

# Mountain Regional *Connection*

  
*Fall/Winter*  
*2018*

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## PODCASTING MAKES ITS DEBUT FOR THE MOUNTAIN REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Mountain Regional Library System launched its official podcast last month entitled, "Conan the Librarian."

The podcast concentrates on obscure news, entertainment and books. All of which are available in many forms at your local public library.

MRLS Director, Vince Stone serves as the podcast host and has been joined by various guests including one of his library co-workers Marlene Cannon who

works at the Mountain Regional Library.

"It took us a while to find our groove and figure out the technical side of podcast production," says Stone. "But we feel pretty good about it now and have posted six episodes to date that have covered a lot of topics our patrons would enjoy hearing about. Marlene and I have a nice banter going on and we're both avid readers, so we share our thoughts about books on our

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Inspire the person  
who inspires you.



# MASTERCLASS AND LYNDA.COM ARE COMING TO MOUNTAIN REGIONAL LIBRARY

Beginning in December, the Mountain Regional Library will make available to its patrons all the classes available through MasterClass and Lynda.com.

MasterClass is one of the fastest growing subscription based online classes available. The library will setup two computers exclusively for MasterClass and Lynda participants to listen to each class through headphones and high definition displays.

Over 36 classes are available from some of most celebrated and accomplished teachers imaginable on Masterclass.

Gordon Ramsey teaches a class on cooking. Steve Martin talks about comedy. Martin Scorsese gives his advice on filmmaking. Best-selling authors tell you their theories on

writing. Sports legends share their techniques on subjects such as basketball, tennis and even chess.

These classes are produced on a high production level and are extremely entertaining and full of information. Normally, you have to pay over \$180 to see these classes. MRL will offer them for free, but you can only watch them while inside the library.

Lynda.com is a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Through individual, corporate, academic and government subscriptions, members have access to the Lynda.com video library of engaging, top-quality courses taught by

recognized industry experts.

For 20 years, Lynda.com has helped students, leaders, IT and design pros, project managers—anyone in any role—develop software, creative, and business skills. Now part of LinkedIn, Lynda.com serves more than 10,000 organizations. With tutorials in five languages, Lynda.com is a global platform for success.

Lynda.com offers over 12,000 online courses for business, technology and the creative markets.

Business skills training is becoming a necessity in maximizing employee performance, regardless of job level or function. From leadership development to soft skills training, our business courses can help you stay ahead.

As technology continues to evolve,



the skills gap for workplace technology experts widens. Lynda's technology courses can provide your technical teams with the training they need to gain new skills or become more advanced in their existing skillsets.

These days, design and technology go hand in hand. Being adept with design and engineering technology has become just as important as creative soft skills. Lynda.com's library of creative courses can help you learn AutoCAD, Photoshop, and many other software tools to improve your creative capabilities.

Subscriptions to these online courses would cost you hundreds of dollars if purchased on your own. We've paid that fee for you here at the library. Come and see for yourself just how great these classes can be.



*Acting*  
*Writing*  
*Screenwriting*  
*Directing*  
*Filmmaking*  
*Tennis*  
*Basketball*  
*Cooking*  
*Comedy*  
*Jazz*  
*Poker*  
*Photography*  
*Electronic Music*



## FREE ACCESS WHILE IN THE LIBRARY



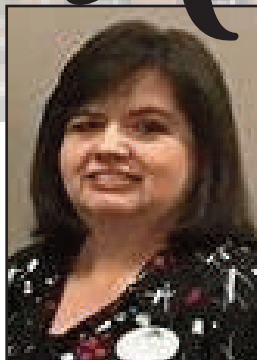
**CLASSES IN BUSINESS,  
TECHNOLOGY AND CREATIVE**

# Union County

303 Hunt Martin Street  
Blairsville, GA 30512  
706-745-7491

HOURS	
Monday	9:00am- 5:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am- 7:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am- 5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am- 7:00pm
Friday	9:00am- 5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am- 2:00pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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UNION COUNTY  
LIBRARY MANAGER  
SUSIE BRENDLE



## BUSY FALL AND WINTER AT UNION

Union County Public Library is going to be a busy place this fall and winter season. Patrons will be pleased that classes and roundtables will be returning soon. Director Vince Stone and Technology Librarian Curtis Spiva will be offering classes on Everything PINES and RBDigital in the next couple months. We will have flyers, pamphlets and sign-up sheets ready to go by mid-October.

Friends of Union County Library are planning an "Everything Christmas" Sale on November 2nd and 3rd to benefit the library. They will begin collecting previously loved Christmas treasures every Thursday & Saturday in October. They will also have a donation box in the library every day in October. There will be more information about this fundraising event posted in the library & North Georgia News and on Facebook.

We will have 4 more fun events in November & December for children and adults. Smokey the Bear will be at Storytime on Monday November 5th at 11 AM. The first three Mondays in December



will be lots of fun as well. Santa Claus will be at Storytime on December 3rd at 11 AM reading stories and available for pictures. Mountain Regional Puppet Company will be doing their Christmas show at Union County Public Library on December 10th at 4 PM. The Hampstead Stage Company will be returning on December 17th at 11 AM for a special performance of A Christmas Carol.

Because it's fall, it's time for puzzles and color sheets to return. Watch for these displays in the next few weeks on the library's center tables. We try to have these fun activities through the fall and winter months. So, come in and help us put puzzles together and spend a little time coloring seasonal pictures.

## FALL SCHEDULE

### Nov 2 - 3

*FOUCL Sale  
Everything Christmas*

### Nov 5

@ 11:00 am *Smokey the Bear  
Storytime*

### Dec 3

@ 11:00 am *Santa Storytime*

### Dec 10

@ 4:00 pm *Mountain  
Regional Puppet  
Company  
Christmas Show*

### Dec 17

@ 11:00 am



*Hampstead Stage Company*



400 West Main Street  
Blue Ridge, GA 30513  
706-632-5263

#### HOURS

Monday	9:00am- 6:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am- 6:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am- 6:00pm
Thursday	9:00am- 6:00pm
Friday	9:00am- 6:00pm
Saturday	9:00am- 1:00pm
Sunday	CLOSED

# Fannin County

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## FALL SCHEDULE

**Nov 9**

@ 11:00 am

*Family  
Fort Night*

**First Friday of Month**

@ 11:00 am

*Playtime*

**Tuesday Every Week**

@ 11:00 am  
& 4p.m.

*Storytime*

**Dec 4**

@ 4:00 pm

*Mountain  
Regional Puppet  
Company  
Christmas Show*



## Closed Days Coming

*All MRLS Libraries will be Closed:*

- November 12 Veteran's Day
- November 21-25 Thanksgiving
- December 21-26 Christmas
- January 1, 2019 New Year's
- January 18-21 MLK Weekend



**FANNIN COUNTY  
LIBRARY MANAGER  
GINIA WOOD**



## FANNIN WELCOMES NEW BRANCH MANAGER

The Fannin County Public Library welcomed a new branch manager in September. Ginia Wood (pictured above) from Hiawassee, Georgia has taken over the duties of departing manager Andrew Vickers.

Ginia comes to the Fannin library with experience in both public and academic librarianship. For the past five years, she has worked in several capacities at the Zell & Shirley Miller Library on the campus of Young Harris College. Before that, she worked at the Mountain Regional Library

also in Young Harris.

"We've known Ginia for a long time and she's worked with us before," says MRLS Director Vince Stone. "She's from this area and is very familiar with our operations, software and policies already. We fully expect her to fit in nicely and are expecting great things for the Fannin County Public Library."

"I'm truly excited for this opportunity," said Wood. "My heart has always been with public libraries and I want to thank both the staff here and the local patrons for making me feel so welcomed."



### *Tricycle and Romeo*

Lester Aradi, a local author, came to a storytime on August 21st to read his children's book *Tricycle and Friends*. He brought his two therapy dogs, Tricycle and Romeo, who are the stars of the book, and they were a huge hit with the kids.

# Towns County

99 South Berrong Street  
Hiawassee, GA 30546  
706-896-6169

**HOURS**  
Monday 9:00am- 5:00pm  
Tuesday 9:00am- 5:00pm  
Wednesday 9:00am- 5:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am- 6:00pm  
Friday 9:00am- 5:00pm  
Saturday CLOSED  
Sunday CLOSED

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**TOWNS COUNTY  
LIBRARY MANAGER  
DEBBIE PHILLIPS**



**READING**



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With Fall now upon us, Winter weather will be here soon and while “Winter may seem long, it doesn’t have to be boring”, states Branch Manager Debbie Phillips. She and the staff are very excited and busy as they plan an Adult Winter Reading Program entitled *Reading in a Winter Wonderland*. This program will be open to any adult age 18 and over. Reading must be done from printed books only.

A “Foreword” party will be held in early January. During this event, participants will be treated to some nice refreshments and given guidelines to the program. There will be no limit to the number of people who can register, but the first 20 registrants will receive a nice gift. In addition, everyone will receive all the materials for the program, as well

as a schedule of the “Mid-Chapter” and “Afterword” parties.

The program will run through the first week in March 2019. Completion prizes will be awarded by mid-March. Like our page on Facebook and see the website for further information. Informative and fun workshops will be offered during the program as well.

Characters speak, are  
you listening

On the page, words are  
glistening

A beautiful sight, to  
your delight

Reading in a Winter  
Wonderland!

## FALL SCHEDULE

**Oct 11**

4 p.m. Book Character  
Pumpkins for Kids

**Oct 23**

3:30 p.m. Handmade Gift Tag  
Workshop for Adults

**Nov 1**

4 p.m. Decorative Fall Jar  
for Family

**Nov 13**

3:30 p.m. Card Making  
Workshop for Adults

**Nov 29**

4 p.m. Christmas Wreath  
Workshop for Family

**Dec 13**

@ 5:00 pm Mountain  
Regional Puppet  
Company  
Christmas Show

**Jan 4-March 8**

Adult Winter  
Reading Program

**HAPPY READING !**



698 Miller Street  
Young Harris, GA 30582  
706-379-3732

# Mountain Regional

## HOURS

Monday	9:00am- 5:00pm	Thursday	9:00am- 6:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am- 6:00pm	Friday	9:00am- 5:00pm
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## FALL SCHEDULE

**Oct 12-13**

*all day*

*Friends of the  
Library Book  
Sale*

**Oct 26**

*@ 6:00 pm*

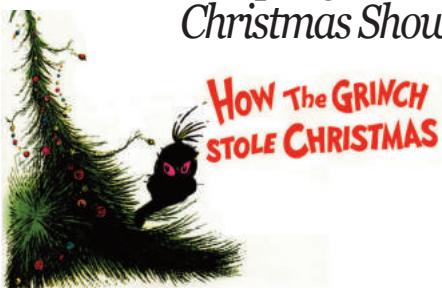
*Murder  
Mystery Night  
Fund Raiser*



**Dec 19**

*@ 5:00 pm*

*Mountain  
Regional Puppet  
Company  
Christmas Show*



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## REGIONAL STAFF



## MRL GETS CREATIVE FOR FUNDRAISING EFFORT

It's Halloween. What's a better time to host a murder in a library?

That was the pitch the staff gave to director Stone for a new fundraising effort this fall for our library.

The event is scheduled for Friday, October 26th starting at 6 p.m.

There will be costumes, catering, themed decorations and quite possibly some of the worst acting you have ever witnessed.

"It sounds bad, but in reality, the worse the acting, the better it is," says event coordinator Marlene Cannon.

"We'll give out prizes to the winning team. And, we hope to raise a few dollars for some of our other programming here at Mountain Regional," adds Cannon.

The total number of participants in the event is limited, so be sure to call or visit the library and put your names down as attendees. Then, start looking around closets and thrift stores for some appropriate 20s clothing to match our theme. This should be loads of fun for adults only this time.



*RSVP Only  
\$10 per person*

*October 26  
at 6:00*





MOUNTAIN REGIONAL LIBRARIES  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
VINCE STONE

# your community Library

## A NEW WAY TO TELL STORIES



For ages, libraries have been an almost inexhaustible archive of stories. The concept of storytelling comes natural to our region and our community. Annually, our small town hosts one of the fastest growing storytelling festivals in the south. So, as librarians, we are constantly challenged to tell stories.

This Christmas, our puppet team will be performing with a new medium called shadow puppetry. Shadow puppetry is an ancient form of storytelling and entertainment which uses flat articulated cut-out figures (shadow puppets) which are held between a source of light and a translucent screen or scrim. A puppeteer can make the figures appear to walk, dance, fight, nod and laugh. Shadow puppetry has a long history in many cultures but especially in Southeast Asia and we're going to attempt to bring it to the children and parents of Mountain Regional. Join us this Christmas season for our interpretation of Dr. Seuss' *The Grinch*.

*Vince Stone*

Dec. 4- Fannin County Library @ 4 p.m.  
Dec. 10- Union County Library @ 4 p.m.  
Dec. 13- Towns County Library @ 5 p.m.  
Dec. 19- Mountain Regional Library @ 5 p.m.

# How The GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

PERFORMED FOR THE  
FIRST TIME WITH  
**SHADOW PUPPETRY**

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recordings. We've made the episodes around 20-22 minutes which statistics tell us is the average time for a work commute. If you haven't tried listening to a podcast, please do so. Our librarians will be happy to show you how to get the podcast on your mobile device so you can listen in your car or while you walk."

Stone says that although they currently use the equipment to produce the library's podcast, his goal is to setup a studio situation at the Mountain Regional Library for anyone to come in and record their own podcast.

"We not only have the right equipment, but also the know-how to help others. Please call if you are interested in more information."

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- April 19-22 Easter Weekend