

Library Connections

JULY 2019

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SUMMER LEARNING CONTINUES!

Register online at www.catawbacountync.gov/library or at any local branch!

Through the first week of August, our seven locations will be hosting an array of programs and activities for children, teens, and adults. Join us as we connect, explore, and grow!

HEADLINE ACTS



•••• Catawba Science Center
Animals Inside and Out
Meet live animals and examine animal pelts, teeth, bones, and scat. Learn about the life cycles of butterflies and other animals that go through metamorphosis.

www.CatawbaScience.org

Sharon Clarke

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Tunes and Tales Storytime
Through dramatic storytelling and engaging folk music, children will learn about the world, new ideas, and the magic of books.



••••• Stretch-n-Grow Fitness

'Astronaut' Training
Certified fitness instructors lead children in vigorous activities that incorporate endurance, strength, flexibility, motor skill development – and fun!



Green Bean Players

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Jack & the Spaceship Beanstalk
The familiar fairy tale gets updated with a shiny space rocket and an unforgettable journey. Expect to find dancing robots, shooting stars, giant aliens, and treasure beyond your wildest dreams.



SUMMER UPDATES

HELP "STUFF THE BUS"

The Catawba County United Way is hosting its annual school supply drive from **JULY 8** through **AUGUST 8**. The event benefits students at all three public school districts in Catawba County.

WHAT'S NEEDED: 3-ring binders, book bags, spiral notebooks, graph paper, notebook paper (college and regular rule), pens, pencils, glue sticks, dividers with tabs and pockets, glue sticks, dividers with tabs and pockets, erasers, folders, crayons, colored pencils, compasses, rulers, markers, scissors.

DROP OFF your donations at any library branch. Thank you!

happy
Fourth
of July!

Remember, all seven library locations will be closed **July 4** as the county and the country celebrate Independence Day!

DON'T MISS OUR SUMMER LEARNING PARTIES!

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| NEWTON | AUGUST 8 | 3PM |
| CLAREMONT | AUGUST 8 | 4PM |
| CONOVER | AUGUST 6 | 5:30PM |
| MAIDEN | AUGUST 3 | 12N |
| SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL | AUGUST 2 | 4:30PM |
| SOUTHWEST | AUGUST 6 | 4PM |
| ST. STEPHENS | AUGUST 9 | 3PM |

MAIN IN NEWTON

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Children / Teens / Families

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am (no storytime on July 4)
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

Sharon Clarke: *Tunes & Tales Storytime*

Monday, July 8 at 10 am

Through dramatic storytelling and engaging folk music, children will learn about the world, new ideas, and the magic of books.

Healthy Snacks

Monday, July 8 at 5:30 pm

Program presented in Spanish and English.

We'll learn how to prepare and enjoy simple, delicious snacks that are better for you than pre-packaged snacks. Registration required.

Movie Matinee: *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*

Tuesday, July 9 at 2 pm

Presented in English with Spanish subtitles.

Facing their village's darkest threat, Hiccup and Toothless must journey to a world thought to exist only in myth.

Star Party & Space Science with Ms. Jan

Tuesday, July 16 at 11 am

Learn about astronomy through fun lessons and experiments that teach kids about what they see in the night sky.

Faux Stained Glass Workshop

Wednesday, July 17 at 2 pm

Teens will create their own stained glass art piece. Registration required.

Kids Book Club

Monday, July 22 at 5:30 pm

Read a book that fits the monthly theme (July is books about other worlds), and then come to the book club meeting for activities and discussion. Ideal for rising 3rd graders and up.



Star Lab

Thursday, July 25 from 2-7 pm

Learn about space and science during a visit to this inflatable planetarium. Inside, embark on a galactic travel experience. Each "show" is approximately 20 minutes long.

Ident-a-Kid

Monday, July 29 at 4pm

The Catawba County Sheriff's Office is offering a free identification service. In the event of an emergency, child ID cards provide crucial information. Available for children of all ages.

Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: *Astronaut Training*

Monday, July 29 at 6 pm

Certified fitness instructors lead vigorous activities to get kids moving and have fun!

Harry Potter Party

Wednesday, July 31 at 2 pm

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday! We'll test your memory with trivia as we make a craft and enjoy snacks.



Adults / Career / Tech

Zumba

Mondays at 6 pm

This dance/movement activity is 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, July 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6:30 pm (no class July 1)

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.

Tai Chi

Thursdays at 4 pm (no class July 4 or 18)

Reduce stress and anxiety, increase flexibility and balance. Suitable for all fitness levels (parental signature required for teens 14-18).

Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

Monday, July 8 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.

Microsoft Word: Basics

Tuesday, July 9 at 11 am

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

Art-o-Mat Class

Tuesday, July 9 at 6 pm

Local artist Melanie Stewart Cranford will share how she creates pieces for the Art-o-Mat vending machine, demo an example, and talk about how her Art-o-Mat work supports her other work. Make your own miniature art and find out about art opportunities in the area. All supplies provided. Registration required.

Microsoft Word: Intermediate

Wednesday, July 10 at 11 am

Learn about some of the features in Word 2016 that help make longer documents easier to read and navigate. Basic Word skills are necessary.

UnBook Club for Non-Joiners

Wednesday, July 10 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 want food and drink options. Tell others about the books you've been reading and get reading suggestions from them. Meets at Blue Moon Tavern in downtown Newton.

Microsoft Word: Advanced

Thursday, July 11 at 11 am

This workshop will cover mail merge, adding and manipulating images, making comments, and tracking changes. Basic Word skills necessary.

Galaxy of Games

Thursday, July 11 at 6 pm

Join the fun by playing a selection of recent and vintage science-fiction-themed board games and old-school video games. Table reservations (for two, four or six) are required.

Southern Pens Book Club

Saturday, July 13 at 10 am

This month's read is *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates. August's selection is *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova. Everyone is invited.

Get a Good Night's Sleep

Monday, July 15 at noon

Chronic sleep deprivation is believed to impact hormone regulation, weight gain, falls and accidents, high blood pressure, irritability, inability to concentrate, and immune function. Get tips to improve how you fall asleep and to stay asleep all night. Registration required.

Adult STEAM: Manufacturing Solutions Center

Monday, July 15 at 4 pm

Tour the Manufacturing Solutions Center in Conover. The nonprofit organization offers testing, product development, training, engineering, and more. Registration required.

Mindful Eating

Tuesday, July 16 at 10 am

CVHS wellness dietician Renee Greene will help you to tune in to the present moment to help you gain more control over eating habits, enjoy food more, and feel better all around. Come ready to sample healthy snacks.

Meet Libby @ Narrow Coffee and Nosh

Tuesday, July 16 at 3 pm

Join us at Narrow Coffee and Nosh in downtown Newton to find out about Libby, a free, user-friendly way to enjoy 1000s of ebooks and audiobooks. Bring your own device so we can help set it up and have you ready to go by the time you leave. Registration required.

Advanced Gardener

No class will be held in Newton in July. Please see the Maiden branch's schedule for the date and time of its workshop.

Black History Discussion Group

Wednesday, July 17 at 4 pm

To learn more about black history, we'll be exploring the Reconstruction era (1865-1877). Bring your curiosity and your understanding. All are welcome; light refreshments served.

College Planning: Map Your Dream

Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 pm

This workshop is for any high school student (or their parent) who wants to learn how to create and follow a roadmap to make college happen.

Piece of Cake Book Club

PoC will be on summer vacation for July.

Typically, it meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Whisk & Barrel in downtown Newton. August's selection is *The End of the World Running Club* by Adrian Walker.

Tinkercad 101

Tuesday, July 23 at 4 pm

Learn to create 3-D files using free online computer-aided design (CAD) software. Participants will create a simple object using geometric shapes and letters that can be printed using the 3-D printer.



Bookmark Art Exhibit Opening

Tuesday, July 23 at 5 pm

Take a tour of art from local communities as we celebrate the bookmarks you've designed around the theme "Libraries Build Community."

3-D Basics

Wednesday, July 24 at 4 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.



'Go Boldly' Summer Book Talk

Thursday, July 25 at 6 pm

Whether you like to read space adventure or classic sci-fi or have found your own favorite authors, join us to share the space-themed books you've enjoyed. We'll also listen to the best space movie soundtracks of all time and enjoy space-themed snacks.

Coding Basics: Level 1

Tuesday, July 30 at 4 pm

This class explores the basic concepts of coding. Participants will learn how computers use code, how to identify basic coding terms, and what types of coding languages are used and for what purposes.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

Get professional gardening recommendations anytime. Submit your questions to an "Ask a Master Gardener" question box at the library.

CLAREMONT

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Children / Teens / Families

Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: *Astronaut Training*

Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm

Certified fitness instructors lead vigorous activities to get kids moving and have fun!

DIY Nebula Necklaces

Saturday, July 13 at 11 am

Teens, create your own nebula necklace in this interstellar DIY craft, sure to interest everyone from galaxies near and far. For ages 13-18.

Catawba Science Center: *Animals Inside & Out*

Thursday, July 18 at 4 pm

Meet live animals and examine pelts, teeth, bones, and scat. Learn about butterflies and other animals that go through metamorphosis.

Green Bean Players: Jack and the Spaceship Beanstalk*Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 pm*

This fun update features a shiny space rocket and an unforgettable journey. Expect to find dancing robots, stars, giant aliens, and treasure beyond your wildest dreams.

Adults / Career / Tech**Books Between Friends Book Club***Tuesday, July 23 at 6 pm*

The book club meets in alternating months, and July's discussion will be about *Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery* by Scott Kelly. Everyone is welcome!

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

Get professional gardening recommendations anytime. Submit your questions to an "Ask a Master Gardener" question box at the library.

CONOVER
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two***Wednesdays at 10 am*

Features 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 (no storytime on July 26)*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

Green Bean Players: Jack and the Spaceship Beanstalk*Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 pm*

A shiny space rocket brings an unforgettable journey. Look for dancing robots, giant aliens, and treasure beyond your wildest dreams.

DIY Galaxy Bags*Friday, July 12 at 4 pm*

Teens, enjoy the creative, chemical, and crafty process of making your own galaxy book bag! For ages 13-18. Registration required.

Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: Astronaut Training*Tuesday, July 16 at 4 pm*

Certified fitness instructors lead vigorous activities to get kids moving and have fun!

Yoga for All Ages*Saturday, July 20 at 11 am*

Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel.

**Sharon Clarke: Tunes & Tales Storytime***Friday, July 26 at 10 am*

Through dramatic storytelling and engaging folk music, children will learn about the world, new ideas, and the magic of books.

Star Lab*Saturday, July 27 from 11 am-1 pm*

Learn about space and science during a visit to this inflatable planetarium. Inside, embark on a galactic travel experience. Each "show" is approximately 20 minutes long.

Catawba Science Center: Animals Inside & Out*Tuesday, July 30 at 4 pm*

Meet live animals and examine pelts, teeth, bones, and scat. Learn about butterflies and other animals that go through metamorphosis.

MAIDEN
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool***Thursdays at 10 am (no storytime on July 4)*

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

Green Bean Players: Jack and the Spaceship Beanstalk*Thursday, July 11 at 1 pm*

A shiny space rocket brings an unforgettable journey. Look for dancing robots, giant aliens, and treasure beyond your wildest dreams.

Preteen Council Meeting*Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm*

Rising 5th and 6th graders are invited to discuss and plan library events designed specifically for them. Snacks provided. Ages 10-13 welcome.

Star Party & Space Science with Ms. Jan*Wednesday, July 17 at 2 pm*

Learn about astronomy through fun lessons and experiments that teach kids about what they see in the night sky.

Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: Astronaut Training*Wednesday, July 24 at 2 pm*

Certified fitness instructors lead vigorous activities to get kids moving and have fun!

Preteen Book Club*Thursday, July 25 at 4:30 pm*

Book club – minus the boring adults! We'll be discussing the adventures of Percy Jackson as first brought to us in *The Lightning Thief*. Ages 10-13 welcome.

Books Across the Universe for Teens*Friday, July 26 at 2 pm*

Teens are invited to create unique photos using books. They'll also learn to use a photo editing app to make their pictures look out of this world. Ages 13-18 welcome.

Sharon Clarke: Tunes & Tales Storytime*Wednesday, July 31 at 2 pm*

Through dramatic storytelling and engaging folk music, children will learn about the world, new ideas, and the magic of books.

Adults / Career / Tech**Advanced Gardener: Fire Ants***Tuesday, July 23 at 6:30 pm*

Join Tom Dyson, Lincoln County Cooperative Extension director, to learn about the history and challenges of this insect – and how to minimize its impact on your landscape.

**One Summer: America 1927 by Bill Bryson***Tuesday, July 30 at 6:30 pm*

1927. The summer of Babe Ruth, Al Capone, Herbert Hoover, and Calvin Coolidge. Mississippi floods, tabloids, and talking pictures. Charles Lindbergh's solo transatlantic flight. Join us to discuss how these figures and events transformed America.

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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am (no storytime on July 4)*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two*Fridays at 10 am (no storytime on July 5)*

Features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing. Playtime follows. Ideal for newborns to age 2, but all are welcome.

Pre-K STEAM: Gravity Painting*Monday, July 1 at 2 pm*

Combining art, science, and creative thinking, this program demonstrates the force of gravity and results in a picture worthy of your fridge. Things may get messy, so please dress accordingly! Ages 3-6 welcome.

Coding Club: Video Game Design*Wednesday, July 3 at 12:30 pm*

Using Google's CS First and MIT's Scratch programs, we'll learn basic video game coding concepts. Week 3: We'll create a maze game to share and play. For rising 6th graders and up.

Resource Warehouse: Arty Party*Monday, July 8 at 2 pm*

Teens will make a project from repurposed materials with guidance from Resource Warehouse staff.

Green Bean Players: Jack and the Spaceship Beanstalk*Tuesday, July 9 at 1 pm*

A shiny space rocket brings an unforgettable journey. Look for dancing robots, giant aliens, and treasure beyond your wildest dreams.

Coding Club: Video Game Design*Wednesday, July 10 at 12:30 pm*

Week 4: We'll create a platform game to share and play. For rising 6th graders and up.

Teen Galaxy Jars*Wednesday, July 10 at 2 pm*

Create your very own galaxy in a jar and hold the wonder of the universe in your hands. Ages 13-18 welcome. Registration required.

Galaxy Jars*Thursday, July 11 at 2 pm*

Create your very own galaxy in a jar and hold the wonder of the universe in your hands. Ages 7-12 welcome. Registration required.

Star Party & Space Science with Ms. Jan*Monday, July 15 at 4 pm*

Learn about astronomy through fun lessons and experiments that teach kids about what they see in the night sky.

Pre-K STEAM: Sidewalk Art*Tuesday, July 16 at 3 pm*

Help beautify the sidewalks around the library! Children will also get to experiment with chemical reactions as they create unique masterpieces. Ages 3-6 welcome.

**Coding Club: Video Game Design***Wednesday, July 17 at 12:30 pm*

Week 5: We'll create an escape game to share and play. For rising 6th graders and up.

Teen Make-A-Star Drop-In Event*Friday, July 19 from 3-4:30 pm*

Learn basic stitches to craft a plastic canvas star; supplies provided. View a live stream of Earth via Space Station cameras. Pick up handouts about viewing the Space Station and that share 2019 dates of meteor showers and full moons.

Pre-K STEAM: Space Explorers*Monday, July 22 at 3 pm*

Learn about space, smash moon rocks, hunt for aliens, and become a junior astronaut as we explore space in this fun STEAM program! Ages 3-6 welcome.

Ident-a-Kid*Tuesday, July 23 from 2-4 pm*

The Catawba County Sheriff's Office is offering a free identification service. In the event of an emergency, child ID cards provide crucial information. Available for children of all ages.

Star Lab*Tuesday, July 23 from 3-7 pm*

Learn about space and science during a visit to this inflatable planetarium. Inside, embark on a galactic travel experience. Each "show" is approximately 20 minutes long.

**Coding Club: Video Game Design***Wednesday, July 24 at 12:30 pm*

Week 6: We'll create a launcher game to share and play. Recommended for rising 6th graders and up.

STEAM: Planet Exploration with Dash Robots*Thursday, July 25 at 2 pm*

Test your coding skills as we explore a new planet with Dash robots. Program your robot to travel the planet, avoid obstacles and intergalactic dangers, and discover new life. Ages 7-12 welcome. Registration required.

Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: Astronaut Training*Monday, July 29 at 4 pm*

Certified fitness instructors lead vigorous activities to get kids moving and have fun!

Books Across the Universe for Teens*Tuesday, July 30 at 2 pm*

Teens are invited to create unique photos using books. They'll also learn how to use a photo editing app to make their pictures look out-of-this-world. Ages 13-18 welcome.

Sharon Clarke: *Tunes & Tales Storytime**Wednesday, July 31 at 10 am*

Through dramatic storytelling and engaging folk music, children will learn about the world, new ideas, and the magic of books.

Coding Club: Video Game Design*Wednesday, July 31 at 12:30 pm*

Week 7: We'll create a quest game to share and play. For rising 6th graders and up.

Adults / Career / Tech**Mystery Mavens Book Club***Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 pm*

Join us for a lively discussion of *Blue Heaven* by C.J. Box. August's discussion will focus on *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Rocket Men: *The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man's First Journey to the Moon* by Robert Kurson*Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 pm*

1968. The year of the Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinations. America vs. the Soviet Union in the race to land a man on the moon. Join us to discuss how NASA's daring decision inspired America.

Make-A-Star Drop-In Event*Friday, July 19 from 3-4:30 pm*

Learn basic stitches to craft a plastic canvas star; supplies provided. View a live stream of Earth via Space Station cameras. Pick up handouts about viewing the Space Station and that share 2019 dates of meteor showers and full moons.

Google Drive for Collaboration*Friday, July 19 at 11 am with an identical session on Friday, July 26 at 11 am*

With Google Drive, everyone can work on the same document at the same time. Learn more about editing in real-time, sharing, searching, and commenting. Perfect for group projects.

Foster & Adoption Information Meeting*Saturday, July 27 at 10 am*

Provided by Family Builders of Catawba Valley. Learn about requirements and hear stories about the rewards of helping children in foster care. For more, visit www.fostercatawba.com.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

Get professional gardening recommendations anytime. Submit your questions to an "Ask a Master Gardener" question box at the library.

SOUTHWEST
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool***Wednesdays at 10 am and Thursdays at 11 am (no storytime on July 4)*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

Monday Night Movie: *Reluctant Astronaut**Monday, July 1 at 6 pm*

A computer geek flies to Mars when NASA needs a replacement astronaut. Rated G.

Mission Mars Slime*Tuesday, July 2 at 4 pm*

Children will learn about Mars and then make red planet slime!

Solar Martian Food*Monday, July 8 at 3:30 pm*

Teens and pre-teens (11+) will enjoy making solar ovens and (weather permitting) experimenting with 'Martian' food recipes.

Monday Night Movie: *Martian Child**Monday, July 8 at 5:30 pm*

A recently widowed author contemplates adopting a troubled 6-year-old boy. Rated PG.

Martian Art*Tuesday, July 9 at 4 pm*

Local artist Pasqualina Gorry will instruct children on making simple 'Martian' art using mixed media, collage, and other elements.

Sharon Clarke: *Tunes & Tales Storytime**Thursday, July 10 at 10 am*

Through dramatic storytelling and engaging folk music, children will learn about the world, new ideas, and the magic of books.

Resource Warehouse: *Arty Party**Monday, July 15 at 2 pm*

Teens and tweens will make a project from repurposed materials with guidance from Resource Warehouse staff.

Monday Night Movie: *Capture the Flag**Monday, July 15 at 6 pm*

A boy plans to stow away on a rocket ship to the moon while an underhanded billionaire goes to destroy the American flag planted by the Apollo 11 astronauts. Rated PG.

Star Party & Space Science with Ms. Jan*Tuesday, July 16 at 4 pm*

Learn about astronomy through fun lessons and experiments that teach kids about what they see in the night sky.

Movie Matinee: *Apollo 11**Saturday, July 20 at 11 am*

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, we'll watch this new release featuring never-before-seen footage of NASA's first mission to the moon.

Monday Night Movie: *Planet 51**Monday, July 22 at 6 pm*

An astronaut races to escape from an alien planet that bears a striking resemblance to 1950s America. Rated PG.

Van "Gogh" to the Stars*Tuesday, July 23 at 4 pm*

Children and teens will create their own version of Van Gogh's *Starry Night* using mixed media on canvas.

Green Bean Players: *Jack and the Spaceship Beanstalk**Thursday, July 25 at 1 pm*

A shiny space rocket brings an unforgettable journey. Look for dancing robots, giant aliens, and treasure beyond your wildest dreams.

Monday Night Movie: *E.T., The Extra-Terrestrial**Monday, July 29 at 5:30 pm*

A lonely boy befriends a homesick alien stranded on Earth and attempts to find a way for him to get home. Rated PG.

Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: *Astronaut Training**Tuesday, July 30 at 4 pm*

Certified fitness instructors lead vigorous activities to get kids moving and have fun!

Adults / Career / Tech**Mountain View Book Buzz***Tuesday, July 9 at 6 pm*

Join us for a discussion of *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. August's read is *The Spider and the Fly: A Reporter, a Serial Killer and the Meaning of Murder* by Claudia Rowe.

Catawba Songwriters*Tuesday, July 16 at 6 pm*

Adults and teens, share your musical talents while learning from one another. Bring a finished song or one that's in progress to share.

Universal Bug Spray: *Essential Oils**Monday, July 22 at 6 pm*

We'll learn about the various uses of essential oils and make a bottle of bug spray! For ages 17+. Registration required.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

Get professional gardening recommendations anytime. Submit your questions to an "Ask a Master Gardener" question box at the library.

ST. STEPHENS
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am; Tuesday**evenings at 6 pm (no storytime on July 4)*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

To the Library and Beyond*Tuesday, July 9 at 5 pm*

Families, bring your sleeping bags and pillows! We'll read *Campfire Tale* by Sarah Glenn Mars and make s'mores snack mix while watching *Flight of the Navigator*. Rated PG.

Green Bean Players: *Jack and the Spaceship Beanstalk**Thursday, July 11 at 4 pm*

A shiny space rocket brings an unforgettable journey. Look for dancing robots, giant aliens, and treasure beyond your wildest dreams.

Trekking Across the Universe*Tuesday, July 16 at 1 pm*

We'll read *Light Up the Night* by Jean Reidy and discuss how nebulas form in outer space. Then, we'll create our own nebula in a bottle.

Star Party & Space Science with Ms. Jan*Thursday, July 18 at 4 pm*

Learn about astronomy through fun lessons and experiments that teach kids about what they see in the night sky.

Escape Room*Friday, July 19 at 3 pm*

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon where you'll use your analytical skills to solve the clues and escape. Ages 10+.

A Sky Full of Stories*Tuesday, July 23 at 1 pm*

We'll explore the book *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly and create ultraviolet sunray catcher bracelets.

Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: *Astronaut Training**Thursday, July 25 at 4 pm*

Certified fitness instructors lead vigorous activities to get kids moving and have fun!

Movie @ the Library: *The Last Starfighter**Friday, July 26 at 4 pm*

Alex finds himself transported to another planet after conquering a video game and is recruited to help the real Starfighters defend their world from attack. Rated PG.

Into the Future*Tuesday, July 30 at 1 pm*

We'll read *The Magician's Hat* by Malcolm Mitchell and color and decorate a spaceship.

Adults / Career / Tech**Movie @ the Library: *Hidden Figures****Friday, July 12 at 4 pm*

Learn about the team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. Rated PG.

Coloring Club: *Solar System, Stars, Moon Landing**Saturday, July 13 at 2 pm*

Relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the coloring sheets, markers, and crayons.

Adult Craft Day @ the Library: *Star Wreaths**Monday, July 15 at 5 pm*

Create a soft (felt) sparkle wreath. Registration required.

SYSTEMWIDE

Digital Book Club*Thursday, September 19 at noon*

Customized for folks who read with 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>]. Our third quarter selection is *The Museum of Modern Love* by Heather Rose.