Board Room on the Second Floor this month.

Curmudgeon's Day  
 January 29,



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Friends of the Library  
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Hendersonville, NC 28793

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**Hot Tea Month ~ January**



### Revised Bylaws

A democratically run organization is usually controlled by Bylaws which are approved by a vote of the membership and control of the organization rests with the membership. At the recent general meeting the members voted overwhelmingly to approve a revised version of the Bylaws. Between 2006 and 2012 changes were made to the Bylaws that were never approved by the membership. These changes had the effect of keeping the Board in office permanently. At the 2011 general meeting a motion was made requesting that the Board return to the last version of the Bylaws approved by a general membership vote. That motion was approved by 72 to 12. During subsequent Board meetings no attempt was made to address the motion voted on by the general members.

One of the first decisions made by the current board was to revise the Bylaws and a committee consisted of 5 members of the Friends was formed. The last Constitution and Bylaws approved by the membership are the 1995 version. This document, information obtained from the North Carolina Center for Nonprofits and Roberts Rules of Order, was used as the basis for discussions.

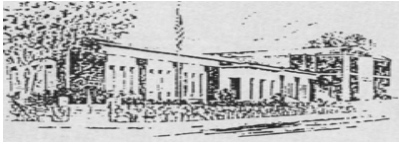
The revised Bylaws are clear and concise and are intended to cover most eventualities. The committee has taken care to include fair and legal methods of removing board members from office and to ensure that ownership clearly rests with the membership. While the library director is a non-voting member of the Board, the branch representatives have a vote and form a voting block which is appointed by the branch, thus do not answer to the membership. To remedy this situation the board has removed the vote from the branch representatives. The president may appoint a branch representative to a standing committee chair position which then does carry a vote.

### 2013 Projects

This year in addition to our normal activities we have undertaken three one time or infrequent projects. They are putting our bylaws in good order, tending to our financial situation, and fixing the flooding problem at our sale site on Spartanburg Highway. The bylaws activity is explained in an article nearby by the bylaws committee chairman.

It is generally considered good practice in an organization that handles as much money as ours to have an independent audit done by a recognized professional accounting firm. As one had not been done in about ten years, we felt it was definitely time and engaged Carlin and Anderson to perform it. The expense is such that it is not feasible to have one every year, and between times we name an audit committee and do an internal audit. We also separated the book keeping responsibility from that of the treasurer and retained the services of a professional book keeper who immediately saw the need to restore the QuickBooks accounting system. This was done. Carlin and Anderson applauded both these changes and noted that in the future audits will be much easier with QuickBooks.

The drainage at the sale site was inadequate to carry off the rain water load resulting in water coming in and flooding the building. This caused an inconvenient and expensive clean up, endangered our inventory and appeared to be a structural threat to the building due to wood rot. The situation was examined, and fluid flow calculation were done (we have a couple of retired engineers on the board). Brian Stamm found a contractor, negotiated an excellent deal, and oversaw the job. The results were excellent. The water discharge capability was increased 34 times. The new system performed well in a heavy rain, and a perennial headache has been eliminated.



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### A Member of the Friends

By Ray McKenzie-Wilson, Vice-President

My wife and I retired to Hendersonville in 1994 and, like most retirees, spent the first years finding a house and making modifications, getting a garden going and admiring the mountains. After a while we looked around to see what is going on in the community we joined. In 1998 my wife and I joined the Library and became aware of the Friends. We met wonderful people who made us feel welcome. Early on my wife took on the task of Volunteer Co-ordinator and I became aware of the book sale and how the money raised was used to support the library. In 1998 the book sale raised about \$39,000 and most was donated to the library.

It was not always like that. The Friends was started by a dedicated group of people in 1957 and incorporated in 1958. During those early days there was no book sale, the only income was from membership fees and donations and there was limited support for the library. The book sale was started in 1987 and used a roll around cart in the library lobby. It raised about \$1,000 that first year and the majority being given to the Library (had to cover the cost of the cart). I initially helped with the transportation of books to the Singleton Center and became book Sale Chairman in 1999. Children's summer reading and other children's programs have been funded at the main and branch libraries. Evening programs, held at the library, funded by the friends and open to the public are an ongoing attraction to the library. Money has been used to improve the book and video collection. Recently Friends donations have funded the installation of a complete, more efficient lighting system and sound system in the Kaplan Auditorium and new carpeting has been installed throughout the building. As new branch libraries were opened much of the furniture has been provided by the Friends. And various facility improvements have been made at other branch libraries. In addition the Friends have a fiduciary responsibility to administer donations and bequests for the main and all branch libraries. Over the years the Friends book sale has contributed over 1.5 million dollars to the library system and made our library one of the best in North Carolina.

If the Friends did not exist none of this would have happened. Without the dedicated efforts of the founding members in the early years and the continue efforts of the current dedicated members none of this would have come about. During this most recent economic downturn the financial support provided by the Friends was invaluable. The library director and the county commissioners appreciate the support we give. To be a Friend of Henderson County public Library means your part of that support. Won't you join us today.