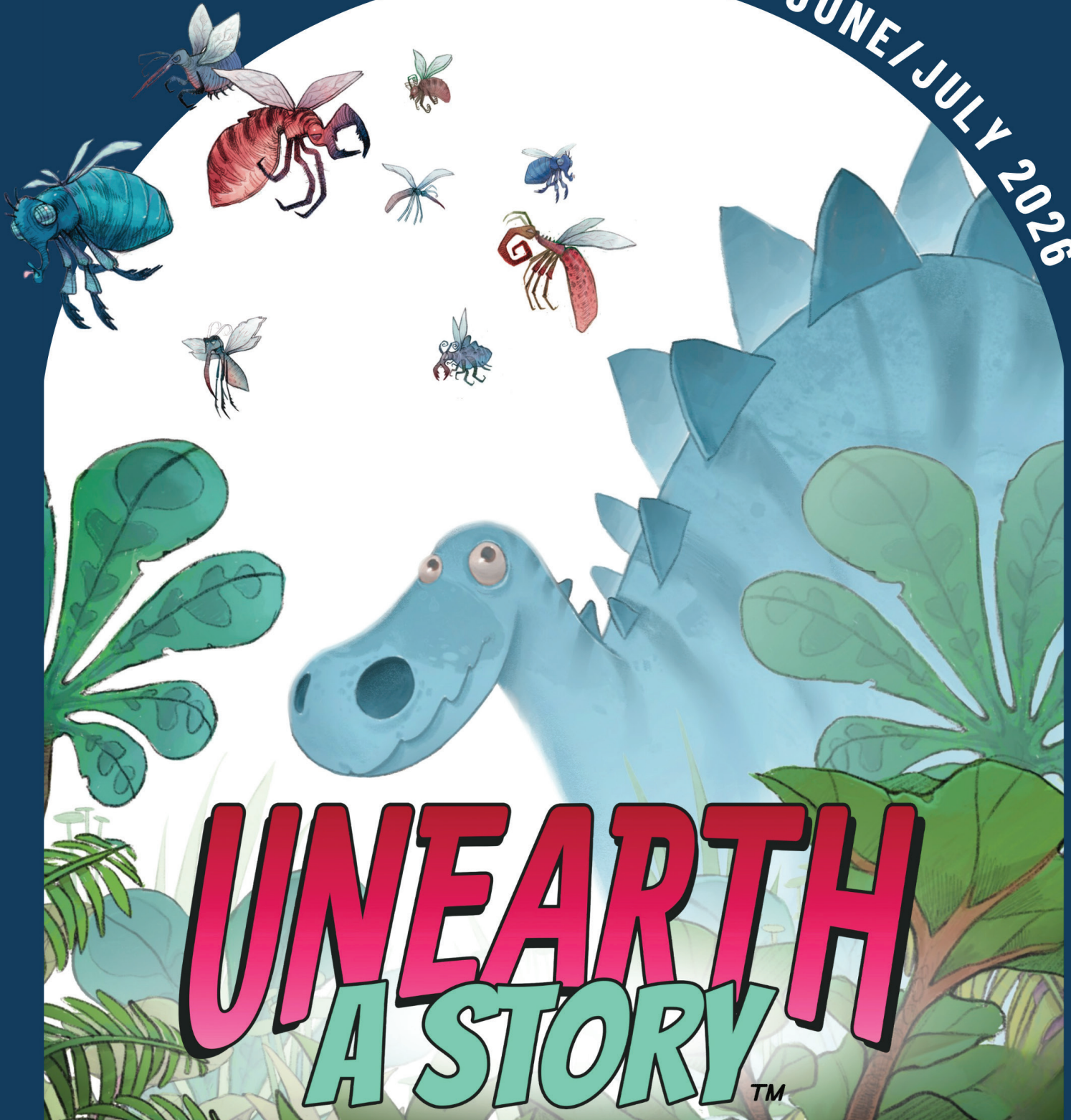




Summer Learning program guide

JUNE / JULY 2026



UNEARTH A STORY™

SUMMER LEARNING



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2026

The Catawba County Library is gearing up for its annual Summer Learning program with activities and challenges for kids, teens, and adults! Boasting a double focus on reading and hands-on learning opportunities, the library ramps up its programs and activities to keep learning fresh throughout the summer.

This year's theme is **UNEARTH A STORY**. We are celebrating digging into a good book, uncovering hidden histories, and exploring the past. The theme underscores the joy of discovery that reading brings! Join us at any of the seven Catawba County Library locations for a vibrant mix of programs including storytimes, STEAM programs, performances and educational programs by the **Green Bean Players, Critter Keeper, Catawba County Parks, Square Dancing with Hart Square, 208th Army Band**, and the **Catawba County Museum of History!**

Children, teens, AND adults are encouraged to participate in our reading challenges by completing at least 600 minutes of reading. Prizes will be awarded for folks who register to participate and for those who complete 600 minutes of reading.

To help keep children and teens motivated, there will also be milestone prizes awarded as they reach key reading benchmarks along the way. Everyone is encouraged to register at your local library or online beginning May 26. Summer programs and activities take place from June through early August.

Join us at your library this summer for learning and fun as we

UNEARTH A STORY.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dear Summer Learner,

We're so excited to welcome you to this year's Summer Learning Program! Now that you're registered, you're officially part of a community-wide celebration of reading, creativity, and connection—and we can't wait to see where this journey takes you.

This summer, we invite you to explore not only books, but also new ideas, new experiences, and maybe even new friendships. Summer Learning is a chance to keep your brain active, your curiosity growing, and your love of learning alive.

This magazine is your guide to a colorful, engaging summer. From programs to prizes, reading challenges to special events—you'll find everything you need to make this summer your most inspiring one yet!

Siobhan Loendorf, Catawba County Library Director



LEARNING ON THE GO



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Follow **DINO THE READER** as he hatches through the pages, discovering all the exciting ways we'll **UNEARTH A STORY** at the library this summer. Can you spot him on each page?



SPECIAL EVENTS

Square Dancing:

Be There AND Be Square

Swing your partner round-and-round while enjoying the fun of square dancing with our friends from Hart Square!

Monday, June 8 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Monday, June 15 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, June 16 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, June 20 at 10 am

Maiden Town Hall

Saturday, June 20 at 1 pm

Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, June 23 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library



Green Bean Players presents:

The Frog Prince

Watch this classic fairytale come to life with a live performance by the Green Bean Players!

Monday, June 15 at 1 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, June 15 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, June 16 at 11 am

Maiden Town Hall

Tuesday, June 16 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Wednesday, June 17 at 3 pm

Conover Branch Library


Thursday, June 18 at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Thursday, June 18 at 3 pm

Claremont Branch Library

208th Army Band: Live in Concert

Wish America a happy 250th birthday with a live musical performance from the 208th Army Band. 

Thursday, June 18 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, June 23 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Wednesday, June 24 at 1 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Wednesday, June 24 at 4 pm

Conover Branch Library

Thursday, June 25 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Thursday, June 25 at 2 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Friday, June 26 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library



Catawba County Parks:

Dino-palooza

Join local park rangers to learn all about dinosaurs in this interactive experience.

Wednesday, June 17 at 10 am

Maiden Town Hall

Wednesday, June 17 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Wednesday, June 24 at 1 pm

Mountain Creek Park

Wednesday, July 15 at 1 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Wednesday, July 22 at 1 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Wednesday, July 22 at 4 pm

Conover Branch Library

Catawba County Parks:

Salamander Search

Wednesday, July 29 at 1 pm

Bakers Mountain Park

Look for and learn how to catch salamanders with a Catawba County Park Ranger!



Family Friendly Fossil Fun!

Travel through billions of years of history as we explore the fascinating world of fossils! From ancient sea creatures to towering dinosaurs and woolly mammoths, learn how living things left their marks in stone.

Tuesday, June 23 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Thursday, June 25 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Tuesday, July 21 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Wednesday, July 29 at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Tuesday, August 4 at 2 pm

Maiden Branch Library

WHAT ARE YOU READING THIS SUMMER?



SPECIAL EVENTS

The Catawba County Museum of History: America 250

Ever wondered what our country was like 250 years ago? Find out in this hands-on exploration of American history!



Monday, July 6 at 2 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, July 6 at 5 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Friday, July 10 at 4 pm
Conover Branch Library

Thursday, July 16 at 2 pm
Maiden Branch Library

Thursday, July 23 at 11 am
Main Library in Newton

Thursday, July 23 at 2 pm
Claremont Branch Library

Monday, July 27 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Critter Keeper

Snakes, spiders, and lizards, oh my! See incredible animals and enjoy a chance to pet them...if you dare!

Wednesday, July 15 at 10 am
Maiden Town Hall

Wednesday, July 15 at 1 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Wednesday, July 15 at 4 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Wednesday, July 15 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton

Thursday, July 16 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library

Thursday, July 16 at 1 pm
Claremont Branch Library

Thursday, July 16 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Real Science with Dr. Z!

Experience real science with a trained physicist!

Tuesday, July 7 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Waves, Oscillations, and Periodic Motion: What do all of these things have in common? Learn the answer to that question and more at this program.

Tuesday, July 14 at 3 pm
Main Library in Newton
Dr. Z's Earthquake Extravaganza: Learn about plate tectonics and earthquakes in this live science demonstration!

Wednesday, July 22 at 3 pm
Maiden Branch Library
Rocket Science: 3... 2... 1... BLAST OFF! Join us as we take off through a thrilling demonstration of the basics of rockets!

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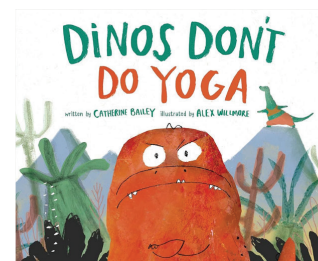
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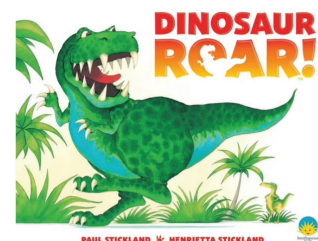
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BY DEB PILUTTI



DINOS DON'T DO YOGA
BY CATHERINE BAILEY



DINOSAUR ROAR
BY HENRIETTA AND PAUL STICKLAND



KICK OFFS

Summer is here! Let's get this party started!

Tuesday, June 2 from 2 - 4 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Enjoy popcorn and shaved ice while you build and test your own creation during Engineering Your Dinosaur & craft a keepsake with Dinosaur Shrinky Dink Keychains.

Thursday, June 4 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Unearth your artistic side as you explore hands-on discovery stations filled with crafts, activities, and prehistoric fun. From dino digs to creative builds, there is something for every explorer to uncover.

Friday, June 5 from 2 - 4 pm
Main Library in Newton

Get ready for an incredible summer of learning & fun by exploring amazing trucks!

Saturday, June 6 from 11 am - 1 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for a fun, family-friendly event including food trucks, face painting, games, and much more.

Tuesday, June 9 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library

Join us at the Literacy Garden as we kick off summer with an exploration of the sky and craft!

Wednesday, June 10 at 11 am
Maiden Municipal Park

Kick off Summer Learning with us with a color storybook trail! Wear all-white clothing that you would like to turn eye-catching colors & sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Thursday, June 11 at 2 pm
City of Claremont Pavilion

Dive into a prehistoric adventure filled with dinosaur-themed fun. Enjoy hands-on crafts, exciting games, tasty treats, and activities that will spark curiosity and imagination for all ages.

KIDS 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

Saturday, June 6 at 11 am
Saturday, July 18 at 12 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Ready to Learn Storytime:
Tiny to Two

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

Mondays at 10 am
Main Library in Newton

Fridays at 10 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Pre-K STEAM

Thursday, June 11 at 10:30 am
Wednesday, June 24 at 10:30 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
Families are invited to explore interactive play stations to build confidence in learning.



Sprout a Story

Friday, June 12 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
How does grass grow? Why is it green? What does it do for our environment? Learn more at a special storytime with local soil and water expert, Leia Hamlyn!

T-Rex Tea Party

Saturday, June 27 at 10:30 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch
Join us for a dinosaur tea party and storytime. We'll enjoy dinosaur-focused stories and songs before moving on to tea, treats, and crafts.

Pre-K STEAM: Dino Stations

Thursday, July 9 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Join us as we dig for fossils, make dinosaur foot prints, and explore more dinosaur themed stations.

KIDS 6-11

PAWS to Read

Encourage your young reader through reading with a certified therapy dog. To schedule an appointment, please call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens or 828-466-5108 for Conover.

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, and 16
St. Stephens Branch Library

Tuesday, June 16
Conover Branch Library

Fossil Fest

Thursday, June 4 at 11 am
Maiden Branch Library

Junior paleontologists will learn all about fossils and discover how they can tell the story of creatures that roamed the earth long ago.

**Square Dancing:
Be There AND Be Square**

***See special events for details.**



Tales in the Garden: UnEarth the Potato

Monday, June 8 at 4 pm
Main Library in Newton

Join us in the library garden as we unearth the story of the potato. Follow the potato's journey from garden to plate and learn about Peruvian potatoes with special guest El Batan restaurant. We will also share a bilingual story and simple crafts. All ages welcome!

STEAM: Edible Earth

Wednesday, June 10 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn about the different soil layers and its vital role in sustaining life on our planet in this delicious activity.

Layers of Earth Treat Lab

Thursday, June 11 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Using fun treats and snacks, kids will build their own edible model of the Earth's layers from crust to core.

Make Your Own Flag!

Thursday, June 11 at 3 pm
Main Library in Newton
To celebrate America's 250th birthday, learn about the American flag and design a flag of your very own!



Dinosaur Pottery Painting

Friday, June 12 at 3 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Join Creative Pottery and Art to paint your very own ceramic dinosaur and bring it to life with your own colors and style.

Adopt-A-Dino

Saturday, June 13 at 2 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Participate in a scavenger hunt to find prehistoric friends, and adopt a dinosaur to take home!

Green Bean Players presents: The Frog Prince

Catawba County Parks:
Dino-palooza

***See special events for details.**



Father's Day Craft – Make Your Own Barbeque Rub

Thursday, June 18 at 2 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Learn basic tips for flavor pairing while making a thoughtful, hand-made Father's Day present.

208th Army Band: Live in Concert

***See special events for details.**



Dino Size

Saturday, June 20 at 2 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Are you taller than an Oviraptor or a T-Rex? Create "to scale" dinosaur drawings to compare your height versus the dinosaurs.

Karting and Kraft Sodas

Tuesday, June 23 at 3 pm
Maiden Branch Library
Start your engines and get ready for a Mario Kart tournament on our Nintendo Switch Consoles! Overheated from dodging banana peels and blue shells? Put your rivalries on ice and refuel with a Mario-themed craft soda!

Family Friendly Fossil Fun

***See special events for details.**



Lego Club

Friday, June 26 at 10 am
Maiden Branch Library
Enjoy free play and our monthly challenge - creating prehistoric landscapes & dinosaurs.

Dinolympics

Saturday, June 27 at 2 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Race against the clock and other teams to win the Dinosaur Olympics with minute-to-win-it style games.

PAWS to Read

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Tuesdays, July 7, 14, & 21
St. Stephens Branch Library

Tuesday, July 21 at 5:30 pm
Conover Branch Library

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Please visit or call the library to register.

KIDS 6-11

America 250 Tea Light Celebration

Thursday, July 2 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Celebrate with a hands-on craft that lights up the summer! Create festive tea light jars, perfect for adding a patriotic glow to your home.



The Catawba County Museum of History: America 250

Real Science with Dr. Z!

*See special events for details.



Mesozoic Morsels

Tuesday, July 7 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Learn about dinosaurs and fossils through hands-on projects as fun as they are tasty!

Dinosaur Family Fingerprints

Wednesday, July 8 at 10:30 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Create a keepsake craft they will treasure forever!

Dino-Olympics Challenge

Thursday, July 9 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Get ready to stomp, sprint, and conquer this prehistoric course. Dinosaur hunters will race through fun stations, crawling through caves, jumping over lava, and weaving around prehistoric jungles as they test their strength and agility.



Dino Shrinky Dinks

Friday, July 10 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Create your own designs and turn them into charms and keychains.

Discovering Layers

Monday, July 13 at 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Explore the structure of the Earth by recreating its layers—from crust to core—using tasty, edible ingredients. This hands-on program blends learning and creativity (with a side of sweetness!) as participants build their own mini-Earth models.

Catawba County Parks:

Dino-palooza

Critter Keeper

*See special events for details.



Unearth What's Inside a Geode

Thursday, July 16 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Rock-hounds unite! What's inside a geode? How do they form? Most importantly, how do you split them open? Participants will learn the basics of geode geology and then open their geodes safely with adult supervision.

Dino Craft Lab

Thursday, July 16 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Get crafty and prehistoric! Build paper dinosaur puppets, pasta dinos, and other fun dino-themed projects. A roaring good time for hands-on fun and imaginative play, this program lets participants explore the world of dinosaurs through art.

Dino Craft Lab

Thursday, July 16 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Explore the world of dinosaurs through art. Build paper dinosaur puppets, pasta dinos, and other fun dino-themed projects.

Dinosaur Trivia

Saturday, July 18 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for this dinosaur trivia challenge where young explorers will embark on a prehistoric quest to test their knowledge of the mighty creatures that roamed the earth millions of years ago!



Family Friendly Fossil Fun

*See special events for details.

Dino Bites & Tasty Delights

Thursday, July 23 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Step into the world of dinosaurs with Dalgona Dinosaur Cookies. Participants will have 3 minutes to carve out the dinosaur shape without it cracking! Come for the challenge but stay for the sweet treats!

Lego Club

Friday, July 24 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 to build an archaeological dig.

Dinosaur Perler Beads

Friday, July 24 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make dinosaur themed designs using small beads that are fused together with heat.

KIDS 6-11

Family Friendly Trivia: Unearth a Story

*Saturday, July 25 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library*

This family-friendly trivia adventure is packed with dinosaurs, fossils, and prehistoric fun. Dig up cool facts, test your knowledge, and win prizes!

Cookie Excavation

*Monday, July 27 at 5 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library*

Learn about tools used by archaeologists while carefully excavating chocolate chips from a cookie while using an excavation grid.

Volcanoes

*Wednesday, July 29 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library*

Learn all about volcanoes and what makes eruptions happen. Participants will get to see and touch real volcanic rocks!

Catawba County Parks: Salamander Search

***See special events for details.**



Dragons 101

*Thursday, July 30 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library*

Get ready to learn official dragon training! Enjoy the featured film *How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*. Snacks will be provided.

Dino-Art with the HMA

*Friday, July 31 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library*

Enjoy a fun dinosaur-themed art program with the HMA! Explore your creativity by making a dino-inspired craft.



Summer Learning Finale Parties

Turn in your reading logs and pick up your prizes!

**Tuesday, August 4 at 2 pm
Maiden Branch Library**

Celebrate the end of summer by traveling through billions of years of history as we explore the fascinating world of fossils! Learn how living things left their marks in stone. Every fossil has a secret waiting to be discovered - come unearth the story of the past!

**Tuesday, August 4 from 2 - 4 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library**

Visit our glowing disco room and dance like a dino, get creative making your own pet rock pal, test your skills at Tricera-Toss, and dig into adventure with a hands-on Dinosaur Excavation. Party with us one last time before summer goes extinct!

**Thursday, August 6 from 2 - 4 pm
Claremont Branch Library**

Celebrate the end of summer with an afternoon of fun! Enjoy a sweet treat along with games and activities as we wrap up the season together and send summer off in style.

**Thursday, August 6 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library**

Celebrate all you discovered and unearthed this summer with ice cream, activities, music, games, and plenty of fun for every explorer.



**Friday, August 7 from 3 - 5 pm
Conover City Park**

Shelter and Splashpad

Celebrate the end of summer with a super fun time at the park! Splash around at the splash pad and enjoy a cold treat!

**Friday, August 7 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library**

Treat yourself to a sweet reward - ICE CREAM! Enjoy some cool treats and activities.

**Saturday, August 8
from 10 am – 12 pm
Main Library in Newton**

Congratulations on an amazing summer! Let's have some ice cream and celebrate all we learned!



TEENS 12-18

Teen Jurassic Park Trivia

Saturday, June 6 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Show off your Jurassic Park knowledge, answer dino-tastic questions, and compete for dino-themed prizes!



Dino Terrariums

Unearth your creativity & design a miniature prehistoric world by building a dino-inspired terrarium.



Tuesday, June 16 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Wednesday, June 17 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Teen DIY Dino Keychains

Tuesday, June 16 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

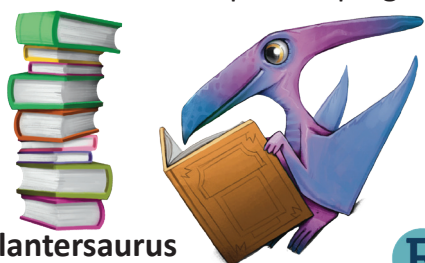
Use beads to make a cute dinosaur charm to adorn your keys, bag, or backpack!

Inking for Comic Books

Tuesday, June 16 at 5 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Flex your artistic muscles & practice inking techniques as we take a comic panel from sketch to final line in this action-packed program.



Plantersaurus

Create a whimsical planter using a simple plastic dinosaur toy, paint, and a buildable succulent.



Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Wednesday, July 15 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Ceramic Painting with Creative Pottery and Art

Unearth your inner artist and create something magical with Creative Pottery and Art!



Wednesday, June 24 at 2 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Paint your own ceramic dinosaur, bringing it to life with style.

Friday, June 26 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Paint a stunning dragon eye ceramic trinket dish.

Teen Yarn Dyeing

Friday, June 26 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Learn how to use natural materials to dye yarn in beautiful colors!



Patriotic Stars & Stripes Lanterns

Monday, June 29 at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Create an eye-catching lantern in honor of America's 250th birthday, using mason jars, tea lights, and tissue paper.



Escape Room:

Dino-Snore No More

Tuesday, July 7 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Solve the clues or become the chews. If the "snore-o-meter" hits red, you're joining the fossils.



Teen Dino Trinket Dishes

Tuesday, July 7 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Design and craft a dinosaur themed trinket dish that is perfect for holding jewelry, keychains, and other small treasures.

Air Dry Clay Diffusers

Craft air-dry clay into discs, decorate them and then hang them in your car to create a simple essential oil diffuser.

Thursday, July 9 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Saturday, July 25 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Intro to Storyboarding

Tuesday, July 21 at 5 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Explore storyboarding, the first stage of film and animation production, as we discuss shot composition, camera movements, and more! Then, get hands-on experience creating a storyboard of your own!

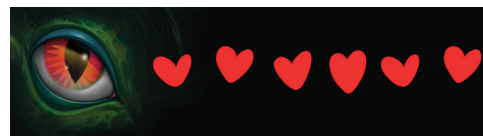


Coasting through Memories

Tuesday, July 28 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Turn your favorite photos and magazine clippings into one-of-a-kind treasures at our DIY Memory Coasters Party!



Eye Love Dinosaurs

Tuesday, July 28 at 5 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Select a framed, hand-sculpted dinosaur eye. Choose to paint with bold colors, flashy details, or a fierce look and take home a truly unique art piece.

Teen After-Hours Lock-In

Friday, July 31 6:30 - 8 pm

Main Library in Newton

Hang out at the library after closing time to enjoy games, snacks, and activities just for our teen patrons!



Please visit or call the library to register.

ADVENTURE

ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO VISIT IN THE
SUMMER IS THE _____ LIBRARY!

ADJECTIVE

THERE ARE LOTS OF _____ THINGS TO DO
AND SEE THERE, BUT DINOSAUR BOOKS ARE

ADJECTIVE

MY FAVORITE. ONE DAY WHILE EXPLORING

THE LIBRARY, I SUDDENLY STUMBLED UPON

A _____ CAVE HIDDEN IN THE MIDDLE

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OF _____ DINOSAURS! THEY WERE

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TO JOIN THEM FOR _____ . IN THAT

VERB

MOMENT, WE ALL DECIDED WE WOULD BE

_____ FOR LIFE. THE LIBRARY IS ALWAYS

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AN ADVENTURE AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE

WHAT MY NEXT VISIT WILL BRING!



ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Enjoy a dance and movement class that's too much fun to call exercise.

Mindful Movement

Wednesdays & Fridays at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Low impact exercise and gentle stretching for adults of all ages.

Soil Explorers

Maiden Branch Library

Tuesday, June 2 at 3 pm

Join us for a family-friendly program where we explore the science beneath your feet. We will learn about soil layers with soil testing for the adults, and a fun science activity that will teach kids what plants need and see how they change over time.

4th Annual Juneteenth Community Read

Join us for community gatherings to talk about *Kin* by Tayari Jones.

Kin is a touching story about a lifelong friendship between Vernice and Annie, growing up in the segregated South in the 1950s, and explores themes of motherhood and chosen family. Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, June 2 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, June 9 at 6 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Thursday, June 11 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Monday, June 15 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Monday, June 22 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, June 3 & 17

at 11:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Led by a certified yoga instructor, chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance.

Career Center

Wednesday, June 3 from 1 - 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

A Goodwill career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with your job-related needs.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays, June 5, 12, 19, & 26

at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner friendly, gentle flow yoga class.

Adult Board Game Afternoon

Saturday, June 6 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn how to play fun games while meeting new people! This month, we will be featuring our sporting equipment and outdoor yard games available for check out (including Pickleball). Light refreshments provided.

Stars, Stripes & Dino Nights:

Trivia and Music Bingo



Monday, June 8 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

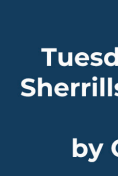
In honor of America 250, we're bringing together dinosaurs, rock & roll, and patriotic fun.

It's a lively, laugh-filled event that will have you dancing through the decades—and the ages!

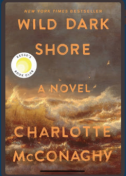
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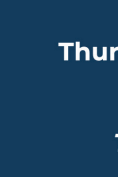
The Station Book Club
Wednesday, June 3 at 10 am
Conover Branch
Great Big Beautiful Life
by Emily Henry



Mystery Mavens
Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch
Wild Dark Shore
by Charlotte McConaghy



Shelf-Care Book Club
Monday, June 15 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch
The Lonely Hearts Book Club
by Lucy Gilmore



Newton Book Club
Thursday, June 18 at 5 pm
Carpe Crustum
The Book Club for Troublesome Women
by Marie Bostwick



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Please visit or call the library to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The library's community garden is seeking volunteers for the summer. The garden donates all of its produce to local agencies like The Corner Table and Ashure Ministry.

We Need Help with:

Weeding Mulching Harvesting produce
Maintaining beds Pruning Watering

All ages & experience levels are welcome.



Saturdays
9am-11am

June 13 & 27
July 11 & 25



Main Library in Newton
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Newton NC 28658

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ADULTS

Cooking with AI

Wednesday, June 10 at 2 pm

Long View Town Hall

Effectively interact with AI to explore recipes and build confidence in the kitchen.

Qi Gong

Saturday, June 13 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.

Foxtrot 101

Saturday, June 13 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Glide into the world of ballroom with a fun, beginner-friendly introduction to the foxtrot. Learn the essential steps and smooth style that make this dance a timeless favorite.



Be a Summer Lifesaver

Tuesday, June 16 from 12 - 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

The Big Red Bus (OneBlood) will be rolling in for a community blood drive. Donors will receive a free t-shirt and a gift card as a thank you for helping save lives.

Unearth a Family Story

Wednesday, June 17 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Rediscover a forgotten war hero, scarred by the ravages of war. His moving story, from humble roots to a heartfelt memorial 107 years later, evokes empathy for our ancestors' sacrifices. Get inspired to celebrate your family's military heroes and their enduring legacy of bravery.

Digging Rock & Roll:

All-American Trivia

Thursday, June 18 at 2 pm

Conover Branch Library

Celebrate America's 250th with a lively trivia night! Challenge your knowledge of American history and rock & roll, and enjoy a fun evening of competition, laughter, and prizes.



Juneteenth Storytelling

Thursday, June 18 from 5 - 7:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

The library is welcoming back storyteller, Julian Gooding, to share his tales along with a foodways presentation. At 5 pm, there will be a free hot dog meal and community gathering with coloring sheets and games for kids. Storytelling will begin at 5:30 pm.

Preserve Your Family Story: Memory Book Workshop

Thursday, June 18 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Give yourself a place to preserve the stories of your family with our Memory Notebook Workshop at the library! This unique program invites participants to construct a personalized notebook with premade prompts to help you better "unearth" your (or a loved one's) story.

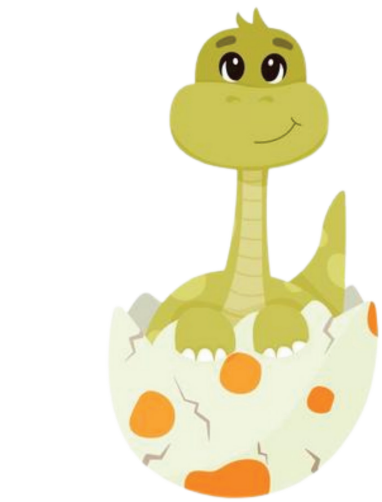


Senior Adult Music Bingo

Saturday, June 20 at 10:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Get ready to rock out to the melodies of the 50's, 60's, and 70's with Valerie Carpenter. Free to play and prizes awarded! For seniors ages 60+. To register, please call the Council on Aging at 828-328-2269.



Prehistorically Unearthed Trivia

Monday, June 22 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Calling all art enthusiasts! Test your knowledge and have a blast at Art Trivia Night. From famous masterpieces to iconic artists, we've got all things art covered in this fun-filled trivia event.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Check out new local history and genealogy materials available for research. All are welcome.

Creative Outlet: Paint a Quilt Block

Wednesday, June 24

at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Inspired by our nation's 250th Birthday, we'll create a quilt block painting, taping off our shapes to create a classic star pattern.



Needle Felting

Thursday, June 25 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a small figurine. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use.



ADULTS

Unearth a Story: Rockhounding 101

Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

Join us for a fun introduction to rockhounding, the hobby of collecting and learning about rocks, minerals, and fossils. This program will cover basic identification, safe and responsible collecting, and resources to help you get started.

Colonial Tea and Posy Party

Tuesday, June 30 at 2 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Step back in time and celebrate America 250 with a charming colonial-style tea. Enjoy light refreshments, sweet treats, and simple pleasures inspired by the past while learning about colonial traditions. Create a posy, a small hand-held bouquet popular in colonial times, to take home. Dress in colonial-inspired attire for an extra touch of fun.

Paper Quilled Dinosaurs

Tuesday, June 30 at 5 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Learn the art of paper quilling to create a dinosaur.

Data Axle for Small Business

Wednesday, July 1 at 1 pm

Main Library in Newton
Harness the power of data to grow your small business. In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to use one of the library's free databases to perform a number of functions. You will learn to locate a peer organization, assess the value and competition present in a local market, generate a mailing list to desired consumers, and more!

Crafting History: Make Your Own Gall Ink

Thursday, July 2 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with an immersive experience in making historically accurate gall ink, a vital tool of communication in early American history. Discover its significance in the 18th century and its use by founding figures to pen important documents such as the Declaration of Independence.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, July 8 & 22
at 11:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Led by a certified yoga instructor, chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance.

Fact or Family Lore: Uncovering the Truth

Wednesday, July 8 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Every family has cherished stories, but are they true? Get inspired to uncover the myths in your family tree by learning to distinguish fact from fiction through captivating case studies that reveal surprising truths.

The Amazing Puzzle Race

Thursday, July 9 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library

Teams of up to four people will compete to see who can complete a 300-piece puzzle the fastest. We provide the puzzles, the snacks, and the timer. You bring the focus and the fun! Have puzzles sitting around the house? Bring those to exchange with others.

Beaded Bookmark

Friday, July 10 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library
Create a one-of-a kind bookmark with our guest artist Tabitha from Beyond Creations.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays, July 10, 17, & 31 at 11 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

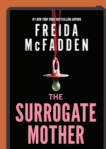
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner friendly, gentle flow yoga class. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

JULY BOOK CLUBS



Mystery Mavens
Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch
Beautiful Ugly
by Alice Feeney

Newton Book Club
Thursday, July 16 at 5 pm
Carpe Crustum
The Correspondent
by Virginia Evans



Shelf-Care Book Club
Monday, July 20 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch
The Surrogate Mother
by Freida McFadden

Mountain View Book Club
Monday, July 20 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch
New book club reads will
be announced soon.



Books Between Friends
Tuesday, July 28 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch
Kin
by Tayari Jones



ADULTS

Qi Gong

Saturday, July 11 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.

Adult Board Game Afternoon

Saturday, July 11 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn how to play fun games while meeting new people! Games include Rummikub, The Uzzle, Gentle Rain, Ticket to Ride, and more. Light refreshments provided.

Escape Room: Seismic Stealth

Tuesday, July 14 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Solve the clues or become the chews. If the “snore-o-meter” hits red, you’re joining the fossils.

Inking Techniques:

Animal Illustrations

Tuesday, July 14 at 5 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Master light and shadow as we transform animal sketches by Old Master artists (i.e. Rembrandt, Da Vinci, Gainsborough) into finished illustrations using technical drawing pens.

Swing Dance 101

Tuesday, July 14 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Join us for an introduction to swing dance! We’ll cover simple steps and rhythms to get you comfortable on the dance floor.

Preserve Your Family Story:

Photos & Documents

Tuesday, July 14 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Make it easier for future generations to unearth your family story. This hands-on workshop is all about how to preserve the photos and documents that tell the story of your family. Learn how to scan and store digital versions of your most precious family mementos. Bring up to five photos or documents to digitize.

Smartphone Notification Settings

Wednesday, July 15 at 2 pm

Long View Town Hall

Learn how to adjust smartphone notifications to reduce digital distractions, stay organized, and stay focused.

K-Pop Catawba!

Thursday, July 16 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Catawba County's only continuing K-pop fan gathering! Share your favorite songs, videos, and artist biases and play K-pop trivia. Explore the world's most exciting musical genre!

Creative Outlet:

Patriotic Stitching Cards

Wednesday, July 22 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Inspired by our nation’s 250th Birthday, we’ll employ the time-tested skill of simple stitching to create a festive design on printed cardstock. No sewing experience necessary.

Needle Felting

Thursday, July 23 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a small figurine. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Ancient Egypt

Monday, July 27 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Journey back to the banks of the Nile for a night of myths, monuments, and mystery! From the engineering marvels of the Giza Plateau to the hidden secrets of the Valley of the Kings, put your knowledge of pharaohs, gods, and hieroglyphs to the ultimate test.

Preserving Your Family Story: Ancestor Pendants

Tuesday, July 28 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Honor your ancestors by creating a pendant with their likeness. Using scanned photos, we’ll use a simple image transfer process to put an accurately sized image in a glass covered, stainless steel pendant, suitable for a necklace or bracelet.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Check out new local history and genealogy materials available for research. All are welcome.



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**DINOSAURS
AT THE
DINNER
PARTY?**

**GREAT READ
NOT GREAT GUESTS**

LIBRARY TO GO

Herman Sipe Lunch & Library

Wednesdays, June 10 - July 29
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.

Summer Stops

Fun for the whole community!
Explore books, enjoy hands-on activities and crafts, and connect with library services & resources for all ages.

Public Health Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 4 & 18
and July 16 & 30

from 10 am - 1 pm

3070 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory

Long View Town Hall Visit

Mondays, June 15 & July 20

from 2 - 5 pm

Long View Town Hall

Conover Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 13 and July 25

from 8 am - 12 pm

Downtown Conover

Juneteenth Celebrations

Explore Juneteenth through books, hands-on activities, and library resources.

Conover Juneteenth

Friday, June 19 at 6 pm

Conover City Park

5th Annual Juneteenth Festival

Saturday, June 20 at 3 pm

Lenoir-Rhyne University

Maiden Juneteenth

Friday, June 26 at 5:30 pm

Maiden Town Hall



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS

The Friends of the Library are energetic advocates who help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access to resources and services.

A big thank you to our Friends groups for sponsoring all of this summer's special events, and for their tireless work and continued support!

For more information or to join one of our friends groups, please see below:

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