

catawba county library system





SUMMER LEARNING



The Catawba County Library is gearing up for its annual Summer Learning program with activities and challenges for kids, teens, and adults! Boasting a double focus on reading and hands-on learning opportunities, the library ramps up its programs and activities to keep learning fresh throughout the summer.

This year's theme is **COLOR OUR WORLD**, celebrating how reading brings excitement, meaning, and imagination to our lives! Join us at any of the seven Catawba County Library locations for a vibrant mix of programs including storytimes, STEAM programs, performances and educational programs by the **May Wildlife Rehabilitation Center**, **Critter Keeper**, **Green Bean Players**, **Catawba County Parks**, **South Mountains State Park**, and **Color Circus with Sigmon Theatricals**!

Children, teens, AND adults are encouraged to participate in our reading challenges by completing at least 600 minutes of reading. Prizes will be awarded for folks who register to participate and for those who complete 600 minutes of reading.

To help keep children and teens motivated, there will also be milestone prizes awarded as they reach key reading benchmarks along the way. Everyone is encouraged to register at your local library or online beginning May 12.

Summer programs and activities take place from late May through early August. Join us at your library this summer for learning and fun as we **COLOR OUR WORLD!**

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Dear Summer Learner,

We're so excited to welcome you to this year's Summer Learning Program! Now that you're registered, you're officially part of a community-wide celebration of reading, creativity, and connection—and we can't wait to see where this journey takes you.

This summer, we invite you to explore not only books, but also new ideas, new experiences, and maybe even new friendships. Summer Learning is a chance to keep your brain active, your curiosity growing, and your love of learning alive.

This magazine is your guide to a colorful, engaging summer. From programs to prizes, reading challenges to special events—you'll find everything you need to make this summer your most inspiring one yet!

Siobhan Loendorf, Catawba County Library Director



SPECIAL EVENTS

May Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Meet live animal ambassadors, learn about wildlife in our region, and discover how we're all connected!

Monday, June 2 at 1 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, June 2 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library

Thursday, June 5 at 1 pmMain Library in Newton

Thursday, June 5 at 3 pmMaiden Town Hall



Green Bean Players presents: Rumplestiltskin

Watch this classic fairy tale come to life with a live theatre performance from the Green Bean Players!

Tuesday, June 17 at 11 am Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, June 17 at 3 pm *Maiden Recreation Center*

Wednesday, June 18 at 1 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

Wednesday, June 18 at 4 pm Southwest Branch Library

Thursday, June 19 at 11 am Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Friday, June 20 at 11 am Conover Branch Library

Friday, June 20 at 3 pm Claremont Branch Library

Color Our World: In Nature

Join rangers from South Mountains State Park to learn about the kaleidoscope of colors found in nature!

Wednesday, June 25

Maiden Branch Library at 2 pm Main Library in Newton at 4 pm

Wednesday, July 23

St. Stephens Branch Library at 2 pm Southwest Branch Library at 4 pm

Color Our World STEAM: Ozobots

Learn basic screen-free coding concepts like cause and effect, critical thinking, and debugging using Ozobots. For ages 9-11.

Thursday, June 19 at 2 pmSherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Wednesday, June 25 at 12 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

Wednesday, June 25 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library

Friday, June 27 at 1 pm *Main Library in Newton*

Friday, June 27 at 3 pm Conover Branch Library

Friday, July 11 at 4 pm *Maiden Branch Library*

Friday, July 18 at 1 pm Claremont Branch Library

Army Band

Monday, June 30 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
St. Stephens Branch Library
Southwest Branch Library
Join us as we enjoy the musical
stylings of the 208th Army Band.

Critter Keeper Thursday, July 10

Conover Branch Library at 11 am Claremont Branch Library at 2 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 5 pm

If you like creepy crawly creatures, this is the program for you! Not sure you like them? Join us to learn more about them and make them less scary!



Color Circus with Sigmon Theatrical

Packed full of music, audience immersion, puppetry, and our special touch of magic, this interactive journey through a world of wonder is sure to make a splash.

Monday, July 14

Main Library in Newton at 1 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 4 pm

Tuesday, July 15

Maiden Recreation Center at 3 pm Conover Branch Library at 6 pm

Wednesday, July 16

Southwest Branch Library at 11 am St. Stephens Branch Library at 2 pm

Thursday, July 17

Claremont Branch Library at 3 pm



Follow **Greenie the Butterfly** as she flutters through the pages, discovering all the exciting ways we'll **COLOR OUR WORLD** at the library this summer. Can you spot her on each page?

STORYTIMES

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



Pre-K STEAM

Children and their grownups are invited to explore interactive play stations to build confidence in learning.

Thursdays, June 5 & 19 at 3 pmSouthwest Branch Library

Fridays, June 13 & 27 at 10 am St. Stephens Branch Library

Thursday, July 3 at 11 am Wednesday, July 16 at 11 amSherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Saturday, July 12 at 10 am Thursday, July 24 at 10 am Main Library in Newton

Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two

This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.

Mondays at 10 am Main Library in Newton

Fridays at 10 amSherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Ready to Learn Storytime: Sensory-Friendly



Stellar Storytime

Friday, June 13 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
This out-of-this-world program
will combine the storytime you
know and love with the StarLab,
an immersive but portable
planetarium housed right here in
the library!





Tales in the Garden: Post Office
Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Families, join us in the
community garden for 'Color Our
World' with special guests, Postal
Workers! We'll write letters and
create drawings for nursing home
residents, followed by a behindthe-scenes tour of the Newton
Post Office where we will mail our
letters.

SUMMER READS FOR THE LITTLES



Summer Learning Kick Off Parties

Tuesday, May 27 at 4 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

Create your own unique tie-dye design using our supplies or bring your own tie dye-able item and see what you come up with.

Wednesday, May 28 from 3-5 pm Southwest Branch Library

Create, craft, and express yourself to your heart's content. Once finished, choose your favorite piece of art to be displayed in the Creation Station Art Gallery for the whole community to enjoy. Snacks & drinks provided.

Friday, May 30 from 3 - 5 pm Main Library in Newton

Step right up and test your skills at a variety of games! Enjoy some refreshments and get signed up for summer learning!

Saturday, May 31 from 11 am - 2 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for a day full of fun including food trucks, games, and much more. Help us kick off the summer and learn about this year's Summer Learning Program.

Tuesday, June 3 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library

Start your Summer off with fun games, snacks and registering for our Summer Learning challenge!

Thursday, June 5 at 2 pm Claremont Branch Library

Create your own unique tie-dye design using our supplies or bring your own tie dye-able item and see what you come up with.

Saturday, June 7 at 11 am Maiden Branch Library

Create your own unique tie-dye design using our supplies or bring your own tie dye-able item and see what you come up with.

Color Our World: Edible Art Creations

Wednesday, June 4 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library Create art that is good enough to eat! Using a variety of colorful candies and a lot of creativity, kids will recreate their randomly selected piece of art.

Make Your Own Puzzle

Saturday, June 7 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library
Get crafty as we make our very
own puzzles!

Color Our World: Magic Art

Monday, June 9 at 6 pm St. Stephens Branch Library Get ready for a magical journey where imagination meets creativity! Children will explore fun techniques to create art that transforms before their eyes.

Paws to Read

Tuesday, June 10 & July 8 by appointment St. Stephens Branch Library Encourage your young reader by reading with a certified therapy dog.

Color Our World: Robot Motor Art

Wednesday, June 11 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library
After constructing a unique robot, kids will dip their creations in paint and watch as their robot creates a masterpiece!

Master Chef Jr: Sauce Boss

Wednesday, June 11 at 4 pm Main Library in Newton
Explore and taste sauces from around the world, then using the library pantry, work as a team to create your own sauce. Winning team will become "Sauce Boss"!

Lego Builder Challenge

Saturday, June 14 at 11 am Conover Branch Library
Join us for a fun, creative building session where imagination meets construction! In this challenge, you will work together to create unique structures based on exciting prompts.

Lego Club

Wednesdays, June 18 & July 2 at 10 am
Maiden Branch Library
Build, make and play as we explore our creativity through Lego. June's building challenge will be a rocket ship and July's will be a shark!

Shrinky Dinks

Thursday, June 26 at 2 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Create your own designs and turn them into charms and keychains.



KIDS 6-11



Snakes!

Saturday, June 28 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
Join Catawba County Parks for
a discussion about snakes, their
role in our environment, and
what to do if you encounter these
slithery friends in the wild! Meet
some of the park's snake friends.



Dog Man Movie and Craft Day Wednesday, July 2 at 2 pm Main Library in Newton Celebrate everyone's favorite canine hero as we screen this howl-larious movie and make a Dog Man craft!

Color our World: Poetry & Collage Wednesday, July 2 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library Kids will combine poetry and collage by creating a personalized piece of framed art.

Color Our World: Messy Mondays Mondays, July 7 & 21 at 2 pm Main Library in Newton

Get messy during this hands-on creative series sure to bring out your inner artist!

Color Our World: Perler Bead Picture Frames

Wednesday, July 9 at 2 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Create a picture frame to display your favorite memories.

Color Our World: The Art of Mosaic Tiles

Wednesday, July 9 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library Kids will learn about and create basic mosaic tile art.

Color Our World: Scribble Bot

Friday, July 11 at 2 pm St. Stephens Branch Library Design and build a robot using everyday household items, creating unique works of art!

Color Our World: Kite Saturday, July 12 at 11 am Conover Branch Library

Show off your art skills by designing your very own kite!

Gems & Minerals 101

Thursday, July 17 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library
Join us as we learn about
gemstones and minerals. Digging,
dirt, water, & mud involved.

Volcanoes!

Friday, July 18 at 3 pm
Maiden Branch Library
Learn about volcanoes, how they
form, and how can we predict
eruptions? With special guests
from the Catawba Valley Gem and
Mineral Society.

Color Our World: Kindness Rocks!

Wednesday, July 23 at 2 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Create a painted rock to color our world and spread kindness.

Color Our World: Tie Dye

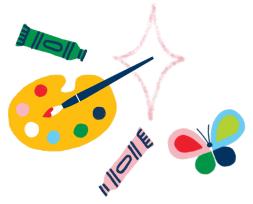
Friday, July 25 at 3 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Create fun and colorful bandanas
with Tie Dye. Dress for mess.

Color Our World: Bad Art Day

Saturday, July 26 at 11 am Conover Branch Library Sometimes art isn't supposed to be pretty! Come out and make bad art with us!



KIDS 6-11



Color Our World: You Belong Here Art Adventure

Wednesday, July 30 at 10 am
118 N College Ave, Newton
Meet library staff at NoCo Arts to
learn gallery etiquette, explore
amazing artwork, and create your
own masterpiece. A fun, handson way to discover art!

Color Our World: Trash Art Creations

Wednesday, July 30 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library Put your imagination to work by building something special from recycled materials. Each creation will be given a title or name and kids are welcome to introduce their creation to the group.

Color Our World: Art with the HMA

Wednesday, July 30 at 4:30 pm Conover Branch Library Join us as the Hickory Museum of Art leads us in an art activity!

Nailed It!

Thursday, July 31 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
We'll show you how to make a
themed dessert item and you
will have a set amount of time to
build and create your own!

Please visit or call the library to register.

Summer Learning Finale Parties It's time to turn in your reading logs and celebrate!

Tuesday, August 5 at 11 am Maiden Branch Library

Treat yourself to a cool reward—ice cream and a visit from a special guest, the Maiden Fire Department!

Tuesday, August 5 at 1 pm St. Stephens Branch Library Treat yourself to a sweet reward—ice cream! Enjoy some cool treats and sensational

Wednesday, August 6 at 3 pm Southwest Branch Library

stations!

Enjoy rainbow ice cream, colorful activities, music and games as you turn in your final reading records!

Thursday, August 7 at 2 pm Claremont Branch Library

Join us for a creative afternoon filled with hands-on fun—featuring Shrinky Dinks!



Friday, August 8 from 3 - 5 pm Conover Branch Library

It's time to turn in your reading logs and join us as we throw a tiedye party to celebrate the end of Summer Learning.

Friday, August 8 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore Bluey themed crafts and
activities while enjoying delicious
ice cream to celebrate the end of
summer.

Saturday, August 9 at 2 pm
Main Library in Newton
CONGRATULATIONS! Celebrate an
amazing summer of learning & fun!



TEENS 12-18

Color Our World: Squeegee Painting

Tuesday, June 10 at 11 am
Maiden Branch Library
Create bold and expressive
patterns on canvas or paper using
a squeegee.



Learn about the common profiles and tactics of attackers, blocking and striking techniques, defense against grabs and holds, and the legalities of self-defense.

Tuesday, June 10 at 5 pm Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, June 24 at 5:30 pm Southwest Branch Library

Tuesday, July 1 at 5:30 pm Maiden Branch Library

Tuesday, July 29 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library

Creative Textile Workshop: Photo Transfer & Embroidery

Learn how to transfer a photo onto fabric and then bring it to life with embroidery stitches.

Thursday, June 12 at 2 pm Claremont Branch Library

Wednesday, June 18 at 4 pm Main Library in Newton



DIY Fandom Coasters

Tuesday, June 17 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library Customize tile coasters with your favorite characters, quotes, or symbols from books and movies. Color Our World: Bad Art Night Embrace our weirdness and do our best to make something imperfect, bizarre, or absolutely hideous.

Tuesday, June 17 at 6 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Wednesday, July 30 at 4:30 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

DIY Marbled Mug

Monday, June 23 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us for a fantastic night where you design your very own marbled mug!

Color Our World: Bouquet Shadow Drawings

Tuesday, July 8 at 4 pm Maiden Branch Library Create shadow drawings and use watercolors to add details and color to bring your image to life.



Color Our World: DIY Stickers

Tuesday, July 8 at 5 pm Main Library in Newton Learn how to take an illustration and turn it into your own sticker.

Color Our World: Art of Glowing

Tuesday, July 8 at 5:30 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Explore ways to turn normal art into glow in the dark art!

Color Our World: Shrinky Dinks

Wednesday, July 9 at 4:30 pm St. Stephens Branch Library Draw, color, and shrink your own custom designs into charms, keychains, and more!



Color Our World: Stained Glass Wednesday, July 16 at 5 pm Main Library in Newton Create beautiful faux stainedglass designs with simple craft materials!

Nailed It!

work.

Tuesday, July 22 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
We'll show you how to make a
themed dessert item and you
will have a set amount of time to
build and create your own!

Color Our World: Paint Pouring
Tuesday, July 22 at 5:30 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Learn about various techniques
used in paint pouring and then
put your newly learned skills to

Nintendo Switch Night

Tuesday, July 29 at 5 pm Main Library in Newton We all know and love the Nintendo Switch, so join us for an epic night of gaming!

Color Our World: Alcohol Inks

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Wednesday, July 30 at 2 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Create unique and vibrant art with alcohol inks. Dress for mess.

ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Kick off your week with Zumba, a
dance and movement class.

Purl and Chain

Tuesdays at 6 pm St. Stephens Branch Library Make new friends while you knit and crochet.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays at 11 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
A certified yoga instructor will
lead us through this
beginner-friendly class.

Mindful Movement

Fridays at 3 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Low impact exercise and gentle
stretching for all ages.

Color Our World: Adult Recess

Fridays at 3 pm
(No Recess on July 4)
Main Library in Newton
Enjoy some downtime with a variety of activities each week including coloring, board games & weather permitting, Four Square!

Canva Creators Course

Wednesdays in June at 5 pm
Main Library in Newton
Join us as we walk through the process of creating with Canva!

Typing Tuesdays

Tuesdays in July at 11 am
Main Library in Newton
Join us to begin your typing
journey or increase your typing
speed and skills.



Color Our World: Trivia

Join us for a fun-filled event combining trivia and music bingo—all themed around colors!

Monday, June 2 at 6 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, June 23 at 6 pm Southwest Branch Library

Monday, July 14 at 6 pm St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, July 28 at 6 pm Southwest Branch Library

Color Our World: Bad Art Night

Tuesday, June 3 at 5:30 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Let us embrace our creativity while accepting our imperfections the Bob Ross way, following a tutorial to make a masterpiece.



JUNE BOOK CLUBS



The Station Book Club Wednesday, June 4 at 10 am Conover Branch The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

Mystery Mavens Tuesday, June 10 at 6 :30 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch We Solve Murders by Richard Osman





Shelf-Care Book Club Monday, June 16 at 6 pm St. Stephens Branch The Spellshop by Sarah Beth Durst

Newton Book Club Thursday, June 19 at 5 pm Carpe Crustum The Wedding People by Alison Espach





Books Between Friends Thursday, June 26 at 6 pm Claremont Branch Crossing from Shore to Shore by Jean P. Moore

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, June 4 & 18 and July 16 & 30 at 11:30 am Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library A certified yoga instructor will lead us through this beginner -friendly class, using a chair for seated movement or for balance.

Resume Renovation

Wednesday, June 4 from 1 - 4 pm Main Library in Newton Want to spruce up your old resume or create a new one? Turn your resume into a calling card that will make you proud.

Color Our World: Newton Art Crawl Experience

Wednesday, June 4 at 6 pm Main Library in Newton
Enjoy a walking tour of Newton's public art, ending at NoCo ARTS to see local artwork & create a community art project. Tour will begin at the library.

Big Byte-Little Byte Coding Class
Thursdays, June 5 & 26 at 5 pm
Main Library in Newton
Families are invited to learn

coding basics together.

Shred-A-Thon Event with Self-Help Credit Union

Friday, June 6 from 9 am to 1 pm Main Library in Newton Catawba County residents can shred up to two boxes of personal documents at this free, drive-thru event in the library parking lot.

Qi Gong

Saturdays, June 7 & July 5 at 9:30 am Main Library in Newton Join us for this class involving gentle movements, controlled breathing, and focused attention.

ADULTS

Catawba County Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, June 9 at 11 am
Main Library in Newton
Help the library fulfill its mission
by planning and participating in
efforts to raise funds and increase
access to resources and services.

Color Our World: Bookmark Art with Basic Epoxy

Tuesday, June 10 at 2 pm Southwest Branch Library Participants will learn how to use epoxy to create a basic bookmark.

Preserving the Harvest with True Cut Ranch

Learn about canning, curing, dehydration and fermentation – a great overview of traditions that served our grandparents well.

Tuesday, June 10 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library

Monday, June 23 at 6 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, June 24 at 6 pm Claremont Branch Library

Tuesday, July 15 at 6 pm Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, July 29 at 6 pm Maiden Branch Library

What's the Buzz? All About Bees

Wednesday, June 11 at 10 am Maiden Branch Library Join us for a buzz worthy exploration of a bee's life & learn about the art of beekeeping.

Color Our World: Needle Felting

create a felted figure.

Thursdays, June 12 and July 17 at 4 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Explore this textile art as we

Adult Children of Aging Parents

Thursdays, June 12 and July 10 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Learn about working outside the home while also providing care and who to contact in senior services when a new need arises.

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, June 14 & 28 and July 12 & 26 from 9 - 11 am Main Library in Newton Seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist in the community garden. All ages & experience levels welcome.

Color Our World: Art in the Garden *Saturdays, June 14 and July 12*

at 12 noon
Main Library in Newton
In June, make and paint your own concrete mushrooms. In July, transform ordinary dishes into charming garden flowers.

3rd Annual Juneteenth Community Read

Join us to discuss The American Queen by Vanessa Miller, a powerful novel exploring identity, freedom, and resilience. It's also a North Carolina Reads selection for 2025, with a story based on actual events in Appalachia from 1865-1889. Light refreshments provided.

Monday, June 16 at 6 pm Southwest Branch Library

Tuesday, June 17 at 6 pm Main Library in Newton

Saturday, June 21 at 10 am Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Tuesday, June 24 at 6 pm Maiden Branch Library



Color Our World: Creative Outlet Wednesdays, June 18 and July 16

at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
In June, create fun and colorful
art using a squeegee tool. In July,
create mandalas on coasters,
tiles, or rocks using dotting tools.

Color Our World: Collecting Silvers & Golds

Thursday, June 19 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Learn about the age-old hobby of coin collecting with the Hickory
Coin Club. Hear quirky stories, collectible coin history, & double check the coins in your pocket.

Color Our World: Chakra Flow Yoga

Friday, June 20 Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library at 11 am Maiden Branch Library at 1 pm Celebrate the longest day of the

year by practicing yoga with us!

African American Genealogy Resource Workshop

Saturday, June 21 at 11 am
Main Library in Newton
Discover genealogy resources
to guide you in your ancestor
search during this informative
Juneteenth program, with special
guest Dr. Johnny Scott from CVCC.



ADULTS

Creative Textile Workshop: Photo Transfer & Embroidery

Tuesday, June 24 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library Blend photography and embroidery to create stunning mixed-media fabric art!

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesdays, June 24 & July 22 at 6:30 pm Main Library in Newton Check out new local history and genealogy materials available for research. All are welcome.

Color Our World: Beading Around the Broach

Thursday, June 26 at 6 pm Main Library in Newton Learn the culture-spanning art of beadwork as we create a beaded medallion broach!

DIY Terrarium

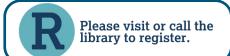
Tuesday, July 8 at 6 pm Conover Branch Library Create a terrarium using glow-inthe-dark mushrooms, and more!

True Colors Talent Show

Monday, July 14 at 6 pm Southwest Branch Library Singing, dancing, comedy, or something unique, share your skills & shine in front of a supportive audience.

Color Our World: Embroidery for Beginners

Tuesday, July 15 at 5:30 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Learn the basics of embroidery and create unique wearable art.



Color Our World: Ink Pendants

Thursday, July 17 at 6 pm Main Library in Newton Make a fun pendant with alcohol inks, UV resin, & metal washers!

Adult Self-Defense

Saturday, July 19 at 11 am Conover Branch Library Learn about the common profiles and tactics of attackers, blocking and striking techniques, defense against grabs and holds, and the legalities of self-defense.

Color Our World: Natural Dyes

Monday, July 21 at 6 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Discover a wide range of colors that can be created using locally found and store bought, natural materials. Yarn provided.

JULY BOOK CLUBS



Mystery Mavens Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 pm **Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Calamity of Souls** by David Baldacci

Shelf-Care Book Club Monday, July 21 at 6 pm St. Stephens Branch The God of the Woods by Liz Mooret LIZ MOORE





Newton Book Club Thursday, July 17 at 5 pm **Carpe Crustum** Women's Hotel by Daniel Lavery

Books Between Friends Tuesday, July 22 at 6 pm **Claremont Branch** The Heart of Winter by Jonathan Evision





Mountain View Book Club Monday, July 21 at 6 pm **Southwest Branch** Book club reads will be announced soon.

Color Our World: Hanging Yarn Art

Tuesday, July 22 at 6 pm Maiden Branch Library Main Library in Newton Create your own unique, colorful decor by using simple techniques and various colors of yarn.

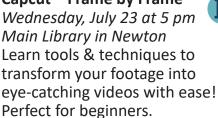
Color Our World: Salsa Dancing 101

Led by Ballroom Instructor Nathan Ahlgrim, singles and couples can learn the basics of this Latin dance.

Tuesday, July 22 at 6 pm **Conover Branch Library**

Wednesday, July 30 at 6 pm **Main Library** in Newton

Capcut – Frame by Frame



Krazy for K-pop!

Thursday, July 24 at 6 pm Main Library in Newton Hang out with fellow fans as we celebrate one of the world's most exciting music genres. Enjoy music, trivia, and K-pop inspired treats.

Color Our World: Mosaics Tuesday, July 29 at 5:30 pm Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library Join us as we explore the timeless art of mosaics.

Photo Editing with Lightroom

Thursday, July 31 at 5 pm Main Library in Newton Join us as we walk through the basics of photo editing.

LIBRARY TO GO

Town of Catawba Juneteenth

Saturday, June 7 at 2 pm
David Hunsucker Park
3rd Avenue NE, Catawba
Let's kick off our celebration of
Juneteenth at this festival. Visit us
for storytimes, crafts, and books!

Maiden Lunch and Library

Tuesdays, June 10, 17, & 24 and July 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 101 Old Tavern Lane, Maiden Receive a bagged lunch provided by The Corner Table Community Kitchen and participate in a storytime and craft.

Herman Sipe Lunch & Library

Wednesdays, June 11, 18, & 25 and July 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 11:30 am - 1 pm 115 Herman Sipe Rd, Conover 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.

Public Health Farmers Market

Thursdays, June 12 & 26 and July 3, 17, & 31 from 10 am - 1 pm 3070 11th Ave Dr SE, Hickory We will be bringing the party to the farmers market with music, games, and books for all ages.

Saddle Up with Conover Juneteenth

Friday, June 13 from 5 - 9 pm Conover City Park 361 5th Ave SE, Conover Join us for music, storytime, crafts, and fun all relating to Juneteenth!

Juneteenth Festival

Saturday, June 14 from 5:30 - 9 pm Samuel William Davis Sr Field 730 3rd St SW, Hickory Continue celebrating Juneteenth with us at Ridgeview Recreation!



Juneteenth Big Block Party

Thursday, June 19 from 5 - 9 pm Downtown Newton Visit us for children's activities during this fun downtown event.

Conover Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 21 and July 19 from 8 am - 12 pm 109 1st St E, Conover We will be bringing the party to the farmers market with music, games, and books for all ages.

Town of Maiden - Jive after 5

Friday, June 27 from 5 - 8:30 pm Maiden Town Hall 19 N Main Ave, Maiden Learn more about Juneteenth through storytimes, crafts, & books!

Music on Main

Thursday, July 10 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm Downtown Newton Visit us for children's activities during this fun downtown event.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS

The Friends of the Library are energetic advocates who help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access to resources and services.

A big thank you to our friends groups for sponsoring all of this summer's special events, and for their tireless work and continued support!

For more information or to join one of our friends groups, please see below:

Catawba County Friends of the Library Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library Claremont Friends of the Library 828-465-8292 828-466-6827 828-466-6817





CONOVER BRANCH LIBRARY
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SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL BRANCH LIBRARY
SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY
ST. STEPHENS BRANCH LIBRARY

CLAREMONT BRANCH LIBRARY

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