

## ACTIVE ADULT PROGRAM

# 2026 Read and Go

This unique book club celebrates North Carolina by reading books by NC authors or set in NC, followed by discussions and trips inspired by the stories. Sometimes, the authors join in the discussions, help plan the trips, or even participate! The program is so popular that authors now reach out to feature their books.

Location: Anne Gordon Center  
Mondays, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Cost: Free

Aug. 24: Twin Sisters, Twin Murders? – by Jeane Joyner

Carters Crossroads, a small town near New Bern, North Carolina, was home to twin sisters Carla and Rose Williams. They were so similar in looks that only a few people could tell them apart. As the twins' twenty-fifth birthdays approached, exciting things were happening in Carters Crossroads. New Bern's MumFest would draw thousands to the city and other events, like Rose's engagement to Manley, were occasions to celebrate. But the blackmail of a respected local civic leader and the cruel murder of the first twin revealed that all was not well. Were these events just the beginning of a crime spree in this rural community?

Feb. 16: It Dies With You – by Scott Blackburn

For nearly a decade, twenty-nine-year-old Hudson Miller has made his living in the boxing ring, but a post-fight brawl threatens to derail his career. Desperate for money, Hudson takes a gig as a bouncer at a dive bar. That's when life delivers him another hook to the jaw: his estranged father, Leland, has been murdered in what appears to be a robbery gone bad at his salvage yard, Miller's Pull-a-Part.

Soon after his father's funeral, Hudson learns he's inherited the salvage yard, and he returns to his Bible-belt hometown of Flint Creek, North Carolina, to run the business. But the business is far more than junk cars and scrap metal. It was the site of an illegal gun-running ring. And the secrets don't end there; a grisly discovery is made at the yard that thrusts Hudson into the fight of his life.

Reeling for answers, Hudson joins forces with his father's former employee, 71-year-old, beer-guzzling Vietnam vet Charlie Shoaf, and a feisty teenage girl, Lucy Reyes, who's fiercely seeking justice for her own family tragedy. With a murderer on the loose and no answers from the local cops, the trio of outcasts launches an investigation. The shocking truth they uncover will shake Flint Creek to its very core.

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Apr. 27: It Ends With Us – by Colleen Hoover

Lily Bloom has worked hard to create the life she's always wanted. After leaving her small hometown, she builds a successful future in Boston and meets Ryle Kincaid, a brilliant and charming neurosurgeon who challenges her heart and her expectations.

But as their relationship deepens, Ryle's guarded past raises questions Lily can't ignore. When Atlas Corrigan—her first love—suddenly reappears, Lily is forced to confront her past and make choices that will shape her future.

July 27: American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer - by Kai Bird

J. Robert Oppenheimer is one of the iconic figures of the twentieth century, a brilliant physicist who led the effort to build the atomic bomb for his country in a time of war and who later found himself confronting the moral consequences of scientific progress. When he proposed international controls over atomic materials, opposed the development of the hydrogen bomb, and criticized plans for a nuclear war, his ideas were anathema to powerful advocates of a massive nuclear buildup during the anti-Communist hysteria of the early 1950s. They declared that Oppenheimer could not be trusted with America's nuclear secrets.

June 22: Hornet's Nest – by Patricia Cornwell

Deputy Chief Virginia West has enough on her plate. A serial killer is stalking the city, leaving behind bright orange victims, and tensions are running high. To make matters worse, her boss assigns a rookie reporter to ride along with her—an experiment in community relations that goes wrong almost immediately.

As murders continue to pile up, Virginia must juggle a chaotic newsroom shadow, workplace politics, and a city on edge, all while racing to stop a killer before the next orange-stained crime scene appears.

Oct. 26: The Lost Bus Non-Fiction based on book Paradise: One Town's Struggle to Survive an American Wildfire - by Lizzie Johnson

Chronicles the devastating 2018 Camp Fire that destroyed the town of Paradise, California, killing 85 people. The book provides a moment-by-moment account of the human tragedy, featuring stories of residents fleeing, and details the complex causes, including climate change, a faulty emergency alert system, and Pacific Gas & Electric's neglect of infrastructure. It highlights the rapid, unprecedented speed and ferocity of the fire, the subsequent struggle of the displaced townspeople, and the enduring challenges of rebuilding and confronting a "new normal" of megafires.

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