

# Library Connections

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## IT'S SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!

As we move toward pre-pandemic operations, we hope you'll join us for in-person and virtual programs. Please let us know how we can help you find what you need!

### SUMMER LEARNING CONTINUES!



Tuesday, July 13 at 5 pm



Wednesdays, July 14 & 28 at 10 am



Thursdays, July 15 & 29 at 6:30 pm



Monday, July 19 at 11 am



Thursday, August 5 at 2 pm

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

### DONATE TO THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE!

- Good news! The Catawba County Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual book sale in August! If you have clean, gently used books and DVDs that you'd like to donate, we'll be accepting them at any library branch during regular business hours.
- Dates of the sale will be Wednesday, August 25 (4-6 pm, supporters only), Thursday, August 26 (12 noon-6 pm), Friday, August 27 (10 am-2 pm), and Saturday, August 28 (10 am-1 pm).
- To become a Friends of the Library Supporter and gain the privilege of shopping early on Wednesday, donate \$10 as an individual (\$15 family, \$25 business). Sign up at any branch or join at the door.
- Proceeds from the annual book sale allow the Friends to fund library programs throughout the year, including Summer Learning performers, author visits, community reads, Legislative Day, Arts @ the Library, the Library Endowment, and much more!

### HAVE A HAPPY 4TH!

- All library branches will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Please have a safe, relaxing holiday and visit us when we reopen on Tuesday, July 6!



# STORYTIME

## Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom

Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 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.



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.



## Tails & Tales Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Animal drop off: Tuesday, July 27-Thursday, July 29

Animal pick-up: Saturday, July 31 at 10 am  
Your stuffed animal is invited to a slumber party at the Conover Branch Library! Please stop by between July 27 and July 29 to leave your friend with the kind librarians and Conover's pet dragon, Freya. Join us at 10 am on Saturday, July 31 for a short storytime and to pick up your stuffed animal. Registration is required; sign up at [tinyurl.com/ccls-sleepover](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-sleepover).



## Tails & Tales in the Garden

Thursday, July 29 at 6:30 pm at Catawba Farms (1670 Southwest Blvd, Newton)  
Join us for this in-person, outdoor, family-friendly event! We'll read a bilingual story, enjoy activities, and learn about animals on location at the farm! 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 and visit the Library to Go!



# ONLINE PROGRAMS

## Employment Workshop: Resumés 101

Tuesday, July 6 at 10 am

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.

## How to Borrow Online Books, Movies & More

Wednesday, July 7 at 11 am and 5 pm

You can borrow ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and music using your library card. Join us for a virtual workshop on borrowing electronic resources using the NC Digital Library and Hoopla. Register at [tinyurl.com/cclsresources](https://tinyurl.com/cclsresources). You'll receive a Zoom link the day before the program.

## Virtual Tai Chi

Wednesdays, July 7, 14 & 21 at 12 noon (no class July 28)

Our lunchtime 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. Check [www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem](https://www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem) the day of the class for the Zoom code.

## Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

Monday, July 12 at 11 am

Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. To attend via Zoom, call 828.465.8664.



## St. Stephens Online Book Club

Monday, July 12 at 6:30 pm

Our book club gives you the freedom to read what you like while guiding you gently with a new topic each month. Your's

topic is a young adult book. You decide the title and come prepared to share the story. We're glad to suggest titles if you'd like. Join [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub/) to participate.

## Employment Workshop: Overcoming the Challenges of a Criminal Record

Tuesday, July 13 at 2 pm

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](https://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs) and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

## Owls with State Park Ranger

Tuesday, July 13 at 5 pm

Kids, 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/CCSLPOwlsJuly](https://tinyurl.com/CCSLPOwlsJuly). One kit per family while supplies last.

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 pm

This book club welcomes new members and is open to anyone, even if you haven't completed the book. Join us for a lively discussion of *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. To attend virtually, register at [tinyurl.com/CCLSMysteryMavens](https://tinyurl.com/CCLSMysteryMavens). Our August read is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.



## Get Active with Stretch-n-Grow

Wednesday, July 14 at 10 am

Kids, 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.



## NC LIVE from Home

Wednesday, July 14 at 11 am and 5 pm

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](https://tinyurl.com/cclsnclive). You'll receive a Zoom link the morning of the program.



## Mr. Chicken's Barnyard Revue with Caleb Sigmon

Monday, July 19 at 11 am

Join Mr. Chicken and his wild collection of hilarious animals, including Russell the Crow, Elrod the Chicken, and many other animal friends as they embark (and cluck) on a barnyard adventure for the entire family! Register at [tinyurl.com/CCSLPMrChicken](https://tinyurl.com/CCSLPMrChicken).

## Wagging Tails: Treats for Fido

Tuesday, July 20 at 4 pm

This fun workshop is all about making homemade treats for 'man's best friend' – our dogs! Topics will include reasons to choose homemade, superfoods for dogs, ingredients to prefer and avoid, and cooking methods. A limited number of kits is available – indicate your pick-up location when you register at [tinyurl.com/ccls-WaggingTails](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-WaggingTails).



## Gale Legal Forms

Wednesday, July 21 at 11 am and 5 pm

Whether you're writing your will, selling your house, or even changing your name, this database provides you with the legal forms you need. Browse by category or keyword. Join us to discover how to access Gale Legal Forms using your library card. You'll receive an emailed Zoom link prior to the virtual program. Register at [tinyurl.com/ccls-galelegal](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-galelegal).

**Tales of Intrigue: A Virtual Murder Mystery**  
*Saturday, July 24 at 1 pm*  
 You'll be looking for every devious detail to solve this highly interactive murder mystery! Try to discover the murderer before it's too late! We'll send your character information for pick-up at the library location of your choice. Register at [tinyurl.com/ccls-MurderMystery](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-MurderMystery). Then check your email for the Zoom invitation.

**Employment Workshop: Interviewing**  
*Tuesday, July 27 at 2 pm*  
 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.



**Get Active with Stretch-n-Grow**  
*Wednesday, July 28 at 10 am*  
 Kids, 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 prior to the program.



## LIVE @ the LIBRARY

### Seed Library: Donate & Borrow

*Ongoing at the Newton Library*  
 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.



### Tails & Tales Pet Art Show

*Through August at the Newton Library*  
 To celebrate Summer Learning 2021, we're showcasing photos, drawings, paintings, and stories about your 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 through August 8.

### My Pet Dragon Pen Pal Club

*Through August at the Conover Branch*  
 Have you ever been friends with a dragon? The Conover Branch Library is hosting a dragon this summer as their writer-in-residence. Want to know what it's like to be a dragon, what dragons read, what they think about? Write to our dragon, Freya, and she'll write you back!

### Reading Buddy

*Mondays 6-7 pm and Tuesdays 10-11 am at the Newton Library*  
 Give your child extra practice reading this summer! Call 828.465.8665 to set up a 20-minute appointment with a buddy who will listen and guide. Parents or guardians must remain in the library during each session.



### Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike

*Tuesday, July 6 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 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).

### Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike

*Saturday, July 10 at 8:30 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 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).



### Garden Volunteer Work Day

*Saturday, July 10 from 9-11 am at the St. Stephens Branch*  
 Helping in our garden is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We're looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other regular garden needs. We plant seeds for healthy foods and strong communities! Contact Tim Gabe at [tgabe@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:tgabe@catawbacountync.gov) or 828.466.6823.

### Garden Volunteer Work Day

*Monday, July 12 from 9-11 am at the Newton Library*  
 Helping in our garden is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We're looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other regular garden needs. We plant seeds for healthy foods and strong communities! Contact Shelley Orr at [morr@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:morr@catawbacountync.gov) or 828.466.6828.



### Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

*Monday, July 12 at 11 am at the Newton Library*  
 Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. To attend via Zoom, call 828.465.8664.

### Zumba with Honey & Jossiah

*Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26 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).

### Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 pm at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch*  
 This book club welcomes new members and is open to anyone, even if you haven't completed the book. Join us for a lively discussion of *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. No registration is required for the in-person program. Our August read is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

### Sew A Sloth

*Thursday, July 15 at 2 pm in the community room of the Newton Library*  
 Attention, 12- to 18-year-olds: Do you want to learn basic sewing machine skills? Want to make your very own stuffed sloth? This is the program for you! Join us for this limited-capacity, in-person class. Registration is required at [tinyurl.com/CCSLSew](https://tinyurl.com/CCSLSew).



### Tails & Tales Rope Art DIY

*Friday, July 16 at 10 am in the parking lot of the Newton Library*  
 We'll be knotting cotton rope and using yarn to make a wall hanging perfect for anywhere in your home. Supplies are limited, so registration is required at [tinyurl.com/ccls-RopeArt](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-RopeArt).



### Catawba Songwriters

*Tuesday, July 20 at 6 pm at the Southwest Branch*  
 Share your talents while you learn from others. Bring a finished written song or one that's in progress to share with the group. Teens with musical talents are encouraged to join too.

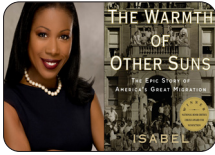


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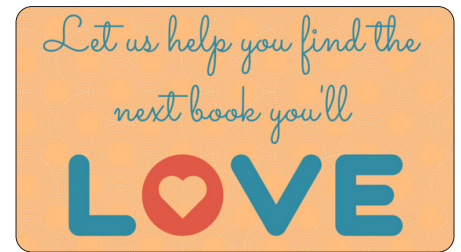
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**Upcoming! Black History Discussion Group**  
 Wednesday, August 18 at 4 pm at the  
 Newton Library  
 BHDG is on vacation  
 for June and July, but  
 we'll return in person  
 in August to learn  
 more about African-  
 American migration  
 within the United  
 States. For a head start, read *The Warmth  
 of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson.



**Upcoming! Piece of Cake Book Club**  
 Thursday, August 26 at 5 pm at Whisk &  
 Barrel in downtown Newton Library  
 Piece of Cake is on  
 vacation for July. The  
 book club selects  
 a diverse range of  
 works and authors  
 and will meet again  
 in person in August to  
 talk about Kristin Hannah's *The Four Winds*.  
 Pick up a copy now to start reading!



## LIBRARY TO GO

### The Town of Catawba

Thursdays, July 1 and 15 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.

### Lunch & Learns on Herman Sipe Road

Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 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.



### Public Health Farmers Market

Thursdays, July 8 and 22 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, July 8 at 7 pm at Claremont City  
 Park (3430 E Main St)  
 Bring a  
 blanket and  
 chairs to view  
*The Croods:  
 A New Age*,  
 and drop by  
 to see us for  
 books and  
 activities!  
 Don't forget  
 to grab some  
 food to munch on before the movies start.



### Summer @ Smyrna

Fridays, July 9 and 23 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!



### Cruisin' by the Tracks

Saturday, July 10 from 3-9 pm in Downtown  
 Catawba

We'll be joining the fun in downtown  
 Catawba! Come check out the Library to  
 Go, see the cars at the cruise-in, enjoy *The  
 Extraordinaires* in concert, and watch the  
 fireworks show with us!

### Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, July 17 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!



### Night in the Park

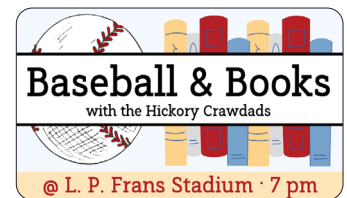
Saturday, July 17 from 4-9:30 pm at  
 Claremont City Park (3430 E Main St)

Don't miss out! Claremont is bringing  
 all the summer fun together: water  
 inflatables, food, a live performance by *On  
 the Border: The Ultimate Eagles Tribute  
 Band*, fireworks, and more! We can't wait  
 to join them and see you there!



### Baseball & Books with the Hickory Crawdads

Wednesday, July 28 at 7 pm at L.P. Frans  
 Stadium (2500 Clement Blvd NW, Hickory)  
 Kids, 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.



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CLAREMONT BRANCH LIBRARY

828.466.6817

CONOVER BRANCH LIBRARY

828.466.5108

MAIDEN BRANCH LIBRARY

828.428.2712

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL BRANCH LIBRARY

828.466.6827

SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY

828.466.6818

ST. STEPHENS BRANCH LIBRARY

828.466.6821