

Watauga County Public Library  
**Library Report May, 2024**

***Advocacy/Library Promotion***

Monica will present the annual report for the Boone Town Council in April. Tammy, Jacob, and Monica met with County Manager Deron Geouque to discuss the budget request for FY 25. Jenny and Monica went to the Farmer's Market in March to promote the Library. Displays at the main library near our entrance include information about Library Book Clubs, the Daughters of the American Revolution/ Month of the Military Child, former Youth Services Manager Judith Winecoff's artwork, local High Country Writers and their poetry, the Friends' Facebook page selections, children's book selections, and puzzles for sale.

***Partnerships/Funding***

We received funding from the Watauga County Historical Society for the continued summer work of one of our Digital Watauga Technicians. Second graders district-wide have finished their visits for the school year. Lisa Flanigan submitted an LSTA grant that would establish a literacy center in the Moskowitz Gallery at the Turchin Center; books, manipulatives, and games will be part of this collection on the topics of birds, art, and the alphabet. Sam Shaver, Appalachian State University student majoring in Public Administration, has submitted a small grant to fund a collaborative concept design addressing the existing facility and potential expansion. Monica will submit the annual outside agency funding grant to the Town of Boone for materials on behalf of the Friends.

***Programs/Services***

May is National Pet Month and we'll be hosting a food/supply drive May 1-17 as well as a social media campaign for the sharing of pet photo submissions.

Both Try It Clubs in the Youth Services Department will be pet-focused (DIY toys) Repair Hub returns in May and we're hosting another watercolor workshop for Mother's Day.

The Friends will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, May 4, from 10-12 and the public is welcome to attend. The Summer Reading program's theme is "Adventure Begins at your Library" and our annual kickoff at the main library will be June 7 in the afternoon. For the Western Branch, the kickoff will be June 10. The Friends of the Watauga County Public Library will hold their annual summer book sale from June 6-8 in the meeting room.

***Staff/Volunteer News***

A pre-welcome to Brianna Anctil, new Summer Digital Watauga Intern, who will begin May 29. Adelia Daly will continue with us during the summer and Gramm Coffman will take a break over and return in the fall. Welcome to the new book donation sorter Pam Ashley. The Watauga County Library Board has three vacancies and we're hoping to fill these by August. A big thank you goes out to our volunteers who participated in National Library Week activities and promoted the Friends at recent events.

***Looking Ahead***

We will be closed on Saturday, June 15 for the annual Boonerang Music Festival in downtown Boone and Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day.