

## SUMMER IS COMING!



The BPL Children's Department will kick off their Summer Reading Program with a Scholastic Book Fair starting May 22. This year's theme is "Build a Better World!" Teen/Tween programs will begin June 1; check the YA section for more details. Adults will have programs starting in June as well, including a second BPL Book Club and BPL Bingo, which challenges readers to try a variety of genres. More information will be available in the June newsletter!

Avoca's Summer Reading Program begins on May 15. See the staff at Avoca for the complete schedule.

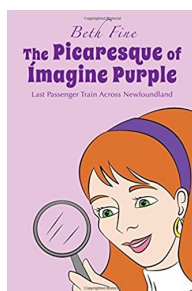
### CROCHET CLASS/CLUB: TUESDAYS 6:00 PM

Beginning May 2, the Jones Creativity Center is offering a Crochet Class and Club at 6:00 PM on Tuesday evenings. It's free to all ages and skill levels, so feel free to bring your current crochet project or, if you're a beginner, we'll help you start on something new! For those attending the class, you will need to bring your own materials for your project:

- 1-2 balls of 100% cotton yarn (preferably worsted or medium weight)
- Size H/8 (5.00 mm) crochet hooks
- Scissors

### AUTHOR SIGNING: BETH FINE

On May 13, the Bristol Public Library will hold a book signing for Beth Fine, author of the middle school mystery series *The Picaresque of Imagine Purple*. The series features exotic locales, roguish characters, and great adventures—all under the motto of "Have Fun. Get Smarter." Fine will be in the J. Henry Kegley Meeting Room from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM with extra copies of her books. Make sure to save the date and stop by to meet a local author!



### "BURST MY BUBBLE" GAME DEMO

Come have a unique experience at the library by joining us for the "Burst My Bubble" Game Demonstration on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the J. Henry Kegley Meeting Room from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Meet game designer Dan Crutchfield, learn about the tabletop game industry, and get a sneak peek demo of Purple Potato Games' latest game, "Burst My Bubble." For more information about this family-friendly game and Purple Potato Games' upcoming event, check out the "Burst My Bubble" Facebook page at

[www.facebook.com/Burstmybubblestrategygame/](http://www.facebook.com/Burstmybubblestrategygame/).

### FINE UPDATE

As announced in March, the Bristol Public Library and its Avoca Branch Library are lowering the fine threshold for adult cards to \$15 beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will start to bring BPL more in line with the other libraries in the Organization of Watauga Libraries system, where the limits are between \$10 and \$5. Adult patrons who owe more than this amount will be blocked from checking out or from using the public computers until at least a partial payment is made.

"We always try to work with people on paying off their fines," said Rebecca Dunn, Circulation Assistant. "Some people can't pay all at once and we understand that. We can set up a plan that allows them to still enjoy library privileges while they make payments over time."

The limit on juvenile cards will remain at \$10.



**CLOSED 28TH & 29TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

## MAIN

### AAME with Brandon Story

In partnership with the William King Museum, Arts Alliance Mountain Empire (AAME) is continuing their speaker series with a special presentation by Brandon Story on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Beginning at 7:00 PM in the J. Henry Kegley Meeting Room, Story, an assistant professor of English at King University, will be sharing his dissertation on "Modernism in Appalachian Literature," which looks at Appalachian writers and their work from the 1890s to the 1940s. In particular, Story hopes to discuss the influence and impact of authors like Thomas Wolfe, James Agee, James Still, and local Johnson City, Tennessee author, Jo Carson.

## JONES CREATIVITY CENTER

### Touch Typing

Fridays @ 10:00 AM

Want to improve your typing skills? Try our Typing Instructor software, which offers instant feedback of your progress; dozens of lessons, articles, even typing games. Fridays @ 10:00 AM, or do it on your own time, either in the Jones Creativity Center or from home.

### Adult Coloring

Thursdays @ 2:00 PM

Take an hour for stress-relieving coloring each week. JCC provides materials and projects, but feel free to bring your own.

### Learn Windows With Professor Teaches

Mondays @ 5:30 PM

Use the Professor Teaches software to learn to use Windows. Bring your own laptop, or the JCC will provide one. Each lesson is self-contained, so begin anytime in the month. See schedule for topics. Or do it on your own! Other tutorials include Typing, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and QuickBooks.

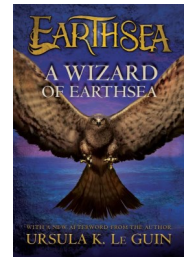


## STAFF PICK

*A Wizard of Earthsea* is the first entry in Ursula K Le Guin's *Earthsea* cycle of young adult fantasy novels. Chronicling the early days and rise of a legendary wizard named Ged, also called Sparrowhawk, *A Wizard of Earthsea* takes its readers on an enthralling journey through a vast and vibrant world of magic, wonder, and consequence. Le Guin is a master of her craft, and this novel was deeply formative for me.

It showed me a whole new world of possibility in both fantasy and prose in general. I truly cannot recommend *A Wizard of Earthsea* enough, for readers of any age.

*Patrick*



## NEW BOOKS

Atherton, Nancy *Aunt Dimity and the Widow's Curse*  
 Atkins, Ace *Robert B. Parker's Little White Lies* (Spencer)  
 Backman, Fredrik *Beartown*  
 Brown, Dale *Price of Duty*  
 Cameron, W. Bruce *A Dog's Way Home*  
 Chevalier, Tracy *New Boy*  
 Crichton, Michael *Dragon Teeth*  
 Cussler, Clive *Nighthawk* (NUMA)  
 Frank, Dorothea Benton *Same Beach, Next Year*  
 Griffiths, Elly *The Chalk Pit*  
 Haines, Carolyn *Sticks and Bones*  
 Hamilton, Steve *Exit Strategy* (Nick Mason)  
 Hawkins, Paula *Into the Water*  
 Hunter, Stephen *G-Man* (Bob Lee Swagger)  
 Lehane, Dennis *Since We Fell*  
 Nesbo, Jo *The Thirst*  
 Potzsch, Oliver *The Play of Death*  
 Patterson, James *16<sup>th</sup> Seduction*  
 Runcie, James *Sidney Chambers and the Persistence of Love*  
 Russo, Richard *Trajectory: Stories*  
 Sedaris, David *Theft by Finding: Diaries, 1977-2002*  
 Shaara, Jeff *The Frozen Hours*  
 Shreve, Anita *The Stars Are Fire*  
 Strout, Elizabeth *Anything Is Possible*  
 Thayer, Nancy *Secrets in Summer*

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