OCTOBER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BURKE COUNTY

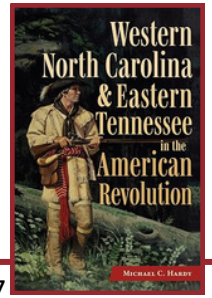
Live Well @ your library — Burke County Public Library

THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF BURKE COUNTY

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

MPL: Morganton Public Library (828-764-9261)
VPL: Valdese Public Library (828-874-2421)
CBH: C.B. Hildebrand Public Library (828-764-9283)
** = pre-registration required



DID YOU KNOW?

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, is the 246th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain.

2 **Needlework in the Morning**
10am-Noon at VPL

Bibliomaniacs
A FREE Monthly Subscription box for Adult book lovers!
Boxes include a library book & fun items relating to the theme. Boxes available **Monday, October 12** (first-come, first-served basis while supplies last).

5 **Autumn Collage**
5:30pm at CBH**
Pre-registration is required.

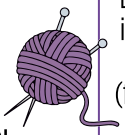


6 **Savory Spice Club Spice Pick Up****
Pre-registration required.
Participants will receive a call when pick-up is available.

7 Exhibit kickoff, reception and book signing with historian **Michael C. Hardy**
6pm at MPL

8 **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.

9 **Needlework in the Morning**
10am-Noon at MPL



12 **Tarheel Terrors**
with storyteller
Liz Pardue
6pm at MPL



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14 **Depression and Stress Management for Caregivers**
Wed., Oct. 14, from 12-1pm at MPL
No registration. Bring your lunch.
Snacks & bottled water provided. CEU's available.



Traveling Exhibits:
March to Kings Mountain and Forging a Nation
Available in the Kistler Wing of MPL from October 7-30.

17 **Beginning Genealogy Workshop**
MPL 10am-Noon**
Class taught by Burke Co. Genealogical Society member Phillip Heavner. Pre-registration is required (call 828-764-9266).

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20 **Plot Hounds**
Book Discussion
10am at VPL

21 Author Chat & book signing with local author **Aaron Kohrs**
6pm at MPL



22 **CROCHET CAFE**
6PM AT VPL
A needlework program for YA & adults.



23 **Needlework in the Morning**
10am-Noon at MPL





Happily Ever Afters Anonymous Book Club
Open to Adults and Teens.
Friday, October 23: CBH 4pm

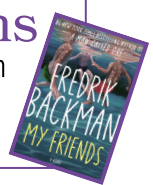
26 **Mixed Media Monday**
6pm at MPL**
Pre-registration required.

27 **Cauldron, Boil Me!**
6pm at VPL**
Fall Soups and Teas!
Pre-registration required.
Open to Adults and Teens.





28 **Oxymorons**
New Adult Book Discussion
6pm at MPL
Open to Adults and Teens



29 **Fall Card-Making Class**
5:30pm at VPL**
Pre-registration required.

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OCTOBER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

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

YALSA Young Adult Library Services Association

TEENtober

What will you discover at the library?

www.ala.org/yalsa/teentober

5 **D&D @ the Library**** 4:30pm (CBH)

6 **DIY Fairy Mirrors**** 6pm (VPL)

7 **Homeschool Libratory** 11am (CBH)

8 **Crow Party** 4pm (MPL)

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

13 **Homeschool Libratory** 11am (VPL)

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

21 **Homeschool Libratory** 11am (MPL)

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

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

26 **DIY Book Page Witch**** 6pm (CBH)

27 **++Cauldron, Boil Me! A Romantasy Celebration** 6pm (VPL)

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

29 **Frankentoy Faux Taxidermy**** 4pm (MPL)

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

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OCTOBER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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WEEKLY STORYTIMES

Pre-registration is required. Call the library or stop by to sign up.

Morganton Public Library
828-764-9274

Baby Bookworms (birth-24 months)
Mondays at 10:30am

Terrific Tots (2 year olds)
Tuesdays at 10:30am

Preschool Pals (3-5 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
828-874-2421

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
828-764-9283

Baby Bookworms and 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

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					3 **Welcome Fall DIY Scarecrow Program** **10-11:30am at VPL**** For kids in K-5th grade. Pre-registration is required.
5	6	7 **Spooky Squishes and Slime** **4-5:30pm MPL** Program is for children in K-5th grade.	*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: The Curse of the Library Ghost* *CBH: Bats* *VPL: Spooky Season I-Spy-Tank*		10 **Great Pumpkin Painting Program** **MPL 11-3pm (Drop-in)** For Kids 12 and under.
12 THE SCHIELE MUSEUM — THE TRAVELING PUMPKIN PATCH	13 **TRAVELING PUMPKIN PATCH** **CBH 4pm**** For children K-5th grade. Pre-registration required.	14 Weaving Wonders Spider Webs **3:30pm at CBH**** Program is for children ages 5-12. Pre-registration required.	ecoEXPLORE **IT'S ARACHNOLOGY 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.	16 **Family Fun Friday** **CBH 10-11:30am**	17
19 **BRAIN TEASER BONANZA** Drop in from 5:30-7:00pm at CBH. For all ages.	20 KidSenses Children's Interactive Museum **Spooky Science** Tues., Oct. 20: 3:30pm at CBH No registration required. All ages.	21 Kids Cooking Club Mummy Pizzas **3:30pm on Zoom**** (Register at CBH). Program is for children in 3rd-5th grade.	23 ecoEXPLORE arachnology	24 **Not-So-Spooky Saturday Storytime** **10-11am MPL** Program is for children 0-3 years old.	
26	**Fall Festival** **Tues., Oct. 20: 5pm at VPL** For kids 5th grade and under. Local Family Organizations, Face Painting, Mini Pie Eating Contest, Balloon Artist, Games, Crafts, and more.		29	31 **Trick or Read!** **Sat., Oct. 31: VPL 9am-4:30pm (Drop-in)** Trick-or-Treat & Halloween Craft! For kids 5th grade & under **Monster Makers Craft Program** **Sat., Oct. 31: MPL 11-3pm (Drop-in)** For Kids 12 and under.	

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH: START YOUR SEARCH AT THE LIBRARY!

ancestry.com library edition

IN LIBRARY USE ONLY

Access billions of names in thousands of genealogical databases including Census and Vital Records, birth, marriage and death notices, the Social Security Death Index, Passenger lists and naturalizations, Military and Holocaust Records, City Directories, New York Emigrant Savings Bank records, and African American and Native American Records. Sponsored by the Friends of the Burke County Public Library and the NC Room.

FamilySearch

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BCPLS is a FamilySearch affiliate library! Affiliate libraries have access to FamilySearch's digital genealogical collections that are otherwise accessible only through a FamilySearch center (due to legal, privacy, and contractual agreements). Users can search for birth, marriage, census, and other official documents, build their family tree, and access resources like the FamilySearch Wiki and Full-Text Search for guided research.

NC LIVE

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY RESOURCES

Use your library card and password/PIN to log into NCLIVE.ORG for access to a variety of historical and genealogical resources. Resources like HeritageQuest can be found alongside historic newspapers, diaries, and records.
NC LIVE is accessible from anywhere you have internet access.

DIGITALNC

Visit DigitalNC.org for access to a variety of historical materials from cultural heritage repositories across North Carolina. Featured resources here include digital access to historic newspapers and yearbooks.

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Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch are available at Morganton, Valdese, and C.B. Hildebrand branch libraries. Access is granted on-site only to library computers and on personal devices connected to the library wi-fi.

Don't forget about the North Carolina Room, located on the main floor of the Morganton Public Library. Established in 1969, this non-circulating collection of local history and genealogy resources for Burke County and western North Carolina focuses on local history, biography, travel, government, culture, folklore, and genealogy. It contains many rare and out of print materials, files on local history subjects, school yearbooks, as well as an archive of The News Herald newspaper. It is also the home of Picture Burke, a digital collection of historic local photographic images. The NC Room resources are available for use during normal library hours of operation however, it is best to call ahead to check staff availability if you need individual assistance.

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