# This Week @ Your Library

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## Library Programs 828.465.8665

## **Contribute to Our Seed Library** *Ongoing*

Help us build 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. The seed swap collection will be available to the public in early March and will be housed at the Main Library in Newton. Seeds are subject to availability and cannot be reserved.

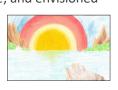
## Your Art With Us: The Future

Through March 8

Take a trip to the future! Thomas Cole was a 19th-century American landscape painter who told stories through his work. Eighth-grade students at Maiden Middle School studied Cole's series, *The Course of Empire*, and envisioned

a sixth painting for the series, which the students titled *The Future*. Open to interpretation, this

new painting could



identify the future as a day in Cole's era in 1836, be set in the present day, or look well beyond. The exhibit of student art is on display at the Newton Library and virtually on the Arts @ the Library page on the website.

Monday, February 22 at 6 pm
This fun dance workout is appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). Access the session with this Zoom link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120563944">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120563944</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/871205639444">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120563944</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/871205639444">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120563944</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/871205639444">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8712056394</a> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us02web.zoom.us02web.zoom.us02web.zoom.us02web.zoom.us02web.zoom.us02web.zoom.us02web.zoom.

Virtual Zumba with Honey & Jossiah

4WnVUZG9sUT09. Then enter the meeting ID: **871 2056 3944** and follow it with the passcode: **Dance**. [Please note that this word is casesensitive. Enter it exactly as shown.] You can also visit www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithHmongSibs/.

Finding a Job in Catawba County

Tuesday, February 23 at 12 noon Whether you're ready to enter the workforce for the first time or just want to make a change for 2021, the folks at ProStaffing can fill you in on the kinds of jobs that 100+ employers in Catawba County are trying to fill right now. Learn about these opportunities, as well as tips for pursuing a new job, next steps in the process, and how to improve your chances of being hired. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/catcojobs">https://tinyurl.com/catcojobs</a> to receive the Zoom invitation.

#### **Tech Talk Tuesday**

Tuesday, February 23 at 2 pm Join us on the last Tuesday of each month to discuss technology questions submitted by you! If you'd like a

librarian to answer a tech question or you're interested in learning more about tech topics,



register and submit your questions in advance by visiting <a href="https://tinyurl.com/cclstechtalk">https://tinyurl.com/cclstechtalk</a>. We'll send a Zoom link out the day before the program.

## **ESL Class – Intermediate**

Tuesday, February 23 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 runs through May 2021, please call the Newton branch at 828.465.8664.

Finding a Job in Catawba County

Wednesday, February 24 at 1:30 pm You're in charge of your career. It's

time to take action and set your course for success! Learn about the local jobs that could be in your future and how to



put yourself on the right path to get one. Come with all your career and job search questions for our guest speaker, the senior recruiter for Manpower in Hickory. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/catcojobs2">https://tinyurl.com/catcojobs2</a> to receive the Zoom invitation.

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom** 

Thursday, February 25 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! This week, we'll be



talking about dental health. Please register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/">https://tinyurl.com/</a> CatawbaThursdayStorytime. You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, February 25 at 4 pm Selecting a diverse range of works and

authors, this book club is meeting on Zoom on the last Thursday of each month to chat about great books. February's pick is *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. March's selection is *House of Names* by Colm

Tóibín. Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake">https://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake</a> to receive the Zoom link.

## **Community**

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#### Virtual Tai Chi

Wednesday, February 24 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 <a href="www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem">www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem</a> the day of the class.

## Registration

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#### **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!



## **REGISTER KIDS NOW!**

Our *Spring Into Reading* challenge runs seven weeks, beginning on Groundhog Day (*February 2*) and ending on the first day of spring (*March 20*). The challenge has two parts:

- 1) Kids are asked to read a total of 120 minutes each of the 7 weeks.
- They're encouraged to attend 5 of the 7 virtual STEAM programs we're offering as well.

If they complete the reading challenges and the STEAM program requirements, they'll be entered into a drawing to win a cool, 3-D-printed monster!

To register for the virtual STEAM programs and receive materials lists to participate, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SpringIntoReading">https://tinyurl.com/SpringIntoReading</a>. To log reading time and STEAM attendance, register at <a href="https://catawbacountync.beanstack.org/reader365">https://catawbacountync.beanstack.org/reader365</a>.

The STEAM challenges are as follows:

- Week 1: Shadow Puppets
- Week 2: Borax Crystal Snowflakes
- Week 3: Ski Challenge
- Week 4: Save Han Solo
- Week 5: Bug Out Robots
- Week 6: Origami Rainbow Flowers
- Week 7: Pi Day

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## **Upcoming**

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## Winter Farmers' Market

Saturday, February 27 from 10 am-1 pm Come see us at the Winter Farmers' Market in Hickory! We'll be set up in the First Presbyterian parking lot at 2nd Street and 3rd Avenue NW (street address: 237 2nd St NW). We'd love to chat with you about library resources while you pick up fresh foods and check out the wares of local vendors. We look forward to seeing you!

#### Read to Me

Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 4 pm

Calling all kid readers! Want to practice your reading and do something kind for others? On Mondays in March, we'll be Zooming with senior citizens in local nursing homes, and we hope you'll join in and read to them. For more information, call 828.465.8665 and sign up to read at tinyurl.com/cclsread2me.

## **Mystery Mavens Book Club**

Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 pm This popular book club explores

mysteries of all types and is open to everyone. Join us via Zoom for a lively discussion of *Black Rabbit Hall* by Eve Chase, led by Amy McCauley, Catawba County's communications and marketing director.



Please register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/">https://tinyurl.com/</a> 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.

## **Read Across America Day**

First week of March
Celebrated in conjunction with Dr.
Seuss's birthday on March 2, this

annual observance celebrates the joys of reading. It also brings awareness to the importance of reading in education and motivates kids to develop a lifelong love of reading. This



year, we'll be sharing a series of video storytimes presented by familiar faces in Catawba County government. Stay tuned!





