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Winter/Spring 2022

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A MAGAZINE FROM THE CLEVELAND COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Spangler Branch Library

Monday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Both branches will be closed

Easter weekend: April 15-17



Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library

704-487-9069

104 Howie Dr., Shelby, NC 28150

Spangler Branch Library

704-538-7005

112 Piedmont Dr., Lawndale, NC, 28090

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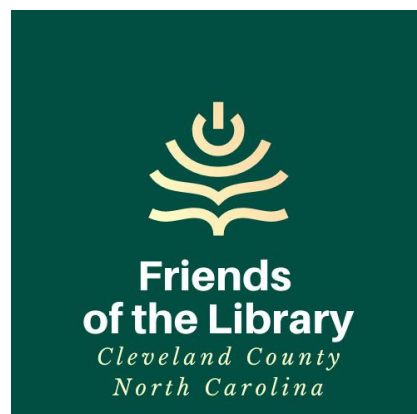
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Letter from the Director

As we look towards Spring with renewed optimism for a return to normal, or what's likely to be our "new normal", we are reminded of our challenges with the Covid-19 pandemic and its latest variants. However, we are aware of the possibilities/challenges that we are presented with as well. As we plan for our late Spring and Summer programs, we must view our current challenges as opportunities for future partnerships with Cleveland Community College, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the Earl Scruggs Center, NC Works of Cleveland County, and Shelby City Park.



During February and March we will start planning for Cleveland County's first collaborative reading project, "Cleveland Reads Together." For this community wide reading initiative the library will seek input from the community on selecting three books, (1 adult, 1 young adult, and 1 children's book) for Cleveland Reads Together 2022, which will be begin in early Fall.

"Challenges can create the best opportunities"

The library will officially launch the first Makerspace in the City of Shelby on Monday, February 7. In addition to offering programs on 3D modeling/design, the library will offer programs on using unconventional materials like PVC pipe to build a table, programs on creating a prototype for customers who would like to be become entrepreneurs, and a host of DIY programs such as t-shirt making, and microcomputing.

Library Director, Wright R. Adams

Making our Community Better

LeGrand Center

LeGrand Center is a collaborative effort between three local entities that include the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, Cleveland County Schools and the Cleveland Community College Foundation Board. After nearly ten years, the facility has grown to serve not only the initial targeted corporate market, but it has also played host to many other large events like the American Legion World Series Commanders Reception, the American Heart Association Heart Ball and various special community events.

With each year, LeGrand Center has grown and adapted, but much of that growth has happened in the last two years. With the need for clients to feel safe and comfortable during a pandemic, LeGrand Center has been able to offer accommodations with social distancing that are unrivaled in our area making it possible for the community to still meet, celebrate and network in a safe way.

With space to accommodate everything from small corporate events like trainings and interviews to 800 person banquets, the LeGrand Center is the ideal place for anyone wishing to hold an event in the new year.

For questions regarding availability and pricing, give us a call at 704-669-4706 or request a quote on our website at www.thelegrandcenter.com

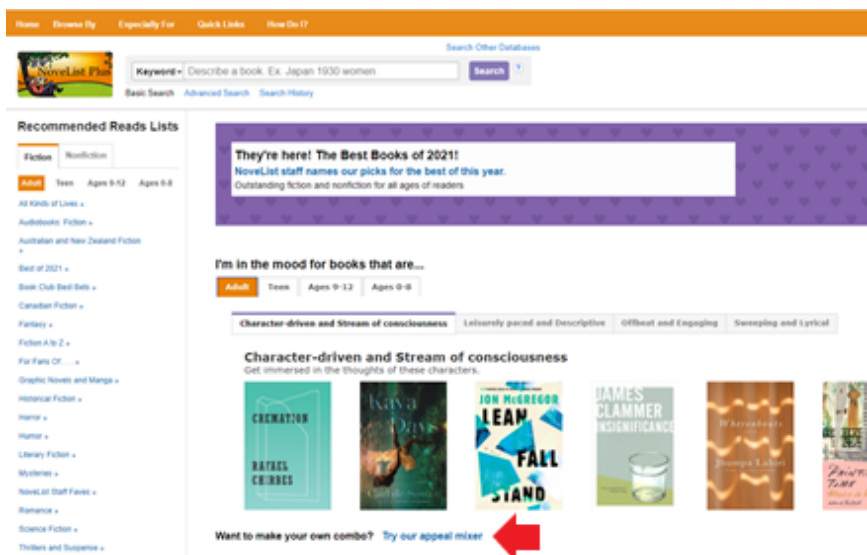


Finding the Right Book for you



Not sure what to read next? The library has access to Novelist Plus, which can help you find the next great book!

Find the Novelist Plus link on Overdrive (link found on the Virtual Library page of our website). Search for your favorite book to find read-alikes, or use the Appeal Mixer for something with specific storylines, writing style, and tones!



Find the next great book of your life!



For the month of February, participate in **Blind Date with a Book!**

We will have books wrapped up with short descriptions. Unwrap it when you get home and give it a chance. It might be the one!

If you would like assistance, the library staff is happy to help you find that story that keeps you turning pages!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mondays, Feb. 21, March 14, April 11 Cleveland Mall, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. *Mall Storytime*

Join CCLS staff in a variety of themed stories. For toddlers and preschool aged children and their caretakers.



Tuesdays, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 4:30 p.m. *Elementary Reader Storytime*

Join us for a storytime geared towards elementary aged readers.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 4:30 p.m. *NASA Ambassadors Women in Space* Ever wanted to learn about women and their role in space? Now is your chance!

Our own NASA Ambassador is creating a program that's out of this world.

Tuesday, April 12, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library 4:30 p.m. *Get Gardening*

Get your hands dirty as you learn all about gardening, from seeds to plants, to the best way to get your garden to grow. Each participant will plant and take home a fruit or vegetable plant, and learn about the seed library.



TEEN PROGRAMS



Thursday, February 10, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 5:30 p.m. *Candy Olympics*
The Winter Olympics are in Beijing this year, so to honor the Olympic spirit we will have a variety of friendly competitions with candy. Bring your competitive spirit and be prepared for fun.

Thursday, February 24, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 5:30 p.m. *Art Inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas*

Create your own masterpiece using acrylic paint and poster board. Art beginners are encouraged and welcome. Snacks will be provided.

Thursday, March 10, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 5:30 p.m. *Jackbox Games*
Join us for a fun night of interactive games. Test your pop culture knowledge, solve a mystery, or just watch others compete in fast-paced fun games. Snacks will be provided. Bring your own device or one will provided (limited number available).

Thursday, April 14, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 5:30 p.m. *Life-Sized Game of Life*

Work your way around the board, collecting prizes along the way.



Thursday, April 28, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 5:30 p.m. *Succulent Replanting*

Learn how to prune a succulent and replant it. We will provide small pots you can decorate, choose your succulent and replant it to take home.

ADULT PROGRAMS



Wednesday, February 8, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 6 p.m. *Cross Stitch Creations*

In this class, you will be guided through the basics of cross stitching and get to take home your own project. All materials provided. Space is available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Wednesdays, February 16, March 16, April 20, Holly Oak Park Activity Center, 10-11 a.m. *Read What You Want Book Club*

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Join us as we discuss what we are currently reading. Discover new authors based on other members' recommendations. Refreshments will be served.



Saturday, March 12, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. *Basic Genealogy Workshop*

Learn the basics of studying your family tree using free library resources. Sign up at Access Services or by phone at 704-487-9069.



Thursday, March 17, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, 4 p.m. *Jane Austen Celebration*

Enjoy Tea Time and discussion with the Jane Austen Society of North Carolina.



February 12

11:00 a.m - 1:30p.m.

Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library

LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

Discover some new stories and connect with a variety of North Carolina authors as they discuss their books.

As part of our showcase of talented local authors, you can meet the authors, buy their books, and have them signed. The Local Author Fair will feature a wide array of authors across many different genres for children and adults.

UPCOMING
EVENT



MEET
THE
AUTHORS
AT
EUGENIA H. YOUNG

*Gender and Genius in Black
Women's Writing*

March 19, 11:00 a.m.



North Carolina author and professor, Dr. Janaka Bowman Lewis, will discuss *Gender and Genius in Black Women's Writing*, which will focus on some Black women writers and commentary on Black womanhood in our society.



Letting Perseverance Finish

March 26, 11:00 a.m.

Assistant Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ozalle Toms, of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, will discuss her new book, "Letting Perseverance Finish," Themes of child abuse, foster care, and how we can make a difference, will be discussed.



*Walking Along
the Edge:
Healing Through Poetry*

April 23, 11:00 a.m.

Local poet and professor, Dr. Alden Sproull, will read some of his poetry and discuss his book, *Walking Along the Edge*

UPCOMING
EVENT

Renaissance Fair
April 2, 12-3p.m.



Cleveland County
Library Presents
Renaissance
Fair

April 2, 2022 from 12-3

**Turkey legs! Music! Balloons!
Jousting! Face painting! DIY
Crafts! 16th-century fun
for all ages.**

Shelby City Park

850 W Sumter St, Shelby, NC



EVENTS AT SPANGLER

Join us for more community events for children, teens, and adults of Upper Cleveland County!

Monday, March 7, 10 a.m. STEAM Club-- Carp Kites
Make a traditional 'koinobori' or carp kites from Japanese culture.

Children

Tuesday, March 15, 4 p.m. LEGO Club
Our 'Build Challenge' this month is Lego Spinners. Just like an old-fashioned top, we will engineer and test to see what spins fast or slow. All supplies provided.

Thursdays, February 3 & 17, March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21, 10 a.m. Preschool Storytime

April 1-30, Drop-by Blackout Poetry

Celebrate Poetry Month! Create your own design by coloring, blacking out words, and drawing on book pages. Keep your work or display it at the library.

Teens

Monday, February 7, 10-11:30 a.m., Quilt Party (All Ages)

Join us for a celebration of quilting. Make a craft and learn key quilting elements including hand-stitching and layering.

Adults

Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. Bonsai Workshop

From ancient art to your backyard, explore how trees are trained as they grow to keep them miniature. Watch live demonstrations on root care, pruning, soil preparation and plant selections.

Monday, April 18, 10 a.m. Sit & Stitch

Join us with your current stitching project. Novice, experienced or in-between welcome.

112 Piedmont Drive
Lawndale, NC 28090



Check out our events page for the latest program info!

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Today	February 2022	Print	Week	Month	Agenda	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	5
Closed on Sundays		First Day of Black History Mo	10:30am Story Time for ages 0			11am Valentines for All Ages
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Closed on Sundays		Cross Stitch Creations - 104	10:30am Story Time for ages 0			11am Local Author Fair
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Closed on Sundays	Valentine's Day	4:30pm Knit Happens Knitting	10am Read What You Want Bo 10:30am Story Time for ages 0			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Closed on Sundays	Presidents' Day		10:30am Story Time for ages 0			
27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
Closed on Sundays	10am Storytime at Cleveland	First Day of Women's History 4:30pm Knit Happens Knitting	10:30am Story Time for ages 0			

MEET THE STAFF

Cleveland County
Library System

Scott

Library Program Assistant-- Eugenia H.
Young Library

What kind of books do you read?

Science fiction and fantasy

What is your favorite travel destination?

Tent camping up in the mountains. Great
place to read a book.

What is your favorite food?

Pizza, pepperoni with extra cheese.

Do you have any pets?

I have two pets, one cat and one dog.

What is your favorite animal?

Dogs (don't tell the cat)

What is your favorite library?

Wan Shi Tong's Library from Avatar: The
Last Airbender

Susan

Library Program Assistant-- Spangler Branch

What kind of books do you read?

I like to read classics, adventure, mysteries
and non-fiction books.

What did you study in school?

Communications, Elementary and Special
Education

What are your favorite hobbies?

Quilting, knitting, and gardening

*As a child, what did you want to be when you
grew up?*

Ballerina, journalist, photographer, and
mother

What would your theme song be?

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

What was your first or strangest job?

Delicatessen

*What author (living or dead) would you like to
meet?*

John Bunyan

What is your favorite library?

The library from Beauty and the Beast

Don't forget to visit the Seed Library!

Now is the time to start sowing your vegetable seeds for the coming season. Visit the Cleveland County Library System Seed Library, located near the Access Services Desk at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library. Find the seeds you want, fill out a Check Out Card, and take your seeds home. It's that easy!

The Earl Scruggs Center

Drum Circle

Saturday, February 5, 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 2, 1:00 p.m.

Kids are invited to join instructor Justin Harper as he leads a drum circle! Learn about rhythm, creativity, and improvisation. Rhythm instruments will be provided.

Cost: Free

Coffee with the Curator @ Kings Mountain Historical Museum

Wednesday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

Grab your coffee and join us, as Zach Dressel, and January Costa facilitate a discussion relating to our county's history and present interesting items from the collections.

Cost: Free

Musical Explorations

Beginner Guitar

Saturday, March 5,

10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free



Musical Explorations

Beginner Banjo

Saturday, March 19,

10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free

Musical Explorations

Beginner Ukulele

Saturday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free

Joe Collins & Friends –

Center Stage Concert Series
Saturday, February 19, 2:00 p.m.

Hear Joe Collins & Friends for a concert and then join in or stay for the jam session and mountain dulcimer workshop to follow.

Cost: \$10

Chatham Rabbits – Center Stage Concert Series

Thursday, March 3, 6:00 p.m.

The husband-and-wife duo of Sarah and Austin McCombie favor rich, minimalist arrangements, and their stage banter and presence connects to the audience in a way that is both warm and universal.

Cost: \$20

Foreign Landers – Center Stage Concert Series

Saturday, April 2, 2:00 p.m.

The Foreign Landers is a duo hailing from opposite sides of the Atlantic united by their love of bluegrass and traditional folk music and their love for each other. Together they combine the musical styles of their respective homelands..

Cost: \$10

Saturday Bluegrass Jam

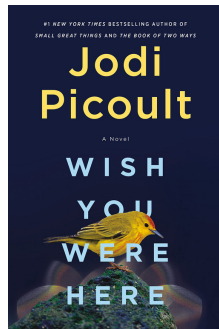
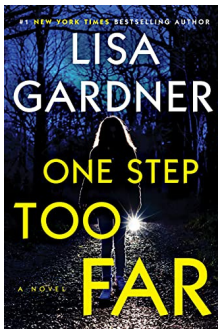
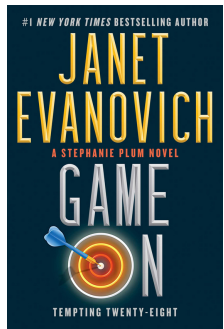
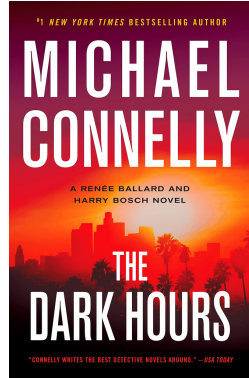
Weekly, 1 pm – 4 p.m. (unless it conflicts with another program listed above)

Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments for an informal jam session in the Great Hall at the Earl Scruggs Center. All ages and playing levels are welcome. Listeners welcome, too!

Barbara

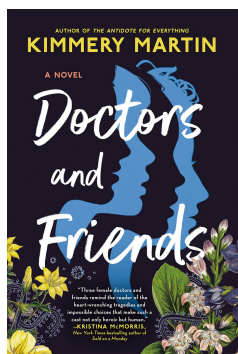
Recommends...

Look for new books in these popular series for long winter nights: **The Dark Hours**, a Ballard and Bosch novel by Michael Connelly; **Game On: Tempting Twenty-Eight** with Stephanie Plum by Janet Evanovich; **One Step Too Far**, a sequel to last year's **Before She Disappeared** that introduced Frankie Elkin by Lisa Gardner, and **Something to Hide** with Inspector Lynley and Barbara Havers by Elizabeth George.



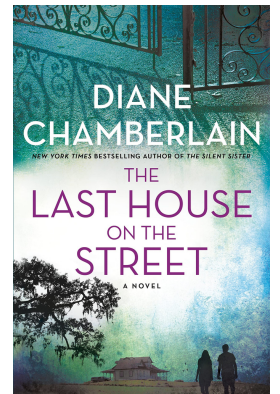
The best-selling novelist Jodi Picoult takes on COVID-19 with her **Wish You Were Here** that she wrote while confined at home during the pandemic.

Readers who enjoy books and authors with strong North Carolina ties can look for these three new novels. Kimmerly Martin is an emergency room doctor who lives in Charlotte with her family. Her newest **Doctors and Friends** is a vivid portrayal of a group of doctors during a fictional pandemic.

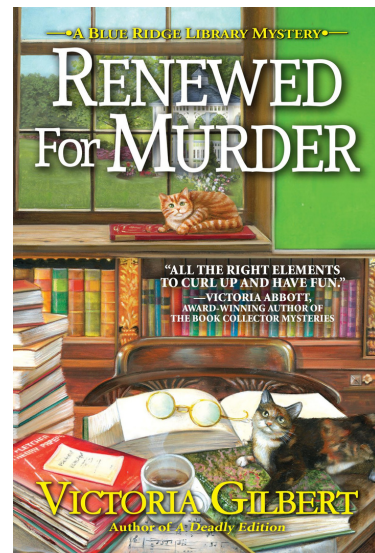


FICTION

Diane Chamberlain was a practicing psychotherapist before giving it up to write fulltime. She lived in many locales before calling North Carolina home and making our state the setting of many of her recent novels. Her latest, **The Last House on the Street** delves into buried secrets as a new arrival uncovers terrible events that happened decades ago in the woods surrounding her home. On a lighter



note, try **Renewed for Murder: A Blue Ridge Library Mystery** by Victoria Gilbert. This is number six in the cozy mystery series that started with **A Murder for the Books**. The author is a librarian who lives in North Carolina with her family and spoiled cats.



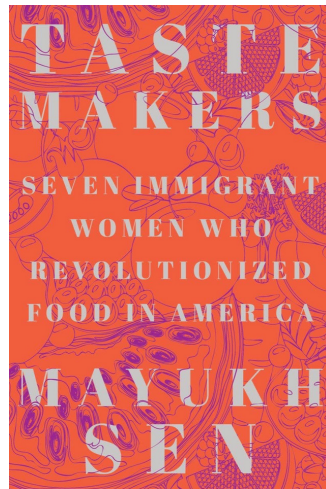
Barbara

Recommends...

NONFICTION

Taste Makers: Seven Immigrant Women Who Revolutionized Food in America

by Mayukh Sen and learn how these seven remarkable women transformed how Americans cook and eat through their passion for the food of their homelands.

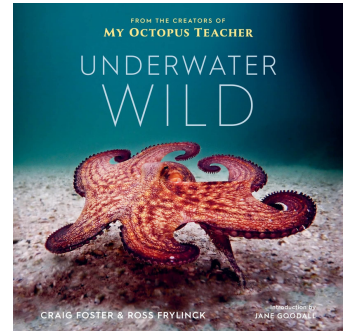


After World War II the U.S. went through a food revolution driven by immigrants from other countries. The author researched the stories of these women from Iran, China, Mexico, Jamaica, France, Italy and India who carved out careers in food when it was not easy to do so and paved the way for generations of chefs and food writers.

If you were intrigued by the award-winning Netflix documentary *My Octopus Teacher* last year, learn more about the Great African Kelp Forest off the coast of Cape Town, South Africa.

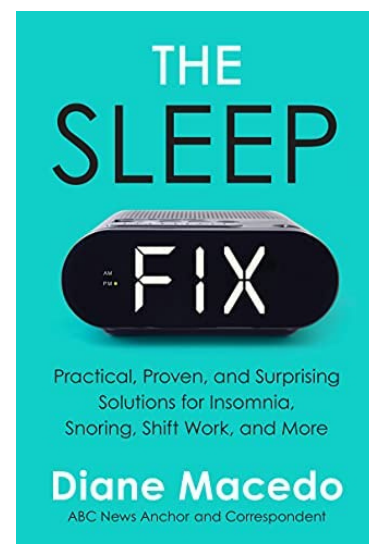
Underwater Wild: My Octopus Teacher's Extraordinary World

by Craig Foster and Ross Frylinck explores that magical world. Foster taught his co-author how to free dive and their



narrative and photography illuminate the habitat and lives of the other creatures in this mysterious realm that few have ever seen.

Many of us are struggling to get a better night's sleep. Former insomniac and ABC news anchor Diane Macedo is the author of **The Sleep Fix: Practical, Proven, and Surprising Solutions for Insomnia, Snoring, Shift Work, and More**. She describes different sleep disorders and gives practical advice for shaping up sleep habits with specific suggestions for different sleep issues. Her book is jam-packed with information and includes the tips that have helped her have a good night's sleep. Sweet dreams!



ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN CLEVELAND COUNTY



In a world where your next purchase is just one click away, entrepreneurs are changing the way they do business. With property costs so high and the advent of the digital age, brick-and-mortar stores aren't necessary to run a successful business anymore. Just ask Nicole Neales, the owner of Sewgnar, a vegan and sustainable business selling wallets, bags, and other items made from cork.

"Starting a business brings a new level of confidence."

Nicole has been a member of the Shelby community for approximately 3 years. You

may have seen her at the Foothills Farmer's Market, where she sells some of her products. She started her business before moving to Shelby and has been able to continue it through her online store, the Foothills Farmer's Market, as well as other markets and vending opportunities across the Carolinas. A lot of her business is done online and it is her full time job.

Nicole encourages new entrepreneurs to pursue their passion. She has always been business minded, but as an adult she found it really important that her business be sustainable.

CREATE
COMMUNITY
INSTEAD OF
COMPETITION

However, local entrepreneurship can thrive with a supportive community. Even with her shop doing well, she encourages others to shop locally. Local purchases brings economic growth for Shelby and breeds an environment of healthy entrepreneurship, growth, and support.

TIPS FOR STARTING A BUSINESS

- Nicole recommends Mountain Bizworks if you are interested in entrepreneurship. They can provide tools to help you get started.
- Starting out can be hard, but if you're persistent, thrifty, and passionate about establishing your business, it can be very successful.
- Harness the power of the local community. Networking with area businesses and being at the Farmer's Market can help you market your product.

Makerspace



Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library

Shelby's first public Makerspace is now open!
Check out a program to explore the available machines and materials.
Open creative hours will begin in the Winter.

Build-a-dog

Children's Event

Tuesday, February 8, 11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Make sure and bring lots of love to create your own Valentine dog. All materials provided.

Registration required.



Knit Happens

Teen & Adult Event

Tuesdays February 15, March 1 & 15,
April 5, 4:30-5:50 p.m.

Knitting group for beginner to experienced knitters. A new technique will be taught monthly. All materials provided.

Battery-Powered Cars

Teen Event

Thursday, March 24, 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we create battery-powered cars using some everyday materials. The cars will be tested on a race track built by participants. Snacks provided.



DIY Valentines

All Ages

February 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The whole family is invited to drop in to create special Valentine cards using paper, vinyl, stickers, and more in the Makerspace.

History Highlight

SIT-INS IN SHELBY

Uptown Shelby has long been established as an area for citizens to shop, eat, and spend time together while supporting local businesses. However, on February 18, 1960, it became a location for peaceful protest. On February 1, 1960, four students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College-- Ezell Blair Jr., David Richmond, Franklin McCain, and Joseph McNeil-- staged a sit-in at Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro. Although this was not the first sit-in, it was one of the most explosive, and was followed by similar protests throughout the South. Inspired by the sit-ins happening in Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and other cities in North Carolina, between 40 and 70 Black students from Cleveland County staged a sit-in at uptown businesses.

Participants started in Smith's Drug Store (now the location of Buffalo Creek

Gallery), where they were refused service, before continuing to Bus Station Grill where the sheriff was called, and the protesters were cleared from the building.

The protests were followed two weeks later by a march of approximately 20 Black students when they were again refused service at the counter of Smith's Drug Store and Cleveland Drug. Although there was not an eruption of violence in response, there were many whites in the community who were hostile to the marchers, trying to grab their signs or making signs of their own in response to the protests.

None of the protestors were identified, likely for fear of retaliation. The Earl Scrugg's Center made a request in 2020 for any participants from this event come forward to record their story. As of this writing, the identities of the protestors remain a mystery.



North Lafayette St. in the 1950s, the location of Cleveland Drug and Sutton's Drug Store.



North Lafayette St. in December, 2021.

Information included in this article was gathered from the NC History Room and Shelby Star archived articles.

History Highlight

SIT-INS IN SHELBY

However, one such unidentified protester spoke to a reporter at the time:

"We, as a group of intelligent young people, only desire our equal rights under the Constitution of the United States."

The protests that sparked and spread through the South included sit-ins, marches, and boycotts. In July of 1964, Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, making segregation in public facilities illegal. However, the change was met with resistance and violence targeting both the Black community and any person who supported the Civil Rights Movement, particularly those helping register Black citizens to vote.

Although Shelby is a small town, it plays a role in Civil Rights history. We may not know the identities of those who participated in the Shelby sit-ins, but they contributed to the fight for equality under the law.

As we recognize Black History Month, it is important to reflect on how far the community has come, and how far we have yet to go.

Information included in this article was gathered from the NC History Room and Shelby Star archived articles.

A BRIEF TIMELINE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

- May 17, 1954: *Brown v. Board of Education*
- December 5, 1955: Montgomery Bus Boycott
- September, 1957: The Little Rock Nine attend Little Rock Central High School
- February 1, 1960: The Sit-in Movement begins
- May 4, 1961: The Freedom Rides begin
- April 3, 1963: The Birmingham Demonstrations
- August 23, 1963: The March on Washington
- July 2, 1964: *The Civil Rights Act* is signed into law
- February 21, 1965: Malcolm X is assassinated
- March 7, 1965: The Selma-Montgomery March
- August 11, 1965: The Watts Riots
- 1966: The Black Panther Party is founded
- June 12, 1967: *Loving v. Virginia*
- July 23, 1967: The Detroit Riot
- April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated
- April 11, 1968: The Fair Housing Act is signed into law
- November 5, 1968: Shirley Chisholm was the first black woman elected to Congress
- 1972: The Tuskegee Study ended
- November 22, 1991: *The Civil Rights Act of 1991* is signed into law

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., the City of Shelby will be unveiling a Shelby Civil Rights Trail Marker in front of the Buffalo Creek Gallery to commemorate the sit-in.

CLEVELAND

Reads

Together

The library is seeking the input of the community for its Fall reading initiative, "Cleveland Reads Together." During the month of February, citizens of Cleveland County can select from the list of titles compiled by library staff to be chosen for the library's 2022 community reading project. The library and other community organizations will host book clubs and programs for adults, teens, and children, during the month of September. Please let the library know which titles you would like to be chosen by February 28, by visiting the library's website, social media pages, or by dropping off your choices at the Eugenia H. Young Library or the Spangler Branch.



Department Highlight

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Outreach is all about bringing the library out into the community. We want to meet you where you are in Cleveland County. Outreach Services provides book delivery for children and homebound adults as well as enrichment and STEAM programming for all ages.

Some of the outreach programs we have offered include a book club which meets monthly at the Holly Oak Park Activity Center, technology and genealogy programs for seniors at the Leona Neal Senior Center, and storytime for toddlers and preschool aged children at the Cleveland Mall.

Outreach also partners with other departments within the library. You may see us collaborating on programs in the library with Adult and Youth Services. We also show up when our partners think the library's presence at their event would be an added benefit for the community. This has led to many partnerships with Shelby City Park!

Early literacy enrichment is an important part of our outreach services. Books delivered to the preschools and daycares on our book delivery route have been carefully curated for each age group based on the library's collection development policies. We deliver books to over 200 children a month at around 20 childcare centers.

Before the pandemic we would provide dynamic storytimes to childcare centers. The pandemic really made us miss our storytime kids, but we are happy to be having storytime at the Cleveland Mall. Be sure to check the events page on our website for the next Mall Storytime!

If you'd like to learn more about Outreach Services, please visit the Community Engagement tab on our website and click on Outreach. We can't wait to see you in the community!



Left: Pictured is CCLS staff member Michelle Guerrero reading stories at the Cleveland Mall

Right: Photo from our STEAM program for kids at Holly Oak Park hosted in November 2021



SPRING 2022

CLEVELAND COUNTY YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Youth ages 14 and up will have an opportunity to participate in a 4 week long entrepreneurship academy and learn how to use a 3D printer and other Makerspace equipment to design a prototype of a product.

Cleveland County Library System in Partnership with WIOA Next Gen Youth and Cleveland Community College.

