

# Library Connections

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## GET READY FOR SUMMER LEARNING!

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS THIS MONTH

It's May, which means that the Library is launching its annual Summer Learning extravaganza!

When schools take a break for a few months, the library ramps up its programs and activities to keep learning at the forefront. The goal? To help kids avoid the 'summer slide' – that potential loss of skills that tends to happen when students aren't in class on a daily basis. To keep minds and bodies occupied, the library is actively hosting reading challenges, offering hands-on learning opportunities, and bringing young people together for exciting new programs.

There will also be a variety of activities for teens and adults to pursue. Summer Learning is definitely a family-friendly, all-ages experience!

This year, Summer Learning takes its theme from the first moon landing, which occurred 50 years ago on July 20, 1969. As we celebrate 'A Universe of Stories,' our activities will focus on space, exploration, and the solar system, with all its planets, moons, comets, and asteroids.

Each of the library's seven locations will offer a mix of activities centered around this theme, including storytimes and STEAM events. The branches will also feature a terrific slate of headline acts, including an animal show from the Catawba Science Center, a children's performance by the Green Bean Players, tales-and-tunes stories from storyteller Sharon Clarke, double sessions of Stretch-n-Grow 'astronaut' training, and Star Party space science workshops. In addition, teens can

enjoy an upcycling craft session from ReSource Warehouse & Gallery.

Children and teens are also encouraged to participate in our incentive-based reading challenge and to complete at least 600 minutes of reading over the summer. To keep students motivated, prizes will be awarded at the 200- and 400-minute marks. On Saturday, August 3, the library will collect all

completed reading records, and any student who has achieved the 600-minute goal will have his or her name entered into a drawing for several grand prizes, including tickets to Carowinds, Tweetsie Railroad, Treetop Adventures, Bo's Family Entertainment, the Carolina Renaissance Festival, the NC Transportation Museum, Lake Hickory Haunts, and Xscape Escape Room Attraction. The grand prize drawing will be held Friday, August 9.



Registration for Summer Learning programs for children, teens, and adults begins on **Monday, May 20**. Activities are scheduled to begin on **Monday, June 17**. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to register online through the link on our website's home page or at any local library branch. Make sure to sign up before **Friday, July 12** to be included in a mid-summer prize drawing of all registrants for a movie theater prize basket.

To learn more about Summer Learning, call 828.465.8665 or email [mylibrary@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:mylibrary@catawbacountync.gov). We look forward to exploring a 'universe of stories' together this summer!

## MAIN IN NEWTON

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### Children / Teens / Families

#### Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

*Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am (no class May 27)*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

#### PAWS to Read

*Tuesdays from 4-6 pm*

Children are invited to read to one of our trained therapy dogs, including Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

#### Alice in Wonderland Ballet

*Saturday, May 4 at 1 pm*

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for a special presentation of *Alice in Wonderland*. Learn elements of storytelling through dance and movement during this interactive performance, followed by an activity based on the story. Open to all ages and families.

#### Card Making

*Tuesday, May 7 at 4 pm*

Kids are encouraged to make a greeting card using materials provided by the library, either for Mother's Day or a special occasion of their choosing.

#### Chat & Snack with a Cop

*Tuesday, May 14 from 4:30-5:30 pm*

Families are invited to drop by to chat and enjoy snacks with local law enforcement officers and learn about these dedicated men and women who help in the community.



#### Mother's Day Celebration

*Saturday, May 25 at 1:30 pm*

*Presented in English and in Spanish.*

Let's celebrate mothers a second time this month by recalling past memories and creating a seed ball gift for the future.

#### STEAM: Rain Clouds

*Tuesday, May 28 at 4 pm*

Learn about what's involved in the water cycle and create your own rain cloud craft.



#### Compost Day Celebration

*Wednesday, May 29 at 6 pm*

Join us in the library's community garden as the NC Cooperative Extension and Keep Catawba County Beautiful show us how to start composting. The event will feature a live demonstration and a special kids corner. The first 25 people to register will receive a new backyard compost bin. One bin per registration. Please call 828.465.8665 to sign up.

### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Zumba

*Mondays at 6 pm (no class May 27)*

Kick off your week with this dance/movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Appropriate for every skill and ability level, open to ages 14+ (parental signature required for those under 18).

#### English as a Second Language Classes

*Mondays at 6:30 pm and Thursdays at 5:30 pm (no class May 27)*

ESL classes are terrific resources for people whose native language is not English. Through instruction and conversation, participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. For details, call the library at 828.465.8665.



#### Tai Chi

*Thursdays at 4 pm*

This graceful martial art has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety while increasing flexibility and balance. Suitable for all fitness levels, open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for teens under 18).

#### WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-Up

*Wednesday, May 1 from 10 am-2 pm*

Whether you need to create a resumé from scratch or update the one you already have, book your 30-minute, individual session by calling 828.465.8665.

#### Microsoft Word Basics

*Monday, May 6 at 11 am*

This workshop is intended to help new users get comfortable with the word processing software. Participants will learn to create, edit, save, and print documents.



#### UnBook Club for Non-Joiners

*Wednesday, May 8 at 4 pm*

Finally, a book club for people who don't want to read what everyone else is reading, don't want to make a commitment each month, and who definitely want food and drink options. Come to this meeting to tell others about the books you've been reading and possibly get reading suggestions from others. Meets at Blue Moon Tavern in downtown Newton.

#### Microsoft Word Intermediate

*Thursday, May 9 at 11 am*

Learn about some of the features in Word 2016 that can make longer documents easier to read and navigate.

#### Southern Pens Book Club

*Saturday, May 11 at 10 am*

This month's read is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. Everyone is invited to participate.

#### Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

*Monday, May 13 at 11 am*

Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. Meets each second Monday.

#### Decluttering 102

*Tuesday, May 14 at 6 pm*

Do you look around your home and wish for the clutter to be gone? Join us for 'Part 2' of this information-packed session with local author Tami Fox. Find out how to develop helpful habits conveniently suited for each month of the year so that you can create a more peaceful, organized home.

#### Online Travel Planning

*Wednesday, May 15 at 11 am*

This workshop will explore a variety of online sites to help you find ways to save on transportation and lodging, discover restaurants and activities, and even map your next adventure!

#### Black History Discussion Group

*Wednesday, May 15 at 4 pm*

To learn more about black history throughout the year, we're gathering monthly to discuss various topics. This month, we'll be talking about the life of Henry McNeal Turner. Bring your curiosity and your understanding. All are welcome; light refreshments will be served.

#### Market Research with NC LIVE

*Thursday, May 16 at 12 noon*

NC LIVE is a free resource whose tools and databases can help start-ups and small businesses conduct industry research, find out about competitors, and identify potential customers. This seminar introduces participants to NC LIVE and demonstrates how tools like ReferenceUSA, Simply Analytics, and ProQuest Entrepreneurship can help them research their businesses.

#### A Day in the District

*Friday, May 17 from 11 am-12 noon*

The library's annual showcase of resources and services demonstrates to local and state leaders how the library is making living better for residents of Catawba County.

#### 3-D Basics

*Tuesday, May 21 at 5 pm*

Learn the foundations of 3-D printing: what it is, how it works, and where you can find resources to get, create, and share 3-D printable files.

#### Advanced Gardener: Weeds You Should Know and How to Kill Them

*Tuesday, May 21 at 6 pm*

Join Dr. Adam Smith, Cooperative Extension turf and weed management specialist, for a presentation about how to better manage weeds in your lawn, landscape, and garden. You can win the war against weeds with the appropriate knowledge and strategy!



#### Piece of Cake Book Club

*Tuesday, May 28 at 3 pm*

PoCBC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Whisk & Barrel in downtown Newton. This month's selection is *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. June's pick is *All We Ever Wanted* by Emily Giffin.

#### Adult STEAM: Virtual Field Trip

*Thursday, May 30 at 6 pm*

Join us as we take a field trip to exciting places using virtual reality. We'll explore the Great Barrier Reef, drift into outer space, and perhaps discover a monument or two. We'll bring the tech – all you have to do is sit back and relax!

#### "Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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## CLAREMONT

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### Children / Teens / Families

#### Alice in Wonderland Ballet

*Saturday, May 18 at 12:30 pm*

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for a special presentation of *Alice in Wonderland*. Learn elements of storytelling through dance and movement during this interactive performance, followed by an activity based on the story. Open to all ages and families.

### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Container Gardening

*Thursday, May 9 at 2 pm*

Are you interested in adding colorful containers around your home or workplace? We'll discuss how to build beautiful containers, what supplies would be useful, and how to keep plants within them growing all summer. Led by Anelle Ammons of the Cooperative Extension.



#### Books Between Friends Book Club and Claremont Friends of the Library Meeting

*Wednesday, May 22 at 6 pm (note the change of day from our usual Tuesday – just for May)*

The book club meets in alternating months, and May's discussion will be about *Tilda's Promise* by Jean P. Moore. The author will join us for the discussion, and everyone is welcome! The Friends of the Library group will also have a quick business meeting for anyone who would like to attend.

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**CONOVER**  
828.466.5108

### Children / Teens / Families

**Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two**  
*Wednesdays at 10 am*

A sweet, 20-minute storytime featuring rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing. Playtime follows. Ideal for newborns to age 2, but all are welcome.

**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool**  
*Fridays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

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#### Yoga for All Ages

*Saturday, May 18 at 11 am*

Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel. Come early to check out our yoga books and DVDs.



### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Resumé Tune-Up

*Wednesday, May 15 from 12 noon-1 pm*

Whether you need to create a resumé from scratch or update the one you already have, book your 30-minute, individual session by calling 828.466.5108.

#### Catawba Valley Writers Club

*Tuesday, May 21 at 6 pm*

Join us for our monthly meeting, as fellow writers discuss, evaluate, and share their works. If you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction, or just take delight in putting words on paper, this group is for you. Expect friendly fellowship and lively conversation!

**MAIDEN**  
828.428.2712

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**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool**  
*Thursdays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

#### STEAM: Balloons

*Saturday, May 18 at 10 am*

Balloons are for more than birthday parties! Join us as we explore what makes balloons stretchy, conduct science experiments with balloons, and create a balloon tower building. Designed for children 7-13.

### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Advanced Gardener: Weeds You Should Know and How to Kill Them

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**SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL**  
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**STEAM Explorers: Code Your Name in Jewelry**  
*Wednesday, May 1 at 4 pm*

Kids 7-13 are invited to this program, where we'll learn about science concepts and carry out hands-on experiments. This month, we'll be learning about binary coding in order to code our name in jewelry. Please register to ensure that spaces and materials are available.

#### Alice in Wonderland Ballet

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#### Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time

*Monday, May 6 at 4 pm*

Children 3-6 are invited for guided play and learning in our Construction Zone. Kids can show off their building skills, play pretend with construction toys, enhance fine motor skills, and much more! Registration recommended.

#### Student STEAM: 4-H Bright Ideas Club

*Monday, May 13 at 6 pm*

Join us as we explore the forces and concepts of science and engineering by learning about circuits, solving Morse code messages, building catapults, and more! At each meeting, we'll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Please register to attend. Designed for ages 7-16.

### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Ask A Master Gardener: LIVE!

*Tuesday, May 7 from 4:30-7:30 pm*

Are you hoping to grow summer vegetables or create a lovely flower garden this year? Catawba County Extension Master Gardeners can help you decide how to plan your summer garden! These experts can help with all of your gardening questions. If you can't make it to the session, please put your question in the Master Gardener box and the team will get back to you!

#### Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm*

The Mystery Mavens welcome new members, and the club is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *The Kind Worth Killing* by Peter Swanson. June's discussion will focus on *A Land More Kind Than Home* by Wiley Cash.

#### TRIO Event: Musicians, Artists & Authors

*Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm*

"TRIO is the chord struck between words, vision, and sound." This event brings together the author of a book and the songwriter and visual artist who created works based on the author's book. The group will explain their inspiration for their individual creations and showcase their own takes on the book. The featured book will be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.

### Fundamentals of Nutrition

*Tuesday, May 28 at 6 pm*

Minerals make up about 4% of our bodies, and since our bodies do not make them, we must obtain them through the foods we eat. Minerals assist in building bone, but they also lend a helping hand in balancing hormones and many other key body processes. Join us to learn more!



### New-to-Medicare Seminar

*Friday, May 31 at 10 am*

Are you, a friend, or a loved one turning 65? Everyone becoming eligible for Medicare needs to get accurate information about coverage choices they must make as they approach age 65. Attention to these issues will help avoid serious and costly problems later. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors, trained by the NC Department of Insurance, will lead this information session and answer questions. A Social Security rep may also be present. Please call the Council on Aging at 828.328.2269 to reserve a seat.

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**SOUTHWEST**  
828.466.6818

### Children / Teens / Families

**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool**

*Wednesdays at 10 am and Thursdays at 11 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

#### Saturday Matinee: Aquaman

*Saturday, May 4 at 11:30 am*

This action-packed adventure reveals the origin story of half-human, half-Atlantean Arthur Curry (aka Aquaman) and takes him on the journey of a lifetime, forcing him to face who he really is and discover if he is truly worthy of being a king. PG-13.

#### Monday Movie: Aquaman

*Monday, May 6 at 3 pm*

This action-packed adventure reveals the origin story of half-human, half-Atlantean Arthur Curry (aka Aquaman) and takes him on the journey of a lifetime, forcing him to face who he really is and discover if he is truly worthy of being a king. PG-13.

#### Life of a Butterfly

*Monday, May 13 at 4:30 pm*

Children will enjoy learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, making butterfly crafts, and participating in other hands-on activities. Perfect for ages 7 and up, but younger patrons can participate with the help of an adult.



#### Paws to Read with Mini

*Tuesdays, May 14 and May 28 from 4-6 pm*

Elementary-aged children are invited to read to Mini, a certified therapy dog. Please sign up for a 15-minute session. Grades K and up.

### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Mountain View Book Buzz

*Tuesday, May 14 at 6 pm*

Join us this month for a discussion of *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. June's selection will be *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler.

**Wireless Printing**

Wednesday, May 15 at 3 pm

Did you know you can print from home, work, or the road? Bring your own device or use one of our computers, and we'll teach you how to send documents from your device to our printers, no matter where you are. Within minutes, you can pick up the prints at your local library branch. Registration requested.

**Catawba Songwriters**

Tuesday, May 21 at 6 pm

Adults and teens are invited to share their musical talents while learning from one another. Bring a finished song or one that's in progress to share with the group.

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**ST. STEPHENS**  
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**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool**

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am; Tuesday evenings at 6 pm

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

**Crafternoons: Birdhouse Building Program**

Thursday, May 9 at 4 pm

Home Depot reps will offer a special program to encourage a love for nature and ornithology. At the hands-on workshop, children will learn how to build a birdhouse with adult assistance. Once the birdhouse is built, participants can decorate theirs with paint.

**STEAM: Money-Smart Kids**

Thursday, May 16 at 4 pm

Being financially responsible is a lifelong skill that children can begin to understand early in life. Participants will learn how to count money and be involved in hands-on activities that reinforce the lesson.

**Alice in Wonderland Ballet**

Saturday, May 18 at 11 am

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**National Be-a-Millionaire Day**

Monday, May 20 at 5:30 pm

Teens will learn about saving and spending money, budgeting, and banking. We'll cap the evening with rounds of money-related board games, such as Monopoly, Life, Pay Day, etc. Snacks will be available during the games.

**Family Movie at the Library: Mary Poppins Returns**

Friday, May 24 at 4 pm

The sequel to the classic 1961 *Mary Poppins* movie, *Mary Poppins Returns* follows in the original movie's footsteps with catchy songs and strong messages about the value of imagination, gratitude, empathy, kindness, and believing in yourself. Popcorn and a beverage will be served to each movie-goer. PG.

**Adults / Career / Tech****English as a Second Language Classes**

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 9 am

ESL classes are terrific resources for people whose native language is not English. Through instruction and conversation, participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. For details, call the library at 828.466.6821 or Centro Latino at 828.330.0477. **Note:** This is the final month of ESL classes until after summer.

**Adult Coloring Club: May Flowers**

Saturday, May 11 at 2 pm

Come relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the themed coloring sheets, markers, and crayons to help you get started.

**Preventing and Managing Diabetes**

Monday, May 13 at 6 pm

Do you want to prevent diabetes? Do you need to manage diabetes? No matter which circumstance is appropriate for you, you'll learn how following an overall healthy diet and lifestyle can help prevent and manage chronic diseases like diabetes. Renee Green, RD, LDN, a wellness dietitian from Catawba Valley Health System, will offer valuable information to guide you into health and wellness.

**Learn About Gale Legal Forms**

Wednesday, May 15 at 10 am

This free library resource has all the necessary forms that do-it-yourselfers need to take charge of their legal affairs with confidence. Learn how to access and print a variety of legal forms using this valuable online tool.

**SYSTEMWIDE****Upcoming: Digital Book Club**

Thursday, June 20 at noon

Join our digital book club meeting, customized for folks who read with the Overdrive and/or Hoopla apps. Share your thoughts on the Catawba County Library Digital Book Club Goodreads group [<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/883104-digital-book-club>]. Digital Book Club "meets" quarterly. Our second-quarter selection is *Vergil Wander* by Leif Enger. We'll have a closing discussion online on June 20 at noon and announce our next quarterly selection at that time as well.

**Memorial Day Holiday**

Please note that all library branches will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

Each branch will resume normal operations on Tuesday, May 28.

**Bookmark Art Contest**

Our Arts @ the Library series will soon be opening a call for bookmark art submissions on the theme "Libraries Build Community." The contest is open to all ages and will be judged within age groups.

Artwork may be created using crayon, colored pencils, markers, watercolor, ink, charcoal, or pencil and must be able to be scanned to electronic format (must lie flat).

For more details and size requirements, please check our website and Facebook page starting May 17.

**Donate to the Friends Book Sale!**

The Friends of the Library are collecting **clean, gently used** items for their annual book sale in August. If you'd like to donate books, DVDs, CDs, and other media that you no longer use, we'd love to transform the items into resources, services, and opportunities for the community.

It's easy! Simply drop off your donations at any library branch during regular business hours. Please remember that we can't accept magazines, encyclopedias, condensed books, or textbooks more than a couple of years old.

Thanks so much for your support. We'll see you at the sale!

**Census 2020 Employment**

Help Catawba County get counted! Apply for local census jobs at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs), or ask for information at any library location.



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