

# Library Connections

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## SUMMER LEARNING BEGINS!

Register online at [www.catawbacountync.gov/library](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library) or at any local branch!

Join us June 1 through August 8 for interactive programs and activities for children, teens, and adults, including these featured headline acts!

Prizes for reading!  
Grand prize drawing  
on August 10!

Thursday, August 5  
at 2 pm

TURTLES AT FORT FISHER



MAY WILDLIFE REHABILITATION



All-ages fun for the  
entire family!

Tuesday, June 8 at 10 am and  
Wednesday, June 9 at 3 pm

MR. CHICKEN'S BARNYARD REVUE



Monday, July 19 at 11 am



KENNEL CLUB VISIT



Saturday, June 19 at 9:30 am

OWLS WITH STATE PARK RANGER



Tuesdays, June 22  
at 11 am and July 13 at 5 pm

TAILS & TALES IN THE GARDEN



June 3 & 17 and July 15 & 29 at 6:30 pm

STRETCH-N-GROW MOVEMENT



Wednesdays,  
June 16 & 30  
and July 14 & 28 at 10 am

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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## Children / Teens / Families

**Tails & Tales Pet Art Show***June through August*

To celebrate Summer Learning 2021, we're showcasing photos, drawings, paintings, and stories about your own pet, a shelter friend, or your favorite animal! We're accepting submissions at all library branches all summer long, or you can email them to [kidshare@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:kidshare@catawbacountync.gov). We'll be displaying all the great art and stories we receive at the Main Library in Newton from June 1 through August 8.

**My Pet Dragon: Naming Contest and Pen Pal Club***June through August*

Stop by the Conover Branch until June 4 to cast your ballot and help name Conover's pet dragon.

(The winning name will be announced Saturday, June 5.) Conover's dragon will also be our writer in residence this summer, so please write her a letter and she'll write you back! You can leave and pick up letters at the Conover Branch.

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom***Thursday, June 3 at 10 am*

At this special storytime, we'll welcome Sydney Ahlstedt and her certified therapy dog, Haku. Sydney and Haku will teach us what it means to be a therapy dog and how the two of them help others. Please register at [tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime](https://tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime). You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

**Tails & Tales in the Garden***Thursday, June 3 at 6:30 pm in the garden at the Main Library in Newton*

Join us for this in-person, outdoor, family-friendly event! We'll read a bilingual story, enjoy activities, and learn about animals (look for some special guests!). This will also be a chance to register for Summer Learning, collect milestone prizes, and learn about upcoming programs. Please bring your own camp chair or blanket.

**STEAM: Celebrate Leap into Science Week***Monday, June 7 at 4 pm*

Leap into Science Week is June 7-13. Join us as we celebrate with tales and activities that explore light and shadow in our everyday environment. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/ccls-shadows](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-shadows).



Supplies are limited. After registering, you'll receive a kit to investigate light and create shadows with a variety of objects.

**What Should I Do? Wildlife Edition***Tuesday, June 8 at 10 am*

Have you ever found a wild animal and didn't know what to do about it? Never fear, our friends at the May Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will share the ins and outs of the different animals commonly found in our area and what

you should do if you come across one. They'll also introduce us to their animal ambassadors in this virtual program. To register, visit [tinyurl.com/wildlifeone](https://tinyurl.com/wildlifeone). For information about the rehabilitation center, visit [www.lmc.edu/academics/may-wildlife-center/index.htm](http://www.lmc.edu/academics/may-wildlife-center/index.htm).

**What Should I Do? Wildlife Edition***Wednesday, June 9 at 3 pm*

Have you ever found a wild animal and didn't know what to do about it? Never fear, our friends at the May Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will share the ins and outs of the different animals commonly found in our area and what you should do if you come across one. They'll also introduce us to their animal ambassadors in this virtual program. To register, visit [tinyurl.com/wildlifeone](https://tinyurl.com/wildlifeone). For information about the rehabilitation center, visit [www.lmc.edu/academics/may-wildlife-center/index.htm](http://www.lmc.edu/academics/may-wildlife-center/index.htm).

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom***Thursday, June 10 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](https://tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime). You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

**Get Active with Stretch-n-Grow***Wednesday, June 16 at 10 am*

Join Stretch-n-Grow staff for movement and fun! To register, visit [tinyurl.com/CCSLPStretch](https://tinyurl.com/CCSLPStretch). A Zoom link will be sent to you before the program.

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom***Thursday, June 17 at 10 am*

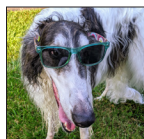
At this storytime, we'll be welcoming a special guest with a toothy grin from the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher! The family-friendly virtual event will include singing, reading, finger plays, and lots of your favorite activities! Please register at [tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime](https://tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime). You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

**Tails & Tales in the Garden***Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 pm in the garden at the Main Library in Newton*

Join us for this in-person, outdoor, family-friendly event! We'll read a bilingual story, enjoy activities, and learn about animals (look for some special guests!). This will also be a chance to register for Summer Learning, collect milestone prizes, and learn about upcoming programs. Please bring your own camp chair or blanket.

**Kennel Club Meet & Greet***Saturday, June 19 at 9:30 am*

Join us in the garden at the Main Library in Newton to meet different kinds of dogs, find out what makes each breed special, and learn what dogs need to be healthy and happy. There will be plenty of free doggie kisses!

**STEAM: Dragonarium***Saturday, June 19 at 2:30 pm*

Create a dragon-themed terrarium via Zoom while learning about ecosystems. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/CCLS-Dragonarium](https://tinyurl.com/CCLS-Dragonarium). Supplies are limited; one kit per family, please. After registering, you'll receive a small plant and all the supplies needed to create your own dragon's world!

**Owls with State Park Ranger***Tuesday, June 22 at 11 am*

Join a State Park Ranger on Zoom to discover cool owl facts and dissect a real owl pellet to find out what they eat! To register and reserve your dissection kit, visit [tinyurl.com/CCSLPOwlsJune](https://tinyurl.com/CCSLPOwlsJune). One kit per family while supplies last.

**Passport to Asian Cultures for Teens***Tuesday, June 22 at 6 pm*

Love K Pop, J Pop, Asian cuisine, and anime? Join us for a discussion of all things Asian culture. We want to know what you're into and what you'd like to learn about. We also want to share other ways of diving into Asian culture, including finding a pen pal, learning a different language, and making a mini Zen garden. Registrants will receive a mini Zen garden-making kit (while supplies last), which we'll create together on Zoom! Please register at [tinyurl.com/CatCoPassport](https://tinyurl.com/CatCoPassport).

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom***Thursday, June 24 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](https://tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime). You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

**Baseball & Books with the Crawdads***Tuesday, June 29 at 7 pm at L.P. Frans Stadium (2500 Clement Blvd NW, Hickory)*

Earn a voucher for a ticket to a Hickory Crawdads game by reading and logging 300 minutes! Vouchers must be picked up from your library branch and redeemed for a ticket at the Crawdads box office. Make sure to visit the Library to Go while you're at the stadium!

**Get Active with Stretch-n-Grow***Wednesday, June 30 at 10 am*

Join Stretch-n-Grow staff for movement and fun! To register, visit [tinyurl.com/CCSLPStretch](https://tinyurl.com/CCSLPStretch). A Zoom link will be sent to you before the 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.

**How to Use Beanstack***Tuesday, June 1 at 2 pm*

June is the start of *Tails & Tales* Summer Learning! Join us to learn how to use Beanstack to track individual and family reading logs. We'll cover creating accounts, using the app, logging reads, and so much more! To register, please complete the form at [tinyurl.com/cclsbeanstack](https://tinyurl.com/cclsbeanstack).

**Employment Workshop: Resumés 101***Tuesday, June 1 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](https://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs) and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

**Virtual Tai Chi***Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 12 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](https://www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem) the day of the class.

**Mystery Mavens Book Club***Wednesday, June 2 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 *The Madwoman Upstairs* by Catherine Lowell. Please register at [tinyurl.com/CCLS-MysteryMavens](https://tinyurl.com/CCLS-MysteryMavens). You'll receive the Zoom link in your email. Please feel free to attend even if you haven't completed this month's selection.

**Garden Volunteer Work Day***Monday, June 7 from 9-11 am at the Main Library in Newton*

Our community gardens are looking for ongoing volunteers to help with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other garden needs. Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We plant seeds for healthy food and strong communities! Contact Shelley Orr at [morr@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:morr@catawbacountync.gov).



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**Zumba with Honey & Jossiah***Mondays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 6 pm in the community room of the Newton Library*

Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. It's appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18).

**Employment Workshop: Expungement***Tuesday, June 8 at 10 am*

Do you or someone you know qualify? Receive helpful information and assistance from NC Works Catawba to learn what you need to know about having charges removed from criminal records. To register, go to [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](https://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs) and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

**Chair Yoga***Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 1 pm*

Stretching is known to improve posture, increase range of motion, and decrease muscle pain, to name just a few of the reasons to join this virtual class that you can do while seated. A chair with no arms is best. Register at [tinyurl.com/ccls-ChairYoga](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-ChairYoga).

**Writing Workshop with NC Author Heather Frese***Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 pm*

In this virtual workshop, Heather Frese, author of *The Baddest Girl on the Planet* and winner of the Lee Smith Novel Prize, will talk about some of the elements of fiction that can lift a story off the ground. Plot, setting, voice, and dialogue can all generate motion in your fiction to make your "tale" take flight. The workshop will include a discussion of these elements mixed with writing time and feedback. Register at [tinyurl.com/CatCoWriting](https://tinyurl.com/CatCoWriting). You'll receive a Zoom link and instructions for joining the day before the program. Attendees will have a chance to win a free signed copy of *The Baddest Girl on the Planet*.

**Garden Volunteer Work Day***Saturday, June 12 from 9-11 am at the St. Stephens Branch*

Our community gardens are looking for ongoing volunteers to help with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other garden needs. Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We plant seeds for healthy food and strong communities! Contact Shelley Orr at [morr@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:morr@catawbacountync.gov) or 828.466.6821 for the Newton Library. Contact Tim Gabe at [tgabe@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:tgabe@catawbacountync.gov) or 828.466.6823 for St. Stephens.

**Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting***Monday, June 14 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.

**St. Stephens Digital Theme-Based Book Club***Monday, June 14 at 6:30 pm*

This book club gives you the freedom to read what you like while guiding you gently with a new topic each month. June's topic is science fiction or fantasy. You decide the title and come prepared to share the story. We're glad to suggest titles if you'd like. Participate at [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub/).

**Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike***Tuesday, June 15 at 3 pm 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 county parks 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](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg).

**Birding Bingo!***Thursday, June 17 at 12 noon*

Local birding enthusiast Jean McAnulty will be sharing her best tips for making birding your favorite pastime – as well as ways to be economical in your approach. We'll talk about the birds we've seen in the past month and find out who got Birding Bingo. Choose one of two DIY kits to make, either a hanging birdbath or a hummingbird feeder – May 2021 issue of *Our State* magazine included in both kits. Register at [tinyurl.com/ccls-BirdingBingo](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-BirdingBingo) and we'll send you the Zoom link.

**Healthy, Happy & Wise: The Science of Happiness***Thursday, June 17 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 positive psychologists know about how to feel happiness through practices like meditation, mind-body connection, gratitude, and kindness. Register to receive the Zoom link by visiting [tinyurl.com/ccls-HealthyHappyWise-reg](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-HealthyHappyWise-reg).

**Employment Workshop: Interviewing***Tuesday, June 22 at 10 am*

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

**Piece of Cake Book Club***Thursday, June 24 at 4 pm*

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, we're meeting via Zoom on the last Thursday of each month to chat about great books. June's pick is *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle. Register at [tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake) to receive the Zoom link. **Note:** Piece of Cake will be on summer break for July.

**Healthy, Happy & Wise: The Science of Happiness***Thursday, June 24 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 positive psychologists know about how to feel happiness through practices like meditation, mind-body connection, gratitude, and kindness. Register to receive the Zoom link at [tinyurl.com/ccls-FelicesSaludables](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-FelicesSaludables).

**Garden Volunteer Work Day**

*Saturday, June 26 from 9-11 am at the Main Library in Newton*

Our community gardens are looking for ongoing volunteers to help with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other garden needs. Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We plant seeds for healthy food and strong communities! Contact Shelley Orr at [morr@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:morr@catawbacountync.gov) or 828.466.6821 for the Newton Library. Contact Tim Gabe at [tgabe@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:tgabe@catawbacountync.gov) or 828.466.6823 for St. Stephens.

**Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike**

*Saturday, June 26 at 9:30 am 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 county parks 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](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg).

**Superfoods to Reduce Inflammation**

*Monday, June 28 at 11 am*

This virtual session with wellness dietician Renee Greene will provide tips for including "superfoods" – foods that contain a high concentration of health-promoting nutrients – in your daily life. Indicate on the registration form if you'd like to pick up a sample pack of some of the superfoods Renee will be discussing – and the library location where you'd like to pick up the pack. Register at [tinyurl.com/ccls-Superfoods](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-Superfoods).

**Employment Workshop: NCCareers.org**

*Tuesday, June 29 at 2 pm*

Learn how NCCareers.org can help you explore new career opportunities. To register, go to [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs) and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

**Upcoming! Black History Discussion Group**

*Wednesday, August 18 at 4 pm*

BHDG is on summer vacation for June and July, but we'll return in August to learn more about African-American migration within the United States. For a head start, read *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson.

**Upcoming! Hearts & Minds OLBC**

*Thursday, August 19 at 5:30 pm*

This OnLine BookClub has a focus on health and wellness. We'll be discussing Mira Lee's *Everything Here is Beautiful*. Make yourself a cool glass of lemonade and settle in with the rest of us to discuss this story about young immigrant sisters and the role of family, loyalty, and coping with a family member's illness. Register to receive the Zoom link at [tinyurl.com/ccls-HeartMind-reg](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-HeartMind-reg).



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**Lunch & Learns on Herman Sipe Road**

*Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 11:30 am-1 pm at 111 Herman Sipe Rd*

We're partnering with The Corner Table this summer for **free** lunch-and-learn sessions. Each week, we invite you to come fill your belly with food and your mind with books! Lunch will be served between 12-1 pm. Stop by early to check out our library resources.

**The Town of Catawba**

*Thursdays, June 3 and 17 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). During each visit, we'll be sharing an outdoor, socially-distanced storytime starting at 10:45 am, and you're invited to join us as we learn together.

**Public Health Farmers Market**

*Thursdays, June 10 and 24 from 10 am-1 pm at 3070 11th Ave Dr SE, Hickory*

We're excited to be back at this summer market on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month! Shop for fruits and veggies and grab a few books, too.

**Movies in the Park**

*Thursday, June 10 at 7 pm at Claremont City Park (3430 E Main St)*

Bring a blanket and chairs for the movie, and drop by to see us for books and activities! Don't forget to grab some food before the movies start.

**Summer @ Smyrna**

*Fridays, June 11 and 25 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!

**Conover Farmers Market**

*Saturday, June 19 from 8 am-12 noon*

We'll be set up in the parking lot of the Conover Post Office (201 1st St E) once a month during the summer to share information about programs and activities and to check out books. Drop by as you enjoy food, plants, and other goodies from the vendors!

**Hickory Farmers Market**

*Saturday, June 26 from 8 am-1 pm*

Join us at Union Square in downtown Hickory (Main Ave NW and 3rd St NW). While you check out produce, foods, and other goods from local farmers and artisans, you can also check out books and learn about library resources!

**Baseball & Books with the Hickory Crawdads**

*Tuesday, June 29 at 7 pm at L.P. Frans Stadium (2500 Clement Blvd NW, Hickory)*

We'll be wearing our foam fingers and waving as you enter the Crawdads game! Stop by the Library to Go and learn about Summer Learning programs, get your reading prizes, and check out books before enjoying the game.

**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!