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Our Right to Read Makes for a Wonderful Life

The classic movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart, tells the story of a man who received an unrealistic, yet life changing, perspective on his life. With the help of an angel, George Bailey is empowered to see the positive impact he has had on his community.

Like George Bailey, the books we read and experience have an impact on us as individuals and, even greater, as communities. Since 1982, libraries, writers, publishers, book sellers, and book lovers have celebrated the right to read through an annual event called "Banned Books Week". Throughout the week, books are featured that have all been targeted for removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. While books have been and continue to be banned, Banned Books Week is about education, advocacy, and the creation of programming about the issue of book censorship.

This year Banned Books Week is September 25 - October 1, and as we look forward to it, we thought, "What if some books that have been challenged over the decades had never been made available for us to choose and read?"

During the Catawba County Big Read our community read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. That shared reading experience facilitated conversations about issues of race, poverty, family, and justice. Ironically, this great work has been challenged several times since 1966 citing reasons such as immoral plot, vulgar language, and racism.

So what would we be missing if we weren't allowed to read *To Kill a Mockingbird*? In a statement from President Obama and the First Lady, it is remarked that this book "changed the way we saw each other and then the way we saw ourselves". They added, "Through the uncorrupted eyes of a child, she showed us the beautiful complexity of our common humanity, and the importance of striving for justice in our own lives, our communities, and our country."

Did you know that *The Wonderful World of Oz* was challenged for having "no value" for children? Yet it was the basis for so many books and movies, not to mention *The Wiz* or *Wicked*.

What if some books that have been challenged over the decades had never been made available for us to choose and read?

What if no one had the opportunity to experience the world of *Harry Potter*? We may never have seen the explosion in children's fiction writing or the increase in the number of kids reading.

Banned Book Week isn't about conflict. It's about cherishing our right to read. We are free to read. Free to choose what we read.

We don't all like the same things. We don't all enjoy the same styles. We don't all agree on the same perspectives and opinions.

However, no matter how many ways humans don't see eye to eye, the one thing we should always have in common is freedom.

We have the freedom to read. Or not to.

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Children / Teens / Family

Ready to Learn Storytimes

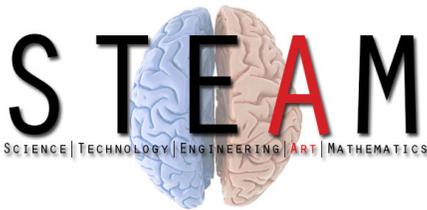
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Paws to Read

Tuesdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 - 4-6 pm

Call to register. Children are invited to sit and read to a certified therapy dog.



STEAM Program – Spiderwick Chronicles

Tuesday, September 6 at 4 pm

Families and children are invited to join us as we celebrate Tony DiTerrizzi's birthday by watching the film *The Spiderwick Chronicles*.

STEAM Program – Willy Wonka

Tuesday, September 13 at 4 pm

Join us for an afternoon with Willy Wonka and other Roald Dahl titles.

Wednesday Movie:

"The Jungle Book" (PG)

Wednesday, September 14 at 5 pm

Presented in Spanish

After a threat from the tiger Shere Khan forces him to flee the jungle, a man-cub named Mowgli embarks on a journey of self discovery with the help of friends.

STEAM Program – Amazing Apples

Tuesday, September 20 at 4 pm

Amazing Apple Afternoon! School-aged children are invited to join us as we learn about the importance of apples. We will make apple treats and create apple art!

STEAM Program – Hot Air Balloons

Tuesday, September 27 at 4 pm

School aged children are invited to join us as Marion Lunneman hosts a program all about Hot Air Balloons. Children will learn the science behind flying the balloons and discover the various shapes and sizes that make up varying types of hot air balloons.

Adults / Career / Tech

NC Works Career Center

Every Wednesday from 10 am - 2 pm

Jobs, applications, and resume assistance.

Movie: "Me Before You" (PG-13)

Thursday, September 1 at 6 pm

After losing her job as a waitress, a young woman is hired to act as a caregiver for a banker who was paralyzed in an accident. This romantic drama was adapted from the best-selling novel by Jojo Moyes.

Build a Superhero

Saturday, September 3 from 12-4 pm

Decide on your superpower, create your character and then pick colors. Choose a cape or not – this Superhero belongs to you! We'll be building and painting your creation so bring your imagination. Limited to 10 participants so call to reserve your spot at 828-465-9494.



Excel Basics

Thursday, September 8 at 1 pm

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 basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill to help you get started using this robust application.

Pokemon Go Presentation and Play

Saturday, September 10 at 11 am

Learn the history of Pokemon and how to play Pokemon Go. After the presentation, play Pokemon Go in and around the library. Take pictures of your captures, and post them with the hashtag: #catcopokego. The player with the best picture will receive a model of your favorite Pokemon made on our 3D printer.



DIY Tuesday: T-Shirt Scarves

Tuesday, September 13 at 6 pm

Bring a t-shirt to upcycle into a scarf for the Fall for this easy, no-sew DIY program.

Excel: Formulas and Functions

Thursday, September 15 at 1 pm

Formulas and functions are how to make Excel work for you. Learn how 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.

Job Searching Basics

Tuesday, September 20 at 3 pm

Become familiar with a variety of websites to find and apply for jobs, help with online applications and electronic resumes.



3-D Basics

Tuesday, September 20 at 6 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.

Advanced Gardener Series: Cover Crops

Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm

Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director, to learn about cover crops and growing your own fertilizer.

Microsoft Word: Resumes

Thursday, September 22 at 1 pm

Learn how to build a professional looking resume using basic formatting tools in Microsoft Word, a word processing application.

Windows 10 Tips and Tricks

Thursday, September 29 at 1 pm

New to Windows 10? Learn tips and tricks that will help you get comfortable using the new interface. Learn how to customize the new Start Menu, how to access the Quick Access Menu, how Cortana can give you directions or set reminders for you and much more.



Banned Books Week 2016

September 25-October 1:

Catcher in the Rye...Harry Potter...Captain Underpants...Of Mice and Men... Every year, there are hundreds of challenges to books in schools and libraries. Celebrate YOUR freedom to read and right to choose your book during Banned Books Week.

All week (Sep 25 - Oct 1)

Blackout poetry

Drop in any time this week and create censored poetry! Not a poetry master? No worries! Blackout poetry is easy, creative, and compelling. All materials provided for you to create a unique poem from recycled book pages!

Take a Mug Shot Selfie

What better way to celebrate your inner rebel than by taking your very own Banned Book Mug shot? Whether it's *Lord of the Rings*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, or *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* grab a copy off our shelves for a quick pic.

Banned Slam

Tuesday September 27 at 3 pm

The Library will host its first Banned Slam (similar to a poetry slam, but with banned books). Join us and read from your favorite banned book.

Banned Book Movie Night:**The Great Gatsby (PG-13)***Thursday, September 29 at 5 pm*

Nick Carraway, a Midwesterner now living on Long Island, finds himself fascinated by the mysterious past and lavish lifestyle of his neighbor, Jay Gatsby. He is drawn into Gatsby's circle, becoming a witness to obsession and tragedy.

Claremont

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Adults / Career / Tech**B.Y.O.D.: Bring Your Own Device***Saturday, September 17 from 10 am-1 pm*

Bring your own mobile device or laptop to learn how to access free eBooks, audio books, movies, and music using Overdrive, Hoopla, or Tumble Book Library (for children). This is a drop-in event.

Technology Tutoring*Every Thursday, by appt.*

Call the library to book an hour long session with a librarian to learn new skills and solve your technology problems. You can learn anything from finding and printing recipes online to selling on eBay.

**Conover**

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Children / Teens / Families**Baby Bounce***Every Wednesday at 10 am*

This sweet and simple 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play and singing for ages 0-24 months. Playtime follows.

Ready to Learn Storytime*Every Friday at 10 am*

Experience the joy of learning with your little ones while we sing, dance, read and play games. This 30 minute story time is followed by a craft.

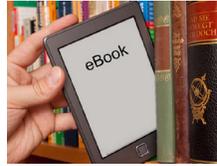
Adults / Career / Tech**Intermediate Microsoft Office Excel***Tuesday, September 13 from 6:30-7:30 pm*

This intermediate class will focus on editing, creating charts, and inserting basic functions. Bring any questions, problems, or already created spreadsheets for troubleshooting. Basic Excel skills required.

**B.Y.O.D.: Bring Your Own Device***Saturday, September 24 from 10 am-1 pm*

Bring your own mobile device or laptop to learn how to

access free eBooks, audio books, movies, and music using Overdrive, Hoopla, or Tumble Book Library (for children). Drop-in event.

**Maiden**

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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime***Thursdays at 9:30 am*

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Estimation Game*All September*

Kids are invited to come and visit the Maiden Branch Library and try out their estimating skills. Three jars of candy will be available for kids to try and estimate how many candies are in the jar. They will write down their name, phone number, and their estimates. At the end of September whoever is the closest to the correct amount wins the jar! Everyone that participates gets one estimate per jar.

**STEAM Saturday: Binary Bracelets***Saturday, September 17 at 11am*

This is a fun little craft that will help teach children binary code (computer language) by allowing them to create a beaded bracelet(s) with a secret code. The beads will represent the 1's and 0's that make up binary code.

Adults / Career / Tech**Advanced Gardener Series: Cover Crops***Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 pm*

Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director, to learn about cover crops and growing your own fertilizer.

Sherrills Ford-Terrell

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Children / Teens / Family**Baby Bounce***Tuesday's at 2 pm*

This sweet and simple 30 minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.

Ready to Learn Storytime*Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am*

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Pawsitive Reading*Thursday, September 1 from 3:30 - 5 pm*

Call to register: 15-20 minute sessions. Children are invited to enjoy a "pawsitive" reading experience! Come read to certified therapy dogs, Maggie & Brandy.

Science Saturdays Paint the Night Sky*Saturday, September 3 at 10 am*

Visiting Librarian Kim Wetmore will lead children as they paint and share one constellation and see how it fits into the vast collection of stars. Please call to register.

Teens: National Comic Book Day*Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm*

Teens are invited to celebrate National Comic Book Day with Big Object Comics. Join us for games, food and fun!

**Stories & More: Oh The Places You Go***Thursday, September 29 at 3:30 pm*

Elementary age children are invited to join us as we explore new places through Stories & More. Please call to register.

Adults / Career / Tech**Mystery Mavens Book Club***Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm*

We will be sharing our thoughts and impressions on *The Silent Wife* by A.S.A Harrison. Dan Brown's *Lost Symbol* will be discussed in October.

Introduction to Google Drive*Tuesday, September 13 at 6 pm*

Learn how to use Google Drive to create documents in the "Cloud". Learn about saving, sharing, group editing, and more. Participants need to have a Google account - Please come early if you need to get a G-Mail account or retrieve your G-Mail password.



NC LIVE Exploration Series- Learn to Speak a New Language!

Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm

NC LIVE provides free, online access to powerful and reliable information and resources. This month we'll explore NC LIVE's Pronunciator Online Language Learning Software.

Computer and Tablet Drop-In Sessions

Tuesday, September 20 from 6-7 pm

Have a computer or E-reader question? Drop-in for help. You can also call to set up a one-on-one appointment anytime.

Introduction to Google Photos

Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm

Learn how you can use Google Photo to safely back up, organize and label all of your digital photos. Participants need to have a Google account - Please come early if you need to get a G-Mail account or retrieve your G-Mail password.

Warm the Babies Yarn Drive

July-September

The library is taking donations of baby yarn that will be used to make blankets and hats for preemie babies in local neonatal intensive care units. If you would like to volunteer with this group, please call or text (704) 340-5672, or "Like" Warm the Babies on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Warm-the-Babies.

Southwest

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Children / Teens / Families

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Wednesdays at 10 am

Thursdays at 11 am

Join in the fun with stories, songs, creative movement, craft activities, and more that encourage development of Early Literacy skills in young children.

Talk Like a Pirate Day

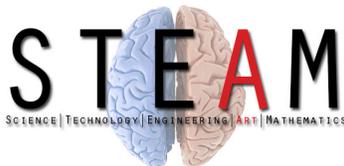
Monday, September 19 (all day)

Stop by and give us a hearty Arrrrrrggggghhhh, grab a coloring page, and make your own pirate hook!

Special Spanish Bi-linual Storytime

Thursday, September 22 at 11 am

Sing a Days of the Week Song, play a memory card game, hear a story and learn to say the names of colors in English and Spanish! Special guest Miss Soraya will be here to guide all of us with pronunciation!



STEAM: Make and Take Large Paper Stars

Thursday, September 22 4 pm

Learn how to make your own 3D paper star to decorate your room!

Adults / Career / Tech

Catawba Crafters

Monday Nights at 6 pm

Would you like to learn to crochet or knit, increase your skills, make something for the less fortunate or simply chat with other crafters?

Computer Classes

Intro to Excel: *September 2 at 10 am*

Intro to Publisher: *September 16 at 10 am*

Intro to Excel: *September 23 at 10 am*

Intro to Word: *September 30 at 10 am*

Tuesday Movie Musicals at the Library

Enjoy a classic musical you may or may not have seen.

"GYPSY" (Lee Rose)

Tuesday September 6 at 4 pm

"Fiddler on the Roof" (Part 1)

Tuesday September 13 at 4 pm

"The Sound of Music"

Tuesday September 20 at 4 pm

"The Mikado"

Tuesday September 27 at 4 pm

SongWriter's Clinic and Open Mic Night

Tuesday, September 20 at 6 pm

Have a song in your heart, or head? Get it out and share it with the group! Also get tips and tricks of songwriting!



Adult Coloring Continues!

Stop by for a quick bit of color and de-stressing almost any time! You'll be glad you contributed to the masterpiece in progress!

St. Stephens

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Children / Teens / Families

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 am

Each Tuesday evening at 6 pm

Join in the fun with stories, songs, creative movement, craft activities, and more that encourage development of Early Literacy skills in young children.

Grandparent's Day Social

Friday, September 9 at 4 pm

Grandparents are invited to bring a grandchild to the library for a special day to honor grandparents. Participants will make a handprint keepsake and light refreshments will be served.

Movies at the Library: "Kung Fu Panda 3"

Friday, September 16 at 4 pm

Enjoy the movie, popcorn and a drink.

Stress Busters @ the Library

Thursday, September 22 at 4 pm

Teens and tweens ..are you stressed by the back to school blues. Come join us to make a "stress buster squeezee" to take home. Appropriate for ages 12 and up.

Adults / Career / Tech

Twitter Introduction

Wednesday, September 7 at 10 am

Interested in what all the kids are doing on twitter. Learn how to set up an account and start tweeting with them.

Adult Coloring Club

Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm

Join the adult coloring phenomenon and experience how you can 'color your way to calm.' We'll provide all coloring supplies including soothing music and light refreshments. Open to teens & adults.

Kindle Fire Class

Wednesday, September 21 at 10 am

Do you have questions about how to navigate your Kindle Fire? Let us help!

