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2022 SUMMER LEARNING OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES



The Catawba County Library is gearing up for its annual Summer Learning adventure with activities and challenges for kids, teens, and adults! Boasting a double focus on reading and hands-on learning opportunities, the library ramps up its programs and activities to keep learning fresh throughout the summer.

Why do we do this? Studies show that kids can lose a substantial amount of the gains they achieve during the school year if they don't regularly put their critical thinking abilities to the test. The library takes an active role in ensuring that children and teens stay engaged during the summer months so that they can pick up where they left off when the new school year begins. This is especially important this year as many students are still recovering from the disruptions to their education over the past two years.

This year's summer learning theme is Oceans of Possibilities. Join us at any of the seven Catawba County Library locations for an exciting mix of programs including storytimes, STEAM programs, performances and educational programs by the North Carolina Aquarium, Hickory Music Factory, Green Bean Players, and Catawba County Parks!

Children, teens, AND adults are encouraged to participate in our reading challenges and to complete at least 600 minutes of reading over the summer. Prizes are up for grabs, both for folks who register to participate and for those who complete 600 minutes of reading. Prizes will also be awarded to children at the 200 and 400 minute marks to encourage summer-long participation.

Registration for 2022 Summer Learning for children, teens, and adults begins on Monday, May 16, with programs, activities, and reading challenges from June through early August.



Everyone is encouraged to register at your local library branch or online at catawbacountync.beanstack.org/reader365. To learn more, please visit your library or call 828.465.8664.

We look forward to exploring oceans of possibilities with you this summer!

**NO INTERNET? SLOW INTERNET?
WE NEED TO KNOW.**

Take the 5 minute #NCBroadband Survey at ncbroadband.gov/survey or text "internet" to 919-750-0553 to get your community better connected.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 30 TO OBSERVE THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.

STORYTIME

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Main Library in Newton
Wednesdays at 10 am
Fridays at 10 am

Southwest Branch Library
Wednesdays at 11 am
Thursdays at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Wednesdays at 10 am
Thursdays at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library
Tuesdays at 6 pm
Thursdays at 10:30 am

Maiden Branch Library
Thursdays at 10 am

Preschool story time with reading readiness. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two

Mondays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners. Playtime follows.

Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, May 5 and 19 at 10:45 am

200 S Main St, Catawba

Visit the Library to Go to check out books, get help with technology questions from 10 am to 2 pm, and enjoy a family storytime at 10:45!

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, May 7 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

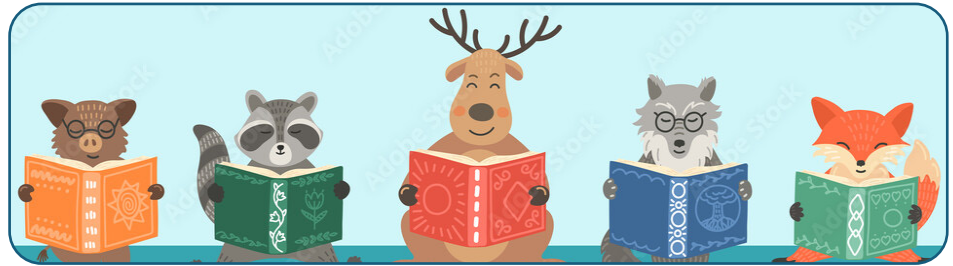
Enjoy a special storytime, where we'll have stories, songs, and sensory play! This program is designed for preschoolers, but all are welcome.

Mo Willems Storytime

Saturday, May 7 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us to celebrate the work of Mo Willems with an interactive storytime centered around his popular character Pigeon.



CHILDREN

May the 4th Lightsabers

Wednesday, May 4 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Learn about simple circuits as we make a lightsaber that really glows! This program is best for ages 7 and up. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

DIY Mother's Day Cards

Wed - Fri, May 4 - 6 from 9 am - 6 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Drop-in any time on these days to make homemade Mother's Day cards! We provide the space, interesting and fun supplies, and mess cleanup. You provide creativity and love!

Crafternoons – Mother's Day

Friday, May 6 at 4:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us as we make handprint lilies in decorative jars to celebrate Mother's Day. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/stcrafternoons or call 828-466-6821.

Thumbelina with the Green Room Community Theatre

Saturday, May 7 at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a free and fun production of Thumbelina, sharing the story of a teeny, tiny girl and her adventures in nature.



Anime Afternoon

Thursday, May 12 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Fans of *My Hero Academia* and *Demon Slayer* are invited to test their knowledge, participate in activities, and make crafts related to these popular anime series. Ideal for 9 to 12 year olds.

Adopt a Plant

Saturday, May 14 at 9 - 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Wanna learn how things grow? Join the adopt a plant program at St. Stephens, where you can select a plant to care for throughout the season. The best part? You can keep a portion of what you grow! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/gardenprogramstst or call 828-466-6821.

Visit with the Conover Fire Department

Saturday, May 14 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

Join us for an outside visit with the Conover Fire Department as they show us their truck and talk about fire safety!

Tales in the Garden: National Police Week

Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us in the Newton garden as we celebrate National Police Week! We will read bilingual stories, meet special guests, and explore cool vehicles and gear.

TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

May 3 Craft: Keychains - make one for yourself and maybe one to share (Psst...Mother's Day is May 8)

May 10 Talent Share - Teens are invited to share a talent, skill, or interest with the group

May 17 Game Night

May 24 Candy Sushi

May 31 Tech Night: 3D Printing

Resume & Cover Letter Workshop for Teens

Tuesday, May 3 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Teens—trying to find a summer job? Just graduated and trying to enter the workforce? Join us as we learn about Cypress Resume and create resumes and cover letters for your next application!

Interview Workshop for Teens

Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Teens—need to practice your skills for an upcoming interview? Make an appointment for a 10-minute mock interview with feedback and helpful tips! To register, please call 828-466-5108.

Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, May 14 at 2 - 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join your fellow teens and be a part of a fun event hosted by the St. Stephens Teen Advisory Board! Use clues hidden around the library to solve a murder mystery. Program designed for teens.



*EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ARE BEING OFFERED AS ONLINE PROGRAMS.

ADULTS

Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement class 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).

Author Talk: *Going Plaid in a Solid Gray World*

Tuesday, May 3 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join local author Tammy Wilson to hear her take on her new collection of essays, *Going Plaid in a Solid Gray World*. Peppered with humor, Wilson will share her take on life as a Midwestern transplant to the south, the unexpected impacts of covid, and everything in between. A portion of the proceeds of the book will go to support The Corner Table in Newton.

Career Center

Wednesdays, May 4 & 18, 1 - 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

A career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with resumes, interview practice and other soft skills, online applications, and job search strategies. Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling 828-465-8665 or drop in as you are able.

May the 4th: Star Wars Virtual Trivia Night

Wednesday, May 4 at 6 pm

Online via Zoom and Kahoot

Calling all Jedi and Sith! Join us for a virtual Star Wars Trivia Night LIVE via Zoom and Kahoot. The trivia questions will be based on all nine films in the Skywalker Saga. We're inviting up to 25 participants or households to join us. Please visit tinyurl.com/StarWarsMaythe4thTrivia 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 we recommend connecting two devices, a laptop and phone/tablet - to prepare you can install the Kahoot app but it's not required to participate).

Clase de inglés

Miércoles, 4, 11 y 18 de mayo a las 6 pm

En línea por Zoom

¡Practique inglés con nosotros los miércoles por la tarde! Esta es una conversación de una hora, por Zoom, para estudiantes que desean ganar más confianza al hablar inglés. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, llame al: 828-465-8664.

ESL Class

Wednesday, May 4, 11, & 18 at 6 pm

Online via Zoom

Practice speaking English with us on Wednesday evenings! This is a one-hour online Zoom conversation to help students gain more confidence in speaking English. Please call 828.465.8664 to register or for more information.

Resumes & Job Applications

Thursday, May 5 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips to create a resume and complete an application that will get you the interview in this virtual workshop from our friends at NCWorks Catawba. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Garden Volunteer

Saturday, May 14 from 9 -11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, May 7 & 21 from 9 - 11 am

Main Library in Newton

The community gardens at the St. Stephens Branch Library and the Main Library in Newton are ready to be prepped and planted for the upcoming summer season! If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. To sign up, please call 828-466-6828.

Introduction to Macramé

Saturday, May 7 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Is macramé your next favorite hobby? Come find out! This program will show you the tools you'll need to start out and how to make the basic knots. Participants will make a mini macramé wall hanging to take home. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

St. Stephens Theme-Based Book Club

Monday, May 9 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for this monthly in-person event where you can gather with fellow book lovers and discuss books based around a common theme. This month the theme is an Asian or Pacific Islander author, so revisit a favorite or find something new and come share your reading experience with us. Although this is an in-person event, patrons can still utilize the Facebook group for updates, book lists, and ongoing discussion by following this link: www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Center & Venture

Tuesday, May 10 at 3:30 pm

Riverbend Park

Certified trainer and tai chi instructor 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 followed by an hour's hike. You'll find everything you need to improve your sense of wellbeing: 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 or on site.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members and is open to the public, even if you haven't read the book. Join us for a lively discussion on *The Last House on the Street* by Diane Chamberlain.

Interviewing Tips

Thursday, May 12 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview in this virtual workshop from our friends at NCWorks Catawba. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Technology Drop-in Help

Tuesday, May 17 from 4 - 6 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Having trouble with your smartphone or tablet? Want to know how to download Hoopla or Libby? Drop-in for friendly, one-on-one technology help! We will help you troubleshoot your device, download apps, and teach you how to use digital resources.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, May 17 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

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 and tweens with musical talents are invited to join.

An Evening with New York Times Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain

Tuesday, May 17 at 7 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

New York Times Bestselling author Diane Chamberlain will appear following the release of her book, *The Last House on the Street*. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library. To register, please visit

www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-new-york-times-bestselling-author-diane-chamberlain-tickets-288690660537

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, May 18 & 25 at 11:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a class friendly for all body types and levels. This class is perfect for anyone looking for accessible ways to stretch, relax, and gain the benefits of doing yoga with the added security of using a chair. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Expungement Workshop

Wednesday, May 18 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

Do you or someone you know qualify for expungement? Learn what you need to know about having charges removed from criminal records in this virtual workshop from NCWorks Catawba. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Email Basics

Wednesday, May 18 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Online via Zoom

Learn how to send and receive email, navigate your inbox, and practice downloading and attaching files. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-CompBasics

Device Advice

Thursday, May 19 at 11 am
St. Stephens Branch Library

Do you have a laptop, tablet, or phone (Android or iPhone) that you need help navigating? Do you have questions about your device that you can't seem to find the answer for? Come to Device Advice and let us help you get the assistance you need.

Macramé Mini Wall Hanging

Thursday, May 19 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of macramé as we learn how to create a mini wall hanging. Best suited for teens and adults. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Friday, May 20 and 27 at 11 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket. Class on May 27 will be outside, weather permitting. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Totally Awesome '80s Prom Murder Mystery

Saturday, May 21 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library

Join us for this totally awesome '80s-themed murder mystery to see if you can solve the crime! '80s prom attire is encouraged but not required. To register, please call 828-466-5108.



Mountain View Book Club – Book Club

Monday, May 23 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. All are welcome for lively conversation and lots of fun!

Book Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library

Join us as we discuss the bestselling novel, *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles. This is the latest work from the author of *A Gentleman in Moscow*.

STEAM: Make a Circuit Flower

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm
Maiden Branch Library

Explore chromatography, diffusion, engineering, and circuit building with this beautiful STEAM activity. Create a colorful paper flower with coffee filters and markers, and then design a circuit to make your flower light up! Program open to ages 7 to 13. Please register at tinyurl.com/CatCoFlower

Needle Felting

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn the textile art of needle felting as we create a decorative beehive and bees. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Job Searching 101

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Job seekers are invited to join us as we help with online job searching and application techniques. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

NCWorks Scholarships

Wednesday, May 25 at 10 am
Online via WebEx

Learn about scholarships to advance your skills in this virtual workshop from our friends at NCWorks. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Internet Basics

Wednesday, May 25 at 3 pm
Main Library in Newton

Online via Zoom
Learn how to navigate the internet and use search engines to find the information you're looking for. This is a hybrid program available to attend in-person or via Zoom. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-CompBasics

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, May 26 at 5 pm
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about May's selection, *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. June's pick is *The Invisible Husband of Frick Island* by Colleen Oakley. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for upcoming meetings at tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake

Granos enteros saludables

Jueves, 26 de mayo a las 6:30 pm
Biblioteca de Newton

No es difícil agregar diferentes granos integrales en nuestras comidas saludables. En este programa, exploraremos nuevos sabores de granos integrales y encontraremos uno que le guste más. Acompañenos y aprenda de otros granos como arroz integral, mijo, bulgur, avena, quínoa y cebada. Presentado en español e inglés.

Healthy Whole Grains

Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

Adding better whole grain choices to a healthy dinner table is not difficult. Let's explore some new whole grain tastes together and find one that you like. Join us and discover brown rice, millet, bulgur, oats, quinoa, and barley. Presented in English and Spanish.



LIBRARY TO GO

National Night Out – Long View

Tuesday, May 3 from 5 - 7 pm
Long View Recreation Center
We're looking forward to sharing resources and activities with families at the Long View National Night Out.

Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, May 5 and 19 from 10 am - 2 pm
200 S Main St, Catawba
Visit the Library to Go to check out books, get help with technology questions, and enjoy a family storytime at 10:45!

Foothills Folk Art Festival

Saturday, May 14 from 10 am - 4 pm
Downtown Newton on the Square
Join us in Downtown Newton as we celebrate folk art with fun activities for kids!



Library Outpost: Suds & Stories

Sunday, May 15 from 2 - 5 pm
Clean Wave Laundry
We're looking forward to seeing you in Long View at Clean Wave Laundry! Stop by and check out books, enjoy activities, and get help with your tech and job app or resume questions.



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