

Library Connections

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SUMMER

LUNCH AND LIBRARY

The Backpack Program is working with the Catawba County Library to meet people where they are this summer - ensuring that folks have access to nutritious food.

In partnership with the Community Kitchen of the Corner Table, the Backpack Program, and the library are joining forces to provide weekly Lunch and Library sessions at 111 Herman Sipe Road in Conover, just to the right of Oak Grove Mobile Home Park. The Library to Go will offer books and resources to folks as they enjoy a free, hot meal on-site. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Library to Go brings books for all ages, Playaway audio and book kits, STEAM tools, and most important, a helpful Librarian to Go who can assist people with technology, job applications, and resume building. The Librarian to Go is there to help people find the right book, host storytimes, and engage children in learning through STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) programming.

We hope that you will make a plan to join us for a Lunch and Library session any Wednesday from June 14 to August 16. Look for the Library to Go van in the big fenced-in parking area with a yellow building at 111 Herman Sipe Road.

The Backpack Program will be distributing free food items at all Catawba County Library locations to bridge the gap during the summer months when families don't have access to the weekend food bags. Food will be available to all for pick up.

For more information about The Corner Table, please visit www.thecornertable.org or www.facebook.com/thecornertablenc.



**Herman Sipe
Lunch
& Library**

Power up your brain
and your body
this summer!

Enjoy a free meal
and books
from June 14th
to August 16th.

Address:
111 Herman Sipe Rd



For more
information, call
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Lunch served
every Wednesday:
11:30 am to 12:30 pm
Explore the Library:
11 - 12:30 pm

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Feeding Needs of Catawba County
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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4 TO OBSERVE THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY.

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.

All Together Now: Park Cleanup

Saturday, July 1 at 10 am

Riverbend Park

Meet at Riverbend Park and work all together now to help keep one of our parks clean.

PAWS to Read

Encourage your young reader by reading with a certified therapy dog. To schedule a 15-minute appointment, please call 828-465-8665 for Newton and 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford-Terrell.

Saturday, July 1

Main Library in Newton

Saturday, July 15

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tales in the Garden:

Patriotic Puppies on Parade

Thursday, July 6 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for this fun-filled family event. We will listen to bilingual stories, make patriotic crafts, and parade around the library garden with puppies from the Humane Society of Catawba County! Families are encouraged to wear red, white & blue.

Kindness Shrinky Dinks

Friday, July 7 at 2 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.

Friendship Film Fridays

Fridays at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Enjoy a weekly movie showing the importance of good friendships. Bring a friend!

July 7 - *Annie*

July 14 - *Luca*

July 21 - *Akeelah and the Bee*

July 28 - *Shrek*

Green Bean Players present

The Enormous Turnip

Nothing can bring folks together quite like delicious food! When a turnip of unusual size grows in a garden, everyone must work together to solve this enormous problem in this zany musical retelling of a famous Russian folktale!

Tuesday, July 11

Maiden Branch Library at 3 pm

Wednesday, July 12

St. Stephens Branch Library at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library at 4 pm

Thursday, July 13

Main Library in Newton at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 2 pm

Friday, July 14

Conover Branch Library at 11 am

Claremont Branch Library at 3 pm

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, July 15 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 ideal for children from 2-5 years old.

Shark Week STEAM

Tuesday, July 18 at 2 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Join us for a STEAM celebration of our oceans' apex predators.

Dry Ice Exploration!

Beat the heat and join us as we use the scientific method to experiment with Dry Ice. This program is ideal for children ages 7-14.

Monday, July 17

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 3 pm

Tuesday, July 18

St. Stephens Branch Library at 4 pm

Wednesday, July 19

Southwest Branch Library at 4 pm

Thursday, July 20

Main Library in Newton at 4 pm

Friday, July 21

Conover Branch Library at 4 pm

Saturday, July 22

Maiden Branch Library at 11 am

Perler Bead Club

Friday, July 21 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make designs using small beads that are fused together with heat. Materials provided.

Kindness Rocks!

Tuesday, July 25 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for kindness rock painting and help spread positivity around our community.

Chopped Jr.

Wednesday, July 26 at 4 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Calling all aspiring chefs!! Join us as we host the library's version of Chopped. Participants will be challenged to create, present, and title a dessert made from required select ingredients and various other elective ingredients.



DIGITAL CONNECTION FOR TEENS

Teens Teach Tech

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

*And Thursday, August 3 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Calling all rising 6-8 graders!

Become a Digital Superhero at the Main Library in Newton. At these sessions you will increase your digital literacy superpowers to stay safe online, guard against cyberbullying and misinformation. There are four sessions that will run from 6-7:30 pm and include dinner.

Attend all four sessions for a chance to win a new laptop. For more information or to register, please call 828-465-9494.

*Teen Teach Tech Project is sponsored by the Public Library Association and AT&T. Check out www.theachievery.com for a safe place for K-12 students to engage in learning.

Teens Teach Tech

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TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

July 11: Career Conversation:

Thomas Hill, IT Security Analyst

July 18: Printmaking with HMA

July 25: Bread Making

Animal Shelter Supply Drive and DIY Blankets

Saturday, July 1 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Bring food, toys, gently used blankets, and beds to donate to our animal shelter for cats & dogs, and create a no-sew felt blanket to donate.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, July 3 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Help plan future teen programs. Tell us what you want to learn, make and do at your library. Bring a friend and have some snacks.



Teen Gaming Night

Monday, July 3 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Bring a friend and hang out with others for this unplugged gaming night. Snacks & drinks for all.

Self-Care for Teens

Wednesday, July 12 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn how to make your own bath bombs to keep for yourself or give as a gift.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, July 15 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Discover your inner bard or cleric or druid or rogue or wizard and join this epic adventure!

Needle Felting

Tuesday, July 25 at 5 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Explore the textile art of needle felting and make your own needle felted Totoro from Studio Ghibli while we watch the movie My Neighbor Totoro. To register, please visit the library or call 828-428-2712.

Overcooked Game Night

Tuesday, July 25 at 5 pm

Southwest Library

Requiring top-notch teamwork and communication, Overcooked is soon to become your new favorite co-op game! Teen patrons are invited to join us for an evening of goofy gaming with our Nintendo Switch consoles!

Bead Buddies

Thursday, July 27 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make a beaded friend to hang out on your keyring or backpack using pony beads and plastic cord.

Teen Fandom Party

Saturday, July 29 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Do you have a favorite fandom? Cosplay as one of your favorite characters! You will create your own graphic novel, take photos at our photo booth, enter a costume contest and more! Light refreshments will be served. For ages 12-18.

ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm (No class July 3)

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).

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays 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.

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. You can do these exercises while sitting in a chair or bring a mat/towel for floor routines. While this class is geared to 50+, adults of all ages are invited to join.

The Summer Station Book Club

Wednesday, July 5 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

All are welcome to join as we discuss *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub. Come for coffee and great conversation! We will also do a book-share at the end with other recommended reads.

Creative Outlet – Wine Cork Project

Friday, July 7 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

We're getting out our hot glue guns to create an easy, useful cork board using leftover wine corks. All materials provided, though you're welcome to bring any wine corks you have saved up. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, July 8 & 22 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.

VR Exploration

Saturday, July 8 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Are you curious about VR? Sign up for a 15-minute time slot to explore First Steps, an interactive experience that teaches new users how to use the Meta goggles and hand controls. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

Adult Book Club (hybrid)

Monday, July 10 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us in person at the library or join the Facebook Group. July's theme is to read a book from the Summer Reading Challenge and mark it off your list to earn that badge. Get one step closer to winning a prize. To join the Facebook group, make theme suggestions, and read past threads visit www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

The Art of Flower Pounding & Glass Etching

Tuesday, July 11 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we explore the art of flower pounding and glass etching. All supplies will be provided. To register, please call 828-466-6818.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, July 11 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 *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

Resumes & Job Applications

Wednesday, July 12 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

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, July 12 & 26 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.

Loving-Kindness Meditation

Wednesday, July 12 at 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

Increase your peace – Learn about the benefits of cultivating mindfulness and join us for a guided loving-kindness meditation.

The Summer Knitting Club

Thursdays, July 13 & 27 from 3 - 5 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. For ages 14 and up.

ACAP-Tough Talks

Thursday, July 13 at 5:30 pm

Main Library at Newton

All caregivers for an aging parent are invited to join others at this Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents-Hickory/Foothills Meeting. This month's meeting will help adult children prepare for and hold conversations with their aging parents about legal and financial issues, driving, and independent living so that adult children and their aging parents feel more confident that issues are being comprehensively and effectively addressed.

STEAM: Soapmaking

Friday, July 14 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the art and science of soapmaking. Enjoy blending fragrance and additives with a melt-and-pour soap base for a take-home treat. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Refreshment on the Rocks

Friday, July 14 at 3 pm

Main Library at Newton

When fruit juice has too much sugar and plain water is too boring, try a twist on 'the usual' to create your own refreshing beverage that will hydrate as well as taste great! After mixing and tasting, take home some recipe cards to try out on your own. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, July 17 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

Adult Tie Dye

Tuesday, July 18 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Time to dye at the Conover Branch Library! Create cool color patterns to make a unique book bag. Registration is required. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, July 18 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.

Career Aware Job Fair

Wednesday, July 19 from 3 - 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

In partnership with the Goodwill Career Center and NC Works, healthcare employers from across the Catawba Valley will be on site to speak with job applicants. Take advantage of this opportunity to turn in a resume, complete an online application, and possibly get an interview all in one afternoon. Industries other than healthcare will also have representatives on site.

Interviewing Tips

Thursday, July 20 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

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

Let's Get Geospatial (GIS)

Thursday, July 20 at 3 pm

Online via Zoom

Main Library in Newton

GIS, geospatial information systems, is a computer-based tool used to store, interpret, and analyze geographic data. But what can you do with it? Learn all about GIS with Nathan Bost, Catawba County GIS administrator. This session includes how to use the website and what applications are available for everyday use. To attend via Zoom, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-GIS

Needle Felting

Thursday, July 20 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Trivia Night

Monday, July 24 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an evening of 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. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Credit & Money Management

Tuesday, July 25 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

Learn the basics of making a budget, reading credit report, and what affects your credit rating. Workshop led by a HOPE Financial Wellbeing Coach. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Kindness Rocks!

Tuesday, July 25 at 5 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for kindness rock painting and help spread positivity around our community.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, July 25 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

We all know Tom Hanks can act, but can he also write? Join us for a discussion of his newly-published first novel, *The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece*. Newcomers welcome.

All Together Now: TV Friends Trivia Night

Tuesday, July 25 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

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 828-466-6821.

Managing Stress

Thursday, July 27 at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Fight stress with healthy habits. Let's learn about good and bad stressors, how stress affects our physical, mental and emotional selves, and best practices to manage stress. Presented by Wellness Dietitian, Lindsie Miles, MS, RDN, LDN

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, July 27 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, *Reckless Girls* by Rachel Hawkins. Get ahead by reading August's selection, *My Magnolia Summer* by Victoria Benton Frank.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Thursday, July 27 at 7 pm

Main Library in Newton

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

Friends of the Library

Catawba County Friends of the Library

No meeting in July

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

No meeting in July

Claremont Friends of the Library

Tuesday, July 25 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

LIBRARY TO GO

Public Health Farmers Market

Thursday, July 6 & 20 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, July 9 from 2 - 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.

Herman Sipe Lunch & Library

Wednesdays, July 12, 19, & 26

from 11 am - 12:30 pm

115 Herman Sipe Rd, Conover, NC 28612

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



Claremont Night in the Park

Saturday, July 15 from 4 - 7 pm

3430 E. Main St. Claremont, NC 28610

We'll be at Night in the Park for a little while so stop on by for more activities for the kids.

Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, July 29 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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