

LITERARY

**Homing in the Natural World: Solstice Reading**

An enchanting evening of stories and poems with three of the city's finest nature writers. This in-person event will be a delightful gathering of nature and literary lovers. WE (12/20), 5pm, OM Sanctuary, 87 Richmond Hill Dr

**StoryWalk: Outside In** Enjoy fresh air and walking along the StoryWalk trail while reading Outside In, a mindful contemplation on the world's connect-edness and the many ways nature affects our everyday lives. WE (12/20, 27), TH (12/21, 28), FR (12/22), SA (12/23), SU (12/24), TU (12/26), 6am, Weaver Park, 200 Murdock Ave

**Poetry Open Mic Hendo** A poetry-centered open mic that welcomes all kinds of performers every Thursday night. 18+ TH (12/21, 28), 7:30pm, Shakedown Lounge, 706 Seventh Ave E, Hendersonville

**Poetry Critique Night** Everyone is welcome to share a few poems or just sit back and listen. Signups to share will open 15 minutes prior to the start. TU (1/2), 6pm, Black Mountain Library, Black Mountain

**THEATER & FILM**

**Elf: The Musical** This enchanting musical follows the journey of Buddy, a human raised by elves at the North Pole who embarks on a journey to New York City to find his real father. FR (12/22), SA (12/23), 7:30pm, Asheville Community Theatre, 35 E Walnut St

**Asheville Vaudeville: The Queen is Dead, Long Live the Queen** A celebration of Queen April's reign in the Asheville performance arts scene. There will be clowntortion, puppets, bellydance, juggling, hooping, comedy and loving tributes. SA (12/23), 8pm, The Grey Eagle, 185 Clingman Ave

**Holiday Movie Night** Alex Jones will host a Holiday movie night starting with a Christmas Story and

ending the night with Love Actually. SA (12/23), 8pm, Sovereign Kava, 268 Biltmore Ave

**MEETINGS & PROGRAMS**

**Free E-Bike Rental** A free one hour bike adventure to experience Asheville's historic River Arts District, French Broad River Greenway, local breweries, restaurants and more. WE (12/20), 10am, Ace Bikes, 342 Depot St

**Aerial Silks Foundations** Learn how to properly ascend, descend, and create stunning shapes on the silks while emphasizing safety and proper form. Participants of all ages and all abilities are welcome. WE (12/20), 4pm and 5:30pm, Amethyst Realm, 244 Short Coxe Ave

**Southside Walking Club** Gather with others and walk inside Grant Southside Center's gym or outside if it's a nice morning. TH (12/21, 12/28, 1/4),

TU (1/2), 10:30am, Dr Wesley Grant, Sr. Southside Center, 285 Livingston St

**Kids & Teens Kung Fu** Learn fighting skills as well as conflict resolution and mindfulness. First class is free to see if it's a good fit for you. TH (12/21, 1/4), MO (1/1), TU (1/2), 4pm, Dragon Phoenix, 51 N Merrimon Ave, Ste 109

**Photos w/the Kava Bar Santa** Santa will be taking photos with you, your kids and your furry friends. Tell the big guy whether you have been naughty or nice. TH (12/21), 4pm, Sovereign Kava, 268 Biltmore Ave

**Makerspace: Holiday Card Making** This drop-in style open studio will teach our visitors how to create unique, collage-style holiday cards rooted in self-expression. TH (12/21), 5pm, Asheville Art Museum, 2 S Pack Square

**Free Santa Photos** Free photos with Santa at the food court. Visitors will receive one 4" by 6" photo and digital download of a single image from TapSnap Phototainment. WE (12/20), TH

(12/21), FR (12/22), SA (12/23), Asheville Outlets, 800 Brevard Rd

**The Longest Night** A winter service of light in the midst of darkness for all who have experienced loss and grief in this season. TH (12/21), 6:30pm, First Baptist Church of Black Mountain, 130 Montreat Rd, Black Mountain

**Swing Dance Lesson & Dance** Swing dancing lesson and dance, every Thursday. TH (12/21, 28), 7pm, Alley Cat Social Club, 797 Haywood Rd

**Teen Cuisine** Learn how to make delicious and easy meals from breakfast to desserts. For ages 13-18 with advance registration at avrec.com required. FR (12/22), 6pm, Tempie Avery Montford Community Center, 34 Pearson Ave

**Holiday Game Night** A night filled with hearty laughs, high-fives, and holiday cheer. Enjoy a sleigh-load of fun with Christmas charades, pictionary,

and mini trivia. FR (12/22), 9pm, The Getaway River Bar, 790 Riverside Dr

**Photos w/Santa** Get your holiday photos with Santa on his big red tractor. Bring the whole family for a magical experience, and let the little ones share their wishes with Santa Claus. SA (12/23), noon, Grange by Foothills, 120 Broadway Ave, Black Mountain

**Treasure Hunt: Walking Team Scavenger Hunt** Use your treasure map to follow clues, solve puzzles, and crack codes on this unique scavenger hunt through Downtown Asheville. The hunt typically takes about 60 minutes to complete. SA (12/23), 2pm, Dssolvr, 63 N Lexington Ave

**Christmas Eve Potluck & Caroling w/Julia & Mark** Bring a friend or join us on your own. This is a fun community day, full of laughter, music, food, dancing, and celebrating life in Asheville. SU (12/24), 3pm, Asheville Guitar Bar, 122 Riverside Dr

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** Candlelight service with both choral and instrumental accompaniment. SU (12/24), 5pm, Asbury Memorial UMC, 171 Beaverdam Rd

**Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service** Hear the Christmas story, sing familiar carols, and listen to special music by the Grace choirs. SU (12/24), 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 1245 6th Ave W, Hendersonville

**Christmas Day Service** Hear the Christmas scripture readings, a Christmas message, join in singing favorite carols, and celebrate Holy Communion. MO (12/25), 10am, Grace Lutheran Church, 1245 6th Ave W, Hendersonville

**A Night of Vegan Cooking** Two local chefs curate a night of delicious vegan cooking while explaining the health benefits of nature's herbs and spices. This class is open for anyone and everyone. TH (12/28), 6pm, AmeriHealth Caritas, 216 Asheland Ave

**Winter Art Camp: Grades 3-5** Students are invited to join our educators for an afternoon of art-filled fun. Students spend their time in the Museum's Studio creating art with a variety of media. FR (12/29), 1pm, Asheville Art Museum, 2 S Pack Square

**Letting Go & Letting In: A New Years Ceremony & Celebration** Set your intentions for the new year and reflect on anything you are ready to let go of so you can receive (let in) what you truly desire. Anjali will lead an all levels yoga class and a somatic breath work ceremony. MO (1/1), 11am, Black Mountain Yoga, 116 Montreat Rd, Black Mountain

**Free Six-Week Pottery Class** Learn the basics of pottery in this six-week course with a rolling start. Start when it's convenient for you and continue for the next six weeks. Space limited, advance registration required. TU (1/2), 4pm, Grove St Community Center, 36 Grove St

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