Haywood County Public Library
Gateway for Lifelong Learning
125th Anniversary
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Established in 1891, the first library in Haywood County, N.C. operated out of the law office of W. B. Ferguson, with each library stockholder paying a $5 subscription fee to be able to check out books. One hundred twenty-five years later, the Haywood County Public Library (HCPL) has four library branches, nearly 40,000 cardholders – and it’s free for county residents to receive a library card. While there have been many changes to the library over the course of its history, a few constants have remained, including ongoing support from the community for its library. Through the library’s 125th anniversary month-long celebration scheduled for September, HCPL would like to say thank you to our supporters and encourage those who do not yet have a library card to apply for a library card. We want to foster reading in Haywood County. We want to invite everyone in our community to become more engaged with books. All are invited to take part in the library’s anniversary celebration by visiting their local library and attending the special anniversary events scheduled.

Our county’s citizens take great pride in their mountain heritage. The library’s NC section and books on local history have some of the highest checkout statistics per item. Knowing this, the majority of performers for the anniversary celebration all draw from the Southern Appalachian Mountains for inspiration, and the two headliners – storyteller Donald Davis and poet Fred Chappell – both hail from Haywood County.

Other celebration speakers include local author and homesteader Ashley English, and for the kids, storyteller Vicky Town and magician and balloon artist Mark DeVerges. English has degrees in holistic nutrition and sociology, and has written several books on a variety of small-scale homesteading topics. She will be leading a workshop titled “Appalachian Homemaking Skills: DIY Butter and Yogurt.” Vicky Town performs stories for and with people of all ages. She has performed at storytelling festivals across the country, partnered with various libraries on programs, and has taught and directed drama. Mark DeVerges has brought his comedy magic and balloon twisting to audiences around the world.

In addition to the events, Haywood County Public Library has partnered with the Haywood County Arts Council to exhibit historical and literary works of fine art and photography beginning in September.

Library events are always free to attend and open to all. This project is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and by the Friends of the Haywood County Public Library. For more information, visit www.haywoodlibrary.org.

**EVENTS**

*Special 125th anniversary celebration – “Haywood Heritage: Honoring the Past, Heralding the Future” – events will take place during the month of September 2016:*

- Storyteller Vicky Town, Tuesday, Sept. 6, 4 p.m. at the Waynesville Library. Town has performed at festivals, schools and libraries across the country, and is currently collaborating with the Northwest Regional Library System of N.C. She also teaches and directs drama.
- Author and poet Fred Chappell, Thursday, Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre in Canton. Chappell was an English professor for 40 years at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and was Poet Laureate of North Carolina from 1997-2002.
- Homesteader Ashley English, Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m. at the Haywood County Public Library. English has degrees in holistic nutrition and sociology, and is a member of Slow Food USA. She has been featured in Food & Wine, Delish, Edible Magazines, and Anthology, and has been a repeat guest on Martha Stewart Radio on SiriusFM. Sign-up is required for this event: (828) 356-2507.
- Storyteller Donald Davis, Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist in Waynesville. Davis served as a Methodist minister for more than 20 years before retiring to become a professional storyteller. He has performed across the country, and has received the Circle of Excellence award from the National Storytelling Network. He is the former Chair of the Board of Directors for the National Storytelling Association.
- Magician Mark DeVerges, Saturday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. at the Waynesville Library. DeVerges is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, WNC Magic Club and Laugh Makers International. His shows include balloon twisting and comedy magic.

There will be special exhibits in partnership with the Haywood County Arts Council at each of the library’s branches that will include historical and literary works of fine art and photography by Haywood County Arts Council member artists. The exhibits will run from September through December 2016.
Haywood County Public Library celebrates 125 years!

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Free admission. For more information on the library’s anniversary celebration, visit www.haywoodlibrary.libguides.com/125anniversary

*Special edition anniversary library cards are available to those who sign up for a library card this year (it’s free to get a card!). Special edition anniversary canvas tote bags are available for $10 at each of the library’s branches. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Library.*

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This year marks 125 years of library use in Haywood County. A common theme threads its beginnings in a room above a lawyer’s office to the countywide and Internet-connected system today, a theme of community and passion for knowledge.

“Historically, the community has always supported the library and actively played a role in keeping the doors open through economically hard times,” says Haywood County Public Library Director Sharon Woodrow. “Approximately 25 to 30 volunteers are always involved in some type of library work in Haywood County. Our citizens recognize that strong communities have quality libraries at the heart of them.”

As the library enters the next quarter-century, it once again asks the community for support with goals of helping all its citizens facing staggering technological changes and maintaining a nurturing place for those who love books and learning.

In the beginning, there was no Internet, certainly no cell phones. Advanced communication technology meant that Waynesville had a few land-line telephones connecting the livery stable with the tourist hotels. Books were expensive, and many families owned few besides a Bible in 1891, when W.B. Ferguson called together a group of citizens interested in a lending library. The lawyer offered a room above his Main Street office. The books were obtained by the library’s stockholders, who each paid $5. Once the group collected $500, the books were purchased and placed in the room, where volunteers managed the system.

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Interesting Facts About Libraries

The world’s oldest library is the oldest continuously running library in the world is at the St. Catherine’s Monastery in the Sinai, Egypt. It was built in the middle of the 6th century and houses the second largest collection of religious material in the world (after the Vatican). However, it is not accessible to the public, only by monks and invited scholars.

The largest library in the world is The Library of Congress, with more than 158 million items on approximately 838 miles of bookshelves. The collections include more than 36 million books and other print materials, 3.5 million recordings, 13.7 million photographs, 5.5 million maps, 6.7 million pieces of sheet music and 69 million manuscripts.

The smallest library in the world has appeared on the streets of New York City — and it has space for just one reader at a time. The bright yellow plastic structure houses 40 books and aims to help city-dwellers take a break from the pace of life in the metropolis by chilling out with a good story.

The highest library according to Guinness World Records is the library on the 60th floor of the JW Marriott Hotel at Tomorrow Square in Shanghai, China, is situated at 230.9 m (757 ft 6 in) above street level. Membership is available to members of the public and the 103 shelves in the library contain an ever-expanding collection of Chinese and English books. To walk to the library from the lobby would entail climbing around 1,435 steps.

The first recorded librarian was Zenodotus of Ephesus, holding that post from the end of Ptolemy I’s reign. He was a Greek grammarian, literary critic, and Homeric scholar. A native of Ephesus and a pupil of Philitas of Cos, he was the first librarian of the Library of Alexandria. He lived during the reigns of the first two Ptolemies.

The first library classification system was set up during the Han Dynasty. In North America, it is believed that personal collections of books were brought over to the continent by French settlers in the 16th century.

The first Bookmobile (mobile library) — The British Workman reported in 1857 a perambulating library operating in a circle of eight villages in Cumbria. A Victorian merchant and philanthropist, George Moore, created the project to “diffuse good literature among the rural population.” The Warrington Perambulating Library, set up in 1858, was another early British mobile library.

Congratulations Haywood County Public Library!

Winner of a 2016 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for its digital story time program, Plug In and Read, in the category of Libraries.

The NACo Achievement Awards recognize innovative county government programs.

For a full schedule of library events, including digital story times, visit www.haywoodlibrary.org and click on the Events tab.
Since then, growing success has forced each of the library’s relocations as its collection and demand for materials grew. Three years after its creation, the library moved into the upstairs of the Bank of Waynesville. In 1912, the directors of the lending library purchased the former First National Bank Building on Main Street. The purchase called for $1,000 down, another $3,000 over four years. Directors appealed to the citizens of Waynesville, who raised the down payment. In return, the library opened its doors to town citizens, with each user paying $1 per year to check out volumes. In a 1999 interview, former library director Jennifer Pratt recalled a story of a young man who visited the library, wanting to check out Call of the Wild. The librarian asked him to pay the $1 annual fee, but returned it when she discovered he did not live in town. So the young man simply read the book on library premises.

Meanwhile, community effort was nurturing another library system in Canton. In 1915, the Canton Women’s Club organized the first library there, located in a store building on Main Street. Again, volunteers managed the system until the first librarian was hired. When the Champion YMCA was built, the materials were moved there, then to a Bridge Street building owned by Champion. The paper mill would remain a major sponsor of the library.

The Great Depression closed the Waynesville library in 1934. It remained closed for about nine months until the community stepped in. Town businessmen pleaded for help from the town and federal government. The library reopened in 1935. With the library’s revival, patrons could check out books without paying a fee, except for a small fee for new fiction.

In the 1940s, the state General Assembly set aside funds to create a public library system, offering each county $900 per year for two years toward the effort. When 24 counties did not participate, the remaining ones, including Haywood, received another $398 each. The Waynesville library became a county system, with the exception of Canton.

Miss Margaret Johnston became the county’s first paid librarian, arriving from Fayetteville. For the next 14 years, Johnston led the library, developing a bookmobile system and reading clubs for

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**W.T. Crawford’s stockholder’s certificate, dated Sept. 23, 1891, to the Waynesville Library Association helped support the first library and was also considered the first version of a library card holder.**
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HAYWOOD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

▲ PROFILE VIEW
Side view of old Waynesville library made out of the Ferguson home. April 1974

▲ MAKING ROOM FOR GROWTH
Removal of the old library in 1982.

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young people. Any adult living in the county could check out up to four books at a time; any child could check out two, with no limits on nonfiction. The overdue fee was 2 cents per day, per book.

Library circulation tripled within three years. Johnston’s leadership contributed to the growth; perhaps, as one writer to the newspaper suggested, the increasing use of electricity also contributed. Readers had a little more time, and light, for reading during the postwar years.

Johnston organized 17 books stations throughout the county so readers could check out books without traveling to Waynesville. Her goal, however, was a bookmobile. The Woman’s Club of Waynesville held teas; penny drives were held in schools; home demonstration clubs held bake and craft sales. The American Legion and Haywood Medical Association embraced the cause, as did music clubs, which held recitals to collect funds. In 1948, Johnston drove the new bookmobile into Haywood County. By 1951, the bookmobile had 73 regular stops.

The librarian was a major influence in a young David Felmet’s love of learning and books. Felmet is now chairman of the library’s Board of Trustees.

“I was 14 or 15 when Margaret Johnston allowed me in to work in the summer, making a rocking, stomping 25 cents an hour,” he recalls. His responsibilities included shelving, though “one of the things I hated to do the most was ‘read the shelves,’” checking each row and putting books back in order.

As for his boss, “I have no idea what her age was because when you’re 14, 15 years old, an adult could be anywhere from 25 to 80,” he says. “I remember she had a wonderful countenance, always a smile on her face.”

For a collector of comic books and Hardy Boys mysteries, the library job ensured a wonderful summer.

“I loved it, working in the library. It was an absolute dream to be able to see a good book and take it home,” Felmet says. “My experience at the library as a very young teenager was great, and I attribute it to the main librarian. She instilled in me a love of reading.”

Growth squeezed the library out of its Main Street home in Waynesville. Library leaders were looking for a new site when the daughters of W. B. Ferguson, the lawyer who once provided a room for the library’s beginnings, donated their father’s home as a memorial. A community campaign raised the funds to renovate the Ferguson house, which would be the library’s home for 24 years, beginning in 1955.

Having supervised the development of a county library system and the move to its new location, Margaret Johnston left Haywood for a job in Albemarle. To Felmet’s delight, she returned for the dedication of the current library structure in 1981.

The library’s success continued to force change. Heating and maintenance of an old home challenged the library staff, but the biggest problem was the lack of space. Supporters of the library, always present, formalized their standing as Friends of the Library in 1971, about the same time library leaders started a campaign to raise funds for a new structure. Thanks to an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant, county and citizen funds, the current facility was constructed on the Ferguson property in 1981.

The Canton community would maintain its own library for more than half a century thanks to the support of Champion Paper Company. In 1954, Champion President Reuben B. Robertson gave $50,000
for the library's move to a new building on Park Street. The library thrived into the mid-1960s, when economic downturns caused the mill, and the library, to struggle. The Town of Canton assumed its operation in 1970, but four years later, the library merged with the Haywood County Public Library system.

After building the new Waynesville library, the Friends and library leaders turned their attention to Canton, eyeing the former Pennsylvania Avenue Elementary School for renovation as a library for the east side of the county. But fire destroyed the Penn Avenue building in 1986, and a new building was constructed on the site in 1989.

When the last of the county’s bookmobiles came to a halt in 1996, citizens again stepped up. In 2001, renovations to the Maggie Valley Library brought the mini-library up to a full-service branch at its current location in the Maggie Valley Town Hall building. Elsewhere in Haywood, one of the county’s most rural communities had successfully obtained the old Fines Creek School for use as a community center. Volunteers decided to open a lending library in part of the building, and in December of 2004, the Fines Creek branch opened as part of the county library system. The efforts of citizens in Fines Creek and nearby White Oak have saved many of its residents the 20-mile journey to Waynesville or Canton for library services.

Since 1990, the library staff’s greatest challenge has not been in managing an increasing number of books, but in managing the flow of information. Development of the Internet and personal electronic devices have fueled people’s passion for information – and changed the way they receive it. So the library has adapted. Computer classes and Internet service are regular offerings. While readers can still check out books, they can also download e-books to their personal devices for free through the library. They continue to check out compact discs, but they can also access music online through the library system. Visitors can research their family and local history in the North Carolina room of the Waynesville branch, or they can look at historical photographs online as part of the library's digital history collection.

The explosion of information, however, poses challenges to both library staff and patrons. The Waynesville library, the hub of the library system, is housed in a 35-year-old building designed before the age of the Internet. This time growth cannot be met only with additional space, at least not in the traditional sense. While more room is needed, library leaders say, more access of another kind is also pressing – updated infrastructure capable of delivering information in a 21st-century technological world.
Every month, the library offers close to 50 regular events for children, teens and adults. In addition to the ongoing programs, there are always several special events each month, too. All library programs are free to attend, thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library. Below is a listing of regular programs at both the Waynesville and Canton libraries. Come on out and join the fun!

For information on programs, call (828) 452-5169 (Waynesville) or (828) 648-2924 (Canton) or visit www.haywoodlibrary.org and click on the Events tab.

WAYNESVILLE LIBRARY

For Youth

Mother Goose Story Time on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
A special story time for babies and toddlers (ages 5 months to 2 years old) and their parents/caregivers. Work on building communication and early literacy skills, as well as motor skills, while having fun with rhymes, songs, stories, finger plays and much more in this story time designed for the youngest library users.

Family Story Time on Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
This story time is for families with children of all ages, and includes finger plays, songs and stories. A simple, age-appropriate craft may be available after this story time.

Movers & Shakers on Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Do your young ones have a hard time sitting still and being quiet? Have we got a story time for you! All ages are welcome at this musical story time with plenty of dancing, singing, books and more. Explore rhythm and rhyme, dancing and singing, and have a good time at the library.

Puppy Tales on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 11 a.m. & Thursdays at 11 a.m. Come to Puppy Tales and read to certified therapy dogs. Puppy Tales is for all ages and abilities, and is designed to help children discover the joy of reading through the company of a lovable furry friend. Kids can improve their reading skills in a calm environment or just enjoy some time with sweet animals. No appointments necessary!

Lego Club on the third Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.
This is a time for all ages to get together and build with Legos. The library provides the Legos; all the children need to bring is their imagination!

Digital Story Time on the third Wednesday at 11 a.m.
This story time is designed for children ages 3-5 to learn important early literacy skills with the help of technology. Kids use a Smart Board and iPads to gain the early literacy and technology skills they’ll need to succeed in school.

For Adults

The Seed Lending Library
Anyone with a library card can checkout seeds from the Seed Library located in the N.C. Room at the Waynesville Library. Plant the seeds in your home garden, and return a few of the next generation of seeds for others to checkout. If you or anyone you know is a seed saver, donations are greatly appreciated. For details of what the requirements are, call (828) 356-2507. Check out the inventory of seeds by visiting www.haywoodlibrary.org and clicking on the Seed Library tab.

The Second Tuesday Movie Group on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m.
Watch a current film on the big screen in the library’s auditorium, while enjoying popcorn and water.

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The Friends of the Haywood County Public Library is a separate, nonprofit entity from the library. The Friends exist to support the library, and their support is crucial to a healthy library system. It is thanks to the Friends that the library is able to offer free programming such as children’s events, lecture and discussion series, gardening classes, concerts, movie screenings and much more. If you’ve enjoyed a program at the library, it was more than likely made possible by the Friends.

The purpose of the Friends of the Library is to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library’s resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community; to lend legislative support where needed; and to support the freedom to read as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights.

If you love the library, if you have an interest in promoting literacy, if you enjoy being around books and talking to others about books, consider joining the Friends of the Library. Just fill out a membership form available upon request at any library branch. There are several committees available to join, including book sales, membership, activities and public relations. Members assist with newsletter writing, bulk mailings, updating membership and legislative duties. Joining the Friends is a great way to get connected in Haywood County while making new friends and helping your library.

You can join the Friends without participating on a committee or assisting with duties. By simply paying the low annual dues (currently $10) you will be helping your local library to continue to be one of the finest in Western North Carolina. Please consider joining or renewing your membership.

For more information, call Teresa Glance at the Waynesville Library at (828) 356-2503.

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**For Youth**

**Family Story Time on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Children ages 0-6 and their caregivers are invited to attend this fun story time. Children will get to hear stories, dance, sing, and make a craft.

**Digital Story Time on the second Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.** Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers get to use the Smart Board to learn letters, shapes, numbers, and so much more! This highly interactive story time is designed to introduce early literacy skills with the help of technology to help children get ready for school. Open to the first 15 children in attendance.

**Rompin’ Stompin’ Story Time on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Fridays at 11 a.m.** Canton’s most popular story time is full of music, dance, and fun! Children ages 0-6 are able to get their wiggles out with songs, shaker eggs, bean bags, and books that make you laugh and move.

**Tuesday Library Club on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. (with the exception of the 5th Tuesday if one occurs).**

**For Adults**

**Coloring Club on the second Wednesday at 4 p.m.** Adults and teens are invited to enjoy the new coloring craze. Color intricate designs while listening to relaxing music.

**Morning Movie on the third Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.** Adults can enjoy watching a newly released movie on the big screen with free coffee and doughnuts. Please call (828) 648-2924 for movie title or more information.

**Canton Book Club on the third Thursday at 3:30 p.m.** Discuss a book over refreshments. Books are chosen by members, and new members are always welcome! For the next book title or more information, call (828) 648-2924.

**Family Movie on the second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m.** Bring snacks and enjoy a screening of a family-friendly movie on the big screen (Rated G or PG). All ages are welcome to attend. Please call (828) 648-2924 for movie title or more information.
CAN I GET A HCPL LIBRARY CARD?

In most cases, yes.

Bring the following things with you:

- Photo ID
- Proof of Address
- If under 18, a parent/guardian must accompany you to sign up.
- Exceptions may be made for teens in good standing with the library and also have a valid driver’s license that do not have a guardian.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HCPL LIBRARY CARD?

- Check out books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks from Haywood County Public Libraries and other public libraries across the state that participates in the NC Cardinal Consortia.
- Free access to Wi-Fi and public computers.
- Access through library website thousands of e-books and digital audiobooks through the NC Digital Library.
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Why start a seed lending library?

Humans have been saving seeds for over 12,000 years. However, in our culture much of that knowledge has been lost over the last hundred years, along with significant biodiversity. When you grow and save your own seeds, you develop seed stock that is well suited to your climate, save money, and have control quality. And, when you participate in the seed library, you help create a culture of sharing and abundance.

The Giving Garden won the 2014 North Carolina Public Library Director Association’s Adult Program Award for a medium-sized library.

Haywood County Public Library won a 2014 Community Pride Award for the Giving Garden and Seed Library.

Located behind the Canton Branch Library, the Giving Garden features raised-bed vegetable, herb, and flower boxes, as well as a certified Monarch Waystation. The garden is used to teach various aspects of gardening, as well as to raise awareness of the plight of the Monarch butterfly, which is at risk of being endangered. The Giving Garden is an education-oriented joint initiative of the Haywood County Public Library, Haywood County Cooperative Extension Center, and the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program. The garden is generously supported by the Haywood County Friends of the Library and the Haywood County Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association, and is maintained by the work of volunteers. Seeds for the garden are graciously donated by Sow True Seed. All produce is donated to The Community Kitchen in Canton.

New volunteers are always welcome! We need help planting, watering, and harvesting. For more information, call the Canton Branch Library at (828) 648-2924.

UPCOMING 2016 EVENTS:

July 26, 9:30 a.m.: Planting for Pollinators. Celebrate pollinators and learn about the types of plants that help them thrive with Master Gardener Dr. Bill Skelton.

Aug. 24, 9:30 a.m.: Food Preservation Class. Learn how to can and preserve your harvest with Julie Sawyer. Class will be held at the Canton Community Kitchen.

Sept. 13, 9:30 p.m.: Cooking with Herbs. Learn how to cook with herbs from your garden with Julie Sawyer. Class will be held at the Canton Community Kitchen.

The crowded conditions at the Waynesville branch of the Haywood County Library system have reached a tipping point.

A recent survey of 800 library patrons highlighted the most pressing needs. Parking is limited for the rapidly escalating number of library users. During story hour, parents or grandparents must sit on the hallway floor. The internet service is sluggish and there is a lack of community meeting space, which is in increasing demand.

Library leaders — from the administrative staff to the very active library advisory board and the Friends of the Library — agree it is time to expand and renovate the Waynesville facility.

Indeed, equipping public centers, including libraries, with high-speed broadband Internet service is one of 10 major statewide strategies for securing rural North Carolina’s future. This allows those who can’t afford or are without access to internet can participate in the modern world, including job interviews, training opportunities and advanced learning opportunities, it was stressed.

At one point, some futurists were predicting libraries would turn into community spaces where resources could be accessed electronically and printed materials would be all but obsolete.

While Haywood’s library system certainly has upped its game in providing information in electronic form, Library Director Sharon Woodrow said that has in no way diminished the popularity of printed materials.

“In North Carolina, we’re seeing there is a balance between the old and the new,” Woodrow said. “It will be interesting to see if the libraries that went totally electronic will last.”

PARTNERSHIP

David McCracken, a member of the Library Foundation Board, believes the best way to provide needed upgrades at the library is through a public-private partnership with supporters participating in a fundraising campaign to help finance the project.

Leaders would love to see a library where the children’s area, which is currently on the lower floor, would be on the same level as the other library materials, allowing parents to more easily supervise their children.

Young adults flock to the library after school as they wait for their parents to get off work. Providing a separate area for the youths where there would not only be programming, but materials to meet their needs, is another goal.

There is currently a lack of community meeting spaces where organizations can gather for informational programs, and the library leaders believe there is a demand for business training areas where small business owners could meet in an area equipped with computers and other equipment to better train employees as a group.

There has never been a dedicated room where young adults can have their own space, and that should be addressed in the upgrade.

Other needs include a climate-controlled archive room to preserve historic documents and photos entrusted to the library; space for the Friends of the Library books sold annually and an area where the large inter-library loan items can be processed for shipment.

“Although improvements have been made in recent months, we are not able to provide the services the community needs now because we do not have the electrical or technical infrastructure to keep up with current demand,” Woodrow said. “21st century library users access digital information more and more.” The library is one of the few places that seniors and youth come together to seek information, programs and entertainment. Dividing the limited space to accommodate all can be difficult because different age groups have different interests and varying degrees of skills.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

- Two-thirds of the population, or about 40,000 people have library cards.
- Since 2013, the libraries located in Waynesville, Canton, Maggie Valley and Fines Creek have seen a 2 percent annual increase in use.
- The total annual circulation averaged 377,000.
- Program participation increased by approximately 50 percent from 2013 to 2015.
- More than 37,000 annually use the free WiFi or computers.
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✓ Posture ranks right up at the top of the list when you are talking about good health. Without healthy posture, your overall health, including bodily functions and mobility, may be seriously compromised.

✓ Posture problems contribute to a range of issues, including vital organ function, and influencing lung capacity, digestion and elimination, limits your range of motion, and affects patterns of headaches and pain in other areas. Also, your spine is the basis of your posture, and poor posture magnifies issues with spinal misalignments, contributing to health concerns relating to interference in nerve function and the body’s communication and defense systems.

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