

2023 is NC Year of the Trail,
celebrating

North Carolina's vast and diverse
collection of trails, greenways, and
blueways which showcase our
diverse landscapes.



The Arbor House Bed and Breakfast
has graciously offered workshop
space and tools for construction
on-site at their lakeside location on
Rhododendron Avenue.

The work won't be taxing, and the
camaraderie and sense of
contributing to the community will be
most rewarding.



Donations may be made directly to the
Friends of the Black Mountain Library
with a check notation of
GROW Trail.

For further information, contact Melisa
Pressley,
Branch Manager, at
blackmountain.library@buncombecounty.org
(828-250-4756) or donate online at
bmtlibraryfriends.org



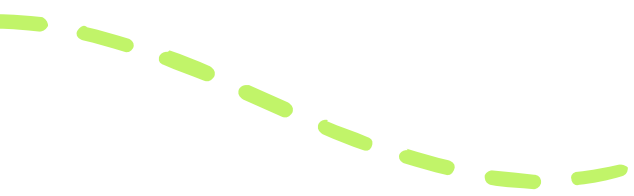
Thanks to all who have helped bring
this exciting project forward and to all
who will contribute to its success and
enjoyment.

Black Mountain Greenways Read Outloud Walking Trail



At Lake Tomahawk


The Friends of the Black Mountain
Library, in partnership with the Black
Mountain Greenways and Trails
Committee, the Black Mountain
Beautification Committee, the Black
Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of
Commerce, and the Arbor House Bed
and Breakfast is excited to announce
that the Greenways Read Outloud
Walking Trail (**GROW**) project at
Lake Tomahawk is entering its active
fundraising and volunteer-seeking
phase with installation and grand
opening anticipated for early Summer.



From its inception, the project has enjoyed the enthusiastic support and formal approval of the Black Mountain Town Council and Recreation and Parks department.

Thanks to a generous donation by Town residents, Robin and Tom Stiles, the project is ready to begin construction and placement around Lake Tomahawk of the wooden 'standards' which will contain the storybook pages that will be permanently printed on a composite material that is weatherproof and vandal resistant.

The panel pages will be interchangeable allowing a rotation of regionally-authored books that will appeal to children from pre-K to fifth grade.



While the Stiles' generosity, given in memory of their son, Greg, and his love of the outdoors, will enable this critical first phase and first-book installation to proceed, additional donations and sponsorships are needed and actively sought for ongoing maintenance of the trail standards and stations and panel printing for additional books.

Donations of any amount are welcome and full 'sponsorship' of individual stations comes with affixed acknowledgment as seen below.



Donate online!

Critically, we need volunteers with simple woodworking talents and willingness to help 'dig and place' the dozen or so standards and stations in designated spots on the existing footpath around the lake.

Construction starts soon!
The goal is to construct and install the stations by Memorial Day.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	
March	28	29	11 - 3
April	4	5	11 - 3
April	11	12	11 - 3
April	18	19	11 - 3
April	25	26	11 - 3

All volunteer times will be between 11 am and 3 pm. As little or as much time offered (one hour or every day) will be gratefully accepted.

Additional volunteers willing to help monitor and maintain the trail stations on an ongoing basis are also needed.

For further information and to volunteer, contact Steve and Sally Cochran at 828-545-1467 (Phone and Text) or sallypcochran@gmail.com.



Volunteer signups here!