

# LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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Catawba County  
Library System

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## JOIN OUR SUMMER LEARNING ADVENTURE!

This month, the Catawba County Library kicks off its annual Summer Learning celebration! Boasting a double focus of reading rigor and hands-on learning opportunities, the program seeks to bridge academic years with events designed to help students of all ages maintain skills throughout the summer.

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.

musician, singer, and storyteller Jon Sundell. Prizes are also up for grabs, both for folks who register to participate and for those who complete 600 minutes of reading during the course of the summer. Winners will be awarded movie prize baskets or tickets to attractions like the Biltmore House, Tweetsie Railroad, the North Carolina Zoo, and the Western North Carolina Nature Center.

Lunch at the Library will be provided again this summer, free of charge to teens and children 18 and younger. Lunch locations will include the library's branches in Claremont (Tue-Fri), Maiden (Wed-Fri), and St. Stephens (Wed-Fri), all serving from noon till 2pm. There is no qualification to receive lunch, and you do not have to be a resident of Catawba County to be included.

Registration for Summer Learning programs for children, teens, and adults begins on Monday, May 14. Activities are slated to begin on June 11. Anyone interested is encouraged to register online or at your local library branch. To learn more, please call 828.465.8664 or email [mylibrary@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:mylibrary@catawbacountync.gov). We look forward to seeing you 'rock the library' this summer!



*On April 11, the Main Library in Newton unveiled a large-scale art installation called 'Outside the Box,' which it will host for the coming year.*

*The sculpture features an open-walled box and a series of emerging butterflies and reinforces the belief that libraries transform people, lives, and communities.*

*The piece was installed as part of the Art for the Public exhibition, coordinated by the Newton Public Art Commission.*

The tagline for this summer's programs is 'Libraries Rock,' and the scheduled opportunities will touch on variations of that theme, featuring music, geology, motion, rhythm, sound, and nature. Programs are tailored to people of all ages, including teens and adults. Each of the library's seven branches will offer a mix of activities, including storytimes and STEAM events, and all seven locations will present performances by the Schiele Museum, the Green Bean Players (the Green Room Community Theatre's touring group), the Hickory Music Factory, and folk

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Channel your curiosity.  
**PBS CHARLOTTE**  
Tuned in.

*The Catawba County Library System is joining PBS's Great American Read, which starts this month! The goal is to create a conversation about reading and to participate in choosing the nation's favorite book from a list of 100 popular novels and book collections. An eight-part TV and online series will be featured in the initiative, which invites feedback from folks around the country. Contact your local library branch for details and a list of the 100 books in the running. And don't forget to read!*

## MAIN IN NEWTON

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## Children / Teens / Family

**Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**PAWS to Read***Tuesdays from 4-6 pm*

Children are invited to read to trained therapy dogs Nicole, Lexie, or Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

**Birthday Cards for Foster Care Kids***Throughout May*

All month, we'll be making birthday cards to distribute to children in foster care. Stop by our card-making station in the Youth Services area to create one of your own!

**STEAM: Homemade Pet Treats***Tuesday, May 8 at 4 pm*

Children will learn to make homemade pet treats, which will be donated to the Catawba County Animal Shelter in observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week."

**Summer Learning Registration: Libraries Rock!***Begins Monday, May 14 at 9 am*

All children are invited to sign up for summer learning, which keeps reading skills fresh and comes with lots of fun activities at the library!

**Movie Day: Ferdinand***Tuesday, May 15 at 4 pm*

This sweet family movie follows a young bull as he figures out how to put his love of friendship ahead of a tradition of fighting. Rated PG.

**Celebrate Sherlock Holmes Day***Tuesday, May 22 at 4 pm*

In honor of the literary detective, children will test their sleuthing skills with memory games.

**STEAM: Money Skills***Tuesday, May 29 at 4 pm*

A bank representative will be teaching children how to develop money skills, and we'll make savings jars to take home.

## Adults / Career / Tech

**Better Than Yesterday: Round 2***Throughout May*

By popular demand we're offering a second-chance challenge for individuals to help improve their nutrition. Stop by the library to pick up a log sheet or use the forms on our web site. Then record the number of cups of fruits and vegetables you eat each day in May. Prizes awarded each week from pool of completed forms.

**NC Works Career Center***Wednesday, May 2 from 10 am-2 pm*

A career specialist from NC Works will be available to provide 1-on-1 assistance with job searches, applications, and resumés.

**Adult STEAM: Moss Terrariums***Thursday, May 3 at 6 pm*

Bring your own glass container or use our Mason jar to create a beautiful and easy-to-care-for moss habitat. Please call 828.465.8664 to register.

**English as a Second Language***Mondays, May 7 and 21 at 5:30 pm**Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.*

Classes are open to the public. The sessions will provide instruction and a time to practice conversation skills. Registration is not required.

**Excel Basics***Tuesday, May 8 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class will show you how to insert text and use basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill to help you get started.

**DIY: 'Pamper Her' Make & Takes***Wednesday, May 9 at 10 am and 4 pm*

Pamper someone special with a Mason jar make-and-take! Choose either a sugar or salt scrub or a customized tea blend, complete with a personalized label. Please register by calling 828.465.8664.

**Excel: Formulas and Functions***Wednesday, May 9 at 11 am*

Formulas and functions make Excel work for you. Learn to create basic formulas or use already created functions to add numbers together, calculate a mortgage payment, or search for variables. Basic Excel skills required.

**Meet Adventurer Doug Ammons***Thursday, May 10 at 6 pm*Meet author, videographer, scientist, and world-class kayaker Doug Ammons as he shares a multimedia presentation about his adventures and his latest book, *A Darkness Lit by Heroes*, the story of the worst hard rock mining disaster in American history.**Southern Pens Book Club***Saturday, May 12 at 10 am*Join us to share and discuss all kinds of books. This month's read is *Ghost of the Innocent Man* by Benjamin Rachlin. June's selection will be *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande.**Mother's Day Celebration***Monday, May 14th at 5:30 pm**Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.*

We'll honor Hispanic mothers with traditional dances, songs, and crafts.

**Excel: Graphs and Pivot Tables***Tuesday, May 15 at 11 am*

Learn to create visual data using graphs and pivot tables. Basic Excel skills are necessary.

**Advanced Gardener: Vegetable Gardening for a Resilient Community***Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm*

Dr. George Place will offer tips on maximizing what you produce in a vegetable garden. Learn how to improve your home output and ensure a steady food supply throughout the year.

**Senior Game Day***Wednesday, May 16 at 10 am*

Join us to play board games, card games, party games and maybe win a door prize. It's a great chance to socialize and have some fun. Light refreshments served.

**Microsoft Word Basics***Wednesday, May 16 at 11 am*

This workshop is intended to help new users of Word get comfortable with the word processing software. Participants will learn how to create, edit, save, and print documents.

**Journaling Techniques***Thursday, May 17 at 6 pm*

People journal for creativity, organization, and personal growth. Come learn about different techniques as we celebrate National Notebook Day and unleash our 'inner office supply nerd.' We'll employ a variety of fine writing instruments and journals.

**Crochet Classes***Saturdays, May 19 and 26 at 11 am**Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.*

Learn the basics of crocheting! Advance learners are welcome to attend this class also.

**Mindfulness with Doodles***Saturday, May 19 at 4 pm*

Cultivate mindfulness to reduce stress and improve focus. Come enjoy a relaxing environment while you doodle your cares away. Use our supplies or bring your own.

**Windows 10 Tips and Tricks***Tuesday, May 22 at 11 am*

This workshop will help you get comfortable using the new Windows 10 interface. Learn to customize the new Start Menu, access the Quick Access Menu, and get Cortana to give you directions, set reminders, and much more.

**Piece of Cake Book Club***Tuesday, May 22 at 3 pm*Enjoy reading interesting fiction? Have a sweet tooth? PoCBC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month and welcomes new members. May's selection is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Please call to learn about May's meeting place.**Note:** PoCBC will be on vacation in June but will return in July.**Online Travel Planning***Wednesday, May 23 at 11 am*

This workshop will explore a variety of online sites that can help you save on transportation and lodging, find restaurants and activities, and even map your next adventure!

**Stress Management for Today***Thursday, May 24 at 10 am*

Studies show that when stresses pile up, they can contribute to serious health issues. This class will teach strategies for self-care to combat the harmful effects of chronic stress.

**Would a Career in Finance Suit Me?***Thursday, May 24 at 5:30 pm*

Banking is a massive and ever-expanding industry. Find out if a job in finance could be the career path for you by speaking to a personal banker and learning to use Ferguson's Career Guidance Center to explore this and other industries and careers.

**Home Buyers Workshop***Thursday, May 24 at 5:30 pm**Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.*

This workshop led by Martha Carillo from Wells Fargo will help you understand how the home buying and financing process works. Learn about credit basics, financing options, and the loan application process. You'll learn about what to expect and will be better equipped to make informed decisions.

**3-D Basics***Tuesday, May 29 at 4 pm*

Learn the foundations of 3-D printing. Join us to find out what 3-D printing is, how it works, and where you can find resources to discover, create, and share 3-D printable files.

**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

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## CLAREMONT

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### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Technology Tutoring

*Thursdays, May 10 and 24 from noon-6 pm*  
Call the library to book a help session with a librarian if you're learning a new skill or need help with a technology problem. Bring your own device or learn on one of ours.

#### Books Between Friends Book Club

*Tuesday, May 22 at 6 pm*  
*Meets in odd-numbered months*  
Join us for a lively discussion of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan and a brief Friends of the Library business meeting. July's title will be *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

#### Birthday Cards for Foster Care Kids

*May 25 - May 31*  
People of all ages are invited to drop in and make a birthday card for a child in the foster care system. The card that you create will be matched to a specific child and mailed when their birthday approaches. Supplies provided.

#### "Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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## CONOVER

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### Children / Teens / Families

#### Baby Bounce

*Wednesdays at 10 am*  
This sweet, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners. Playtime follows.

#### Ready to Learn Storytime

*Fridays at 10 am*  
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

#### Teen Star Wars Trivia

*Friday, May 4 from 4-5:30 pm*  
Teens, how well do you know the characters and plots of the *Star Wars* saga? Bring a friend and test your knowledge as we play *Star Wars Trivial Pursuit!* As Yoda would say, *Given prizes will you be and food you will enjoy.*



#### Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

*Saturday, May 5 at noon*  
Create a craft in honor of Cinco de Mayo and learn more about this celebration! Craft materials will be provided; just bring your creativity and imagination!

### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Afternoon Games for Seniors

*Thursdays from 2-4 pm*  
Bring a friend along or join with other older adults to enjoy an afternoon of board games and fun. Open to everyone 50+.

#### Drop-In Tech Help

*Wednesday, May 9 from 2-4 pm*  
Do you have questions about your computer, smartphone, or E-reader? Stop by during this drop-in event to get help, solve a technology problem, or learn a new skill.

### Catawba Valley Writers Club

*Tuesday, May 15 at 6 pm*  
Join us for our monthly meeting, as fellow writers discuss, evaluate, and share their works. If you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction, or just take delight in putting words on paper, this group is for you. Expect fellowship and lively conversation!

### Hmong May Day

*Friday, May 18 from 6:30-7:30 pm*  
At this special after-hours event, we'll honor the Hmong May Day by showcasing a variety of traditional Hmong performing arts.



### Healthy Habits: Smoothies

*Saturday, May 19 at noon*  
Smoothies are a fun, easy, and tasty way to add vitamins, fiber, and antioxidants to your diet. We'll share tips, recipes, and samples to get you started. Open to adults and teens. Registration recommended.

## MAIDEN

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### Children / Teens / Families

#### Ready to Learn Storytime

*Thursdays at 10 am*  
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

### Adults / Career / Tech

#### The Berlin Airlift: Saving a City

*Saturday, May 5 at 11 am*  
When the Soviet Union blockaded West Berlin in 1948, the US, England, and France created a massive airlift to sustain the city of 2.4 million for more than a year. Historian Edwin "Eddie" Ide will share details of what's been called the most significant non-combat military operation of the 20th century.

#### Advanced Gardener: Vegetable Gardening for a Resilient Community

*Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 pm*  
Dr. George Place will offer tips on maximizing what you produce in a vegetable garden. Learn how to improve your home output and ensure a steady food supply throughout the year.

## SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL

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### Children / Teens / Families

#### Ready to Learn Storytime

*Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*  
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

#### Baby Bounce

*Fridays at 10 am*  
This sweet, simple, 30-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for your youngest learners.

#### PAWSitive Reading

*Thursday, May 3 from 3:30-5:15 pm*  
Have a "PAWS"itive reading experience! Come read to a certified therapy dog. Grades K and up. Registration is required. Call or stop by to sign up for a 15-20 minute session.

#### 3-D Printing Demo

*Friday, May 4 at 11 am and Tuesday, May 29 at 5 pm (identical sessions)*  
Find out what 3-D printing is, how it works, and where you can find resources to discover, create, and share printable files. Join us to see the library's portable 3-D printer in action.

### Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime

*Saturday, May 5 at 10 am*  
Join us for a special Saturday storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare preschoolers to learn.

### Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time

*Monday, May 14 at 4 pm*  
Children ages 3-6 are invited to our pre-K STEAM program featuring guided play and learning in our Construction Zone. Kids can show off their building skills, play pretend with construction toys, enhance fine motor skills, and much more! Registration recommended.

### STEAM Explorers: Invisible Ink

*Wednesday, May 16 at 4 pm*  
Kids ages 7-13 are invited to the STEAM Explorers program, where we'll learn about science concepts and conduct related experiments. This month, we'll explore the science behind invisible ink and decode secret messages. Registration recommended.

### Student STEAM: 4-H Bright Ideas Club

*Tuesday, May 22 at 6 pm*  
Join us as we explore electro-magnetic forces, learn about circuits, decode secret messages in Morse code, design bridges, and more. Each meeting, we will complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Registration recommended. Open to ages 7-16.



### Adults / Career / Tech

#### Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm*  
The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members and is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *Orient* by Christopher Bollen. June's selection is *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley.

#### Super Fun Zumba

*Mondays, May 7, 14, 21 at 6 pm*  
Join us for Super Fun Zumba, a dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise! Appropriate for every skill and ability level. Open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

#### Meet Adventurer Doug Ammons

*Friday, May 11 at 1 pm*  
Meet author, videographer, scientist, and world-class kayaker Doug Ammons as he shares a multimedia presentation about his adventures and his latest book, *A Darkness Lit by Heroes*, the story of the worst hard rock mining disaster in American history.



#### History of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Area

*Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm*  
We're hosting a panel discussion about local history that will be moderated by Sherrills Ford resident and folk artist Robert Eades. Audience participation is welcome, so bring your questions. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.

#### Create Your Own Business Cards

*Friday, May 18 at 11 am*  
We're doing double-duty with this seminar as we teach the basics of Microsoft Publisher and then learn to create our own business cards.

#### Ask A Master Gardener: LIVE!

*Tuesday, May 22 from 4:30-7:30 pm*  
Are you planning to grow some great summer vegetables this year or hoping to create a flower garden? Catawba County Extension Master Gardeners will be here in person and can help with all of your gardening questions.

**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

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**SOUTHWEST**  
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**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Storytime**

*Thursdays at 11 am (starting May 10)*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**Baby Bounce**

*Thursdays at 2 pm (starting May 10)*

This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners (birth-24 months). Playtime follows.

**Cinco de Mayo Stories and More**

*Saturday, May 5 from 11 am-noon*

We'll be gathering to learn about the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo and will enjoy a fun craft activity for the whole family.

**PAWS to Read with Mini**

*Tuesdays, May 8 and 22 from 4-6 pm*

Elementary-aged children are invited to read to Mini, a certified therapy dog. Sign up in person or by phone at 828.466.6818 for a 15-minute session. Registration is required. Grades K and up.

**Mother's Day Hand Spa**

*Tuesday, May 8 from 6-7 pm*

Moms are invited to relax and indulge at our special-occasion spa. After our treatments, you'll not only have pretty hands and nails but some take-home DIY spa products as well.

**STEAM: Construction Zone**

*Friday, May 18 from 3:30-4:30 pm*

Elementary-aged children are invited to enjoy a fun time exploring our new engineering and building sets, sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union.

**Family Movie: Coco**

*Saturday, May 19 at 11 am*

In this animated movie, aspiring musician Miguel – faced with his family's ancestral ban on music – enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer. Enjoy popcorn and a drink. Rated PG.

**Foster Care Informational Meeting**

*Tuesday, May 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm*

Cassandra Rising, family recruitment specialist with the Children's Home Society of NC, will join other foster care workers and parents to discuss what's required to become a foster parent and how to help children in the foster care system. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

**Adults / Career / Tech****One-on-One Technology Help**

*Tuesday, May 1 from 4-5 pm and Friday, May 18 from 10-11 am*

Bring in your phone, tablet, or laptop to get help with technology questions. Register for a 20-minute session by calling 828.466.6818.

**Catawba Crafters**

*Mondays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 6 pm*

Learn from experienced crafters or add your own set of skills to this lively group as we crochet and knit projects to donate to local charities! All skill levels are welcome. Bring your own materials and projects or use ours.

**Musicians and Songwriters**

*Tuesday, May 22 at 6 pm*

Adults and teens are invited to share their musical talents while learning from one another. Bring a finished song or one that's in progress to share with the group.

**Microsoft Office Tutoring**

*Wednesday, May 30 from 3-4 pm*

Could you use some one-on-one help with any of the Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, Publisher, etc.)? Give us a call at 828.466.6818 to set up a 20-minute appointment.

**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

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**ST. STEPHENS**  
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**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Storytime**

*Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*

*Tuesday evenings at 6 pm*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**Crafternoons at the Library: Doodle Art Bookmarks**

*Thursday, May 10 at 4 pm*

Come create your own doodle art bookmark, either for yourself or maybe as a Mother's Day gift. Ribbon and beads will be provided to help dress up the project.

**Decorating Mother's Day Vases for Teens**

*Friday, May 11 at 4:30 pm*

Celebrate Mom by decorating a glass vase for her special day. We'll use Mod Podge, glitter, and ribbon for added bling. We'll also have card stock available so each teen can make a card for Mom, too. All materials will be provided; please register at 828.466.6821.

**Summer Learning Dance and Registration Kick-off Party: Libraries Rock!**

*Monday, May 14 at 6 pm*

Kick off a whole summer of learning and fun! Join the dance party, register to participate, and pick up your Summer Learning bag, which contains your reading record and other goodies. All ages are welcome.

**Movies at the Library: The Justice League**

*Friday, May 18 at 3:30 pm*

Some of DC Comics' greatest heroes come together to defend humanity from a villainous threat. Enjoy the movie, popcorn and a drink. Rated PG-13.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Adult Coloring Club: Mother's Day**

*Saturday, May 5 at 2 pm*

Come relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the coloring sheets, music, markers, and crayons.

**St. Joseph's Irish Dancers**

*Monday, May 7 at 6 pm*

Enjoy a free showcase of traditional Irish folk dance, performed by local dancers and led by Meg Barrett. The group will present both individual and group styles of Irish jigs, reels, hornpipes, and ceili dances.

**Technology: NC Digital Library**

*Wednesday, May 16 at 10 am*

Bring your own device and learn to download e-Books, audiobooks, and other resources. They're available anywhere, anytime with your library card.

**Hands-Only CPR**

*Thursday, May 17 at 4 pm*

The American Red Cross will teach us how to maintain the safety of both rescuer and victim in an injury-related emergency. This course is not a certification but offers instruction on performing hands-only CPR (no rescue breaths) safely and effectively.

**Two steps to save a life:**

Call Right Away!

Push Hard & Fast in the Center of the Chest!

**Hmong Collection Day**

*Saturday, May 19, 10 am-2 pm*

*True Life Alliance Church*

*1245 12th St SW, Hickory*

*828.465.8664*

Help preserve Hmong culture by sharing your documents, objects, and personal histories. The library will digitize and return them immediately.

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**Tell Us What You Think!**

We'd love to hear your thoughts on how the library is doing in regard to resources and customer service.

Fill out an online survey or request a paper copy from any branch.

We'll be collecting surveys and comments through May 9.

Thank you for participating!