

Library Connections

JUNE 2018

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SUMMER LEARNING BEGINS!

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

From June 11 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

GREEN BEAN PLAYERS

The Commedia Cinderella

The touring group of the Green Room Community Theatre will perform their hilarious version of the fairytale classic, complete with fun costumes and crazy hijinks.



JON SUNDELL

Rockin' the Library

Get ready for stories, songs, balloons, and books! Jon incorporates music and multicultural stories throughout this program. Each child receives a balloon animal.



HICKORY MUSIC FACTORY

Percussion Experience

Hickory Music Factory will set up a drum circle, where children can learn how to create beats and make rhythms and share them with others.

SCHIELE MUSEUM

Sounds of Nature

Experience a variety of live animals in person! We'll learn about each of them – along with the sounds they make and why they make them.



MUSIC & SOUND CODING CLASSES

Sign up now for this eight-week series! Learn how computer programming is used to create music, including DJ mixing, movie sound effects, and music composition. We'll build an interactive music display and create a music video. For rising 6th graders and up. Registration recommended.

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

A free lunch for children 2-18 will be provided at the Claremont (Tue-Fri), Maiden (Wed-Fri), and St. Stephens (Wed-Fri) branches, from noon-2pm. There is no qualification to receive lunch, and you do not have to be a Catawba County resident. Ask for details at one of the participating branches.

MAIN IN NEWTON

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Children / Teens / Families

Ready to Learn Storytime

Wednesdays, June 6 and 20 at 10 am

Thursdays, June 7, 21, and 28 at 10 am

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

PAWS to Read

Tuesdays from 4-6 pm

Children are invited to read to trained therapy dogs Nicole, Lexie, or Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

STEAM: Music & Sound Coding

Mondays, June 11, 18, and 25 at 10 am

This series will continue in July.

Sign up now for an 8-week course of computer coding with Google CS First.

Stretch 'n Grow Storytime

Wednesdays, June 13 and 27 at 10 am

An energetic good time for preschool children. This session is a fitness fun program!

Jon Sundell: Rockin' the Library

Thursday, June 14 at 10 am

Enjoy stories, songs, books, and balloons!

Homemade Instruments

Monday, June 18 at 5:30 pm

Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

We'll create cool musical instruments from ordinary materials.

Schiele Museum: Sounds of Nature

Thursday, June 21 at 4 pm

Come see a variety of live animals!

Green Bean Players

Thursday, June 28 at 4 pm

Get ready for this live version of *Cinderella!*

Adults / Career / Tech

Super Fun Zumba

Mondays at 6 pm

Kick off your week with a burst of Super Fun Zumba, a dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

Bilingual Yoga for Everyone

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Yoga is proven to increase flexibility, enhance muscle tone, and improve balance. Take advantage of this free class for all skill levels. Open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

Crochet Classes

Fridays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 4 pm

Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

Learn the basics of crocheting! Advanced learners are welcome to attend this class also.

English as a Second Language

Monday, June 4 at 5:30 pm

Everyone is welcome.

Open to the public. This session will wrap up the 2017-18 ESL series and will offer a time to practice conversation skills. Please join us when a new series begins in the fall!

Excel Basics

Tuesday, June 5 at 11 am

Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class will show you how to insert text and use basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill to help you get started.



Make the Med Flip – Smoothies

Wednesday, June 6 at 10 am

Join us to explore ways of preparing and enjoying simple, satisfying, and delicious foods. This month's focus is on smoothies that fit the Mediterranean Diet, offering up a sweet treat while still avoiding added sugars.

NC Works Career Center

Wednesday, June 6 from 10 am-2 pm

A career specialist from NC Works will be available to provide 1-on-1 assistance with job searches, applications, and resumés.

Excel: Formulas and Functions

Wednesday, June 6 at 11 am

Formulas and functions make Excel work for you. Learn to create basic formulas or use already created functions to add numbers together, calculate a mortgage payment, or search for variables. Basic Excel skills required.

Adult STEAM: Manufacturing Solutions Center

Thursday, June 7 at 4 pm

The Manufacturing Solutions Center in Conover is a non-profit organization that offers testing, product development, training, engineering, and much more. Join us as we tour the facility to see what it offers. Please call 828.465.8664 to sign up.



Southern Pens Book Club

Saturday, June 9 at 10 am

Join us to share and discuss all kinds of books. This month's read is *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. July's selection will be *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

Delicious Healthy Smoothies

Monday, June 11 at 5 pm

Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

Learn about the different ingredients you can use to prepare smoothies as a breakfast replacement, snack, or summer treat. We'll share recipes and try small samples.

Excel: Sort and Filter

Tuesday, June 12 at 11 am

Go beyond the basics of sorting data, and learn about all of the filtering options that let you quickly access the information you need.

Music & Mindfulness with Adult Coloring

Tuesday, June 12 at 4 pm

We'll work on intricate coloring pages with a musical theme while enjoying relaxing music.



Senior Game Day

Wednesday, June 13 at 10 am

Join us to play board games, card games, party games and maybe win a door prize. It's a great chance to socialize and have some fun. Light refreshments served.

Health First – Free Health Check

Wednesday, June 13, 11 am-1 pm

Take advantage of our helpful nurses visiting from Catawba Valley Medical Center's Health First office: get your vitals checked, ask questions, and keep yourself running like a well-oiled machine.

Introduction to GCFLearnfree.org

Wednesday, June 13 at 11 am

Are you interested in developing a new skill? We'll teach you how to access GCF Learnfree, an online tool that lets you learn valuable skills like how to use a computer, create a spreadsheet, or write a resume. The site is free and easy to access.

Rock Your Music with Hoopla

Thursday, June 14 at 11 am

Learn to use Hoopla, a free app that lets you download music, ebooks, audiobooks, and movies anytime, anywhere.

"Dad & Me" Putting Challenge

Saturday, June 16, 10 am-4 pm

Parent-child teams of two are invited to take the library's putting challenge – three chances each to make a hole-in-one and win a prize!

Free Electronic Resources

Saturday, June 16 at 1 pm

Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

Learn about the variety of free electronic resources the library offers. Bring your phone, tablet, or laptop to practice with, or use one of the library's computers.

Tinkercad 101: Create a Gear

Tuesday, June 19 at 4 pm

Learn to create 3-D files

using Tinkercad, a free online

Computer Aided Design (CAD)

software. Participants will

make a simple gear using

geometric shapes that can be

printed with the 3-D printer.

Please call 828.465.8664 to sign up.



Advanced Gardener: Garden and Landscape Diseases and Disorders

Tuesday, June 19 at 6:30 pm

Dr. George Place offers helpful tips on recognizing and addressing a variety of garden and yard diseases and disorders.

Kindness Rocks

Wednesday, June 20 at 3 pm

Participate in the worldwide phenomenon of painting cute images or inspirational messages on small rocks to be placed where they might bring cheer to those who find them.

3-D Basics

Wednesday, June 20 at 4 pm

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

Journaling for Gratitude

Tuesday, June 26 at 3 pm

Learn about the benefits and opportunities available with gratitude journaling and receive a free journal to get started.

Piece of Cake Book Club

No meeting in June

PoCBC is on vacation this month. July's selection is *Night Circus* by Erin Morganstern.

Who Are You, Really?

Wednesday, June 27 at 4 pm

To understand yourself better or just to have fun, we've got over 100 different personality quizzes to choose from for this insightful class on personality types.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

Now it's easy to get professional gardening recommendations anytime. Just submit your questions to an "Ask a Master Gardener" question box at the library.

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Children / Teens / Families

STEAM: Music & Sound Coding

Tuesdays, June 12, 19, 26 at noon

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Jon Sundell: Rockin' the Library

Thursday, June 14 at 5:30 pm

Enjoy stories, songs, books, and balloons! Kick off summer learning with Jon at Claremont Elementary School's gym (3384 E Main St)!

Schiele Museum

Thursday, June 21 at 1 pm

Come see a variety of live animals!

Rock Painting and Stacking for Teens

Friday, June 22 at 1 pm

Paint your own kindness rock and then work with others to balance as many rocks as you can. Afterwards, take your rock home or leave it somewhere for others to find as a small act of kindness. Ages 13-18.

Adults / Career / Tech**Technology Tutoring**

Fridays, June 8 and June 22 from noon-6 pm

Call the library to book a help session with a librarian if you're learning a new skill or need help with a technology problem. Bring your own device or learn on one of ours.

Songwriters Workshop

Saturday, June 30 at noon

Join local singer, songwriter, and musician AJ Herrick as he discusses the various paths you can take to create your own masterpiece. Bring your ideas, instruments, and in-progress writing. Ideal for adults and young adults.

Upcoming: Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, July 24 at 6 pm

Meets in odd-numbered months

Take the time this month to prepare for next month's discussion. July's title will be *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

Now it's easy to get professional gardening recommendations anytime. Just submit your questions to an "Ask a Master Gardener" question box at the library.

CONOVER
828.466.5108**Children / Teens / Families****Baby Bounce**

Wednesdays at 10 am

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

**Ready to Learn Storytime**

Fridays at 10 am

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

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Jon Sundell: Rockin' the Library

Tuesday, June 12 at 4:30 pm

Enjoy stories, songs, books, and balloons! Kick off summer learning with Jon Sundell!

STEAM: Music & Water

Thursday, June 14 at 4:30 pm

Kids will learn about the science behind sound waves and will experiment with different substances to create their own. For ages 6+.

STEAM: Percussion

Saturday, June 16 at noon

Kids will make their own percussion instrument and participate in music-related activities. Registration recommended; ages 6+.

Schiele Museum: Sounds of Nature

Tuesday, June 19 at 5:30 pm

Come see a variety of live animals!

Painting Rocks

Thursday, June 28 at 4:30 pm

Paint a kindness rock with an uplifting quote or picture. Afterwards, take it home or leave it somewhere for others to find as a small act of kindness. Recommended for ages 6+.

Rock Painting and Stacking for Teens

Saturday, June 30 at noon

Paint your own kindness rock and then work with others to balance as many rocks as you can. Afterwards, take your rock home or leave it somewhere for others to find as a small act of kindness. Ages 13-18.

Adults / Career / Tech**Yoga for All Ages**

Friday, June 15 from 5-6:30 pm

Join us for this fun class focused on centering, breath, and self-awareness. Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel.

Catawba Valley Writers Club

Tuesday, June 19 at 6 pm

Local writers will discuss, evaluate, and share their works. If you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction, this group is for you!

Advanced Social Security Planning

Tuesday, June 26 at 11:30 am at Neighbors Network (706 1st Ave South, Conover)

A number of changes to Social Security were announced for 2018. Learn about the rules, strategies, and adjustments that could make a real difference for you. Presented by the Foundation for Financial Education. Call 828.464.1111 to reserve a seat.

Avoiding the Pitfalls of Rocky Finances

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MAIDEN
828.428.2712**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Storytime**

Thursdays at 10 am

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

STEAM: Music & Sound Coding

Saturdays, June 2, 9, 23, and 30 at 12:30 pm

This series will continue in July.

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Rain Sticks

Tuesday, June 12 at 2 pm

We'll craft rain sticks, learn about Native American legends, and take a look at modern "cloud seeding" practices. For ages 6+. Please preregister the week of the program.

Jon Sundell: Rockin' the Library

Thursday, June 14 at 4:30 pm

Enjoy stories, songs, books, and balloons!

Schiele Museum: Sounds of Nature

Tuesday, June 19 at 2:30 pm

Come see a variety of live animals!

Bristle Bots Rock!

Thursday, June 28 at 2 pm

Build your own "brush bot" using simple materials and race it down the track to see whose is fastest. A small prize will be awarded to the winner! Please preregister the week of the program.

Adults / Career / Tech**Movie: Singing with Angry Bird**

Saturday, June 23 at 11 am

In this PBS documentary, a choir director in India struggles to keep children singing instead of working to earn money for their families. To help his cause, he has children and parents perform in a joint concert, showing the power of music to bring families together.

Advanced Gardener: Garden and Landscape Diseases and Disorders

Tuesday, June 26 at 6:30 pm

Dr. George Place offers helpful tips on recognizing and addressing a variety of garden and yard diseases and disorders.

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL
828.466.6827**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Storytime**

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am (no session on Wednesday, June 20)

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Baby Bounce

Fridays at 10 am

This sweet, simple, 30-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for your youngest learners.

PAWSitive Reading

Thursday, June 7 from 3:30-5:15 pm

Have a "PAWS"itive reading experience! Come read to a certified therapy dog. Grades K and up. Registration is required. Call or stop by to sign up for a 15-20 minute session.

Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime

Saturday, June 9 at 10 am

Join us for a special "Libraries Rock" storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare preschoolers to learn.

STEAM: Music & Sound Coding

Mondays, June 11, 18, and 25 at 1 pm

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Jon Sundell: Rockin' the Library

Tuesday, June 12 at 1 pm

Enjoy stories, songs, books, and balloons!

Student STEAM: Bright Ideas Club

Tuesday, June 12 at 6 pm

Join us as we explore the forces and concepts of science and engineering. Each meeting, we'll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Please register. Ages 7-16.

Build a Vocal Visualizer

Wednesday, June 13 at 2 pm (ages 13-18)

Friday, June 15 at 2 pm (ages 7-12)

Engineer a vocal visualizer to actually see sound! Then create a dazzling laser light show using vibrations. If you're interested in music, engineering, or physics, join us! Ages 13-18.

Makey Makey Madness

Wednesday, June 20 at 2 pm (ages 13-18)

Wednesday, June 27 at 2 pm (ages 7-12)

We'll transform everyday objects into music keyboards while learning how a Makey Makey works. We'll also explore conductivity and create musical instruments.

Schiele Museum: Sounds of Nature

Thursday, June 21 at 10 am

Come see a variety of live animals!

Pre-K STEAM: Science of Sound

Tuesday, June 26 at 2 pm

We'll learn about sound: how to make it, how to change it, and how it travels. Ages 3-6.

Teen Gardening Rocks!

Friday, June 29 at 2 pm

Bring a friend and create a living terrarium. We'll have a variety of plants, moss, stones, and decorations to choose from. All materials are provided. Ages 13-18. Please register.

Adults / Career / Tech**Rock the Road to Recovery**

Monday, June 4 at 6:30 pm

Volunteer drivers are needed for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program, which provides patients in need with free rides to treatment. Come learn how you can help!

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm

The Mystery Mavens welcome new members! Join us for a lively discussion of *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. Next month's meeting on July 10 will feature *The Dry* by Jane Harper.

Price It! Antiques & Collectibles

Thursday, June 7 and Monday, June 25 at 1 pm

Learn to use this online resource to price collectibles and antiques. The simple-to-use tool is a comprehensive guide, delivering 23 million realized prices on treasures.

Summer Music Program

Friday, June 8 at 4 pm

Kick off Adult Summer Learning with local musician Joyce O'Neal as she compares and contrasts iconic works, from classical to rock, and explains why these pieces matter.

Ask a Master Gardener: LIVE!

Tuesday, June 12 from 4:30-7:30 pm

Are you planning to grow summer vegetables this year or hoping to create a flower garden? Catawba County Extension Master Gardeners will be here in person and can help with all of your gardening questions.

Birthday Cards for Foster Children

Friday, June 22 from noon-4 pm

Drop in and make a birthday card for a child in the foster care system. Cards will be matched to a specific child and mailed when their birthday approaches! Supplies and examples will be provided.

Avoiding the Pitfalls of Rocky Finances

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SOUTHWEST
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Paws to Read with Mini

Tuesdays, June 12 and 26 from 4-6 pm

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

Schiele Museum: Sounds of Nature

Monday, June 18 at 2:30 pm

Come see a variety of live animals!

Teen Disney Tunes

Monday, June 18 at 6:30 pm

Test your Disney music knowledge against others and decorate a mug to keep. Please register. (Limited to 12 participants.)

**STEAM: Construction Zone**

Friday, June 22 at 3:30 pm

Elementary-aged children are invited to enjoy a fun time exploring our new engineering and building sets, sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union.

Musical Games

Tuesday, June 26 at 3:30 pm

Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of musical games.

Adults / Career / Tech**One-on-One Technology Help**

Tuesday, June 5 from 4-5 pm

Bring in your phone, tablet, or laptop to get help with technology questions. Register for a 20-minute session by calling 828.466.6818.

Musicians and Songwriters

Tuesday, June 19 at 6 pm

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

**Resumé Help**

Wednesday, June 20 at 11 am

Do you have questions about your resume or need help creating one? Schedule a one-on-one, 20-minute session to get assistance. Please call 828.466.6818 to register.

Community Read – Hmong Heritage

Tuesday, June 26 at 6 pm

To deepen the understanding of our broader community, join us in a discussion about two illuminating titles: *The Song Poet: A Memoir of my Father* by Kao Kalia Yang and *Bamboo Among the Oaks* by Mai Neng Moua. Advanced reading is encouraged but not required.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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ST. STEPHENS
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Tuesday evenings at 6 pm

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Jon Sundell: Rockin' the Library

Monday, June 11 at 1 pm

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Drumming

Thursday, June 14 at 3 pm

We'll create a drum from recycled materials and then play together in a drum circle.

Summer Movie: A Wrinkle in Time

Friday, June 15 at 3:30 pm

Based on the Newbery Award-winning novel. Enjoy popcorn and a drink. Rated PG.

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