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A lot of us love using the Hoopla and Libby apps for reading and listening to digital books but they don't always meet all of our audiobook needs - that's where Playaway enters the picture!

Playaway is a pre-loaded audiobook that gives us the portability and freedom to take audiobooks everywhere because they are small enough to fit in your pocket. No connectivity or downloads needed. Ever. They're perfect for Hoopla and Libby users, non-tech savvy folks, reluctant and learning readers, people learning a second language, and audiobook lovers who want more listening options.

The only thing you need to get started is a pair of headphones or an aux cord. We provide the rest. With over 400 titles (and counting) in our system, there's something for everyone!



But wait, there's more!

Playaways also come in Bookpacks and Launchpad formats. A Bookpack is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. A Launchpad is a preloaded tablet with content for kids, teens, and adults, designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface. No download time. No need for Wi-Fi. Access to powerful content is as simple as turning on each device — anytime, anywhere.

Playaways, Bookpacks, and Launchpads all promote literacy, increase vocabulary, teach pronunciation, build critical thinking skills, and improve attention span. For reluctant, learning, and second language readers, Bookpacks can be a game changer. Readers can improve reading and comprehension skills, and build confidence in pronunciation, by listening and reading along.

Whether you grab a Playaway or Bookpack for fun or educational purposes, it's going to be your new favorite accessory!

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

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

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.

Shark Tooth Hunting with Dr. Ashley Oliphant

Monday, August 1 at 1 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn about fossils from sharks, whales and dinosaurs with Dr. Ashley Oliphant. Cool dig activity included! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

Kids against Plastic: Saving the Oceans

Wednesday, August 3 at 2 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Learn about the effects of single-use plastic on our oceans and ocean life. Bring your thinking caps as we brainstorm ways to reduce those effects and make a craft out of recycled plastic.

Summer Learning Wrap Up Parties

Southwest Branch Library

Wednesday, August 3 at 4 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Friday, August 5 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Friday, August 5 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, August 6 at 2 pm

Celebrate the end of summer learning with an ice cream party! Make sure to turn in your completed reading logs to collect prizes and be entered for the grand prize drawing!

Main Library in Newton

Thursday, August 4 at 3 pm

Come to the garden to turn in your reading log and completed survey. Make sure to bring a towel because we'll have a visit from local firefighters who will be bringing a fire truck for water play!

Conover Branch Library

Saturday, August 6 from 10 am - 12 pm

Join us as we throw a tie-dye party to celebrate the end of Summer Learning. Bring your own plain, white, cotton tee shirt and we'll supply the dye! All ages are welcome to attend.

Ocean Terrariums

Thursday, August 4 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Decorate your own beach in a jar. If you have your own sand or shells, feel free to bring with you to make your jar even more personal. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Feature Film Friday – The Pirate

Friday, August 5 at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we watch Pirate Captain and his oddball crew try to win Pirate of the Year!

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, August 13 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.

The Hunt for Planet B and Celebration of Space

Friday, August 19 from 11 am – 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us at 11 am for coloring sheets, word searches, and origami activities and at 2 pm for t-shirt art. We will show the NASA documentary The Hunt for Planet B at 11 am. To register, please call 828-466-6821.

Roller Coaster Challenge

Friday, August 26 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Design, construct, and test a roller coaster using provided materials. Ideal for rising 3rd graders and up.

NCLIVE via Zoom

Tuesday, August 23 at 6 pm

Online via Zoom

Southwest Branch Library

St. Stephens Branch Library

Main Library in Newton

NC LIVE provides free access to genealogy, NC history, research help, videos, eBooks, and so much more! Join us to learn or get reacquainted with this amazing collection of databases available statewide to patrons of participating libraries. Program will be available online via zoom and in person at select branches. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-NCLIVE

BACK TO SCHOOL

Rock Your Locker

Tuesday, August 23 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Enjoy snacks while you get some tips for organizing your locker, practice combination lock usage, and make a magnet to decorate your locker. Ideal for rising middle school students.

Arts @ the Library: Back to School Concert

Thursday, August 25 at 12 pm

Main Library in Newton

Before heading back to school, join us for a free library concert featuring local artist Erin Shull. Open to all ages!

Teen Back to School Kickoff

Saturday, August 20 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for notebook decorating, soda floats (root beer, coke, orange soda), movie showing of Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days, and a school supply drive! Grades 6-12.

Yoga with Kacy

Friday, August 26 at 1:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Open your heart and get your mind & body ready for transitioning back to school with this free, in-person yoga class for all ages.

TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

August 2: Calligraphy

August 9: Game Night – board games, Wii, and bring your own handheld devices

August 16: Make a marbled galaxy jar inspired by images from the James Webb Telescope

August 23: Love Your Locker – Make unique magnets to decorate your locker

August 30: Cupcake Wars

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, August 1 from 6 – 7 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Help plan September's teen programs!

Summer Learning Finale Ice Cream Party!

Saturday, August 6 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for an ice cream/popsicle party to celebrate the end of Summer Learning!

Perler Bead Club

Thursday, August 11 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Love crafts but aren't super crafty? Join the Perler Beads Club! For this easy craft, you'll make designs (keychains, coasters, artwork) using small beads that are fused together with heat. Templates and materials provided.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, August 20 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Are you curious about Dungeons and Dragons but never had an opportunity to try? Discover your inner warrior and join us in this epic adventure.

Comic/Manga Drawing Day

Tuesday, August 23 at 6 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Do you want to get started on creating a simple comic/manga story? Bring your creative energy and join us for a fun evening of storytelling and drawing! Materials and supplies provided. All drawing skill levels are welcome! This program is open to teens and young adults.

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

ADULTS

Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays 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).

Afternoon Yoga

Monday, August 1 at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library

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

Is Aquarobics Right For You?

Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30 pm

Fitness Plus, 810 Fairgrove Church Rd SE Hickory, NC

This is a chance for library card holders to sample a water aerobics class in a therapeutic 88° pool using aquabells and a noodle. Choose the depth you prefer from 3.5-5 ft. This facility caters to beginners and those with medical conditions, though all adults are welcome. Find out what is involved and whether it would be an activity you'd love to do. Adults only, age 18+ and participation is limited to 15. First come, first served. Waiver required on site.

Macramé Ocean Wave Wall Hanging

Tuesday, August 2 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of macramé as we learn to make a wall hanging using the Square Knot. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.



Career Center

Wednesdays, August 3 & 17, 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.

Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

Thursday, August 4 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

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

Is Zumba Right For You?

Thursday, August 4 at 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

If you've been wondering what all the fuss is about when it comes to Zumba, this is the workshop for you. We'll learn what Zumba is, the benefits it provides, different formats you might find, and where you can take a class. Then we'll do a short sample workout to finish up on a note of Fun! Waiver required on site.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays, August 5, 12, 19 and 26 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. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Community Garden Volunteer

Saturdays, August 6 & 20 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.

Adult Book Club (virtual)

Monday, August 8 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

This month's theme is to read an ebook from your virtual shelf and share your reading experience with us. Follow along here: www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Candid/FDO Training for Nonprofits

Tuesday, August 9 at 9:30 am

Main Library at Newton

Accessing grant funding opportunities for nonprofits is a critical aspect of successfully operating your organization and fulfilling your mission to help your community. The Library offers access to the Candid/FDO grants database, but it's helpful to know a few tips and tricks so that you can make the most of your time searching for possible funders. This workshop is open to any employee or volunteer of any existing nonprofit. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

New to Medicare

Tuesday, August 9 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

SHHP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, is hosting a seminar open to anyone new to Medicare or interested in learning more about Medicare. The seminar will include a question and answer session. To register, please call 828-328-2269.

Stranger Things Trivia

Tuesday, August 9 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

How well do you know the *Stranger Things* universe? Join us for challenging trivia, which will have questions from season 1 through season 4. Think you can handle it, mouth-breather?

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, August 9 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 Maid* by Nita Prose.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, August 10 and 24 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, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Downton's New Era: Tea & Trivia

Wednesday, August 10 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for a short trivia game followed by a screening of a new favorite, *Downton Abbey: A New Era*. Enjoy an "Elevenses" tea during the game and if you wish, popcorn during the film. Take home some recipes appropriate for High Tea, Afternoon Tea or Cream Tea. Register as a trivia team of two or more members – or let us match you up with a fellow Downton fan. Be prepared to tell us your *Downton Abbey* trivia team name. To register, please call 828-465-8665.



Interviewing Tips Workshop

Thursday, August 11 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

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

El club de lectura Un corazón lector

Domingo, 14 de agosto a las 5 pm

La ubicación de las reuniones cambia

El club de lectura Un corazón lector se reunirá el domingo, 14 de agosto a las 5 pm para discutir y conversar acerca del libro *El Comensal* de Gabriela Ybarra. La ubicación de las reuniones cambia. Por favor, llame al 828.465.5664 para más información.

Canasta Crew

Monday, August 15 at 10:30 am

Main Library at Newton

Friendly people wanted for this opportunity to socialize and play a classic card game! No experience necessary, newbies welcome - experienced players encouraged to participate as well. We will be playing Hoyle rules requiring four players for a game and will host as many games as we have foursomes. Bring a partner if you have one or come solo and we'll match you up. To register, please call 828-465-8665! Light refreshments provided.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, August 15 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

Adult STEAM: Yarn Dyeing

Tuesday, August 16 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

To Dye For: The Science of Natural Dyes – If you are interested in dyeing naturally, join us as we show you the wide range of colors that can be created using locally found and store bought, natural materials. You'll be surprised at the results! Yarn will be provided. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Social Media for Job Search

Tuesday, August 16 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to conduct effective job searches on popular social media platforms: facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Health Insurance & Legal Aid Navigator

Tuesday, August 16 from 2 - 7 pm

Main Library at Newton

Stop in to visit with federally qualified health insurance navigators who provide information about Legal Aid of North Carolina FREE legal services and unbiased help finding quality affordable health insurance. The navigators, offer experienced counsel when applying for health insurance through the marketplace.gov official government website. They can explain options and assist consumers with estimating their income for the year ahead to see if they qualify for tax credits and/or cost sharing reductions.



Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, August 16 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.

The Hunt for Planet B Film Viewing

Tuesday, August 16 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Friday, August 19 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Have the images from the James Webb Space Telescope increased your curiosity about space exploration? Join us to view The Hunt for Planet B, a documentary that follows the creation of the telescope and the search for life beyond our solar system. During the showing at the Main Library in Newton, we will make marbled galaxy vases - to register, please call 828-465-8665. After the showing at the St. Stephens Branch, we will make space-themed t-shirt art - to register, please call 828-466-6821.

Creative Outlet: Hand Lettering

Tuesday, August 23 at 3 pm

Main Library at Newton

Studies consistently show that regular creative expression can reduce stress, improve emotional understanding, enhance social relationships and contribute to a deeper appreciation for the world around us. Hand lettering is a visual art form that focuses on drawing and illustrating letterforms by hand. For this hands-on workshop, we'll watch a video about making Hand Lettering a daily creative practice and then put what we've learned into practice. Supplies provided but feel free to bring your own pens if you have favorites. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

NCWorks Scholarships

Wednesday, August 24 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

Needle Felting

Thursday, August 25 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, August 25 at 5 pm

Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about August's selection, *The Unsinkable Greta James* by Jennifer E. Smith. Get ahead by checking out September's pick, *Learning to Speak Southern* by Lindsey Rogers Cook. Suggest titles for upcoming meetings at tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake

Macramé Knots

Saturday, August 27 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

In part three of our macramé series, participants will "tie" it all together by learning how to design their own patterns and make beautiful pieces of macramé art! To register, please call 828-465-8665.

Macramé Wall Pockets

Tuesday, August 30 at 5:30 pm

Conover Branch Library

Come explore the textile art of macramé, as we learn how to create a stylish wall pocket! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Oceans of Possibilities – Trivia Night

Tuesday, August 30 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an evening of ocean trivia! Valerie Carpenter (Alexander County FOL President) will host this program guaranteed to test your knowledge. Trivia night will be full of facts, fun and festive prizes.

Salad on a Stick | Dressing in a Jar

Wednesday, August 31 at 1 pm

Main Library at Newton

Find out about and practice this fun way to prepare a salad that takes it from side dish to main squeeze. We'll also make mason jar salad dressings to add just the right zing for enjoying local produce at the peak of the summer season. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Join us in September when we'll be discussing *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. The book club meets in alternating months.

LIBRARY TO GO

Herman Sipe Lunch & Learn

Wednesdays from 11 am - 12:30 pm

115 Herman Sipe Rd, Conover, NC 28612

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

Check out and Storytime: Catawba

Thursdays, Aug 4 & 18 from 10 am - 2 pm

200 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609

Visit our mobile library to check out 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 10:45am!

Public Health Farmers' Market

Thursdays, August 11 & 25 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.



Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, August 14 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 which incorporates stories, songs, and sensory play starts at 3pm.

Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, August 20 from 9 - 11 am

109 1st St E, Conover, NC 28613

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



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