

Library Connections

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2022 SUMMER LEARNING NOURISHING MINDS AND BODIES

Through a partnership with the Backpack Program and the Community Kitchen of The Corner Table, the library will be providing full bags of food at all library locations and hosting a series of weekly lunch-and-learns in Conover.

The Backpack Program serves children in forty+ local schools who face hunger on the weekends. During the summer months, when school is out, the program is unable to send home food bags with students. This partnership provides another avenue for getting food to families that need it. While the backpack program is geared towards children under the age of 18 years old, these food bags are available to all.

The food bags are packed by Backpack Program volunteers and delivered weekly to the library. Each bag will have a variety of food items including canned goods and snacks that can be eaten without preparation. Families can choose to leave items they don't want for another family to take.

Food bags will be available at all seven library locations starting June 6 through August 22.

"We are very excited about partnering with The Corner Table to feed children and families this summer!" says assistant director Siobhan Loendorf. "The addition of food bags and lunch-and-learns to our Summer Learning Program allows us to nourish minds and bodies, keeping kids healthy, engaged in learning, and positioned to succeed when they return to school in the fall."

The summertime lunch-and-learns at 111 Herman Sipe Road in Conover, near Oak Grove Mobile Home Park, will be available every Wednesday from June 22 through August 24. Lunch will be served between 11 am and 12 noon, and the Library to Go will be set up for browsing between 11 am and 12:30 pm. Stop by to check out all the library resources on display and power up your brain as well as your body.

The Library to Go offers:

- A specialized librarian to offer assistance with technology, job applications and resume building, reader's advisory, and other resources
- Books for all ages
- Playaway audio and book kits
- Downloading free Libby and Hoopla ebooks, audio, music, and movies
- Internet access
- Robotics and virtual reality devices and programs
- Furniture for lounging and exploring resources



Herman Sipe Lunch & Learn Station

Power up your brain and your body this summer!

Enjoy a free meal and books from June 22nd to August 24th.

Address:
111 Herman Sipe Rd

For more information call 828.465.8664

Lunch served every Wednesday:
11 am to 12 pm
Explore the Library:
11 - 12:30 pm

The Corner Table
Feeding People of Catawba County

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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, JULY 4 TO OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE DAY.

CHILDREN

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool Maiden Branch Library

Thursdays 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

Thursdays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Wednesdays at 10 am

Fridays 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

Monday, July 11, 18, & 25 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.

Feature Film Fridays

Fridays at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

July 1: Finding Dory

July 8: Free Willy

July 15: Shark Tale

July 22: The Little Mermaid

July 29: Planet Ocean

Enjoy an ocean-themed movie with family and friends.



Tangrams

Wednesday, July 6 from 9 am – 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Drop into the library all day for some fun, laid-back tangram puzzles. Test your logical thinking skills as you try to fit the shapes together!

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Thursday, July 7 at 2 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Ahoy, swashbucklers! Sail the high seas with us as we make pirate gear, play pirate games, walk the plank, and learn how to talk like a pirate! Tell all of your mateys not to miss it.

STEAM: Hurricane Challenge

Friday, July 8 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Design and build a house that can withstand hurricanes in this fun STEM challenge. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Upcycled Fabulous Fish Suncatchers

Friday, July 8 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Create a fabulous fish suncatcher using upcycled materials. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

STEAM: Ocean in a Jar

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, July 12 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Friday, July 22 at 4:30 pm

Dive deep to learn about the five layers of an ocean by creating this ocean in a jar. To register, please visit either library or call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens and 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford-Terrell.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter

Southwest Branch Library

Monday, July 11 at 1 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, July 11 at 4 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Tuesday, July 12 at 1 pm

Conover Branch Library

Tuesday, July 12 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Thursday, July 14 at 1 pm

Main Library in Newton

Thursday, July 14 at 4 pm

The Green Room Community Theatre presents The Green Bean Players in The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter, A Retelling of The Sea-Hare by The Brothers Grimm! This is a magical adventure complete with sea shanties, puppets, and plenty of excitement!



Seashells

Tuesday, July 12 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Park

2247 36th Ave NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Join Catawba County Parks Ranger Tabitha for a look at her seashell collection and to learn about the creatures that inhabit them.

Shark Day!

Wednesday, July 13 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Celebrate sharks with some themed crafts!

We'll create a shark glitter bottle and follow a tutorial to learn to draw sharks of our very own!

Kids Summer Martial Arts Workshop

Fridays, July 15, 22, 29 & August 5 at 10 am

Mountain View Karate Center

1273 16th Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Sign the kids up for beginning martial arts training with Sensei Doug! The series will focus on basic self-defense, flexibility & control, and general fitness. To register, please call 828-465-8665 or visit tinyurl.com/ccls-MartialArts

Parental waiver required on site.

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, July 16 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Join us for fun, fitness-focused play with music, games, and an obstacle course! Kids will have a blast as they explore, exercise, and develop motor skills. This program is designed for preschoolers, but older children are welcome.

Ocean Day: Honoring the Ocean

Tuesday, July 19 at 3 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Ocean Day is a Japanese summertime holiday that honors the ocean. Learn more about Ocean Day, practice writing Kanji, and make a paper lantern!

Dragonflies & Damselflies

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, July 19 at 2 pm

Conover Branch Library

Tuesday, July 19 at 4 pm

Join us as we learn about dragonflies and damselflies from our friends at Catawba County Parks.

Ocean Drums

Wednesday, July 20 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Construct your very own Ocean Drum inspired by Native American water drums. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Sugar Scrubs & Bookmark Fun

Wednesday, July 20 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us to make homemade sugar scrubs and beautiful bookmarks! With polished skin and a one-of-a-kind bookmark for your beach read, you'll be ready for a trip to the seaside!

Pre-K Under Sea Discovery

Thursday, July 21 at 11:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Preschoolers will discover the wonders of the ocean with a variety of themed stations.

Stretch-N-Grow

Thursday, July 21 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for bilingual stories & an ocean of movement in the garden with Stretch-n-Grow.

Volcano STEAM

Friday, July 22 at 4 pm

Conover Branch Library

Join us to make your own volcano with Play-Doh and then create a reaction mimicking a volcano eruption. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Ocean Crafternoon

Saturday, July 23 from 2 - 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Get your craft on at this drop-in program featuring ocean related projects.

Macroinvertebrates

Tuesday, July 26 at 2 pm

Mountain Creek Park

6554 Little Mountain Rd, Sherrills Ford, NC

Visit the county's newest park and join park rangers on a walk to the lake to learn about aquatic insect larva and water quality.

Food or Foe & Water Bottle Challenge

Wednesday, July 27 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Reduce, reuse, and recycle at this STEAM program! Learn about the effects of plastic on marine life and design your very own sea creature out of a recycled water bottle!

Shark Week!

Friday, July 29 at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

Let's celebrate these misunderstood creatures with a STEAM shark float, make shark crafts, explore shark trivia, and play shark games.

Ocean Terrariums

Friday, July 29 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us as we create a beach-themed terrarium using sand, moss, and ocean related finds. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6821.



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

TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

July 5: Paint A Seascape

July 12: Skill Night – learn or practice a skill

July 19: Game Night

July 26: Tech Night

Watercolor Paint Night

Wednesday, July 6 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

This program is open to teen artists of all skill levels. Create your own beach-themed bookmarks as we explore the different techniques used to elevate watercolor paintings. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Teen Self Defense

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, July 19 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, July 25 at 5 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Tuesday, July 26 at 5 pm

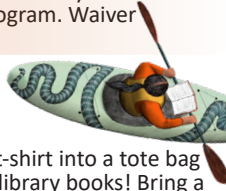
Get safety tips and hands-on instruction from a deputy with the Catawba County Sheriff's Office at this two-hour program. Waiver required.

Recycled T-Shirt Bag

Monday, July 25 at 5 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Learn how to turn an old t-shirt into a tote bag -perfect for carrying your library books! Bring a t-shirt of your own or use ones provided!



DIY Mini Canvas Bags

Tuesday, July 26 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Join us as we decorate and paint mini canvas bags (yours to keep after the program) with ocean themed artwork! To register, please call 828-466-5108 or visit the library.

Ocean Terrariums

Friday, July 29 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us as we create a beach themed terrarium using sand, moss, and ocean related finds. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

ADULTS

Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

Thursday, July 7 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips for creating a resume and completing a job application. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs



Paint Night

Thursday, July 7 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Create your own lighthouse-themed art piece as we explore acrylic paint medium. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays, July 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class. Bring a yoga mat or towel. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Community Garden Volunteer

Saturdays, July 9 & 23 from 9 - 11 am

Main Library in Newton

If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. To register, please call 828-466-6828.

Crocheted Ocean Creatures

Saturday, July 9 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Join us as we learn the basics of crochet and create cute ocean creatures! To register, please call 828-466-5108.

Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, July 11, 18, & 25 at 6 pm

Main Library at 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).

St. Stephens Theme-Based Book Club: Oceans of Possibilities

Monday, July 11 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

This month's theme: read something that takes place at the beach and share your reading experience with us. Follow along online here: www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Adult STEAM: Simple Sushi

Tuesday, July 12 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for a true culinary adventure as we make sushi simple and fun! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Interviewing Tips Workshop

Tuesday, July 12 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

STEAM for Adults: DIY Cleaners

Tuesday, July 12 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Cleaning supplies can be harmful to the water supply and damage ecosystems, including our oceans. There are other options! Learn how to make your own environmentally friendly detergents and cleansers during this Ocean of Possibilities Adult Summer Program. For questions or more information, please call 828-465-9494.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, July 12 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 Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, July 13 & 27 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.

Floating Orbs

Wednesday, July 13 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make your own mini glass japanese floating fishing orb inspired ornament. Explore the properties of alcohol ink to create your very own unique colored orb before macrameing netting to hold your orb ornament. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Is Karate Right For You?

Friday, July 15 at 4:30 pm

Mountain View Karate Center in Hickory

If you'd like some self-defense mixed in with your fitness, learning a martial art might be just right for you! Sensei Doug will provide some information about the different styles of martial arts he teaches and then lead us in a sample workout geared toward self-defense. To register, call 828-465-8665. Waiver required on site.

Ocean Drum Meditation

Saturday, July 16 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

This guided, ocean themed, sound-meditation includes simple breathwork and cues leading into a peaceful meditation. Performed live with instruments from around the world including hand-made himalayan singing bowls, steel drums, and an ocean drum. We encourage you to bring a yoga mat or blanket. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Macramé Series: Knots

Saturday, July 16 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Macramé is the art of tying cotton cord into knots to make beautiful designs. This second class in the series will focus on learning variations of the square and half hitch knots. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

El club de lectura Un corazón lector

Domingo, 17 de julio a las 5 pm

La ubicación de las reuniones cambia

El club de lectura Un corazón lector se reunirá el domingo, 17 de julio a las 5 pm para discutir y conversar acerca del libro *Violeta* de Isabel Allende. Por favor, llame al 828.465.8664 para más información.

A Treasure Chest for Umi no Hi

Monday, July 18 at 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

In Japan, the third Monday in July is a national holiday to give thanks for the ocean's bounty and reflect on the role of the ocean. On this day, we'll be repurposing items to make a small treasure chest, which you might use to keep your treasures safe.



Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, July 18 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, July 19 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.

Credit/Money Management

Wednesday, July 20 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn the basics of making a budget, reading your credit report, and what affects your credit rating. This workshop is being offered by NCWorks Catawba and will be led by a HOPE Financial Wellbeing Coach. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Career Center

Thursdays, July 20 from 1 pm - 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

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

Is Aqua Yoga Right For You?

Thursday, July 21 at 9:30 am

Shuford YMCA in Conover

This is a chance for library card holders to sample a yoga class in the shallow end of the pool, find out what is involved and whether it would be an activity you'd love to do. Adults 18+ only. This class size is limited to the first 20 participants. Waiver required on site.

Adult STEAM: Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour

Thursday, July 21 at 10 am

CON Wastewater Treatment Plant

1407 McKay Road, Newton, NC 28658

Tour the City of Newton Wastewater Treatment Plant to learn what happens to water after it has been used by the community. Closed toe shoes are required and sunscreen is suggested.

Google Drive

Thursday, July 21 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for an introduction to using Google Drive for storing and sharing your files. This class will begin with setting up a Google account if you don't already have one. Participants are welcome to bring their own device. To register, please call 828-465-9494 or visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-Google

Kayak Adventure

Friday, July 22 at 10 am

Lake James State Park,

7321 NC 126, Nebo, NC 28761

Explore the possibilities with us as we are guided on a kayak adventure in the Paddy's Creek area of Lake James State Park in Nebo, NC with Park Ranger Wade. Class size limited to 12; waiver required. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

Afternoon Yoga

Monday, July 25 at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an afternoon session of yoga. Class will be led by certified yoga instructor Karen Windham and is designed for any level of fitness.

Expungement Workshop

Tuesday, July 26 at 10 am

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

Crochet Jellyfish

St. Stephens Branch Library

Tuesday, July 26 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Thursday, July 28 at 4 pm

Join us as we learn how to crochet a cute jellyfish friend. To register, please visit either library or call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens and 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford-Terrell.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, July 26 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Join us to discuss Angelina Bouley's award-winning young adult novel, *Firekeeper's Daughter*, a groundbreaking thriller about a native teen who goes undercover to expose corruption in her community.

Google Photos

Tuesday, July 26 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

It's summertime and everyone is capturing fun photos from the park, ocean, BBQs, and visits with family. What if space on your device is limited? Don't lose your memories! Learn how to save them to Google Photos. This class will cover uploading, backups, and editing! To register, please call 828-465-9494 or visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-Google

Is Chair Yoga Right For You?

Wednesday, July 27 at 10:30 am

Main Library at Newton

If you've wondered whether Chair Yoga would be too easy, too difficult or just right, this is a chance to find out what it is, who it's recommended for, and to try a sample class. Dress in a way that will let you stretch and relax as you perform yoga poses modified for the extra stability of using a chair. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Is CrossFit Right For You?

Thursday, July 28 at 3:30 pm

CrossFit Catawba Valley

2055 Main Ave SE, Hickory, NC 28602

Join us for an introductory class to learn all about CrossFit, its benefits, appeal, and modifications to accommodate different abilities. Then try a beginner level CrossFit workout. Registration required at tinyurl.com/ccls-CrossFit, age 18+. Waiver required on site.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, July 28 at 5 pm

Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about July's pick *Island Queen* by Vanessa Riley. August's selection is *The Unsinkable Greta James* by Jennifer E. Smith. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for upcoming meetings at tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake



LIBRARY TO GO

Herman Sipe Lunch & Learn

Wednesdays from 11 am - 12:30 pm

115 Herman Sipe Rd, Conover, 28613

Enjoy a hot meal provided by The Corner Table Soup Kitchen, check out some books, and participate in free hands-on activities.

Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, July 10 from 2 pm - 5 pm

2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Check out books, use our wi-fi hotspot, or get some one-on-one help with your device. Our family storytime starts at 3 pm.

Public Health Farmers' Market

Thursdays, July 14 & 28 from 10 am - 1 pm

3070 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602

The Library to Go will be bringing the party to the Farmers' Market with music, games, and books for all ages.

Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, July 16 from 10 am - 12 pm

109 1st St E, Conover, NC 28613

Stop by to check out materials, participate in library activities, and receive technology help.

Check out and Storytime: Town of Catawba

Thursday, July 21 from 10 am - 2 pm

200 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609

Visit our mobile library to check our rotating selection of books, learn about our electronic resources, or receive technology help. Our family storytime filled with stories, songs, crafts, and sensory play starts at 10:45 am!



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