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GET READY FOR SUMMER LEARNING!

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS THIS MONTH

It's May, which means that the library is launching its annual Summer Learning adventure with activities and challenges for kids, teens, and adults!

When schools take a break for a few months, the library ramps up its programs and activities to keep learning at the forefront. The goal? To help kids avoid the 'summer slide' – that potential loss of skills that tends to happen when students aren't in class on a daily basis. To keep minds and bodies occupied, the library is actively hosting reading challenges, offering hands-on learning opportunities, and introducing people of all ages to exciting new programs.

This year, the Summer Learning theme combines two shared joys: animals and storytelling. As we celebrate 'Tails & Tales,' library programs will focus on real animals, storybook animals, and fantasy animals, along with loads of great books and stories that feature animals.

The library's virtual storytimes and STEAM programs will engage young learners and teach them about the animal kingdom. Participants will learn about owls from an NC state park ranger, turtles from the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher, and wild animal rescue from the May Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at Lees-McRae College. We'll also get active with 'animal' movement sessions by Stretch-n-Grow and laugh out loud at *Mr. Chicken's Barnyard Review*, a musical comedy that includes puppetry, magic tricks, and hysterical antics. As a special treat, the local Kennel Club will bring different breeds

of dogs to the Newton Library's community garden for a live visit and talk about proper dog care.

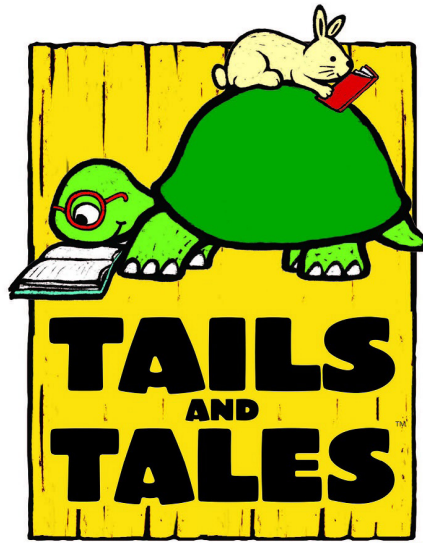
Children and teens are also encouraged to participate in our reading challenges and to complete at least 600 minutes of reading over the summer. To keep them motivated, prizes will be awarded at the 200-, 400-, and 600-minute marks. In addition, kids and teens who meet the 300- and 600-minute goals may claim a voucher to attend a Hickory Crawdads baseball game on the nights of June 29 and July 28.

As in the past, participants who have achieved the 600-minute goal will have their names entered into a drawing for one of several grand prizes, including tickets to Carowinds, Zootastic Park, the Lazy 5 Ranch, and the Catawba Science Center. Gift cards to Dixie's Fish & Chicken will also be given away, and adults who complete the adult Summer Learning challenge will be eligible

to win a gift card to Devine's Farm Store or gift certificates to Patriot Axe Throwing. The grand prize drawings will be held Tuesday, August 10.

Registration for Summer Learning begins on Monday, May 17, and Summer Learning will take place from June 1 through August 8. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to register online through Beanstack (<https://catawbacountync.beanstack.org/>) or at any local library branch.

To learn more about Summer Learning, call 828.465.8665. We look forward to discovering a wide variety of 'Tails & Tales' with you this summer!



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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Children / Teens / Families

Homework Helpers

Ongoing

The Catawba County Youth Council is partnering with the library to offer 20-minute time slots for homework and reading assistance. Elementary and middle school-aged students may drop in on a first-come, first-served basis. Just check in at the circulation desk for guidance when you arrive. Parents must remain in the library during each session. Participating branches include:

- Newton: Mon & Wed 4-6 pm
- Conover: Sat 10 am-12 noon

Tails & Tales Pet Art Show

Throughout May

To help us celebrate Summer Learning 2021, you're invited to submit photos, drawings, paintings, or stories about your own pet, a shelter friend, or your favorite animal! We'll accept submissions at all library branches, or you can email them to kidshare@catawbacountync.gov. We'll display all the great art and stories we receive at the Main Library in Newton from June 1 through August 8.

STEAM: May the Fourth

Tuesday, May 4 at 4 pm

Celebrate Star Wars Day with us by learning how to make your own LED Lightsaber card!

This program is for kids 8-14 years old, who are welcome to dress as their favorite *Star Wars* character! Register at tinyurl.com/ccls-maythe4th and a kit will be sent to your selected library.



Star Wars: Skywalker Saga Virtual Movie Trivia Night

Tuesday, May 4 at 6 pm

Calling all Jedi and Sith! Join us via Zoom and Kahoot! The trivia questions will be based on all nine films in the Skywalker Saga. We're inviting up to 25 teens or households to join us. Please visit tinyurl.com/cclsstarwarstrivia to register. We'll send a Zoom link out the day before the program. Prizes will be given to the winners. Jedi mind tricks on the presenters is strictly prohibited! May the 4th be with you! (For the best experience, participants should connect two devices, such as a laptop for the Zoom meeting and a phone/tablet to answer multiple-choice questions and have points awarded in real-time using Kahoot! Players can use either the Kahoot! website or download the free Kahoot! app.)

Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom

Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10 am

Gather the kids and join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime! This family-friendly virtual event will include singing, reading, finger plays, and lots of your favorite activities! Please register at tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime. You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

STEAM: Cartesian Diver

Tuesday, May 18 at 4 pm

Join us as we learn about buoyancy and create a water dancer using simple household objects. Register at tinyurl.com/ccls-diver to receive a kit and join our virtual STEAM program.

Adults / Career / Tech

Seed Library: Donate & Borrow

Ongoing

We're building a seed library, where the community can exchange seeds for free! We'll accept viable seeds at all locations during their standard business hours, and heirlooms are especially welcome. Please package and label any donations you drop off. Seeds may also be borrowed from the Main Library in Newton. They're subject to availability and cannot be reserved.

SilverArts 2021 Literary, Heritage & Visual Arts Exhibit

May 1-8 at the Southwest Branch's auditorium during regular library hours

The library is partnering with Hickory Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism to host this exhibit, which is the arts component of the 2021 Unifour Senior Games for adults 50 and older in Catawba, Caldwell, Alexander, and Burke Counties. Entries will represent the following categories:

- Literary Arts — essays, poems, short stories, and life experiences
- Heritage Arts — basket-weaving, crocheting, quilting (hand-stitched and machine-stitched), needlework, pottery, knitting, stained glass, tole/decorative painting, jewelry, weaving, and woodworking
- Visual Arts — acrylics, oils, sculpture, photography, pastels, watercolors, mixed media, and drawings

Medicaid/Managed Care Information Fair

Saturday, May 1 from 10 am-2 pm in person at the Newton Library parking lot

Discover the NC Medicaid Plan that's right for you! NC Medicaid Managed Care lets you choose a health plan with the providers and services best for you and your family. You might want to keep your current doctor or find a new one. But whichever plan you select, you'll get the same access to benefits. Some people won't need a new plan because of the type of NC Medicaid services they receive, so learn more about your options. Reps from the following health plans will be available so that you can discuss your options in more detail: WellCare, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Healthy Blue, AmeriHealth Caritas, and Carolina Complete Health.



Garden Volunteer Work Day

Monday, May 3 from 9-11 am at the Main Library in Newton

Our community gardens need to be prepped and planted for the upcoming summer season, and we're excited to ask you for help! If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. We'll be mulching, weeding, planting, and getting our hands dirty to prep our space for the new year. Call 828.466.6821 to sign up.

LIVE Zumba with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 6 pm (no class on May 31)

This fun dance workout takes place outdoors in the lower parking lot of the Newton Library. It's appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). In the event of rain, you may access the virtual session with this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120563944?pwd=S09kaEVkd0dydm1VYW14WnVUZG9sUT09> Then enter the meeting ID: **871 2056 3944** and follow it with the passcode: **Dance**. [Please note that this word is case sensitive. Enter it exactly as shown.] You can also visit www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithHmongSibs/.

ESL Class: Intermediate

Tuesdays, May 4, 11 & 18 at 6 pm

Practice speaking English with us on Tuesday evenings! We'll spend the first 20 minutes or so on grammar and usage topics and then start our conversations. If you'd like to register for class or get more information about the weekly series that concludes this month, please call the Newton branch at 828.465.8664.



Virtual Tai Chi

Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 at noon

Our lunchtime tai chi class is led by Cooperative Extension director Dr. George Place. The virtual session is designed to help people relax in their homes or offices during a quick half-hour. It also helps promote balance and alleviate the effects of arthritis. To get the Zoom code, check www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem the day of the class.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 pm

This book club focuses on mysteries of all types and is open to everyone. Join us via Zoom for a lively discussion of *House on Fire Hall* by Bonnie Kistler, led by Catawba County marketing and communications manager Amy McCauley. Please register at tinyurl.com/CCLS-MysteryMavens. You'll receive the Zoom link in your email. Please feel free to attend even if you haven't read this month's selection.

Computer Skills Series

Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 11 am

Join us for a virtual lunch-and-learn series covering basic computer skills. Session topics are Device & Internet Basics, Communicating Online, Digital Organization, and Finding & Evaluating Information Online. You can sign up for individual sessions or the entire series. For more details and to register, visit tinyurl.com/cclscomputer. We'll send a Zoom link out the morning of the program.

Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

Monday, May 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.

Employment Workshop: Resumés 101*Tuesday, May 11 at 2 pm*

Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba to create a resumé that will get you the interview! To register, go to tinyurl.com/catawbajobs and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

**Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike***Tuesday, May 11 at 3 pm at Riverbend Park (6700 NC Hwy 16, Conover)*

Certified personal trainer and tai chi instructor Dr. George Place will lead us in finding inner peace and outer adventure as we gather at parks around the county for 30 minutes of tai chi movements, followed by an hour's hike. You'll find everything you need to improve your sense of well-being: stretching, activity, calm, and nature in the company of friends. Suitable for all fitness levels. Registration (and waiver) required at tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg.

Outdoor Photography Workshop*Tuesday, May 11 at 5 pm at Henry River Mill Village (4255 Henry River Rd, Hickory)*

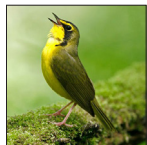
Published photographer and CVCC photography instructor Joe Young will share his best advice on how to take better pictures outdoors as we explore the exteriors at Henry River Mill Village. Whether you're using a cell phone camera, a 35mm Nikon, or anything in between, brush off the proverbial cobwebs and focus your lens on the interesting world around you. Covered topics include composition, lighting, and exposure. Attendance is limited; registration is required at tinyurl.com/ccls-HenryRiver.

**Hoopla***Wednesday, May 12 at 11 am*

Did you know you can borrow ebooks, audiobooks, music, and movies from Hoopla? Join us to learn how to access Hoopla digital resources with your library card and discover all the great e-resources you can borrow. We'll cover how to create an account, how to borrow items, how to access items, and how to get help. Register at tinyurl.com/cclsmeethoopla. You'll receive a Zoom link to attend the virtual program on the morning of the program.

**Birding 101***Wednesday, May 12 at 4 pm*

We're excited to have Lake James State Park Ranger Jamie Cameron join us on Zoom to share his knowledge and advice about making birding a super fun hobby, as well as a way to connect with others. After the class, start practicing and see if you can get Birding Bingo by next month's follow-up class. Register to receive the Zoom link at tinyurl.com/ccls-Birding101.

**Healthy, Happy & Wise: A Good Night's Sleep***Thursday, May 13 at 5:30 pm in English*

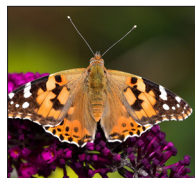
Join us for a virtual presentation on Zoom with certified personal trainer Dr. George Place to find out what sleep researchers say about the importance of sleep, how much you need, how to improve the quality, and why insufficient sleep may be taking years off your life. Register to receive the Zoom link by visiting tinyurl.com/ccls-HealthyHappyWise-reg.

Garden Volunteer Work Day*Saturday, May 15 from 9-11 am at the St. Stephens Branch*

Our community gardens need to be prepped and planted for the upcoming summer season, and we're excited to ask you for help! If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. We'll be mulching, weeding, planting, and getting our hands dirty to prep our space for the new year. Call 828.466.6821 to sign up.

Butterflies & Blooms: Pollinator Garden DIY*Monday, May 17 at 4 pm*

We'll gather on Zoom for a virtual presentation by pollinator enthusiast Samantha Derr to learn about the importance of pollinators and how to create pollinator gardens in our own yards. Register to attend at tinyurl.com/ccls-Pollinators and indicate if you would like to receive a kit from LiveMonarch.com so you can attract butterflies with your blooms.

**Employment Workshop: Overcoming the Challenges of a Criminal Record***Tuesday, May 18 at 10 am*

Receive helpful information and assistance from NC Works Catawba in overcoming the challenges of a criminal record when applying for jobs. To register, go to tinyurl.com/catawbajobs and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

Yoga & Chill*Wednesday, May 19 at 9:30 am*

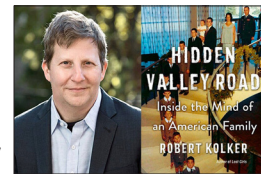
Take time for yourself and join our certified yoga instructor on Zoom for a meditation, some yoga poses, and a brief wellness topic of the month. Registration (and waiver) required at tinyurl.com/ccls-yoga-chill.

Black History Discussion Group*Wednesday, May 19 at 4 pm*

To learn more about Black History throughout the year, we're gathering to discuss a variety of topics. This month, we're talking about American lawyer, civil rights activist, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Take a look at the video here: tinyurl.com/ccls-ThurgoodBio and read the short article here: tinyurl.com/ccls-TMarticle. Then, register to attend our discussion at tinyurl.com/ccls-bhdg-reg to get the Zoom link. Bring your curiosity and your understanding. All are welcome!

Hearts & Minds OLBC*Thursday, May 20 at 5:30 pm*

This OnLine BookClub has a focus on health and wellness. We'll meet on Zoom to discuss Robert Kolker's *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*. Make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and settle in with the rest of us to talk about this riveting true story of one family's unforgettable legacy of suffering, love, and hope. Register to receive the Zoom link at tinyurl.com/ccls-HeartMind-reg.

**Garden Volunteer Work Day***Saturday, May 22 from 9-11 am at the Main Library in Newton*

Our community gardens need to be prepped and planted for the upcoming summer season, and we're excited to ask you for help! If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. We'll be mulching, weeding, planting, and getting our hands dirty to prep our space for the new year. Call 828.466.6821 to sign up.

NC LIVE from Home*Monday, May 24 at 6 pm*

Did you know that your library card grants you access to over 100 databases, including Transparent Language, the *Wall Street Journal*, and LawHelpNC? Join us for a virtual workshop on accessing and using NC LIVE resources from home. Register at tinyurl.com/cclsnclive. You'll receive a Zoom link to attend on the morning of the program.

Employment Workshop: Interviewing*Tuesday, May 25 at 10 am*

Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba on how to ace a job interview! To register, go to tinyurl.com/catawbajobs and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

Borrowing eResources*Wednesday, May 26 at 11 am*

Did you know that your library card grants you access to e-resources? You can borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and music using your library card. Join us for a virtual workshop on borrowing e-resources using the NC Digital Library and Hoopla. Register at tinyurl.com/cclsresources. You'll receive a Zoom link to attend the day before the program.

Piece of Cake Book Club*Thursday, May 27 at 4 pm*

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, we're meeting on Zoom on the last Thursday of the month to chat about great books. May's selection is *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab. June's pick is *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle. Register at tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake to receive the Zoom link.



Healthy, Happy & Wise: A Good Night's Sleep

Thursday, May 27 at 5:30 pm en español
Join us for a virtual presentation on Zoom with certified personal trainer Dr. George Place to find out what sleep researchers say about the importance of sleep, how much you need, how to improve the quality, and why insufficient sleep may be taking years off your life. Register to receive the Zoom link at tinyurl.com/ccls-FelicesSaludables.

Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike

Saturday, May 29 at 9:30 am at Bakers Mountain Park (6680 Bakers Mountain Rd, Hickory)

Certified personal trainer and tai chi instructor Dr. George Place will lead us in finding inner peace and outer adventure as we gather at parks around the county for 30 minutes of tai chi movements, followed by an hour's hike. You'll find everything you need to improve your sense of well-being: stretching, activity, calm, and nature in the company of friends. Suitable for all fitness levels. Registration (and waiver) required at tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg.



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Library to Go in Catawba

Thursdays, May 6 and 20 from 10 am-2 pm
We're making appearances in the Town of Catawba on the first and third Thursdays at Redeemer Lutheran Church, ELCA (200 S Main St). We're asking that anyone who comes to visit make it a brief stop, sanitize your hands as you come in, and wear your mask while in the building. We'll be taking temperatures at the door and will have extra masks and hand sanitizer for everyone to use.

Library to Go at Spring Sidewalk Sale

Saturday, May 8 beginning at 9 am
Visit the businesses in downtown Conover for wonderful spring sales just in time for Mother's Day! The Library to Go will be set up in the midst of the action to share free resources and check out books, so make sure to drop by and visit!

Library to Go at the Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, May 15 from 8 am-12 noon
We'll be set up in the parking lot of the Conover Post Office (201 1st St E) to share information about upcoming programs, talk about Summer Learning, and check out books. While you're shopping for fresh produce and homemade treats, make sure to devote a little time to library needs!

Summer @ Smyrna

Friday, May 28 from 5-7 pm at Smyrna Church (6770 Sherrills Ford Rd, Catawba)
Over the summer, the Library to Go will be spending the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Smyrna Church in Catawba. We'll have stories, games, arts and crafts, movies, food, and more! Come visit us; we'd love to see you there!

GOOD TO KNOW**PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

By scanning this QR Code with the camera app of your smartphone, you'll open an Internet browser and will be directed to our online events calendar. Then, simply click on any program name to find a link that will allow you to register online!

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Please note that all library branches will be closed on Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday.



Each branch will resume normal daily operations on Tuesday, June 1.