SUMMER LEARNING BEGINS!

From June 17 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!

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

HEADLINE ACTS

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

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

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

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

Cora Hatley
Jurors’ Award
A student and community theater actor, Cora took home the top award for Old Courthouse, her photo depicting downtown Newton’s landmark building.

Lydia Mearse
Director’s Award
A mother and pastor’s wife, Lydia won for Happy Trails, which captures her sons playing in Riverbend Park.

Lisandro Capetillo Ortiz
People’s Choice Award
Local photographer Lisandro won rave reviews for Welcome Home, which portrays his mother’s hands and his adopted state.

Dana Owens
Honorable Mention
Dana, a local photographer, won for Backyard Barn, which captures the dramatic natural beauty of a rural landscape.

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

Arts @ the Library

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Tai Chi
Thursday at 4 pm (no class June 20 or 27)
This graceful martial art has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety while increasing flexibility and balance. Suitable for all fitness levels, open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for teens under 18).

WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-Up
Wednesday, June 5 from 10 am-2 pm
Whether you need to create a resumé from scratch or update the one you already have, book your 30-minute, individual session by calling 828.465.8665.

Excel Basics
Wednesday, June 5 at 5 pm
Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class will teach basic functions like Autosum and AutoFill.

Excel: Formulas and Functions
Thursday, June 6 at 5 pm
Learn to create basic formulas or use already created functions to add numbers, calculate a mortgage payment, or search for variables. Basic Excel skills required.

Southern Pens Book Club
Saturday, June 8 at 10 am
This month’s read is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Everyone is invited to participate.

Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting
Monday, June 10 at 11 am
Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. Meets each second Monday.

Bugged Out
Tuesday, June 11 at 11 am
Summertime often finds us in the great outdoors, so it’s important to know how to avoid the dangers of tick and insect bites. Emily Killian from the Department of Public Health will cover everything you need to know about disease-carrying bugs and ticks, from prevention to bite treatment to recognizing possible harm.

Quick & Healthy Meals & Snacks
Tuesday, June 11 at 3 pm
Low carb? Low fat? Keto? Paleo? There are as many diets as there are days in the year! That’s why we’ve invited Renee Greene, wellness director at Catawba Valley Health Systems, to help us with quick, healthy menu planning and recipes, so we can spend more of the summer having fun and less on meal prep.

Meet Libby
Tuesday, June 11 at 5 pm
Libby offers a free, user-friendly way to find 1000s of eBooks and audiobooks on the NC Digital Library. Learn how to download the app, sign in, and download a title or two. Bring your own tablet or phone so we can help set it up and have you ready to go by the time you leave.

Using Google Photos
Wednesday, June 12 at 11 am
Learn the basics of Google Photos and how to back up photos from your mobile devices, edit, share, and create animations and collages. A Google account is required.

UnBook Club for Non-Joiners
Wednesday, June 12 at 4 pm
Take a look at seasonal constellations to use as a pattern. Supplies provided. Registration required.

Moon Shot
Thursday, June 27 at 6 pm
Emark on the journey that defined a generation! We’re hosting a sneak preview of the upcoming PBS American Experience three-part series Chasing the Moon. Share your memories of the 1969 moon landing at our astronaut-themed ice cream social: try a sip of Tang or enjoy some Dippin’ Dots.

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Children / Teens / Families

STRETCH-N-GROW FITNESS: ASTRONAUT TRAINING
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**Adults / Career / Tech**

**Upcoming:** Books Between Friends Book Club and Claremont Friends of the Library Meeting
Tuesday, July 23 at 6 pm
The book club meets in alternating months, and July’s discussion will be about *Endurance: A Year in Space*, A Lifetime of Discovery by Scott Kelly. Everyone is welcome! The Friends of the Library group will also have a quick business meeting for anyone who would like to attend.

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**Ready to Learn Storytime:** Preschool
Thursdays at 10 am
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

**Ready to Learn Storytime:** Tiny to Two
Wednesdays at 10 am
A sweet, 20-minute storytime featuring rhythms, bounces, sensory play, and singing. Playtime follows. Ideal for newborns to age 2, but all are welcome.

**Yoga for All Ages**
Saturday, June 15 at 11 am
Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel.

**Stretch-n-Grow Fitness:** Astronaut Training
Saturday, June 18 at 4 pm
Certified fitness instructors lead children in vigorous activities that incorporate endurance, strength, flexibility, motor skill development – and fun!

**Wearable LEDs for Teens**
Friday, June 21 at 3:30 pm
Experiment with conductive thread and LEDs to transform a patch into light-up, wearable circuitry. For ages 13-18. Registration required.

**Space-o-ramium**
Saturday, June 22 at 11 am
You’ve been given a mission! Report to the library to create a space-inspired, non-living terrarium and write/draw about your voyage and your encounters with aliens, new habitats, and other interstellar discoveries. All supplies will be provided, but you’re welcome to bring your own clear glass or plastic jar (any size works – spaghetti sauce jars, jam jars, old fish tanks, etc.) and/or any other decorations from home that you’d like to use.

**Star Party & Space Science with Ms. Jan**
Tuesday, June 25 at 4 pm
Learn about astronomy through fun lessons and experiments that teach kids about what they see in the night sky.

**Adults / Career / Tech**

**Catawba Valley Writers Club**
Tuesday, June 18 at 6 pm
Join us for our monthly meeting, as fellow writers discuss, evaluate, and share their works. If you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction, or just take delight in putting words on paper, this group is for you. Expect friendly fellowship and lively conversation!

**Murder Mystery Party: Aliens**
Saturday, June 29 at 11 am
Come enjoy a meal and this fun, supernatural, mafia-style whodunit game involving extraterrestrials! Try to discover who’s who—before it’s too late! Open to teens and adults. Registration required.

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**Yello Dyno Safety Storytime**
Thursday, June 6 at 10 am
This musically driven program teaches children about their right to be safe. Youngsters will learn how to identify deceptive behavior, rely on instincts and feelings, and build self-confidence when faced with tricky people.

**Catawba Science Center:** Animals Inside & Out
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**Adults / Career / Tech**

**Darkness to Light**
Tuesday, June 4 at 6 pm
Join us for an empowering and important training seminar to help adults prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

**Virtual Reality Tour of the Moon and Planets**
Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm
Sit back and relax as we embark on a virtual reality tour of the moon and planets while enjoying fun and educational content. Treats are also invited to share their memories of the 1969 moon landing as we explore outer space.

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**Ready to Learn Storytime:** Preschool
Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

**Read to Learn Storytime:** Tiny to Two
Fridays at 10 am
A sweet, 20-minute storytime featuring rhythms, bounces, sensory play, and singing. Playtime follows. Ideal for newborns to age 2, but all are welcome.

**Student STEAM:** 4-H Bright Ideas Club
Tuesday, June 11 at 6 pm
Join us as we explore the forces and concepts of science and engineering by learning about circuits, solving Morse code messages, building catapults, and more! At each meeting, we’ll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Designed for ages 7-16. Registration required.

**STEAM:** Fizzy Rockets
Thursday, June 13 at 2 pm
Join us for explosive (but safe!) fun as we explore the science behind film canister rockets. Experiments will be conducted outside, so dress for the weather. Ages 7-12. Registration required.

**Stretch-n-Grow Fitness:** Astronaut Training
Monday, June 17 at 4 pm
Certified fitness instructors lead children in vigorous activities that incorporate endurance, strength, flexibility, motor skill development – and fun!

**Teen Galaxy T-Shirts**
Tuesday, June 18 at 2 pm
Create a t-shirt that’s out of this world! Using fabric paints and our imagination, we’ll make unique galaxy t-shirts to celebrate the Summer Learning theme: a universe of stories. Ages 13-18. Registration required.

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**Coding Club:** Video Game Design
Wednesday, June 19 at 12:30 pm
Using Google’s CS First and MIT’s Scratch technologies, we’ll learn basic video game coding concepts. Each week, a new skill will be introduced and a new type of video game created, such as racing, platform, launching, and more. Create cool games to share with your friends and play at home! Recommended for rising 6th graders and up.

**Galaxy T-Shirts**
Thursday, June 20 at 2 pm
Create a t-shirt that’s out of this world! Using fabric paints and our imagination, we’ll make unique galaxy t-shirts to celebrate the Summer Learning theme: a universe of stories. Ages 7-12. Registration required.

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**STEAM: Pendulum Painting**
**Thursday, June 27 at 2 pm**
Explore the art and science behind pendulums. Join us as we construct a pendulum and create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece using gravity and paint. Ages 7-12.

**Adults / Career / Tech**
**Technology Help at Your Own Pace**
**Monday, June 3 at 2 pm with an identical session on Wednesday, June 5 at 5 pm**
Intimidated by computers? New to email or the web? Want to stay safe online or understand how your operating system works? Learn this and more using GCFLearnFree.org. Together, we’ll navigate the website and get comfortable with the free, self-paced learning tool.

**Mystery Mavens Book Club**
**Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30 pm**
The Mystery Mavens welcome new members, and the club is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of A Land More Kind Than Home by Wiley Cash. July’s discussion will focus on Blue Heaven by C.J. Box.

**Core Skills at Your Own Pace**
**Monday, June 10 at 5 pm with an identical session on Wednesday, June 12 at 1 pm**
Whether you want to learn new words, practice reading skills, or expand your knowledge of fractions, decimals, percentages, and algebra, GCFLearnFree.org's interactive lessons can help. Everyday life skills, personal finance, and other topics are also available using the free, self-paced resource.

**One Summer: America 1927 by Bill Bryson**
**Monday, June 17 at 6:30 pm 1927. The summer of Babe Ruth, Al Capone, Herbert Hoover, and Calvin Coolidge. The summer of Mississippi floods, tabloids, and talking pictures. The summer of Charles Lindbergh’s solo transatlantic flight. Join us as we discuss how the figures and events of this exciting summer transformed America.**

**Hands-on Gardening Series**
**Saturday, June 22 at 9:30 am**
This month, we’ll talk about how to keep up with your yard and garden during the summer. Bring your questions about late spring pruning, summer planting, and yard and garden maintenance. After the presentation, we’ll have plenty of time for a Q&A session. Presented by Master Gardener volunteers of Catawba County.

**Fundamentals of Nutrition**
**Tuesday, June 25 at 6 pm**
Water is the most important nutrient in the body, making up 60% of a human’s total body mass. Find out the signs of chronic dehydration and why water quality matters. As an added bonus, we’ll cover how to read food labels and where and how to source the best quality food for optimal health.

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

**Paws to Read with Mini**
**Tuesdays, June 11 and June 25 from 4-6 pm**
Elementary-aged children are invited to read to Mini, a certified library therapy dog. Please sign up for a 15-minute session. Grades K and up.

**Rocket Blast & Monday Movie: RocketMan**
**Monday, June 17 at 4 pm**
Kids will create their own rocket and use the forces of science (wind and balloons) to blast the rocket across the room. The one that launches furthest wins the prize! Afterwards, we’ll show the animated Disney movie RocketMan about a computer geek chosen to go on the first manned mission to Mars, although his crewmates aren’t happy. Rated PG.

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**Monday Night Movie: Fly Me to the Moon**
**Monday, June 24 at 6 pm**
Three fly friends, inspired by one of their grandpa’s adventures with Amelia Earhart, sneak aboard Apollo 11 in this animated adventure about making it to the moon and back! Rated G.

**Stretch-n-Grow Fitness: Astronaut Training**
**Tuesday, June 25 at 4 pm**
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**Adults / Career / Tech**
**Adult Coloring Book: Universe of Stories**
**Saturday, June 8 at 2 pm**
Come relax by coloring your stress away. We’ll provide the themed coloring sheets, markers, and crayons to help you get started.

**Meatless Meatsballs: Expand Your Universe Monday, June 17 at 6 pm**
Andrea Sherrill, family and consumer science agent with the Cooperative Extension, will meet with kids to discuss meatless foods and how to prepare unique, meatless options. Kids will work together in groups to create meatless versions of their favorite recipes. Participants will taste the dishes created during the session and take home a meatless recipe.

**Digital Book Club**
**Thursday, June 20 at noon**
Join our digital book club meeting, customized for folks who read with the Overdrive and/or Hoopla apps. Share your thoughts on the Catawba County Library Digital Book Club Goodreads group [https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/393104-digital-book-club]. Digital Book Club ‘meets’ quarterly. Our second-quarter selection is Vergil Wander by Leif Enger. We’ll have a closing discussion online on June 20 at noon and announce our next quarterly selection at that time as well.

**Bookmark Art Contest: Submit Your Artwork Throughout June**
Create artwork for a “Libraries Build Community” bookmark. If your artwork is chosen, it will be professionally produced and distributed throughout Catawba County. Stop by the reference desk after school, during regular library hours, or during family reading and learning time to submit your artwork. Guidelines, templates, and/or art supplies you can use in your artwork are available at the library. For guidelines, check the library’s website: www.catawbacountync.gov/library.

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**Movie at the Library: E.T.**
**Friday, June 21 at 4 pm**
The whole family will enjoy this classic tale about a boy who summons the courage to help a friendly alien escape Earth and return to his home world. Popcorn and a beverage will be served. Rated PG.

**Resource Warehouse: Arty Party Monday, June 24 at 3 pm**
Teens will make a project from repurposed materials with guidance from Resource Warehouse staff.

**Shoot for the Moon!**
**Tuesday, June 25 at 1 pm**
We’ll read Many Moons by Remi Courgeon, make balloon rockets, and learn about velocity, force, and gravity.

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