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Harry Potter Book Night

Would you rather... Duel Dumbledore or Voldemort?



Children at the Macon and Jackson County Public Libraries joined libraries and bookstores around the world to celebrate the fourth annual Harry Potter Book Night on February 1, 2018. This unforgettable night was themed around Fantastic Beasts.

At the Macon County Public Library, wizards, witches, and muggles were treated to an evening of fantastic activities, magic tricks, and readings from our favorite Harry Potter books! It all began when the Sorting Hat decided who would be in which house, and then the students rotated through magical classes. We transformed the library into Hogwarts, as well as served up snacks inspired by some of the scrumptious wizard foods in the books. Everyone was also encouraged to dress up as a Harry Potter book character for our costume contest.

At the Jackson County Public Library, wizards, witches, and muggles enjoyed butterbeer — a favorite famous drink from the series — while playing trivia bingo, a polyjuice potion game, and Would You Rather? (Hogwarts edition). Later in the evening, students were able to sort themselves into houses via their origami sorting hats and then duel using their newly created wands.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK | APRIL 8-14, 2018



April 8-14 is the **60th annual National Library Week**, a celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study — they're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions. Fontana will be marking this week by kicking off our annual survey of the library needs in our local communities. Please plan to take a few minutes in April to fill out our survey and let us know how we are doing and what we can do better.



Macon County Public Library to Serve Up Some Science

Macon County Public Library will present Family Science Night: The Science of Food and Drink on Thursday, April 12th from 5:30 - 7PM. Family Science Night is an official event of the 2018 North Carolina Science Festival presented by the Biogen Foundation.

Family Science Night will incorporate the theme of ***“The Science of Food and Drink”*** and will provide participants with an easily recognizable connection of STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) to their everyday lives. We will have a variety of fun and engaging science related activities, targeting different age groups and different interests. At least four of the activities will be led by a subject matter expert in a STEM field, allowing for an informal exchange of career information. A few examples of the stations available include *Walking on Eggs* (you literally get to walk on real eggs!), *Putting the Pop in Popcorn* (eat your results!), *Do-It-Yourself DNA*, *Banana Piano*, *Growing Gummy Bears*, and more!

In addition, as part of the NASA@ My Library grant, Family Science Night will feature a cosmic cuisine station, where attendees will get to sample and learn more about space food. The NASA@ My Library project is led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Partners include the [American Library Association \(ALA\) Public Programs Office](#), Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center. NASA@ My Library is made possible through the support of the [National Aeronautics and Space Administration \(NASA\) Science Mission Directorate](#) as part of its [STEM Activation program](#).

The event will be free and does not require registration. Attendees will be able to engage in the STEM activities they want to do from among the different stations available.

As an official 2018 North Carolina Science Festival event, Family Science Night is among hundreds of community-based events that are showcasing STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activities for the citizens of North Carolina.

Founded in 2010, the North Carolina Science Festival is the first statewide science festival in the United States. Through a two-week series of community-based events each spring (hosted by schools, colleges, libraries, museums, parks, businesses and other local organizations), the Festival celebrates the economic, educational and cultural impact of science in North Carolina.

The North Carolina Science Festival is presented by the Biogen Foundation and produced by Morehead Planetarium and Science Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more information, visit www.ncsciencefestival.org. For more information about Family Science Night, please contact the Macon County Public Library children's desk at 828-524-3600 or email maconkids@fontanalib.org.



AED Training for Marianna Black and Fontana Regional Library Staff

Through funds from Fontana Regional Library Headquarters, the Marianna Black Library recently purchased an automated external defibrillator (AED). Here are staff receiving training on how to use the device from Brooks Wolfe of the Nantahala Outdoor Center's SOLO Southeast. AEDs are also available at the FRL libraries in Jackson County.



Swain County Commissioner Joins Library Planning Team



As reported in the Winter Fontana Flyer, during a report to the Swain County Commissioners in October, a discussion ensued in which the New Library Planning Committee and the commissioners agreed that it was time to appoint a member of the commission to the planning team to act as a liaison between the two groups. We are happy to say that Swain native, Danny Burns, volunteered to join the team and was appointed last November.

After attending his first meeting with the planning committee, Burns said, "I'm really excited to be working with this group. I learned a lot during just one meeting and feel that I have something to contribute to the project, as well." Burns, who is retired from Pepsi-Cola, has been a Swain County Commissioner since 2014.



MLK Day and Black History Month

Each year our libraries commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King in January and Black History Month in February. Hudson Library combined these two and intertwined them with Civil Rights in a multi-faceted display of books, films, and other memorabilia celebrating Freedom Summer, Black Lives Matter, Dr. King, Black Panthers, Malcolm X, President Barack Obama, and much more.



Making Sense of Data at the Fontana Regional Library Board Retreat

Fontana Regional Library's Board of Trustees held its annual retreat in February at Southwestern Community College in Webster. They were joined by members of the local Library Boards, Friends of the Library, and Library management staff.

Two members of the State Library of North Carolina Library Development team led this year's retreat. Tanya Prokrym, Director of Library Development, and Amanda Johnson, Consultant for Data Analysis and Communications, presented background on library statistics and data. The goal was to help board members gain a greater understanding of data pertaining to libraries. Board members are regularly presented with statistics by library staff, read about library usage and trends in a variety of sources, and see demographic and other data compiled by county administration. The retreat gave board members some tools to interpret data, put it in context, and ultimately, understand how to effectively use this knowledge to advocate for the library.





NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Celebrate Service

April 15-21, 2018 | Powered by Points of Light

It's hard to imagine running our libraries without volunteers. The services volunteers provide are valued and valuable. In fact, most of the libraries in the Fontana Regional Library system were established by volunteers. Volunteers continue to be essential partners in making our libraries the heart of our communities.

With the help of dedicated volunteers, we can achieve our mission of providing excellent service and convenient access to resources that will meet the needs of those we serve. The library belongs to our communities and everyone in them.

National Volunteer Week is April 15-21. This is a perfect time to think about volunteering at your local library. We hope you'll enjoy sharing your time, talents, and skills to help enrich the lives and inspire the future of people using our libraries.



The 7th Annual Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library Chocolate Cook-Off

was once again a resounding success. With delicious entries from the entire community, everyone who attended was a winner. One especially captivating centerpiece was this hand poured and painted sugar and chocolate fantasy. The talent and creativity of our community continues to amaze. Thank you again for all of your support and we look forward to next year.



New Piano Graces the Jackson County Public Library Community Room



Assistant County Librarian Jessica Philyaw pictured with the library's new baby grand piano. The instrument was purchased by the Jackson County Arts Council, who retain ownership, while Library personnel will administer its use in the Community Room. It is available for public performances, recitals, and community fundraisers on a first-come, first-served reservation basis. According to Arts Council president Gayle Woody, the Community Room's excellent acoustics make it an attractive location for the piano, which she said has been on the drawing board ever since the new library building opened in 2011. For more information about the use of the piano, please contact the Jackson County Public Library.



StudentAccess Project Adds Charter Schools



StudentAccess, the program launched this fall that allows all students in the county school systems of Jackson, Macon, and Swain to have access to Fontana Regional Library materials through their student ID numbers, has recently been expanded.

Mountain Discovery Charter School, in Bryson City, and The Catamount School (a lab school administered by WCU) have now joined the program. StudentAccess accounts allow students to borrow e-resources and access online library databases. Students can also borrow up to 10 print or audio books from the FRL collection. There are no overdue fines for these accounts, but students are responsible for any fees on lost or damaged books.

StudentAccess is a joint project with the school systems that provides library access via student ID numbers, which students already memorize for the lunch room and other school-based online activities. There is no card with these accounts – students just provide their

name and number when checking out books.

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of North Carolina.

Yes, I'd like to help support the Fontana Regional Library!

The Library receives less than \$23 per person in state and local taxes to provide all our services. Your donation helps keep new materials on the Library's shelves, helps keep computers running and helps maintain our programming. All donations are tax-deductible.

Enclosed is my gift of:

☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ Other

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☐ Workshops & programs ☐ Computers ☐ Greatest need
☐ Reading Rover ☐ New Marianna Black Library

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FONTANA REGIONAL LIBRARY

Branch Locations

AC-CCL

Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library
 249 Frank Allen Rd, Cashiers, NC 28717
 828-743-0215

HL

Hudson Library
 554 Main St., Highlands, NC 28741
 828-526-3031

JCPL

Jackson County Public Library
 310 Keener St., Sylva, NC 28779
 828-586-2016

MCPL

Macon County Public Library
 149 Siler Farm Rd., Franklin, NC 28734
 828-524-3600

MBL

Marianna Black Library
 33 Fryemont St., Bryson City, NC 28713
 828-488-3030

NCL

Nantahala Community Library
 128 Nantahala School Rd., Topton, NC 28781
 828-321-3020



Library Programs Help Create Healthy Communities

Coming Soon:

The Jackson County Public Library has announced a new series of public programs to run through the summer called Mind and Body: Health, Nutrition, and You. These monthly presentations will focus on community health priorities and have been created in collaboration with local agencies and organizations. Topics include nutrition, diabetes prevention, PTSD, suicide prevention, addiction, dementia, and end-of-life care and planning.



Winter Highlights:

In late January, MCPL staff joined the Iotla Valley Elementary School's PTO Family Fitness Night and gave the kids the chance to dance on the moon! With the help of a green screen and software provided by NASA, kids had a wonderful time getting fun exercise by dancing in space, with the moon as their all-star background. This unique combination of STEM and fitness was extremely popular with kids and parents alike. For a video montage, go to: <https://youtu.be/iz08jJCdbxc>

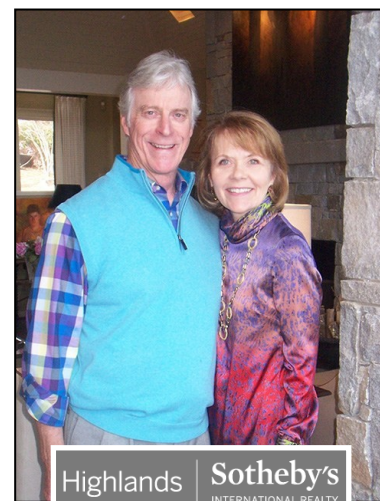
Another winter program involved staff from Abel Fitness in Franklin, who worked with library patrons of all ages to focus on posture, body alignment, the anatomy of movement, and the benefits of correct body mechanics. Attendees experimented with all of these concepts to experience the benefits of proper movement, turning the library's living room into an exercise studio and promoting the library as a place to learn about health and wellness for every body.



Highlands Sotheby's International Realty Sponsoring Kanopy Region-Wide

FRL is delighted to announce that Wood and Jody Lovell, owners of Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, have contributed a generous \$10,000 to sponsor Kanopy film streaming service for all FRL card-holders. This type of sponsorship is a first for FRL, and a new venture for Highlands Sotheby's as well. The Lovells were searching for a way to benefit everyone in their community, and as library lovers, Wood and Jody found the perfect fit in supporting Fontana Regional Library.

Kanopy is a film streaming service that is available free for all FRL card holders. Patrons may stream up to ten films each month, choosing from over 30,000 documentaries, indie and foreign films, must-see classics, award-winners, instructional films, and blockbuster movies. To get started, visit our website or ask for more information at your local library.

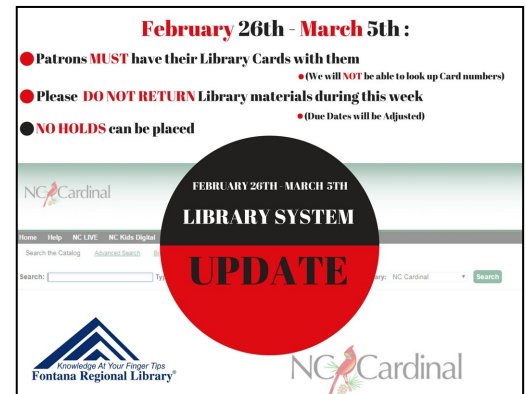


Highlands Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY



State Library Moves Cardinal Catalog to New Server at end of February

As of this writing, FRL is anticipating a significant upgrade to the underlying architecture of the shared NC Cardinal catalog. Previously maintained and hosted by Equinox, Inc., the catalog and patron database will be moving to servers hosted by MOBIUS, an arm of the Missouri State Library. The move, which is expected to have caused some minor inconvenience during the week of February 26-March 5, will mean a more stable and robust interface, with fewer slow times and outages. The change will not be particularly noticeable in terms of the look of the catalog, but increased stability and efficiency will represent a significant improvement.



Advocating for Connectivity



On February 20th the Jackson County Public Library hosted the 2nd in a series of region-wide broadband information sharing meetings.

Because there are broadband developments happening in our region, the Fontana Regional Library is committed to having semi-annual public meetings that will help all to "stay on the same page."

Representatives from each of the seven westernmost NC county broadband committees, as well as a representative of the NC Broadband Infrastructure Office, and various internet service providers gave updates and answered questions at the meeting.



Rich Price (Jackson Co., EDC) shared information from the Southwestern Commission's Phase I Broadband survey completed at the end of 2017. For information we invite you to view the recorded event on Facebook at the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/john.tyndall.927/videos/101379120692680/?notif_t=feedback_reaction_generic¬if_id=1519238968256456.

A set of web pages (<http://fontanalib.libguides.com/broadband>) have been created by the FRL connectivity focus team (Charles Diede, Deb

Lawley, and John Tyndall) to assist you with research resources and subject information.

Fontana Regional Library appreciates the participation of vendors, providers, and our communities for their efforts and contributions to the cause of affordable broadband for our region.

Stay tuned! A follow-up event is being planned for the end of August/early September 2018 at a location to be announced.



Dementia Workshop Series Coming to Macon County

A campaign to tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around dementia is underway in Macon County with the support of area churches, the Southwestern Commission Area Agency on Aging, Macon County Public Library, Angel Medical, Macon County Senior Services, and Macon County DSS.

A workshop series called 'Dementia Friends NC' begins on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Designed to help build awareness about dementia and identify ways local citizens can help people who are living with it in our community, the four-session workshop series is being made possible through a Connectional Ministries grant from the Smoky Mountain District of the Western Carolina United Methodist Conference.

The 90-minute sessions will take place on four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning March 20, 2018, with both afternoon and evening sessions offered, as well as choice of venue. All 2:00 p.m. sessions will be offered at the John & Dorothy Crawford Senior Center. All 7:00 p.m. sessions will be offered at the Macon County Public Library. ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Approximately 160,000 North Carolinians age 65+ are living with Alzheimer's. Dementia Friends is a global movement that is changing people's perceptions of dementia. It aims to transform the way we think, talk and act about the disease. The Dementia Friends sessions will help participants learn about dementia and the small ways each of us can help. From telling friends about the program to visiting a friend living with dementia, every action counts.