

Library Connections

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SUMMER LEARNING

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

Join us June 1 through August 3 for interactive programs and activities for children, teens, and adults, including these featured headline acts!



May Wildlife
Rehabilitation Center
at Lees-McRae College



DANA HILL MAGIC



ADVENTURE *BEGINS AT YOUR* **LIBRARY™**

CHILDREN

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Preschool story time with reading readiness. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Wednesdays at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
St. Stephens Branch Library
Main Library in Newton

Wednesdays at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Thursdays at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Southwest Branch Library
St. Stephens Branch Library



Fridays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two

Mondays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners. Playtime follows.

Pre-K STEAM

Children and their grownups are invited to explore interactive play stations to encourage curiosity through hands-on learning.

Saturday, June 22 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Friday, June 28 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library



Wrestlemania Storytime

Saturday, June 1

Conover Branch Library at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library at 1 pm

IN THIS CORNER, join special guest readers Ring of Fire pro wrestlers. Meet wrestlers, listen to stories, and make a craft!

Camp Southwest

Wednesday, June 5 from 3 - 5 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Kick off summer with campfire crafts, summertime snacks, & blanket fort builds! You're sure to leave a happy camper!

Summer Learning Kickoff

Friday, June 7 from 4 to 6 pm

Conover Station

The adventure begins with a system wide celebration including a sneak peek of summer programs, photo op with Smokey the Bear, crafts, games, & family fun!



Criss Cross Mangosauce

Monday, June 10 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for Tales in the Garden, a bilingual celebration featuring musical performers, a piñata, and mango treats!



Paws to Read

Tuesday, June 11 by appointment

St. Stephens Branch Library

Encourage your young reader through reading with a certified therapy dog.



Yoga with Kittens

Wednesday, June 12 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Stretch with our furry friends from the Humane Society. Admission is free, but cat toys and scratch pad donations are welcome.



Bristle Bot Racing

Wednesday, June 12 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Building robots is super cool, but racing those robots is even cooler! Join as we construct, decorate, and race our very own bristle bots!



Dana Hill Magic

Join award-winning NC magician, Dana Hill for Enchanted Expeditions: A Magical Reading Adventure!

Thursday, June 13

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 10 am

Maiden Town Hall at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton at 5 pm

Friday, June 14

Southwest Branch Library at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library at 1 pm

Conover Branch Library at 4 pm

Wednesday, June 19

Claremont Branch Library at 6 pm

Perler Bead Club

Friday, June 14 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make designs using small beads that are fused together with heat. Materials provided.

Make a Father's Day Card

Saturday, June 15 from 10 am - 12 pm

Conover Branch Library

Drop in to make a card for a loved one in your life! Kids of all ages are welcome!

Catawba Valley Astronomy Club

Join us for an engaging and educational space adventure with our friends at CVAC!

Monday, June 17 at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Tuesday, June 18 at 1 pm

Conover Branch Library



Simple Survival Skills

Gain simple survival skills at this program led by rangers with Catawba County Parks.

Tuesday, June 18

Main Library in Newton at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library at 1 pm

Tuesday, June 25

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 1 pm

Safe Kids Storytime

Wednesday, June 19 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a special storytime about safety with Jessi Kirby from Safe Kids!

Stretch N Grow – Active Adventures

Wednesday, June 19 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join Stretch N Grow at a movement class that promises to be energetic, active, and most of all, fun! For grades K-5.



Homeschool Hangout

Thursday, June 20 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Are you a homeschooling family or group? Come out and meet other homeschoolers! We'll have a passive activity & coloring pages.

Solar Science

Join us while we read *Moonbear's Shadow* by Frank Asch and then recreate scenes from the book. Children will experiment with light and shadows. For ages 3-6.

Thursday, June 20 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, June 25 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton



Master Chef Junior: Garden Pizza Edition

Thursday, June 20 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Show off your creativity and culinary skills as you compete for the title of Library Master Chef! We will craft specialty pizzas in our outdoor ovens. Ideal for ages 8+.



Bucket List Bracelets & Keychains

Saturday, June 22 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Adventures really do begin at the library! Come out and make a bracelet or keychain with a bucket list idea to inspire you to reach your dream!

The Green Bean Players present: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Join The Green Bean Players for an adventure in Wonderland!

Tuesday, June 25

Maiden Town Hall at 3 pm

Wednesday, June 26

St. Stephens Branch Library at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library at 4 pm

Thursday, June 27

Main Library in Newton at 10 am

Friday, June 28

Conover Branch Library at 11 am

Claremont Branch Library at 3 pm

Shrinky Dinks

Thursday, June 27 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us as we create our own shrinky dink charms. Draw your art, bake it, & then wear it!



Kids Book Club:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Thursday, June 27 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Discuss the second book in the Harry Potter series and participate in related activities. Ideal for grades 3 to 5.

TEENS

Bubble Tea Tasting Adventure

Tuesday, June 11 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Try different bubble tea flavors and make bubble tea themed keychains.



Teen Fantasy Terrariums

Tuesday, June 11 at 4 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Build your own fantasy adventure terrarium filled with dragons, fairies, mushrooms, and more!



Teen Night: Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Embark on an exhilarating adventure through the stacks - sleuthing as you decode clues, solve puzzles, and uncover hidden treasures scattered throughout the library.



DIY No Sew Blankets

Wednesday, June 12 at 3 pm
Maiden Branch Library
Learn how to make a no sew fleece tie blanket to keep you warm or donate your blanket to the Catawba County Animal Shelter for kitten season!



Movie and Craft: My Little Pony

Wednesday, June 12 at 4:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Watch *My Little Pony: The Movie* and make a related craft. (Rated PG)



Galaxy Jars

Tuesday, June 18 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Create your own miniature galaxy in a jar and be able to hold the wonder of the universe in your hands.



Teen Life-Sized Clue

Tuesday, June 11 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Join us as we play a life-sized version of the Clue board game! Bring friends & a detective hat!



Please visit or call the library to register.

Adventures in Cupcakes

Wednesday, June 19 at 3 pm
Maiden Branch Library
Join us for a cupcake-decorating party instructed by Maiden's own, Asia "Mae" Magness. We'll supply the cupcakes, frosting, and extras. Teens will meet the design challenges, take pictures, and eat the results.



Ice Cream in a Bag

Tuesday, June 25 at 5 pm
Main Library in Newton
Want to learn how to make ice cream in a bag after a long summer adventure? Join us to discover what ingredients you need to make this awesome dessert for yourself and your friends.

Bucket List Journals

Wednesday, June 26 at 3 pm
Maiden Branch Library
What does your ideal world look like? If not limited by reality, what fantastical adventure would you take? Participants will assemble a bucket list journal to record where they want to go what they want to do.



ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement class that's too much fun to call exercise.



Purl and Chain: Knit and Crochet Club

Tuesdays at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Make new friends and enjoy the company of others while you knit and crochet. Bring your own materials.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays at 11 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

Mindful Movement

Fridays at 3 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Combining stretching with meditation may benefit both your emotional well-being and your overall health. You can do these exercises while sitting in a chair or bring a mat/towel for floor routines.

Qi Gong

Saturdays, June 1 & 29 at 9:30 am
Tuesday, June 18 at 6:15 pm
Main Library in Newton
Involving gentle movements, controlled breath patterns, and focused attention, Qi Gong can be practiced seated or otherwise – a great practice for those new to movement.

Bullet Journal Club

Monday, June 3 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us for a laid-back hangout where we swap doodle ideas, chat about organizing tips, and sharing our favorite spreads.

Roaming Readers Walking Club

Tuesday, June 4 at 4 pm
Mountain Creek Park
Meet at the information center before we begin our walk on the park's paved ADA-accessible trail through a quiet cove.

Adventures In Retirement Planning

Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Join Zach Tussel, Financial Advisor, as he shares information to help you plan, manage, and achieve your financial goals in retirement.

The Station Book Club

Wednesday, June 5 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library
Discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett, followed by a book share and recommended reads.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, June 5 and 19 at 11:30 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, chair yoga class.

Resume Renovation

Wednesday, June 5 from 1 - 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Reserve a 30-minute appointment to start a resume from scratch or update your old one.



Adventures in Heritage Travel

Wednesday, June 5 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Genealogist Rhonda Roederer will be sharing her best tips and tricks to find your roots.



Needle Felting

Thursday, June 6 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a small campfire and marshmallow.



Krazy for K-pop!

Thursday, June 6 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Hang out with fellow K-pop fans as we celebrate one of the world's most exciting music genres. We'll chat about our favorite groups, share awesome music and videos, play trivia & try some K-pop inspired refreshments.

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, June 8 & 22 from 9 - 11 am
Main Library in Newton
All ages of enthusiastic volunteers wanted to assist with tasks such as weeding, mulching, and planting in the community garden.

Catawba County Friends of the Library Book Store

Saturday, June 8 from 10 am – 1 pm
Main Library in Newton
Build your own personal library and help support the library at the same time!



Southern Mix - Asian History Project

Saturday, June 8 at 1 pm

Main Library in Newton

This oral history project through UNC's Asian American Center aims to collect and preserve the untold stories of Asians and Asian Americans living in the American South. Exhibit on display June through July.

Catawba County FOL Meeting

Monday, June 10 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

The Friends support and advocate for library services throughout the county.



Summer Road Trip Trivia

Monday, June 10 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a summer adventure themed trivia night!

The Art of Terrariums

Tuesday, June 11 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Build your own terrarium filled with live plants and miniature garden accessories.



Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for a lively discussion on *Happiness Falls* by Angie Kim. All are welcome.

Money Management for New Adults

Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Are you "new to adult-ing" and finances? Join Zack Tussel, Financial Advisor, as he shares about overcoming challenges and learning the facts about money.

Juneteenth March Sign Making

Wednesday, June 12 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Flex your artistic skills and make a sign to carry during the Juneteenth Freedom March!

Adult Children of Aging Parents: Caregiving Essentials

Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for practical tips, tools and strategies for visiting elderly parents, holding important conversations, and when hands-on caregiving needs to transition into additional help.

Adventures in Journaling

Friday, June 14 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Create a journal that suits your needs! Memory keeper, reading journal, gratitude journal, art journal, habit log or tracker, dream journal – the possibilities are infinite!



Adventures in Photo Editing

Saturday, June 15 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Join us in the Tech Connect computer lab and learn the basics of Gimp, an open source photo editor. Bring photos you want to scan.



Shelf-Care Book Club

Monday, June 17 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Treat yourself to the best kind of self-care: a good book! You're invited to talk about *The Hidden Life of Cecily Larson* by Ellen Baker.

Juneteenth Book Discussion: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Monday, June 17 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Celebrate Juneteenth with us as we discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. All are welcome to participate.

Dare to Air Your Ancestor's Dirty Laundry

Tuesday, June 18 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join Rhonda Roederer from Heritage with Heart for a discussion on confronting difficult heritage, the power of honesty, & celebrating your "misunderstood" ancestors.

Health Insurance Navigator Assistance

Wednesday, June 19

from 10 am to 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Get help signing up for health insurance from a federally qualified navigator. For more information, please call 1-855-733-3711.



Boost Your Brain & Battle Boredom

Thursday, June 20 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an afternoon of card and board games to battle boredom!



Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, June 20 at 5 pm

Novel Taproom in Downtown Newton

Join us as we savor diverse voices and captivating stories. You're invited to talk about *What Wild Women Do* by Karma Brown.

Adventures of Trivia – Trivia Night

Monday, June 24 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an evening of trivia with Valerie Carpenter.



Astrology Embroidery

Tuesday, June 25 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Learn your star sign and embroider it!



Talent Show

Tuesday, June 25 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Have a talent you want to share? Then sign up for a spot at this talent show for patrons ages 16 and up! Struck with stage fright? Come enjoy the performance just as a spectator!



Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, June 25 at 7 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for our monthly meeting and to see new local history and genealogy materials.

LIBRARY TO GO

JOIN THE LIBRARY TO GO FOR GAMES, STORIES, CRAFTS, AND MORE AT ANY OF THESE EVENTS:

Town of Catawba Juneteenth

Saturday, June 1 from 2 - 6 pm

David Hunsucker Park

3rd Avenue NE, Catawba, NC 28609

Public Health Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 6 & 20 from 10 am - 1 pm

3070 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602

Biscuit Day

Friday, June 7 from 8 - 11:30 am

Downtown Newton

Conover Juneteenth

Friday, June 7 from 5 - 8:30 pm

Conover City Park

361 5th Ave SE, Conover, NC 28613

Juneteenth Jam

Saturday, June 8 from 4 - 9:30 pm

Samuel William Davis Sr. Multipurpose Field

730 3rd St SW, Hickory, NC 28602

Herman Sipe Lunch & Library

Wednesdays, June 12, 19 & 26

from 11:30 am - 1 pm

115 Herman Sipe Rd, Conover, 28612

Music on Main Newton

Thursday, June 13 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Downtown Newton

Maiden Juneteenth

Friday, June 14 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Maiden Town Hall

19 N Main Ave, Maiden, NC 28650

Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, June 15 from 8 am - 12 pm

109 1st St E, Conover, NC 28613

Be You, Be Proud: Story & Activity Hour

Tuesday, June 18 from 11 am - 12 pm

Yount Park

33 E A St, Newton, NC 28658



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