

Watauga County Public Library  
**Library Report May, 2023**

***Advocacy/Library Promotion***

Monica went on the radio to promote National Library Week, the two Device Diagnostic Days and the open house expansion event. Jenna, Kristian, Monica, and volunteers Marcia Hoffman and Brenda Denny hosted 95 Hardin Park 6<sup>th</sup> graders and promoted youth activities during their visit.

Displays at the main library near our entrance include the DAR and their genealogical records and the military flags, High Country Writers author Leslie Ann Perry's books for National Poetry Month, Lego Club creations, Book Bunch and Cook the Books Book Club titles, a selection of cat titles, Friends of the Library displaying puzzles for sale as well as a selection of gardening-related books, and an Earth Science/Ecosystem display titled BioBlitz by the Department of Environmental and Geological Sciences at Appalachian State University. Adult Services will attend an Adult Services Expo at Watauga Rec Center on May 4 from 9-2.

***Partnerships/Funding***

Monica and the Friends submitted an Outside Agency Funding application for youth and adult books and audiobooks to the Town of Boone. Thanks to the Town of Boone and Friends we were able to support a shred truck visit on April 18; they shredded 4000 pounds of paper. The Library is partnering with the Town of Boone to host a Kids Zone on the lawn from 12- 4 during the Boonerang Arts and Music Festival. In partnership with ASU and the Education and Outreach office of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, we will host a traveling climate exhibit in the back of the library from June 5 – August 18.

***Programs/Services***

The theme for this year's Summer Learning Program is "All Together Now". An ice cream social and kickoff is being planned for June 2 from 1 – 3 pm; we will have face painting, Twist the Balloon Man, and music. Summer Reading officially begins on June 5. Thanks to funding from the Endowment, the main library will soon have Memory kits available for checkout that can be used for those with dementia and Alzheimer's; each memory kit will have music, memorabilia, and other items reminiscent of a time, place, or theme. A new yoga series will begin in May. We will have two Device Diagnostic Days on May 22 and May 23, in partnership with High Country Council of Governments and ASU; one can bring their electronic device and get a diagnosis from ASU's Technology Support Center professionals.

***Staff/Volunteer News***

Anna Keber began work on April 17 as the new Adult Services Specialist. Jennifer Earp Johnson will start work with us on May 15 as the new Youth Services Manager.

Long-time volunteer and MLS student Troy Brooks finished his capstone with us and expects to graduate in May – congratulations are in order! We welcomed new volunteer Monica Gowan, seed library volunteer. Volunteer and former Youth Services Manager Judith Winecoff and Trudy Moss will be planting soon for our butterfly garden.

***Looking Ahead***

The Library will close on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day and on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.