

Watauga County Public Library will be closed for Independence Day on
Wednesday, July 4.



Watauga County Public Library

July 2018

Dear Readers,

I hope your summer is off to a great start.

Have you picked up the [Great American Read Top 100 Book List](#)?

What a great way to diversify your reading (and, frankly, this could be a lifetime reading list).

As part of the [Great American Read](#), we have a "Harry Potter" Escape Room planned for this month as well as an "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" drive-through movie in August. Scroll below to read about our pen pal program with participating libraries across the country--writing about books that have had an influence is almost as much fun as talking about them.

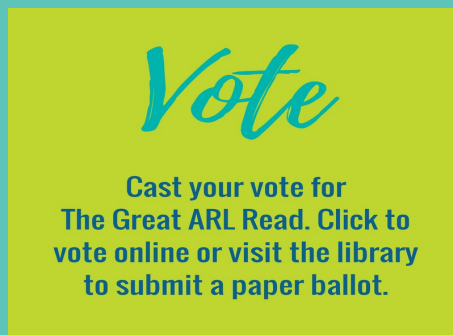
Check out the [Great American Read website](#)

- Join the Facebook book club
- Take the quiz to see how many books you have read
- Sign up for newsletter updates
- Don't forget to vote by October 18
- Watch the enthralling premiere hosted by Meredith Vieira

You can vote at [The Great American Read](#) site or click on the image to the right.

We will announce local voting results in the fall.

~ Monica Caruso,
County Librarian



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Children's Programs

Family Story Time

Stories, songs, and crafts!

Daily at 11:00 am

Alphabet Ready by 5

Celebrate a different letter of the alphabet on Thursdays!

Baby Laptime

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am

Lego Club

Tuesday, July 3

3:30 pm

All ages welcome!

Summer Reading



Wednesday, July 11 at 11:00 am
 Mountain Music with Jeff Robbins
 Music and Bean Can Guitar
 Bring a Can!
 (Limited - Please sign up!)

Wednesday, July 18 at 1:00 pm
 Diggerdoo Down Under
 Music, Comedy and Puppetry

Thursday, July 19 at 1:00 pm
 Amazing AI Motivational Magic Show

Tuesday, July 24
 Schiele Museum: Gem Mining
 Limited to 30 for each program
 Sign up for 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, or 3:00 pm programs

Western Watauga Branch Events

Wednesday, July 11 at 2:00 pm
 Mountain Music with Jeff Robbins
 Music and Bean Can Guitar
 Bring a Can!

Wednesday, July 18 at 3:30 pm
 Diggerdoo Down Under
 Music, Comedy, and Puppetry

Thursday, July 19 at 10:30 am
 Amazing AI

Tuesday, July 24 at 10:00 am
 Gem Mining with the Schiele Museum

Monday, July 30 at 10:30 am
 Art, Books, and Children

Thanks to the Friends of the Watauga and Western
 Watauga Library for their support!

The Great American Read

Find a Pen Pal, write about READING!



Visit the Library's Reference Desk to Sign Up for
 The Great American Read Literary Pen Pals
 Program!

Correspond with other readers in exotic locales such as Mill Valley, California,
 Ellsworth, Maine, and Missoula, Montana!

Postage and Stationery Provided

Click Here or Visit the Reference Desk for More Information

Beginning Coding Club

Ages 10-12
 Tuesday, July 10
 3:00 pm

Children's Music with Laura Donovan

Tuesday, July 17
 11:00 am

Family Bird Scouts

Thursday, July 19
 3:30 pm

Adult Programs

**Genealogy
 Gathering: Dr. Eric
 Plaag of the Watauga
 County Historical
 Society will discuss
 the Digital Watauga
 Project**

Monday, July 2
 2:00 pm

**Cook the Books!
 Mystery Book Club
 Discussion [A Fatal
 Grace](#) by Louise
 Penny**

Tuesday, July 3
 4:00 pm

**Legal Aid Webinar:
 Social Security
 Disability**

Thursday, July 5
 2:30 pm

**The King Bees -
 Blues and History**

Saturday, July 7
 3:00 pm

**Mindfulness
 Meditation: Relaxing
 from Daily Stressors**

with Sophia Ohja
 Friday, July 6
 12 - 12:30 pm
 12:30 - 1 pm

**[Medicare Rights for
 Seniors and
 Caregivers](#)**

Monday, July 9
 1:30 pm

Sign up for a pen pal now! Connect with someone from across the country as you share your love of books and unique life experiences through the art of handwritten letters. We'll match you up with a fellow reader from one of our partner libraries: [Appalachian Regional Library in North Carolina](#), Ellsworth Public Library in Maine, Kirkland Town Library in New York, Missoula Public Library in Montana, Greenwich Free Library in New York, and the Rio Rancho Libraries in New Mexico. When you sign up we'll provide you with a welcome packet filled with everything you need to get started: personalized stationery and envelopes, a pen, and optional easy writing prompts to help get the conversation started.

Free Computer Classes



Heather Wright, Computer Technology Instructor at Caldwell Community College will be teaching basic Excel and Word computer classes on Tuesdays in July.

Microsoft Word part 1

Tuesday, July 10 from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm

Microsoft Word part 2

Tuesday, July 17 from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm

Microsoft Excel part 1

Tuesday, July 24 from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm

Microsoft Excel part 2

Tuesday, July 31 from 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm

Register with Reference at 264-8784, ext. 2

First Friday Father and Daughter Art Show

This show focuses on award winning artists Patrick Richardson and his 13-year-old daughter, Eleanor Richardson (a Boone native). This is also the public debut of his brother Bob Richardson's new pre-teen book. After winning the prestigious 2017 Regional Artist Project of Northwest North Carolina Visual Artist Grant, Patrick and his oil paintings will be part of the 2018 Edgewood Cottage Artist-in-residence program.

High Country Lifelong Learners
Free movie, "Hacksaw Ridge," (2016)
Run-time: 2 hours 19 minutes, Rating R
Monday, July 9
2:00 pm
All are welcome, and popcorn will be served!

High Country Writers
Thursday, July 12
10:00 am

Author Ellynn Owen of "Ashes in Avery" to speak on Wednesday, July 18
3:30 pm

Author Brie Arthur to Booktalk, [Foodscape Revolution](#)
Thursday, July 19
6:00 pm

This is part of Edible [Streetscapes Visionary](#) Walking Tour
6:00 pm until 8:00 pm

Meditation with Sophia Ojha
Saturday, July 21
3:00 pm

Legal Aid N.C. Clinic: Health Care Power of Attorney/ Living Will
Tuesday, July 24
2:30 pm

High Country Writers
Thursday, July 26
10:00 am

Book Bunch
[The Dry Grass of August](#)
Tuesday, July 31
1:30 pm

Western Watauga Branch Programs and Events

Book Club to Discuss [Born a Crime](#) by Trevor

DADDY-DAUGHTER ART SHOW

FEATURING ART BY:
PATRICK AND ELEANOR RICHARDSON

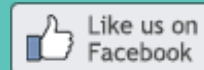
ALSO CHECK OUT
ADELA SAVES THE SPACE STATION!
BY PATRICK'S BROTHER,
MATTHEW THOMAS!



WHERE?
WATAUGA COUNTY LIBRARY
WHEN?
FIRST FRIDAY, JULY 6TH,
4 TO 6 PM

Noah
Wednesday, July 18
2:30 pm

Dementia Support
Group
Thursday, July 26
3:00 pm



High Country Writers

[Mark Powell](#) will be the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the High Country Writers on Thursday, July 12 at 10:00 am. The program is free and open to the public.



Powell, an assistant professor teaching creative writing and contemporary fiction at ASU, is an award-winning novelist who was called the "best Appalachian novelist of his generation" by *New York Times* bestselling author Ron Rash and a writer "on the verge of greatness" by Pat Conroy. He is the author of five novels, including his most recent, [Small Treasons](#) from Simon & Schuster. His novel [Blood Kin](#) won the Peter Taylor Prize for the Novel. *The Sheltering* (with an introduction by Pat Conroy) won the bronze medal for both the Independent Publishers Award and the Florida Book Awards. In 2009 he received the Chaffin Award for contributions to Appalachian literature.

Powell has moved Southern fiction right into this morning's headlines. He is a graduate of The Citadel, although he never joined the military, and a graduate of

The Yale School of Divinity, although he did not become a clergyman. In *Small Treasures* he brings his diverse education to bear, both in his convincing descriptions of drone piloting and intelligence gathering and even more in his depiction of the corrosive effects of sin and guilt on the human psyche.

Powell is writing his sixth novel. He draws much inspiration for his novels from his real life experiences. "I think all writers do," Powell said. "All writers, whether they admit it or not; it's the world they experience filter through. It may not be consciously the world in which you live, but certainly it seems into it. Writing is a response, a way to make sense of your life."

High Country Writers has been "energizing writers since 1995." Regular meetings are in the Evelyn Johnson Meeting Room on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm, and speakers' presentations are co-sponsored by the library. High Country Writers' members present writing/ publishing skills workshops from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm the first Thursday of most months, partnering with Watauga County Arts Council to offer them at Art Space. Guests are welcome. Membership is \$15.00 annually.

Harry Potter Escape Room



Harry Potter Escape Room - part of the Great American Read Friday, July 27, Saturday, July 28, and Monday, July 30
Sign Up Required
ALL SPOTS ARE FULL

If you are interested in joining us for the Harry Potter Escape Room, look for more opportunities as part of Teen Read Week October 7 through October 13.

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