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BUILDING COMMUNITY

through BUSINESS NETWORKING

Healthy economies, like healthy relationships, are built on connection and understanding. Having an awareness of desired goals, as well as potential challenges, can help focus efforts and provide a sense of direction and purpose.

If you're starting or growing a business, you understand the need to establish clear-cut targets for success, growth, and implementation. Being driven by passion, while an enormous asset, can't always serve as a substitute for practical needs and experience. To acquire that type of knowledge, it's often useful to seek out and capitalize on advice from people who've already tackled the terrain you're negotiating.

As a way to encourage business growth and forge stronger bonds, the Library is hosting an **entrepreneurs' networking event** on **Wednesday, August 22 from 4-6 pm** at the **Conover Branch** (403 Conover Station SE). The intention is to bring together new business owners and more seasoned professionals, connect them both to local resources, and help them identify mutual needs while also discovering ways to support each other's endeavors.

Fostering relationships and nurturing collaboration can help minimize difficulties and prevent entrepreneurs from having to struggle unnecessarily. With effective communication, folks can help each other succeed and take pride in what they bring to the business community, the community at large, and their own sense of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Our invaluable partners in this networking event are NC Works (formerly the Employment Security Commission) and the Catawba Valley Community College Small Business Center. Their work strives to place people in roles where they can maximize their potential and to serve as a robust

resource center for folks who could use the encouragement and support.

We have invited representatives from the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) at Appalachian State, the Lenoir-Rhyne University Center for Commercial and Social Entrepreneurship, the Small Business & Technology Development Center, the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation, the Manufacturing Solutions Center, and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, plus the Cities of Conover, Claremont, Hickory, Longview, and Newton, and the Towns of Brookford and Catawba. We anticipate that they will offer relevant resources (in conversation and takeaways) to bolster the array of tools that business owners already have available.



We welcome your attendance and participation at this **free event**. The environment will be casual, and the information shared is intended to be useful and realistic. Whether you're looking for tips on promoting yourself, sourcing materials, sticking to budgets, dealing with customers, building out your capacity, or anything else, we want to help you get answers. Join us!

And don't forget that the library is always available to the small business community with career readiness workshops, one-on-one technology assistance, and powerful online resources to help you with your business development. Ask us how we can help you make the most of them!

For more information, contact the Main Library in Newton by calling 828.465.8665, by messaging us on Facebook, or by emailing mylibrary@CatawbaCountyNC.gov.

MAIN IN NEWTON

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Children / Teens / Families

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.

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

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

Teen Theater: *The Hunger Games**Thursday, August 2 at 3 pm*

Sixteen-year-old Katniss competes in a vicious televised tournament in which 24 teenagers from a post-apocalyptic society wage a winner-takes-all fight to entertain the masses. PG-13.

Summer Learning Wrap-up Party*Monday, August 6 at 5:30 pm*

Everyone who participated in Summer Learning is invited to celebrate with ice cream, fun, and games. We'll also have food trucks and live music. Submit your reading records to get your trophy!

Hunger Games* Survival GameTuesday, August 7 at 4 pm*

To honor author Suzanne Collins' birthday on August 10, kids can participate in a (completely safe) *Hunger Games* survival game.

Teen Theater: *Hunger Games: Catching Fire**Thursday, August 9 at 3 pm*

Katniss and her friend Peeta sense unrest on their tour of Panem's Capitol prior to the 75th *Hunger Games* while President Snow plots their downfall before the Quarter Quell, which occurs every 25 years. PG-13.

Monday Matinee: *Leap!**Monday, August 13 at 1 pm*

In this animated film set in 19th-century Paris, an orphan enrolls in a dance school and trains to become a prima ballerina, intent on making her dreams come to fruition. PG.

Got Honey? (presented in English/Spanish)*Monday, August 13 at 5:30 pm*

Kids will learn about bees and pollinators while they tour the library garden. They'll also sample different varieties of local honey. In partnership with the Catawba County Farm Bureau.

**Teen Theater: *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1****Thursday, August 16 at 3 pm*

Katniss ends up in the independent District 13 following the Quarter Quell, and sets out to save Peeta while forging a fragile alliance with President Coin of District 13. Meanwhile, Katniss's courage becomes a source of inspiration to the downtrodden masses. PG-13.

Got Corn? (presented in English/Spanish)*Monday, August 20 at 5:30 pm*

Beyond its appeal as a vegetable, kids will learn about the many uses of corn. Then, we'll make and enjoy homemade corn muffins!

Teen Theater: *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2**Thursday, August 23 at 3 pm*

Katniss and her allies seek revenge on President Snow in the finale of the *Hunger Games* saga. As they embark on a dangerous journey to Snow's mansion, Katniss must also deal with her brainwashed ex-boyfriend and tensions with her current beau. PG-13.

Adults / Career / Tech

Zumba*Mondays at 6 pm*

Kick off the week with this dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune Up*Wednesday, August 1 from 10 am-2 pm*

Whether you need to write a resumé from scratch or update the one you already have, book your 30-minute, individual session by calling 828.465.8665.

Rock Your Music with Hoopla*Thursday, August 2 at 11 am*

Learn how to use Hoopla, a free app that lets you download music, ebooks, audiobooks, and movies. This workshop will show you how to connect your library card and start searching for content to download immediately.

Libraries Rock: Sheet Music Flowers*Thursday, August 2 at 3 pm*

Come learn how to turn an ordinary piece of sheet music into a striking flower sculpture.

**Excel Basics***Monday, August 6 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class will teach basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill.

Senior Game Day*Wednesday, August 8 at 10 am*

Join us to play board games, card games, and party games – a great chance to socialize and have some fun. Light refreshments served.

Excel: Formulas and Functions*Wednesday, August 8 at 11 am*

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.

Gallery-Ready Workshop*Thursday, August 9 at 6 pm*

Learn the in's and out's of preparing your artwork for submission to galleries, exhibits, or competitions. Materials will be supplied for most types of art. To register, call 828.465.8665.

eBay for Beginners*Friday, August 10 at 11 am*

Want to make a little cash selling your unwanted items? This workshop will show you how to set up an account, upload pictures, and list your items on the widely used auction platform. We'll go over listing fees, seller's fees, shipping, and even how ratings work for buyers and sellers.

Southern Pens Book Club*Saturday, August 11 at 10 am*

This month's read is *The Last Ballad* by Wiley Cash. September's selection will be *November Road* by Lou Berney.

DIY Bug Repellent Mason Jar Luminaries*Saturday, August 11 at 4 pm*

This make-and-take activity will beautify your outdoor living space while keeping pesky bugs away. Supplies are limited, so please register by calling 828.465.8665.

**Excel: Graphs and Pivot Tables***Monday, August 13 at 11 am*

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

Mingle, Music & Mindfulness with Adult Coloring*Tuesday, August 14 at 4 pm*

We'll work on intricate, music-themed coloring pages while listening to relaxing music and socializing with coffee and cookies.

College Planning from A to Z*Tuesday, August 14 at 5:30 pm*

Students need a detailed plan if they hope to attend college. This workshop is for any high school student (or their parent) who wants to learn how to create and follow a roadmap to make college happen.

Make the Med Flip: Interesting Salads*Wednesday, August 15 at 10 am*

Based on the Mediterranean Way program, this month's session explores no-lettuce salads as delicious, healthy meal options. Registration is strongly suggested; call 828.465.8665.

Microsoft Word Basics*Wednesday, August 15 at 11 am*

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

Kindness Rocks*Wednesday, August 15 at 3 pm*

Join in the worldwide phenomenon of painting cute images or inspiring messages on small rocks to bring cheer to those who find them.

Adult STEAM: The Science of Pickling*Thursday, August 16 at 6 pm*

We'll learn about the scientific concepts behind successful pickling using vegetables from our community garden.

**Tinkercad 101: Create a Keychain***Tuesday, August 21 at 4 pm*

Learn to create 3-D files using free online Computer Aided Design (CAD) software. Participants will create a simple object using geometric shapes and letters that can be generated using the 3-D printer.

Advanced Gardener: Victory Over Weeds*Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30 pm*

Dr. George Place offers useful information about identifying, avoiding, controlling, and killing weeds. You'll also learn how to spot and eat edible weeds!

WorkLife Wednesday: Search Smart*Wednesday, August 22 at 11 am*

If it's been a while since you searched for a job, or if you keep hitting dead ends with your standard searches, learn some extra-savvy job search strategies. Class size is limited; please register by calling 828.465.8665.

3-D Basics*Wednesday, August 22 at 4 pm*

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

Postcard Art Make-and-Take*Thursday, August 23 at 6 pm*

From concept to completion, we'll plan and create a postcard that you can mail to a friend or frame and keep. Materials supplied. Please register by calling 828.465.8665.

Piece of Cake Book Club*Tuesday, August 28 at 3 pm*

This fiction-loving group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. August's selection is *The Perfect Girl* by Gilly McMillan. September's selection is *Micro* by Michael Crichton.

Eggroll Your Veggies: Making Hmong-style Eggrolls

Wednesday, August 29 at 10 am
Hmong eggrolls are so crispy and delicious, it's hard to eat just one! Learn to make your own and customize them to your taste. We'll also learn how to set a traditional Hmong table. Space is limited; please register at 828.465.8665.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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Children / Teens / Families**STEAM: Bring the Google Logo to Life**

Saturday, August 18 at 11 am
Google often creates special illustrations called Google Doodles to celebrate holidays and important people, events, and places. Find out how to create your own Google Doodle, and learn about computer science concepts and careers that make use of them. Tinker, experiment, and keep trying until you're proud of your logo! Recommended for children 4th grade and up, as well as adults.

Adults / Career / Tech**Celebrate Claremont's 125th Anniversary**

Saturday, August 4 from 12 noon on
Stop by the library from noon-2 pm for a fun activity, and enjoy a storytelling event in the park at 8 pm. Other free events will take place from 1-11 pm as part of the town's celebration.

Price It! Antiques & Collectibles

Thursday, August 9 at 3 pm
It's like *Antiques Road Show* online! This easy-to-use resource is a great help in pricing collectibles and antiques and is considered to be one of the most comprehensive pricing tools in the world, delivering 23 million realized prices on treasures.

Gardening with Native Plants

Thursday, August 23 at 2 pm
Anelle Ammons from the Catawba County Cooperative Extension will offer tips on how to get started gardening with native plants and explain why you'd want to grow them. She'll also share great specimens to consider for your landscape.

Upcoming: Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, September 25 at 6 pm
Meets in odd-numbered months
Take the time this month to prepare for next month's discussion. September's title will be *Educated* by Tara Westover.

"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.

Summer Learning Wrap-up Party

Thursday, August 2 from 4-6 pm
Celebrate the success of summer learning by turning in your completed reading log! Drop in for an ice cream treat and enjoy an augmented reality activity where you can watch your coloring sheets come to life. Leave with a temporary tattoo that you can turn into a hologram. Turning in your completed reading log gets you entered into the drawing for prizes!

Afternoon Games for All Ages

Thursdays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 3-5 pm
Children, teens, and adults are invited to join us for an afternoon of games, including chess, Bingo, *Clue*, and lots more!

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, August 11 at 11 am
Join us for a special storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Murder Mystery Party for Teens

Tuesday, August 14 at 5 pm
You're cordially invited to a night full of fright! Follow the clues and discover the murderer before it's too late! Adults are also welcome. Please call 828.466.5108 to register.

Yoga for All Ages

Friday, August 17 from 5-6:30 pm
Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel.

**Adults / Career / Tech****DIY Paper Flowers**

Tuesday, August 7 at 6 pm
Recycle a worn or damaged book into something beautiful! Join us to create lovely paper flowers out of old book pages.

Gardening with Native Plants

Tuesday, August 21 at 4 pm
Anelle Ammons from the Catawba County Cooperative Extension will offer tips on how to get started gardening with native plants and explain why you'd want to grow them. She'll also share great specimens to consider for your landscape.

Catawba Valley Writers Club

Tuesday, August 21 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 friendly fellowship and lively literary conversation!

Entrepreneur Networking Event

Wednesday, August 22 from 4-6 pm
This event is open to all small business owners, solopreneurs, entrepreneurs, and business enthusiasts. Network with other professionals, share business information, and receive information on local resources.

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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.

STEAM: Growing Charcoal Crystals

Saturday, August 11 at 11 am
Charcoal is for more than just grilling – it can also be used to create beautiful crystals! In this earth science activity, children will use basic household chemicals to create crystals on charcoal. Please preregister the week of the program by calling 828.428.2712.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Overdrive / Libby Apps Drop-In Sessions**

Friday, August 3 from 3-5 pm
Drop in to the library for a quick learning session on how to use the NC Digital Library's Overdrive and Libby apps. Just bring your smartphone, tablet, or laptop, and we'll have you downloading free ebooks and audiobooks in no time so that you can read and listen wherever and whenever you want.

Advanced Gardener: Victory Over Weeds

Tuesday, August 28 at 6:30 pm
Dr. George Place offers useful information about identifying, avoiding, controlling, and killing weeds. You'll also learn how to spot and eat edible weeds!



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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, August 2 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.

Summer Learning Wrap-up Party

Friday, August 3 at 6 pm
Celebrate the success of summer learning with an ice cream party and prizes for completing your summer reading goal. Your reading log is your ticket in to this after-hours party!

Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime

Saturday, August 4 at 10 am
Join us for a special "Libraries Rock" storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare preschoolers to learn.

Kindness Rocks!

Thursday, August 9 at 2 pm
Join in the worldwide phenomenon of painting cute images or inspiring messages on small rocks to bring cheer to those who find them. All ages and families welcome!

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

Tuesday, August 14 at 6 pm
Join us as we explore the forces and concepts of science and engineering. Each meeting, we'll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Please register. Ages 7-16.

Adults / Career / Tech**Summer Book Discussion: Hmong Heritage***Monday, August 6 at 6:30 pm*

To deepen your understanding of our local community, participate in a discussion of two illuminating titles: *The Song Poet: A Memoir of my Father* by Kao Kalia Yang and *Bamboo Among the Oaks*, an anthology compiled by Mai Neng Moua. Everyone is invited to attend; contact the library for book availability.

Mystery Mavens Book Club*Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 pm*

The Mystery Mavens welcome new members, and the club is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *The Good Daughter* by Karin Slaughter. September's selection is *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara.

Ask a Master Gardener: LIVE!*Tuesday, August 14 from 4:30-7:30 pm*

Catawba County Extension Master Gardeners will be here in person and can help with all of your gardening questions. Bring samples of plants gone wrong if you'd like!

Create a Resumé Using Word*Monday, August 20 at 12 noon and Monday, August 27 at 6 pm (identical sessions)*

Learn to create and edit resúmes in Microsoft Word during this self-paced seminar made available on www.DigitalLearn.org. Topics will include defining a resumé, determining what to include on it, and using a template, plus resumé tips. Perfect for people just beginning to put together a resumé.

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SOUTHWEST
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime***Thursdays at 11 am*

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

Baby Bounce*Thursdays at 2 pm*

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

STEAM: All Things Watermelon*Tuesday, August 7 at 6 pm*

Celebrate National Watermelon Day at the library! (It's officially observed on August 3.) We'll play games, make crafts, and conduct a variety of watermelon experiments. Ideal for elementary-aged children.

**Paws to Read with Mini***Tuesdays, August 14 and 28 from 4-6 pm*

Elementary-aged children are invited to read to Mini, a certified therapy dog. Please sign up for a 15-minute session. Grades K and up.

STEAM: Construction Zone*Friday, August 17 at 3:30 pm*

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

Adults / Career / Tech**One-on-One Technology Tutoring***Wednesdays, 9 am-6 pm*

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

Gmail Basics for Work*Tuesday, August 14 at 11 am*

This workshop will introduce new users to Google's email platform. We'll learn to create a Gmail account, compose emails, attach files, etc. Please register by calling 828.466.6818.

**NC LIVE***Tuesday, August 21 at 11 am*

What is NC LIVE? What can it do for you? Come and learn all about this free electronic resource that offers state residents ebooks, audiobooks, videos, magazines, newspapers, journals, language-learning tools, and other online materials. Please register by calling 828.466.6818.

Musicians and Songwriters*Tuesday, August 21 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.

Hmong Paj Ntaub*Tuesday, August 28 at 6 pm*

What is *Hmong Paj Ntaub*? The traditional textile art (pronounced 'pan dau' and translated as 'flower cloth') is distinctive both visually and symbolically in Hmong culture. Come learn about story cloths, cross-stitching, craftsmanship, history, and more!

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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.

Ketzel, the Cat Who Composed*Thursday, August 2 at 3 pm*

In this entertaining children's book based on a true story, a cat walked on a piano, and a composer quickly documented the 'song' that was created. We'll learn more about the cat and make 'cat paw music notes' as a craft.

**Summer Learning Wrap-up Party***Friday, August 3 at 3 pm*

After reading all summer long, it's time to celebrate with a Big Ending Party. Certificates will be awarded, and we'll have door prizes and light refreshments. Children, teens, and adults are welcome.

Music & Sound Coding*Monday, August 6 at 6 pm*

We'll finish our last class of the series, and enjoy a pizza party! If you've attended the previous coding classes, please join us for this final program and fun with friends!

National Book Lover's Day Celebration & Craft: Blind Date with a Book*Wednesday, August 8 at 4 pm*

Teens, would you consider a 'blind date' with a book or re-read an old favorite? To celebrate National Book Lover's Day, you're invited to choose an unidentified book to read from our selection and to create a take-home mini-canvas with a quote from your favorite book.

STEAM: Jellyfish in a Bottle*Thursday, August 9 at 3 pm*

Ready for an exciting program that's part science, part craft, and 100% fun? Learn about the actual, ocean-dwelling jellyfish as you create a swimming jellyfish out of recycled materials.

**Summer Movies @ the Library: Black Panther***Friday, August 17 at 3:30 pm*

Come and enjoy this record-breaking box office blockbuster that introduces T'Challa, the young king of Wakanda (and the Black Panther), as he struggles to preserve his kingdom, his people, and – ultimately – the world. PG-13.

Yellow Dyno Safety Party*Monday, August 20 at 5 pm*

Connie Engart from the Children's Advocacy & Protection Center will present a special safety program that features a bright yellow dinosaur puppet (along with music and videos) to teach 4-7 year olds how to identify deceptive behavior in other people, react to their own instincts, and build self-confidence. A special permission slip explaining what children will learn is available at the library and is required for participation.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Chair Dancing***Fridays, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 9:30 am*

Exercise to the beat on your seat or on your feet! We'll get in shape and increase our energy levels, all at a doable pace. A great low-impact exercise class for adults.

Bilingual Zumba (English/Spanish)*Tuesdays, August 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 6 pm*

A dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Ideal for all skill and ability levels and open to ages 14+ (parental signature required for those under 18).

Jobhunters' Progressive NC Works Workshop*Wednesday-Friday, August 15-17 at 4 pm*

If you're in the market for a job, these helpful seminars will introduce you to the tools and skills you'll need to find the most success. *Day 1:* Set up email and NC Works accounts. *Day 2:* Create a resumé with NC Works tools. *Day 3:* Learn how to search and apply for jobs.

NC Digital: One-on-One Sessions*Wednesday, August 29 from 10 am-12 noon*

Interested in learning more about how to enjoy free ebooks and audiobooks? We'll help you understand the NC Digital resources, create an account, and navigate the site so that you can take greater advantage of what the library offers! Set up a 20-minute session by calling 828.466.6821.



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