

# This Week @ Your Library

Feb 27-Mar 5, 2021



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## Library Programs

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### Spring into Reading STEAM Program: Save Han Solo & Explore Degobah

*Saturday, February 27 at 3 pm*

Join us to learn about the chemistry involved in saving Han Solo, and explore physics in making your own Degobah Swamp. Participants must register at <https://www.tinyurl.com/SpringIntoReading> to receive the Zoom link and a materials list. **Note:** This is the fourth of seven STEAM programs connected to our youth-targeted Spring Into Reading challenge coordinated through Beanstack. Participants can use this same link to register for any of the weekly STEAM programs running from Feb 2-Mar 18.

### Read Across America Day

*Sunday, February 28-Saturday, March 6*

Celebrated in conjunction with Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, this annual observance celebrates the joys of reading. It also brings awareness to the importance of reading in education and motivates kids to develop a life-long love of reading. Check Facebook and YouTube for our new video read-alouds presented by familiar faces in Catawba County government.

- Executive Assistant Elizabeth Krige: *The Perfectly Perfect Wish*
- Ass't County Manager Alison Alexander: *Old Hat*
- County Manager Mick Berry: *Berenstain Bears: We Love the Library*
- Library Director Siobhan Loendorf: *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*
- Deputy County Manager Mary Furtado: *Not All Princesses Dress in Pink*
- Extension Director Dr. George Place: *Ninja Bunny* and *That is Not a Good Idea!*
- County Attorney Debra Bechtel: *The Perfect Hug*

### Read to Me: An Old-Fashioned Storytime

*Monday, March 1 at 4 pm*

Calling all kid readers! Want to practice your reading and do something kind for others? On Mondays in March (1, 8, 15, 22, and 29), we'll be Zooming with senior citizens in local nursing homes,

and we hope you'll join in and read to them. For more information, call 828.465.8665 and sign up to read at [tinyurl.com/cclsread2me](http://tinyurl.com/cclsread2me).

### Virtual Zumba with Honey & Jossiah

*Monday, March 1 at 6 pm*

This fun dance workout is appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). Access the session with this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120563944?pwd=S09kaEVkd0dydm1VYW14WnVUZG9sUT09>. Then enter the meeting ID: **871 2056 3944** and follow it with the passcode: **Dance**. [Please note that this word is case-sensitive. Enter it exactly as shown.] You can also visit [www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithHmongSibs/](http://www.facebook.com/ZumbaWithHmongSibs/).

### ESL Class – Intermediate

*Tuesday, March 2 at 6 pm*

Practice speaking English with us on Tuesday evenings! We'll spend the first 20 minutes or so on grammar and usage topics and then start our conversations. If you'd like to register for class or get more information about the weekly series that runs through May 2021, please call the Newton branch at 828.465.8664.

### Introduction to Tinkercad

*Wednesday, March 3 at 4 pm*

This virtual program will introduce Tinkercad and demonstrate how to use the software to create 3-D print designs. The program will show new users how to create an account, complete tutorials, make basic designs, share and print, and learn about other Tinkercad tools. An email address is required to create a Tinkercad account, and parental consent and an email are required for participants under 13 years of age. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/cclstinkercad>. We'll send a Zoom link out the day before the program.



### Contribute to Our Seed Library

#### Ongoing

Help us build a seed library, where the community can exchange seeds for free! We'll accept viable seeds at all locations during their standard business hours, and heirlooms are especially welcome. Please package and label any donations you drop off. The seed swap collection will be available to the public in early March and will be housed at the Main Library in Newton. Seeds are subject to availability and cannot be reserved.



### Your Art With Us: The Future

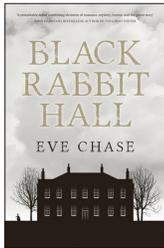
#### Through March 8

Take a trip to the future! Thomas Cole was a 19th-century American landscape painter who told stories through his work. Eighth-grade students at Maiden Middle School studied Cole's series, *The Course of Empire*, and envisioned a sixth painting for the series, which the students titled *The Future*. Open to interpretation, this new painting could identify the future as a day in Cole's era in 1836, be set in the present day, or look well beyond. The exhibit of student art is on display at the Newton Library and virtually on the Arts @ the Library page on the website.



**Mystery Mavens Book Club***Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 pm*

This popular book club explores mysteries of all types and is open to everyone. Join us via Zoom for a lively discussion of *Black Rabbit Hall* by Eve Chase, led by Amy McCauley, Catawba County's communications and marketing director. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/CCLS-MysteryMavens>.



You'll receive the Zoom link in your email. Please feel free to attend even if you haven't read this month's selection.

**LIVE Library to Go in Catawba***Thursday, March 4 from 10 am-2 pm*

The Library to Go will be visiting the Town of Catawba on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (200 South Main St).



To ensure safety, we're asking visitors to make their stops brief, to sanitize their hands as they come in, and to wear a mask while in the building. We'll be taking temperatures at the door and will have extra masks and hand sanitizer for everyone to use.

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom***Thursday, March 4 at 10 am*

Gather the kids and join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime! This family-friendly virtual event will include singing, reading, finger plays, and lots of your favorite activities! This week, we'll be reading about colors! Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime>. You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

**Spring into Reading STEAM Program: Bug Out Robots***Thursday, March 4 at 4 pm*

Join us to explore circuits by making a bug robot. Participants must register at <https://www.tinyurl.com/SpringIntoReading> to receive the Zoom link and a materials list. **Note:** This is the fifth of seven STEAM programs connected to our youth-targeted Spring Into Reading challenge coordinated through Beanstack. Participants can use this same link to register for any of the weekly STEAM programs running from Feb 2-Mar 18.

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**Tai Chi & Hike at Riverbend Park***Saturday, February 27 from 9:30-11 am*

Join us for light exercise at Riverbend Park (6700 NC Hwy 16, Conover)! At 9:30 am, Dr. George Place, director of the Catawba County Cooperative Extension, will lead a 30-minute tai chi warm-up, followed by a casual hike from 10-11 am. Everyone is invited, so join the fun and connect with other health-minded folks who can help you reach your healthy living goals.

**Winter Farmers' Market***Saturday, February 27 from 10 am-1 pm*

Come see us at the Winter Farmers' Market in Hickory! We'll be set up in the First Presbyterian parking lot at 2nd Street and 3rd Avenue NW (*street address: 237 2nd St NW*). We'd love to chat with you about library resources while you pick up fresh foods and check out the wares of local vendors. We look forward to seeing you!

**Virtual Tai Chi***Wednesday, March 3 at 12 noon*

Our lunchtime tai chi class is led by Cooperative Extension director Dr. George Place. The virtual session is designed to help people relax in their homes or offices during a quick half-hour. It also helps promote balance and alleviate the effects of arthritis. To get the Zoom code, check [www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem](http://www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem) the day of the class.

**Registration**

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**REGISTER KIDS NOW!**

Our *Spring Into Reading* challenge runs seven weeks, beginning on Groundhog Day (*February 2*) and ending on the first day of spring (*March 20*). The challenge has two parts:

- 1) Kids are asked to read a total of 120 minutes each of the 7 weeks.
- 2) They're encouraged to attend 5 of the 7 virtual STEAM programs we're offering as well.

If they complete the reading challenges and the STEAM program requirements, they'll be entered into a drawing to win a cool, 3-D-printed monster!

To register for the virtual STEAM programs and receive materials lists to participate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SpringIntoReading>. To log reading time and STEAM attendance, register at <https://catawbacountync.beanstack.org/reader365>.

The STEAM challenges are as follows:

- Week 1: Shadow Puppets
- Week 2: Borax Crystal Snowflakes
- Week 3: Ski Challenge
- Week 4: Save Han Solo
- Week 5: Bug Out Robots
- Week 6: Origami Rainbow Flowers
- Week 7: Pi Day

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**PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

By scanning this QR Code with the camera app of your smartphone, you'll open an Internet browser and will be directed to our online events calendar. Then, simply click on any program name to find a link that will allow you to register online!

**Drop-In Help**

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**Homework Helpers***Begins March 1*

The 4-H Youth Council is partnering with the library to offer 20-minute time slots for homework and reading assistance. Elementary and middle school-aged students may drop in on a first-come, first-served basis. Just check in at the circulation desk for guidance when you arrive. Parents must remain in the library during each session. Participating branches include:

- Newton: Mon & Wed 4-6 pm
- Sherrills Ford-Terrell: Mon 4-6 pm
- Conover: Sat 10 am-12 noon

