

Library Connections

JUNE 2023

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SUMMER LEARNING

Register online at www.catawbacountync.gov/library or at any local branch!

Join us June 1 through August 5 for interactive programs and activities for children, teens, and adults, including these featured headline acts!

BIG BANG BOOM!



BRIGHT STAR THEATRE



MAY WILDLIFE REHAB CENTER



May Wildlife
Rehabilitation Center
at Lees-McRae College



CATAWBA COUNTY PARKS



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All Together Now



DANA HILL MAGIC



CAROLINA RAPTOR CENTER



MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES



GREEN BEAN PLAYERS



Thank you to all of our Friends of the Library groups for sponsoring this year's Summer Learning programs!

CHILDREN

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

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

Wednesdays at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

St. Stephens Branch Library

Main Library in Newton

Wednesdays at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Thursdays at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Southwest Branch Library

St. Stephens Branch Library

Fridays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

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.

Ready to Learn Storytime: Bilingual

Miércoles a la 10 am

Wednesdays at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Únase a nosotros para hora del cuento

bilingüe, canciones, movimiento,

aprendizaje y más para preescolares.

Join us for bilingual storytime

featuring stories, songs, movement,

learning and more for preschoolers.

Lees-McRae May Wildlife Rehab Center

Meet animal ambassadors, learn about wildlife in this region and how we're all connected.

Thursday, June 1

St. Stephens Branch Library at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library at 2 pm

Thursday, June 8

Main Library in Newton at 11 am

Maiden Branch Library at 2 pm

Friends Forever

Thursday, June 1 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Discuss traits of a good friend, create friendship poems, share a favorite recipe, and create your own friends forever trail mix to take home.

Summer Resource Fair & Kids Rock Concert

Friday, June 2 from 4 - 6 pm

Conover City Park

Join us for our Summer Learning kickoff

celebration featuring BIG BANG BOOM

in concert and a Summer Activity

Resource Fair! Big fun for all ages!

Summer Kickoff Party

Saturday, June 3 from 11 am - 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Kickoff our Summer Learning at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch. Enjoy yard games, food trucks, inflatable obstacle course, and visit with Catawba County Parks, 4-H, and Ident-a-Kid!

Wrestlemania Family Storytime

Saturday, June 3 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

IN THIS CORNER, join special guest readers ROF pro wrestlers Kamikaze Conrad, Gunner Rose, and Champion Spotlight Scotty Brooks. Meet the guys behind the mask, listen to stories, and make your own luchador outfit!

Bike Rodeo

Wednesday, June 7 at 10 am (Spanish/English)

Thursday, June 8 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Bring your bike/tricycle & helmet for this special

obstacle course to learn about being safe as you

ride, and enjoy an interactive storytime.

Flowering Fun

Wednesday, June 7 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Create seed bombs, explore the magic of bubble

art and enjoy floral puzzles and activities!

Friendship Film Fridays

Fridays, June 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Enjoy a weekly movie showing the importance

of good friendships. Bring a friend!

Perler Bead Club

Friday, June 9 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make designs using small beads that are fused

together with heat. Materials provided.

Bright Star Theatre - African Folk Tales

Monday, June 12

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton at 6 pm

Join a variety of characters from a wide range of

cultures in stories that celebrate the various folk

tale traditions of the continent of Africa.

*This program is supported by a grant from the

United Arts Council of Catawba County.

STEAM: Bee Kind to Pollinators

Tuesday, June 13 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn how plants and animals rely on each

other. Build a flower planter. To register, please

call 828-466-6827.

Catawba County Parks: All Together Now

Our friends with CatCo Parks will share about

pollinators and how things are connected

in nature. Make a bee house to take home.

Tuesday, June 13

Claremont Branch Library at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library at 4 pm

Friday, June 16

Main Library in Newton at 2 pm

Conover Branch Library at 4 pm

Tuesday, June 20

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch at 2 pm

Tuesday, June 27

Southwest Branch Library at 2 pm

Maiden Branch Library at 4 pm

Dog Days of Summer

Wednesday, June 14 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Help us show our appreciation for the CatCo

Humane Society by making delicious dog treats

for their current canine residents.

Kindness Trees & Paper Chains

Thursday, June 15 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Children will be encouraged to write kind words

that will be turned into paper chains for display

and make a paper tree to take home.

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, June 17 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

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 ideal for ages 2-5 years old.

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences (Dinos/Fossils)

How do scientists use fossil clues to uncover the world of the distant past? Explore real fossils and replica specimens to learn about fossil formation and paleontology.

Tuesday, June 20

St. Stephens Branch Library at 4 pm

Wednesday, June 21

Maiden Branch Library at 10 am

Southwest Branch Library at 1 pm



STEAM: Owl Pellet Dissection

Thursday, June 22 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

We will dissect owl pellets to learn more about

an owl's diet. It's sure to be a hoot! To register,

please visit your library or call 828-466-6827.

Music Makers

Thursday, June 22 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Design and construct your own musical

instrument from provided materials. Come

together as a group to put on a short concert.

Kids Art Gallery Reception

Saturday, June 24 at 12 noon

Conover Branch Library

Celebrate our local elementary artists and their

artwork! View their art pieces and meet the

artists!

Carolina Raptor Center

The Raptor Center seeks to connect to students

through formal education programs that inspire

them to delve deeper into how birds inspire!

Tuesday, June 27 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Wednesday, June 28 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

STEAM: Ice cream in a Bag

Thursday, June 29 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for chilly chemistry you can eat as we

learn to make ice cream in a bag.

All Things Summer Fun & Safety

Thursday, June 29 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join Melanie Sigmon with CatCo EMS to learn

about summer fun and safety. Program is ideal

for grades K-5 but all are invited.

Tales in the Garden: TRUCKS!

Thursday, June 29 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for bilingual stories and exploring trucks

that build and maintain our community. Get up

close with a trash truck, bucket truck, skid steer,

and more! Decorate your own matchbox car to

take home.

Art with the HMA: All Together Now

Friday, June 30 at 3 pm

Conover Branch Library

In honor of the Charles White Exhibit at HMA,

we will have a fun printmaking activity. To

register, please call 828-466-5108.

PAWS To Read

Schedule a 15-minute appointment to read

with a certified therapy dog. To schedule an

appointment, please call 828-428-2712 for

Maiden and 828-466-6827 Sherrills Ford-Terrell.

Saturday, June 10

Maiden Branch Library

Saturday, June 17

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library



TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

June 6: Career Conversation with Melissa Falcone from True Cut Ranch

June 13: Career Conversation with Melanie Sigmon from Catawba County EMS

June 20: Puzzle Making

June 27: Game Night featuring Nintendo Switch

Beginning Embroidery for Teens

Tuesday, June 6 at 3:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn the art of hand embroidery in this beginner friendly program. To register, please call 828-466-6827.



Life Size Clue

Tuesday, June 6 at 5 pm

Southwest Branch Library

The die is giant, the game board takes up a whole room, and you are your very own game piece! Become the game!

Teen Trivia

Saturday, June 10 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Try your luck at our All Together Now teen trivia featuring besties from TV, movies, and comics.

Teen Food STEAM

Tuesday, June 13 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Bring your appetite as we run experiments like "Will it Chocolate?", make ice-cream in a bag, and try to conquer a design challenge! To register, please call 828-466-5108.

Kindness Shrinky Dinks

Friday, June 16 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us as we create our own shrinky dink charms, perfect for sharing with friends. To register, please call 828-466-6827.

Animal Shelter Supply Drive & DIY Pet Beds

Friday, June 23 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Let's work all together now to help the Catawba County Animal Shelter by donating supplies and creating DIY pet beds for shelter animals in need.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, June 24 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Discover your inner warrior (or bard or cleric or druid or rogue or wizard) and join us in this epic adventure!

ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm

June 5, 19, & 26 at Main Library at Newton

June 12 at First UMC - Newton

Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement class that's too much fun to call exercise. Open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens 18-).

Stretch for Health & Meditate for Mindfulness

Fridays at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Combining stretching with meditation may benefit both your emotional well-being and your overall health. Do these gentle exercises while sitting in a chair or bring a mat/towel for floor routines.

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, June 3 & 17 from 9 - 11 am

Main Library in Newton

The community garden is in need of weeding, mulching, and planting. All ages are welcome. To register, please call 828-466-6828.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays, June 2, 16, 23, & 30 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.

Hands Only CPR & AED

Friday, June 2 from 2 - 5 pm

Main Library at Newton

Brush up your first aid skills for the summer – learn about hands-only CPR and the basics of automated external defibrillators (AED). Practice the technique if you wish, so you'll be ready in an emergency.

Fabulous Fabric Flowers

Tuesday, June 6 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Create gorgeous flowers that will last forever! Supplies provided. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Family History Detective: 1950 US Census

Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Where were you in 1950? Learn about the history of the US Census and the unique features of the 1950 census.

The Summer Station Book Club

Wednesday, June 7 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

Discuss *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson. Come for coffee and conversation, ending with book recommendations! New members welcome!

Career Center

A Goodwill career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with your job-related needs. Drop by, or to reserve an appointment, please call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens or 828-465-8665 for Newton.

Wednesday, June 7 from 1 - 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Wednesday, June 21 from 1 - 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

Gelli Printmaking

Wednesday, June 7 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

In honor of the Charles White exhibit at the HMA, we will show you how to create layers of texture and color using the mono printing technique. All supplies are included. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

The Summer Knitting Club

Thursdays, June 8 & 22 at 3 pm

Conover Branch Library

Bring your just-starting or in-progress projects as we come together to socialize and learn! A volunteer will be available to teach knitting skills for beginners.

Needle Felting

Thursday, June 8 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a felted narwhal. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

ACAP-Aging: The Next Stage of Life

Thursday, June 8 at 5:30 pm

Main Library at Newton

All caregivers for an aging parent are invited to this month's meeting, helping with understanding aging as a psychological and developmental process, along with strategies for enhancing our relationships and experiences with our aging parents.

Friendship Hike & Trail Mix

Friday, June 9 at 8 am

Riverbend Park

Join us for a Friendship Hike – bring a camera to snap some pics. We'll finish at the shelter next to the lower parking lot by the river, where we'll each create our own Friendship Trail Mix.

Coffee Connections 101

Monday, June 12 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

What's the difference between a cappuccino and a latte? Find out in this Baristas Know Best program! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Virtual Book Club

Monday, June 12 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

June's theme is to read a book celebrating Juneteenth. New members welcome! To join the Facebook group, make theme suggestions, and read past threads, please visit www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Growing Native Plants/Plant Swap

Tuesday, June 13 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Learn about growing and propagating native perennial plants with a NC Cooperative Extension Agent. Bring healthy, pest-free houseplants to swap with others.

DIY No Sew Blankets

Tuesday, June 13 at 5 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Learn how to make a no sew fleece tie blanket for yourself and the Catawba County Animal Shelter for Kitten Season. To register, please visit the library or call 828-428-2712.

Knitting Together

Thursdays, June 13, 20, & 27 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Make new friends while learning to knit a washcloth using an easy to follow pattern. Yarn and needles provided, or bring your own.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for a lively discussion on *Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister. New members welcome!

Resumes & Job Applications

Wednesday, June 14 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips to create a resume and complete an application that will get you the interview! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

All Together Now Meditation

Wednesday, June 14 at 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

Learn about the benefits of cultivating mindfulness using one of several methods of meditation, including breath-work, finishing up with a guided meditation together.

Juneteenth Poster/Sign Making Workshop

Wednesday, June 14 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Make a sign to commemorate Juneteenth 2023! All supplies provided. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

Adult STEAM Field Trip

Thursday, June 15 at 9:30 am

130 Somerset Drive, Conover, NC

Join us for a tour of the Materials Recovery Facility, highlighting how landfills and recycling centers work together to provide sustainable solutions for the communities they serve. Ages 16+. Closed-toed shoes required.

Friends of the Library Book Store

Thursday, June 15 from 4 - 7 pm

Main Library in Newton

Build your own personal library and help support library programs at the same time by shopping the FOL Book Store!

Juneteenth Book Discussion

Thursday, June 15 at 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

Join us to talk about UNC-CH graduate Nancy Johnson's *The Kindest Lie*. The novel explores race, class, identity, and the pursuit of the American dream. Everyone is welcome.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, June 19 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Kindest Lie* by Nancy Johnson. All are welcome to join us for our Juneteenth book discussion and conversation.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, June 20 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.

All Together Now: TV Friends Trivia Night

Join us for trivia night with questions relating to famous TV friendships. What's at stake? Bragging rights, of course, but also lots of fun prizes! To register, as an individual or as a team, please call 828-465-8665 for Newton or 828-466-6818 for Southwest.

Tuesday, June 20 at 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

Tuesday, June 27 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Interviewing Tips

Wednesday, June 21 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

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

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, June 21 & 28 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 and relax with the added security of using a chair.

Oregon Trail for Grown-Ups

Thursday, June 22 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

By popular request, join us for an evening of fun playing Oregon Trail. Ages 18 and up are invited to avoid death by dysentery. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Thursday, June 22 at 7 pm

Main Library in Newton

For the June meeting, we will be discussing various genealogical and local history topics. All are welcome to attend.

All Together Now Family Tree

Tues & Wed, June 27 & 28 at 10:30 am

Main Library at Newton, Rhodes Room

Day 1: Following the clues in the 1940 Census. Day 2: Use Library resources to fill in the puzzle pieces for your ancestors. To register for this two-day workshop, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Expungement Workshop

Tuesday, June 27 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

Learn what you need to know about having charges removed from criminal records. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Beginning Embroidery: Reuse and Refashion

Tuesday, June 27 at 5 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn the art of hand embroidery in this beginner friendly program. Bring a fabric item of your choice to refashion it to personalize your wardrobe. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Symmetrical Art

Thursday, June 29 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Symmetry is the foundation for many beautiful works of art. Create your own art with patterns while learning about symmetry. All supplies provided. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, June 29 at 5 pm

Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about June's pick, *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. New members welcome!

Friends of the Library

Catawba County Friends of the Library

Monday, June 12 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Claremont Friends of the Library

Will meet again in July

LIBRARY TO GO

Biscuit Day

Wednesday, June 7 from 8 - 11 am

Downtown Newton

Join us for storytime and crafts celebrating community during Mennel Miilling's famous Biscuit Day!

Juneteenth Jam

Saturday, June 10 from 6 - 9 pm

Samuel William Davis Sr Field

Continue celebrating Juneteenth with us at Ridgeview Recreation!

Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, June 11 from 2 - 5 pm

2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Check out books, use our wi-fi hotspot, or get technology help. Storytime starts at 3 pm.

Herman Sipe Lunch and Learn

Wed, June 14, 21, & 28 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, listen to a story, and participate in free hands-on activities.

Music on Main

Thursday, June 15 from 6 - 8:30 pm

Downtown Newton

Library to Go will be providing children's activities during this fun downtown event.



Conover Juneteenth 2023

Saturday, June 17 from 2 - 6 pm

Conover City Park

Join us for music, storytime, crafts, and fun all relating to Juneteenth!

Public Health Farmers' Market

Thursday, June 22 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, June 24 from 9 am - 12 noon

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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