FEBRUARY PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BURKE COUNTY

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CBH = C.B. Hildebrand Public Library
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Winter Reading BOOK-OPOLY



January 1 to February 28, 2026.

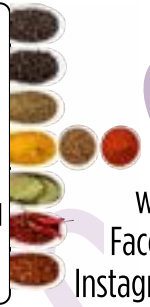
READ TO WIN!

Game boards (available at bcpls.org or at any library) are due February 28. Call 828-764-9269 for information.

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Savory Spice Club Spice Pick Up**

Pre-registration required. Participants will receive a call when pick-up is available at preferred library.



We're online
www.bcpls.org
Facebook @bcpls
Instagram @bcplsnc

5

Savory Spice Chop Shop

5:30pm at VPL**

Pre-registration required, but you do not need to be registered for the Savory Spice Club to attend.

6

Needlework in the Morning

10am-Noon at VPL



Join us each week on Facebook, and in The News Herald and The Paper, for pictures & history from the local area! Brought to you by the North Carolina Room.

Bibliomaniacs

A FREE Monthly Subscription box for Adult book lovers!

Boxes include a library book & fun items relating to the theme. Boxes available **Monday, February 9** (first-come, first-served basis while supplies last).

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Painting with Watercolors

CBH 5:30pm**



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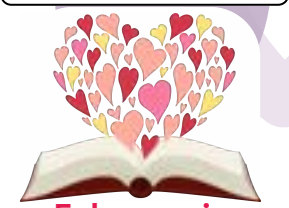
Grief and Resulting Depression

Wed., Feb. 11 from 12-1pm at MPL

No registration. Bring your lunch. CEU's available.

Digital Literacy for Seniors: Is That AI?

Wed., Feb. 11 from 2-3pm at MPL (Presented by WPCOG)



February is National Library Lovers' Month!

13

Needlework in the Morning

10am-Noon
Location TBD

Vendor Registration is now open!



Saturday, February 21
11am - 3pm
at MPL

21

24th Annual Gathering of the People in celebration of Black History Month

Voices of Change:

Legacies of Black Activism

Introducing the Children of the Struggle Digital Collection.

Sunday, February 22
3:00 pm at MPL

22





17

Plot Hounds Book Discussion

10am at VPL





19

Crochet Cafe

6pm at VPL

A needlework program for YA & adults.

20

Happily Ever Afters Anonymous Book Club

CBH 4pm

Open to Adults and Teens.

23

Mixed Media Monday

6pm at MPL**

Pre-registration required.

24

Digital Drop-In**

9:30am-Noon at MPL

Presented by WPCOG. Registration required. 30-minute one-on-one session with a Digital Navigator

25

Oxymorons

New Adult Book Discussion

6pm at MPL

Open to Adults and Teens

26

Junk Journal Workshop

VPL 5:30pm**

27

Needlework in the Morning

10am-Noon at MPL

28

Crafting for a Cause: No-Sew Blankets & Pillows

10am-1pm (CBH)

Come make a blanket for the animals at Animal Services! Open to all ages.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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Free! A ^ YA BOOK SUBSCRIPTION.

#YA2GO

Each themed box contains a library book, matching swag & bookish items! Boxes are available starting the first full week of the month on a first-come, first-served basis!

Young Adult Services (YAS) programs are limited to middle and high school students only unless otherwise noted.

Programs marked with a ++ are open to adults and teens!

9 **Game Night**
6pm (CBH)

10 **Movie & Make It Night: Minecraft Edition**
6pm (VPL)







VENDOR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

READ LOCAL FEST 2026 ++

16 **D&D One-Shot Afternoon****
4:30pm (CBH)

17 **DIY Hot Cocoa Bombs****
6pm (VPL)





19 **++ Crochet Cafe**
6pm (VPL)

20 **++ Happily Ever Afters Anonymous Book Club**
4pm (CBH)



21 11am - 3pm
Morganton Public Library



24 **D&D @ the Library****
4:30pm
(online via Discord)



25 **++ Oxymorons New Adult Book Discussion Group**
6pm (MPL)

26 **Steam Craft Night: LED Pixel Art****
4pm (MPL)





27 **MarioKart Club**
4pm (CBH)



28 **++ Crafting for a Cause: No-Sew Blankets & Pillows**
10am-1pm (CBH)

Programs marked with a "" require pre-registration with the YAS Coordinator at 828-764-9273 or lizzie.whisnant@burkenc.org.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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Monthly Scavenger Hunts at MPL & CBH and I Spy Tank at VPL

Have you joined the fun yet? Visit each of our libraries for a fun, self-guided experience. For kids; one prize per child (per site, per month). This month's themes:

MPL: Library Love Birds | CBH: Football | VPL: Lovey-Dovey "I Spy" Tank

6 Family Fun Friday

Create your own snow!

CBH 10-11:30am

7 Take your child to the Library Day

Drop-in craft and give aways!

MPL 10am-4pm.

A Very Snowy Craft Day

VPL 2:30 (for K-5th grade)

9 Community Snowball Fight

Snow Machine & Snow Stories!

3:30pm Martha's Park

In coordination with Morganton Parks & Rec. Open to all ages.

Storybook Sweethearts

Join us at **MPL February 9-14** to create and mail a valentine to your favorite book character! Don't forget to check back next week to see if they wrote back!



13 *Great Backyard Bird Count Party*

MPL 4-5pm

No registration needed, but craft and activity supplies are limited.

14 For the Love of Chocolate

CBH 3pm (K-5th grade)**

18 Weaving Wonders

Mini Wall Hangings

3:30pm at CBH**

Program is for children ages 5-12. Pre-registration required.

eco EXPLORE

It's Ornithology Season!

Become a Citizen Scientist and join ecoExplore!

More information on the program can be found at EcoExplore.net, or visit your library for information and bi-monthly worksheets.

21 Hot Cocoa and Snow Storytime

VPL 10:30am

For kids 2-6 yrs old

Weekly Storytimes



25 Cooking Club Online

Snowball Cookies

3:30pm on Zoom**

Program is for children in 3rd-5th grade. Register at CBH.



Get started today!

Call or come by any library to sign up and get your reading logs, or join us online (using READSquared). More information at bcpls.org/kids or from library staff.

28 Paintbox

Celestial Moon & Stars

3:00pm at MPL**

Pre-registration required. Program for children K-5th grade.

Pre-registration is required for all weekly storytimes. Call the library or stop by to sign up.

Morganton Public Library - 828-764-9714

Baby Bookworms (birth-24 months) - Mondays at 10:30am
Terrific Tots (2-3 year olds) - Tuesdays at 10:30am
Preschool Pals (4-5 year olds) - Thursdays at 10:30am
Library Explorers (K-2nd graders) - Tuesdays at 4:00pm
Cool Kids Club (3rd-5th graders) - Mondays at 3:30pm

Valdese Public Library - 828-874-2471

Baby Bookworms (birth-24 months) - Thursdays at 10:00am
Terrific Tots (2-3 year olds) - Mondays at 10:00am
Preschool Pals (4-5 year olds) - Wednesdays at 10:00am
Library Explorers (K-2nd graders) - Mondays at 3:30pm
Cool Kids Club (3rd-5th graders) - Tuesdays at 3:30pm

C.B. Hildebrand Public Library - 828-764-9285

Baby Bookworms & Terrific Tots (birth-2 year olds) - Thursdays at 10:45am
Preschool Pals (3-5 year olds) - Tuesdays at 10:45am
Family Storytime (all ages) - Wednesdays at 10:45am
Library Explorers (K-2nd graders) - Thursdays at 3:30pm
Cool Kids Club (3rd-5th graders) - Tuesdays at 3:30pm

ONLINE RESOURCES

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Plus, NC KIDS Digital Library has a collection just for kids up to 4th grade,

and NC KIDS LEVEL UP has a collection for students 4th-8th grade.

Grab your library card, password, and internet access to get started!
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