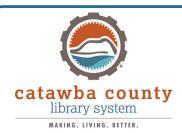
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SUMMER FINALE PARTIES

& BACK TO SCHOOL READY



Let's celebrate all we've learned and read over the summer with finale parties at each location! Join us at your library for crafts, treats, and games. Make sure to bring your reading log to collect prizes and be entered in the grand prize drawings.

The library is also here to help you get back to school ready! The library offers Homework Helpers, Paws to Read, study rooms equipped for virtual learning, WiFi hotspot and Chromebook lending, desktop computers for in-library use, and free access to online tutorials, databases, and language learning.

Just in time for school, the library is rolling out two new learning tools -- Decodable Books and LOTE4Kids. Decodable books are specially written stories that help build confidence as children learn to read. The stories are short, fun, and will be hitting our shelves soon! LOTE4Kids is our online database of digital books in World Languages, that allows kids to enjoy the magic of books in LOTE (Languages Other Than English). Each book also comes with English translations to help kids learn another language. Enjoy now online at catawbacountync.gov/library or through the app.



CHILDREN 0-5

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

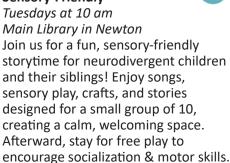
Fridays at 10 am

(No storytime on August 8)

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
This sweet, simple, 20-minute story

time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.

Ready to Learn Storytime: Sensory-Friendly



Pre-K STEAM

Children and their grownups are invited to explore interactive play stations to build confidence in learning.

Tuesday, August 5 at 5:30 pm Conover Branch Library

Friday, August 8 at 10 am Maiden Branch Library

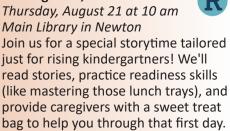
Wednesday, August 20 at 1 pm Claremont Branch Library



Tales in the Garden: EcoExplore with Catawba County Parks

Thursday, August 7 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Enjoy fun insect-themed, bilingual
stories and meet our special guests
from Catawba County Parks who
will show participants EcoExplore, a
program that encourages children to
explore the outdoors and become
community scientists. Afterward, head
out to the garden to search for insects
and see what you can discover.

Kindergarten, Here We Come!





CHILDREN 6-11

Messy Monday

Monday, August 4 at 2 pm Main Library in Newton You heard us right – you're encouraged to get messy during this hands-on, creative experience that's sure to bring out your inner artist!

Nature's Superpower: Camouflage and Color

Tuesday, August 5 at 2 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Learn about nature's superpower - camouflage and color - with the Catawba County Parks.

Rocket Science for Kids

Wednesday, August 6 at 2 pm Main Library in Newton 3... 2... 1... BLAST OFF! Join us as a trained physicist takes us through a thrilling demonstration of the basics of rockets!

Paws to Read

Tuesday, August 12
by appointment
St. Stephens Branch Library
Read with a certified therapy dog. To
schedule an appointment, please call
828-466-6821.



TEENS 12-18



Teen Kandi Cuffs

Wednesday, August 20 at 3 pm Main Library in Newton Learn how to make your very own hand-beaded kandi bracelets, to keep for yourself or share with friends!

Poke-Mania!

Friday, August 15 at 3 pm Main Library in Newton Join your fellow Poke-maniacs for a super effective afternoon of games, crafts, and Pokemon fun!

Lego Club

Wednesday, August 20 at 10 am
Maiden Branch Library
Build, make, and play as we explore
our creativity through Lego. We will
have free play and our monthly Lego
challenge will be creating mysterious
kronkiwongi.



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.

Smartphone Basics for Seniors

Fridays at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
Need help updating your phone's software, downloading apps, or adding events to your calendar? Join us each Friday in August as we cover a basic topic and have time for a short Q&A afterwards.

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 Low impact exercise and gentle stretching for all ages.

Color Our World: Adult Recess

Friday, August 1 at 3 pm
Main Library in Newton
Spend an hour of your Friday
afternoon with the library for some
lovely downtime. A variety of activities
will be available each week including
coloring, board games, and puzzles.

Qi Gong

Saturday, August 2 at 9:30 am 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.

The Station Book Club

Wednesday, August 6 at 10 am Conover Branch Library All are welcome to join as we discuss One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle, followed by a book share and recommended reads.

Career Center

Wednesday, August 6 from 1 - 4 pm Main Library in Newton
A Goodwill career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with your job-related needs. Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling the library or drop in as you are able.

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, August 9 & 23 from 9 - 11 am

Main Library in Newton

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with tasks such as weeding, mulching, and planting in the community garden. All are welcome.

DIY – Dried Flower Mason Jars Saturday, August 9 at 2 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

Create a beautiful keepsake using dried flowers and mason jars in this relaxing, hands-on craft session.

Homeschool 101

Tuesday, August 12 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library Are you a current or prospective homeschooling parent or guardian? Join us as Jessica Frierson, Media Director for North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE), discusses the legal logistics of homeschooling in NC.

Rainy Day Jars

Tuesday, August 12 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Make setting aside your extra change
a little more fun by creating a Rainy
Day jar. While decorating our jars with
fabric, ribbon, and vinyl, participants
will learn budgeting ideas.

Budgeting

Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm Maiden Branch Library In this workshop you'll learn four steps to budgeting success with a financial advisor.

Mystery Mavens

Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Join us for a lively discussion on Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon. All are welcome. Back to School for Parents:
Keeping Your Children Safe Online
Wednesday, August 13 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
With kids heading back to school,
it's the perfect time to learn how to
protect your children in today's digital
world! This session covers online
safety, parental controls, and how
to guide your child's safe use of the
internet and social media.

Needle Felting

Thursday, August 14 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a butterfly. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use.

Adult Children of Aging Parents: Movement for Older Bodies

Thursday, August 14 at 5:30 pm Main Library in Newton
Certified Tai Chi instructor Diane
Christiansen will share some specific movements and exercises that can easily be worked into even the busiest schedule and help encourage our older loved ones to engage in healthy movement.

The Secret Lives of Carnivorous Plants

Thursday, August 14 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library
Join master gardener Tad Adams as
we learn about the care and feeding
of bug catching plants. Plus, you'll be
able to take home a flytrap of your
own!



Shelf-Care Book Club

Monday, August 18 at 6 pm St. Stephens Branch Library Treat yourself to the best kind of selfcare: a good book! Join us to discuss The Love Haters by Katherine Center. New readers are always welcome!

Smartphone Basics for Seniors

Monday, August 18 at 1 pm Southwest Branch Library Join us to get more out of your phone as we learn the basics, how to install updates, & explore different settings.

Mountain View Book Club

Monday, August 18 at 6 pm Southwest Branch Library Join our book discussion on We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes. All are welcome.

Bad Art Night: Bob Ross Edition

Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Let us embrace our creativity while accepting our imperfections the Bob Ross way.

DIY Keychains

Tuesday, August 19 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library Create a beaded keychain that fits your style: cute, colorful, minimal, or bold. We've got the supplies, you bring the vibe!

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, August 20 & 27 at 11:30 am Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow chair yoga class.

Newton Book Club

Thursday, August 21 at 5 pm Carpe Crustum in Downtown Newton Join us to talk about August's selection, Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty. All are welcome.

Krazy for K-Drama

Thursday, August 21 at 6 pm Main Library in Newton Fans of K-dramas will meet to share and discuss our favorite titles and actors. K-inspired snacks provided.

Wild World of Wycinanki Bookmarks

Thursday, August 21 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Learn the traditional Polish paper craft of Wycinanki by creating your own bookmarks with colorful cut paper.

Trivia Night

Monday, August 25 at 6 pm Southwest Branch Library Join us for an evening of trivia fun guaranteed to test your knowledge. Trivia night will be full of facts, fun and festive prizes!

Maiden Book Club

Tuesday, August 26 at 6 pm Maiden Branch Library Join us for Maiden's brand new book club! August's selection is The Wedding People by Alison Espach.

Bread Making for Beginners

Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm St. Stephens Branch Library It is SO easy to have freshly baked bread on demand. Learn to make artisan bread with four ingredients and in just five minutes.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room Check out new materials available for research during this month's meeting, including an overview of the 1890 Federal Census Substitute. All are welcome.

Creative Outlet: Beginner's Quilling

Wednesday, August 27 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
In this workshop we'll roll, shape and glue strips of paper to create designs that can stand alone or be used to decorate other items like greeting cards, boxes or jewelry.

Catawba County Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday, August 29 from 1 - 5 pm Saturday, August 30 from 10 am - 2 pm Main Library in Newton Build your own personal library and help support library programs while enjoying this 4 for \$1 clearance sale! Sale will take place in the Community Room and will be cash only.

LIBRARY TO GO

Maiden Lunch and Library

Tuesdays, August 5 & 12 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 101 Old Tavern Lane, Maiden Receive a bagged lunch provided by The Corner Table Community Kitchen and participate in a storytime and craft.

Herman Sipe Lunch & Library

Wednesdays, August 6 & 13 from 11:30 am - 1 pm 115 Herman Sipe Rd, Conover Enjoy a meal provided by The Corner Table Community Kitchen, check out some books, listen to a story, and participate in free hands-on activities.

Public Health Farmers Market

Thursday, August 7 & 21
from 10 am - 1 pm
3070 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory
The Library to Go will be visiting the
farmers market with books for all ages
and activities for little ones.

Valley Hills Mall Visit & Storytime

Friday, August 8 from 10 am - 1 pm 1960 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory
Join us in the Community Room on the lower level across from The Children's Place for storytime at 10 am and outside by the van until 1 pm for checking out books!

Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, August 16 from 8 am - 12 pm 109 1st St E, Conover Stop by to grab some fresh fruits and veggies from local farmers, check out library materials, and participate in library activities.



