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Both branches will be closed:

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Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library

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Letter from the Director

As we move into the Fall 2021 programming season, we are looking forward to opening the first public Makerspace in the City of Shelby. We are also working with our community partners to develop our entrepreneurship and workforce development programming starting in the Winter and Spring of 2022. Library staff are planning to offer new STEAM programs for both teens and adults in the Spring and Summer of 2022. In addition to the new Seed Library in partnership with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension office in Cleveland County, and the Steps to Health program, the library will offer other firsts in Cleveland County in 2022 and 2023, such as a community wide reading program. The "Cleveland Reads" one-county, one-book program which will consist of the library and the community jointly choosing one book for the entire county to read over the course of six weeks. During those six weeks, the library will work with our community partners to offer book clubs and other enrichment programming leading to a finale program.

While we continue to face challenges related to the Covid-19 global pandemic, the staff and administration of the Cleveland County Library System is planning for a safe, full return, for all of our customers in the near future.

Wright R. Adams,
Library Director



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Meet the Staff



Donna

Library Program Assistant

What kind of books do you read?

Non Fiction

What did you study in school?

Local history and sociology

What are your favorite hobbies?

Cooking and reading

What's your favorite travel destination?

Cherokee Mountains

Do you know any other languages?

Spanish Conversational

Do you collect anything?

Coins

What is your favorite library?

State Library of North Carolina

Stephanie

Library Program Assistant

What kind of books do you read?

Fantasy

What are your favorite hobbies?

Singing

What is your favorite food?

Spaghetti

What is your favorite travel destination?

Paris

Do you collect anything?

Playbills to shows I've attended

What was your first or strangest job?

Historical interpreter

What is your favorite library?

Klementinum Library in Prague



See page 23 to meet more of your library staff!

Children's Corner

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:30 p.m. Bright Star BullySaurus Rex

The history of bullying goes way, way, way, way back in BullySaurus Rex, a dinosaur-themed antibullying adventure that is perfect for younger audiences! It isn't always easy to stand up for yourself or your friends – even if your friends weigh two tons and have giant claws, teeth and scales! Though they lived aeons ago, in this heartwarming tale these fun-loving giants have many of the same problems that we young people still face today. Find out how to recognize, report and stand up to bullying while learning to be a great dino-friend.

Saturday, October 16, 2021 11a.m. Build a Scarecrow

Families can create a scarecrow they can display in their yard or garden. Bring an old flannel or other long sleeve shirt and pants or overalls and we'll provide the rest! Registration is required.

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:30 p.m. Halloween Bash

Join us for a night of fun and adventure, as we create masks, have a scavenger hunt, show off your costumes and more. Make sure and wear your favorite Halloween costume and join our parade throughout the Children's Area.

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:30 p.m. Schiele Museum Weather

Find out how air, water, sunlight, and gravity combine to create Earth's weather systems through dynamic demonstrations.

Tuesday, November, 16 2021 4:30 p.m. Elementary Readers' Storytime

Miss storytime now that you are in school? Join us for a storytime geared towards elementary aged readers.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 4:30 p.m. Winter STEAM

Join us for an evening of STEAM activities centered around Winter. Be prepared to have fun and be engaged as you paint with ice, build igloos, watch science experiments, and more.



**Story time is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library!**

Covid's Impact on Education

By Michelle Adams

During the Covid-19 school shut down students who were passing with a grade of 60 or better received a PC-19 (passing grade) and received credit for the course. If a student scored less than a 60 they did not get credit and were put in a credit recovery course or repeated the course in summer school. If the student did not attend summer school, then they would have to repeat the course or take it online in Apex. Apex is online, but, the students do have a teacher in the room they can get help from. The disruption in learning was addressed by putting the courses on Canvas with the teachers teaching live using Microsoft Teams. The classes were set up so that the students could be called into the class and access the materials digitally on Canvas. Some of the programs used were Delta Math, Desmos, NearPod, Read Theory, Brain Pop, and Membean. Teachers would also upload videos that helped to reinforce the lessons. The classroom practices that had to be shifted were using paper/pencil assignments. Since we were not able to deliver in-person learning we had to use digital resources and upload assignments that would otherwise be paper into digital format. Allowing more time for students to gain access and complete assignments was also shifted. Not all students in the district had access to Wi-Fi. Mobile hot spots were established in places where students had limited access to Wi-Fi. Many schools had mobile hot spots available to students who did not have access to internet service. Many schools also served as hot spots where students could access the Wi-Fi from the parking lot. The other challenge was access to a webcam. At the beginning of the shut-down it was very difficult to find a webcam in a store, or online, they were very expensive. So, there was limited use of webcams which affected student's ability to participate without a microphone if the built-in one did not work. Also, by not having a camera turned on it was easy for students to be logged on but not really attending the class.

One of the best takeaways so far from the Covid-19 pandemic for teachers like myself has been the renewed appreciation the parents, students, and the community now have for teachers. Prior to 2020 and the Covid-19 pandemic, teachers did not feel they were given the support from parents and the community, and how instrumental they are to the learning process. Since March 2020, I've had many parents, students, and those in the community I serve thank me for being a teacher and helping their families during the time schools were closed for in-person instruction.

Michelle Adams is a licensed educator in North Carolina



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CLEVELAND COUNTY'S FALL FUN!

The Cleveland County Fair and the Mush, Music and Mutts Festival have been cancelled

Carolina Pottery Festival

November 6, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The LeGrand Center, \$5 admission



All types of pottery are available for purchase from dozens of pottery vendors, just in time for the holidays!

Fall Festival

October 23, 3p.m.-7p.m.

Shelby City Park

Join us at the train and carrousel for fall fun! Face painting, a costume contest, games, concessions, and vendors! There will be story time with the Talking Pumpkin and spooky train and carrousel rides!

All Hallow's Read

October 25, 5p.m.-6p.m.

The Library's Makerspace

Bring an original horror story to read to the group or your favorite spooky story. Write an original story to win a prize. Participants will have an opportunity to decorate a journal and enjoy spooky snacks. Costumes are encouraged!



Somethin' Pumpkin

October 5 - November 1

Pick up your pumpkin at either of our branches and decorate your pumpkin to look like a Dr. Seuss character or scene! **NO CARVING ALLOWED.** Return the finished pumpkin to the library by October 22 to be entered in the voting on Facebook! Winners will be announced on November 1! Pick up a flyer at the library for more details!

Dia de los Muertos

October 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Eugenia H. Young Library

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the library will host a Dia de los Muertos/Day of the Dead program. Join us to decorate sugar skulls and enjoy a live performance by a traditional Mexican dance company.



**September 15
to
October 15**

Teen Focus

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM

Thursday, October 14, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Stress Pets

Take the chance to destress. Join us to create your own unique "Stress Pet." Teens will learn basic hand sewing skills as they construct a stress pet to take home. All materials provided.

Thursday, November 4, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Mug Magic - Meals You Can Make in the Microwave

Taste test some microwave meals using a mug and ingredients you can find around the house. Ideas for breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as dessert. Recipes will be provided to take home, and a meal kit for the first 15 teens.

Thursday, December 16, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Flashy DIY Holiday Cards

Construct light-up holiday/Christmas cards and learn something about circuits. Teens will create a one-of-a-kind card for a friend or family member that will brighten up anyone's holiday.

Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:00 p.m.

SPA-loween

Join us as we make skull-shaped bath bombs and "scary" soap. You choose the color, the scents and the creepy crawly to go in your soap. Teens will take home a bath bomb and bar of soap each. All materials provided.

Thursday, November 18, 2021 5:00 p.m.

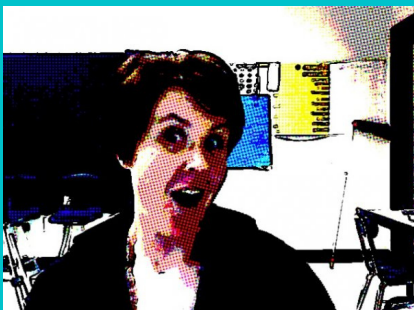
Cricut Creations

Use the library's Cricut machine to design your own vinyl cut out to put on a mug. Teens will take home a completed mug with their own design or phrase on it. All materials provided.

Thursday, December 2, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Waffle Maker Wonders - Meals You Can Make with a Waffle Maker

Taste test some meal creation using things around the house and a waffle maker. Teens will learn to make meals for any time of the day using a waffle maker. Recipes to take home will be provided.



If you have any questions about any of the teen programs contact Bree Dumont at bree.dumont@clevelandcountync.gov



The New Seed Library!

The Cleveland County Library System is excited to announce the new Seed Library. In partnership with NC Cooperative Extension, the Extension Master Gardeners Program, and Steps to Health, the library will have a collection of open-pollinated, heirloom, non-GMO seeds available for customers to take home and plant.

Why does the library have seeds?

As an institution of open education, growth, and organized collections, the library is an ideal location for a Seed Library. This allows for the maintenance of the collection, the preservation of heirloom seeds, and expansion of educational programs focused on health and sustainability.

How does it work?

Seeds will be available for the appropriate season, sorted by category (vegetable, herb, fruit, flower) and arranged alphabetically. We will have guides on growing time, plant difficulty,

The Seed Library is expected to open in late fall!

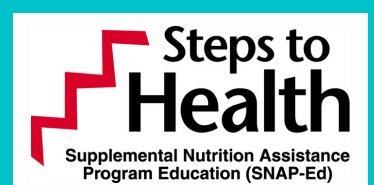
and how to grow a plant from seed. Select the seeds you wish to take home, fill out a CCLS Seed Library Checkout Card, and put it in the card box. Please return any seeds you do not sow.

Do you take seed donations?

Seed donations are accepted, but will be made available at the discretion of the library, in consultation with Extension Master Gardeners and the Seed Library Committee. When donating, you must fill out a donation form. We appreciate your support!

Locations

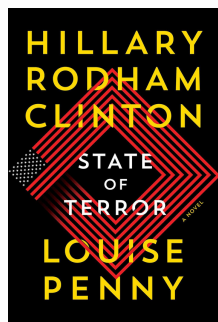
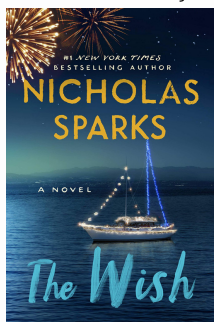
The Seed Library will be available at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, Spangler Branch Library, and through Outreach Services. It will be available at the Ruby C. Hunt YMCA in Boiling Springs in April 2022.



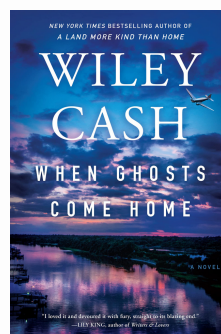
Barbara Recommends...

BARBARA BLACKBURN

Look for books by these popular authors this fall: **The Judge's List** by John Grisham, **The Night She Disappeared** by Lisa Jewell, **Apples Never Fall** by Liane Moriarty and **The Wish** by Nicholas Sparks. Not only is Louise Penny the author of the superb Three Pines series with Chief Inspector Gamache (**The Madness of Crowds** is the latest), but she has coauthored with Hillary Clinton **A State of Terror**, a political thriller.

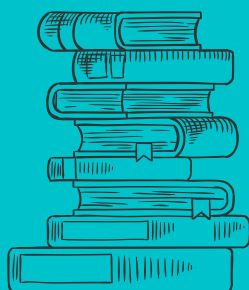
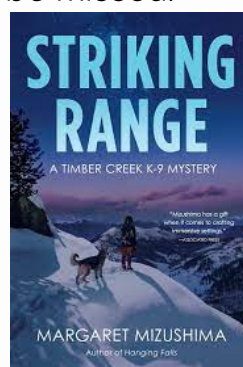


Reading the next book in a favorite series is like catching up with an old friend. Wyoming sheriff Walt Longmire returns in **Daughter of the Morning Star** by Craig Johnson. Margaret Mizushima's **Striking Range** is the next entertaining Timber Creek K-9 mystery with Deputy Mattie Cobb and her German shepherd Robo. In **Lightning Strike**, William Kent Krueger gives the reader backstory to his Cork O'Conner mysteries when 12-year-old Cork discovers a dead man from the Iron Lake Reservation in a Minnesota National Forest.



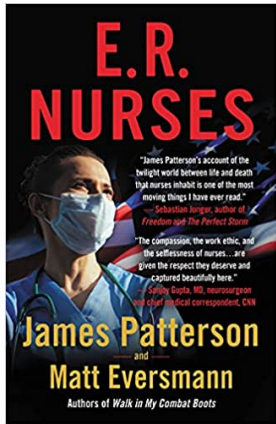
Author Wiley Cash grew up in Gastonia, teaches at UNC Asheville, and he has given book talks in our library meeting room. His fourth novel, **When Ghosts Come Home**, begins in 1984 on Oak Island, NC with a plane crash. Sheriff Winston Barnes finds the body of the pilot who has been shot and the investigation encounters drugs, racism and a tough reelection. This is a character driven mystery narrated with three points of view that brings a community and an era to life.

The massive 2010 earthquake in Haiti is the setting for **What Storm, What Thunder** by Myriam Chancy. The author spent years talking to survivors and has shaped their stories into a novel told by ten people affected by the disaster, all connected by blood or friendship. Reviews describe Chancy's writing as beautiful and rich in a book that is not to be missed.



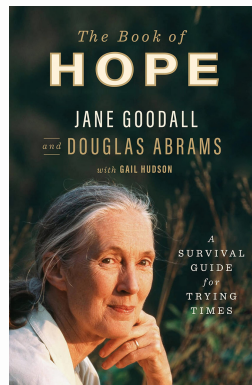
These books can be found in the library. Bring your library card to check them out today!

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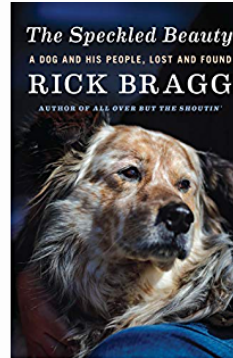


Turning to nonfiction, **E.R. Nurses: True Stories from America's Greatest Unsung Heroes** by James Patterson and two coauthors, highlights the compassion, hard work and selflessness of these nurses who have provided lifesaving care for us during this time of Covid.

Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams gives us Goodall's reasons to feel hopeful in dark times. She looks back on her childhood in England, her work with chimpanzees in Tanzania and her work in later life and encourages us with her sense of purpose and optimism and her call to action.

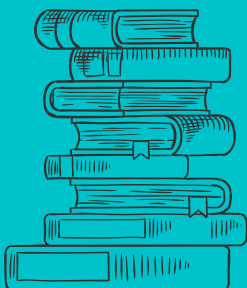


When the calendar flips to fall, lots of folks start thinking ahead to the holidays. **Christmas with Southern Living 2021** inspires, with lots of ideas for decorating, handmade gifts and holiday recipes. Or curl up with a Halloween, Thanksgiving, or mystery, from our stacks like **Haunted Hibiscus** by Laura Childs or **Raspberry Danish Murder** by JoAnne Fluke.



Rick Bragg continues his tragicomic memoirs of his family that began with **All Over but the Shoutin'** and **Ava's Man** with his newest, **The Speckled Beauty: A Dog and His People**.

Bragg is dragged down by multiple ailments and living in his mother's basement when he takes in a starving, dirty, injured dog. Speck was untamable but Bragg admired this survivor and the joy the dog took in simple pleasures on the farm. Despite his shortcomings, Speck was his dog and Bragg loved him.



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Adult Enrichment

Activities for ages 18+ will be offered throughout the year.

See our website and social media for more details.



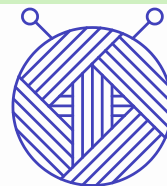
Thursdays, October 14, 21, 28, Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library
Murder Mystery Escape Room

Solve the mystery of the Carnegie murder within an hour to win the game.

Reserve your time slot (10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.) online.

Tuesdays, October 19, November 2, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, Makerspace ***Learn to Knit***

Basics of getting started knitting will be covered from casting-on to knitting the first stitch. All materials are provided. For teens and adults.

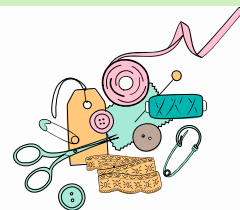


Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m., Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, North Carolina Room ***Myths of Cleveland County***

Join us as we tell some favorite myths and legends of Cleveland County with fellow residents and local historians.

October 26, November 30, December 28 4:30-5:30 p.m., Makerspace ***Sit & Stitch***

Join us with your current stitching project. Any type of needlework: knitting, crocheting, quilting, cross-stitch, etc. All levels of stitchers welcome.



Tuesday, November 16, 6 p.m., Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, Makerspace ***Introduction to Woodburning***

Learn to create a design, apply it to wood, and burn it in for a personalized work of art! All materials are provided! Or you may bring a small unfinished wood item to burn instead. Registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/2ces93bw>

There is limited space!

Tuesday, December 14, 6 p.m., Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, Large Meeting Room ***Bullet Journaling***

Learn the basics of bullet journaling, just in time to start working toward your 2022 resolutions! Learn about indexing, a Year in Pixels, habit trackers, monthly goals, and the supplies needed to explore the fun organization of bullet journaling! All participants go home with a notebook and some colored pencils to get started. Online registration is required.



Check our website and social media for more adult programs throughout the year.
www.clevelandcounty.com/main/departments/library

Entrepreneurship and Workforce Development Resources



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Resources

Open Education Resource Commons

The Open Education Resource Commons is a North Carolina (NC Live) initiative that aims to reduce the cost of higher education for North Carolina students by providing free, open e-textbooks for 30 of the most frequently-taught courses across North Carolina's 2 and 4-year colleges and universities

Cypress Resume

Is an online resume builder that lets you create professional-quality resumes in three quick and simple steps.

Data Axle Reference Solutions

Data Axle Reference Solutions was created in 1998, under the name ReferenceUSA. offers a comprehensive view of tens of millions of businesses across the United States and Canada. With over 350 data attributes, our database offers a complete view of almost every business in the United States and Canada – from the Fortune 500 down to mom-and-pop shops and work-from-home freelancers.



Check our website for more entrepreneurship and workforce development resources.
www.clevelandcounty.com/main/departments/library

History Highlight

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

DONNA BRIDGES

Shelby, North Carolina was very familiar to the Cherokees and other American Indians of the Southern Appalachian region when the first European explorers arrived in western North Carolina.

The Cherokee town named Qualla Town in western North Carolina crosses the mountains into eastern Tennessee. The presence of the Cherokee proved troublesome to the newly arrived English colonists, as many Cherokees staged attacks against the English during the French and Indian War, defeating an invading British Army in 1760 and forcing the surrender of Fort Loudon in eastern Tennessee.

However, the Cherokee presence did not prevent the arrival of European settlers.

American Indians taught the settlers new ways to hunt and fish when they came to North Carolina. The Indians caught fish in nets called weirs that were made from reeds which were woven or tied together. They would place the weir across the stream and anchor it with rocks or poles. They also caught fish with spears. Indians hunted big animals with bows and arrows, and used blow guns for hunting smaller animals.



Cherokee Woman

Photo is sourced from
blueridgeheritagetrail.com

The Indians cooked fish and meat over a grill made of reeds or sticks, using clay pots. The pot was placed over the open fire to boil different foods, such as vegetables, fruits, nuts, roots and meat. American Indians planted gardens much like gardens today. They

grew beans, peas, melons, pumpkins, sunflowers, potatoes and more. The men took turns protecting the gardens and fields by scaring away birds and animals.

The Cherokees of Qualla Town separated from the Cherokee Nation around 1820. As a result, they were not required to emigrate to the West under the Treaty of New Echota and could remain in their homeland.

During removal, federal officers demanded the leaders of Qualla Town help them locate other Cherokees who were hiding in the mountains. If they refused, the people of Qualla Town were threatened with deportation. Cherokee scouts intentionally led the army away from the fugitives, taking them through a fruitless quest in the mountains. After the army withdrew, Cherokee fugitives

Native American History Collection

Celebrate Indigenous Heritage Month! We have the National Archives Microfilm publications catalog and Eastern Cherokee rolls.

**NATIVE
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

History Highlight

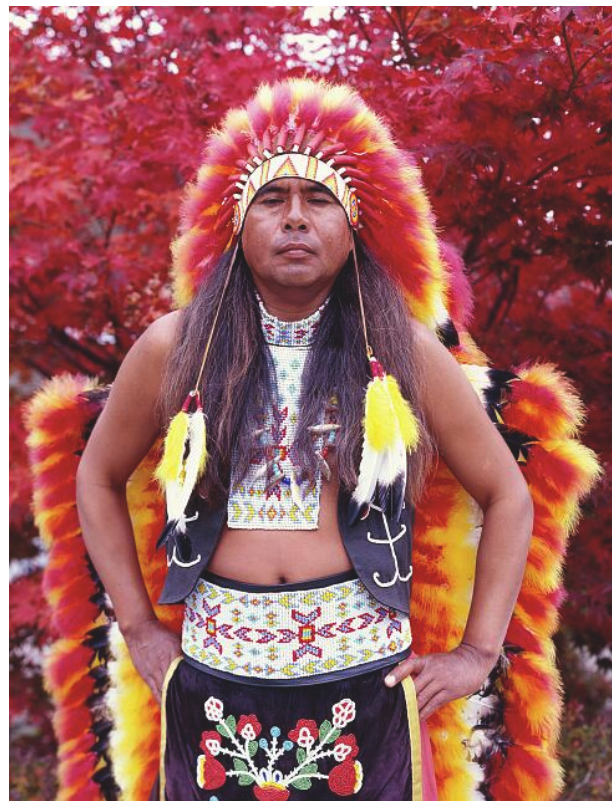
NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

DONNA BRIDGES

joined their families at Qualla Town. North Carolina acknowledged the Cherokees' right to remain in the state in 1868, and this community became the center of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The United States eventually recognized the Eastern Band as a distinct tribe.

By 1875, political unification of Cherokee communities led to the emergence of six townships and today the western-most communities of Cheoah (now Snowbird), Valley River (now Tomotla), and Hanging Dog (now Hanging Dog and Grape Creek) constitute three of these townships, while the other townships are located on the Qualla Boundary. The Cherokee legacy remains one of survival, persistence, and revival, as they have rebuilt their lives in both the West and in the Southeast.

Today the Oconaluftee Indian Village, located in the North Carolina mountains, has a large number of indigenous plants as well as information placards indicating how the Cherokee used specific plants for medicinal and artistic purposes. You are able to observe finger-weaving, baskets, pottery, weaponry and more by Cherokee



Dennis Wolfe, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian in Cherokee, North Carolina.

Photographs in the Carol M. Highsmith Archive, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division.

artists. You can also learn how each piece of art is made by the Indians, as well as their purpose.

To find out more about your Native American heritage you can visit Eugenia H Young Memorial Library in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina. Donna Bridges in our local library North Carolina Room can guide you to online resources to get started.

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**NATIVE
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**



The first group of Extension Master Gardener students in 2012.

Local Feature

EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERSSM

KALLEN TERRY

When the Extension Master GardenerSM Group of Cleveland County started in 2012, it had 14 students in its first class. Now, almost 10 years later, there are about 55 active Master Gardeners. Our county is just one of more than 80 county programs throughout North Carolina. Julie Flowers, Consumer Horticulture Agent for Cleveland and Gaston counties, has worked with many Master Gardeners across the state and is impressed with Cleveland County's comradery: "there's a special bond here that you don't see in every county."

Though Master Gardeners do garden, that is not the purpose of the program. They are an educational resource, available to advise and

educate the community about starting plants, the best time and care for growing specific plants, how to deal with insects and other pests, and almost any other gardening questions you could have.

Before Covid, they held educational workshops at various locations, like Cline's Nursery. They also have an annual plant day on the second Saturday of May. The plants available are grown by Master Gardeners throughout the year! Right now, they mainly take calls about planting and you can access information on the Plant Portal, available online. All the information they share is research based, gathered from universities and studies. Much of what they know comes from the Master Gardeners class.

"We wound up with this group with just immense talent."

To become a Master Gardener, participants take part in a 10-week course taught using the North Carolina Extension Gardener Handbook, created by the NC State Extension. Upon completion of the course, the students become interns and are expected to complete 40 service hours in the community before becoming a certified Master Gardener. To maintain

North Carolina

Extension Gardener

Plant Toolbox

For help identifying a plant, or selecting one that will thrive in your space, visit the Plant Portal:

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/>

their active status in future years, they complete 20 volunteer hours and 10 continuing education hours a year. They have monthly meetings and field trips for planning, educational activities, and community building.



Although some are intimidated by the program, you don't need to have a green thumb to apply! Those who join really run the gamut when it comes to experience. Some Master Gardeners have years and years of experience with a variety of specialties and expertise. Others come in who have always wanted to garden but are intimidated by it and afraid they won't do it right. That's the great thing about this program—it brings together people from a variety of knowledge who are willing to share what they know to make everyone better gardeners. As Julie says, "you don't have to have a history of gardening. This course will teach you everything from A to Z."

"They've become almost like a family, like a great big family. It's a special thing."

Although Covid has made the program change its methods, Julie thinks of the change as a good thing, making it easier for students from more diverse backgrounds to attend. This brings in a wider range of talent that otherwise would not have been able to participate. This year, the program will be held as a hybrid course, with one in-person meeting each week for hands-on activities, with virtual assignments and the potential to go fully virtual, depending on safety.

Applications are accepted throughout the year and are due at the end of August. The Master Gardeners are happy to answer your questions. Give them a call at 704-482-4365 or stop by their booth at the Foothills Farmers' Market



Learn more about the Master Gardeners at NC Cooperative Extension's webpage:
<https://cleveland.ces.ncsu.edu/categories/lawn-garden/extension-master-gardener-volunteers/>

Making Our Community Better



Cleveland County Department of Social Services (DSS) is committed to improving the lives of our citizens, helping them to overcome life's challenges, while promoting self-sufficiency in order to build a stronger community.

Current societal issues make the provision of quality human and social services more important than ever. Many in our community face unemployment, homelessness, addictions, lack of medical care, abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and hunger. Reacting to these issues in an appropriate, healthy, and positive way is challenging for anyone but impossible for some unless they

have assistance and support. Many people find themselves with no place to turn except to government agencies such as DSS. Complex human needs must be met, even when resources are scarce.

In 2020 — a year like no other — DSS along with our community partners, came together to address a variety of challenges and find ways to innovatively serve the citizens of Cleveland County. The Department ensured customers had access to services throughout COVID, some highlights of our efforts include:

- Families were able to access and complete Food/Nutrition and Medicaid applications online.
- Cell phones were provided to Economic Support staff while working from home to ensure the continuity of service delivery;
- COVID friendly interview spaces were made available to customers without telephone access or for those who desire to visit the office. We also provided a no-contact service delivery booth to ensure clients could obtain applications and drop them off safely and securely.



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- Through the Pandemic Electronic benefit program (P-EBT) DSS administration in partnership with Cleveland County Schools worked to ensure that every child that qualified for this program received this benefit. With 99% of children receiving these benefits promptly and accurately.
- The Child Support unit was able to increase collections of child support during this time which provided economic stability of children throughout the County.
- The Child Protective Services team continued to conduct home visits to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of children within our community.
- The Child Welfare foster care team continued to conduct home visits and respond to the many needs of children in care. Working to ensure plans were in place to ensure limited to no exposure to COVID while also working in collaboration with our foster parents and Cleveland County schools to ensure appropriate educational planning for at risk students.
- Adult Services also continued to conduct home visits, worked to ensure older and disabled adults were able to remain independent in their homes and linked individuals to community-based services; while also responding to the serious needs of isolated and high-risk individuals who were more likely to become sick and ill during this time.
- The Department also became responsible for food security across the community by providing food delivery assistance to meet the needs of the elderly and disabled citizens of our community.

We aim to ensure that our services are provided with High Performance, Courage, Teamwork, Integrity, and Innovation in an effort to continuously **“Make Our Community Better”**.



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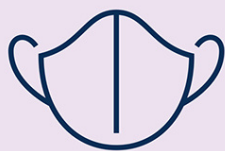
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We solicit help from our community and encourage you to contact 704-487-0661 Ext. 200 during the week day or Cleveland County Communications 704-484-4822 after hours or on the weekend for concerns due to the abuse, neglect, and/or dependency of children; or for concerns due to the exploitation, abuse, or neglect of individuals that are older or disabled. We are stronger when we work together to ensure the needs within our community.

Gregory R. Grier, Ed.D
Administrator Adult Services, Cleveland County DSS

If you leave home, know your Ws!



WEAR
a cloth face covering.



WAIT
6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.



WASH
your hands often or use hand sanitizer.

@NCDHHS

#StayStrongNC



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Back to school Resources

Start the school year off right! These resources can help your children get the focused help they need to do well in classes they struggle in. Check the Cleveland County Library System website for more resources.



Khan Academy

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard

that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. They tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. They've also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>



Purdue OWL

The Purdue OWL offers global support through online reference materials and services.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

Tutor.com

Courses and personal, one-on-one, online tutoring in over 40 subjects, including math, grammar, vocabulary, writing, science, and computers.



ProQuest Learning: Literature

Full-text works of poetry, prose and drama, and secondary sources such as author biographies, literary criticisms, essays, reviews and interviews.

<https://literature.proquestlearning.com/home.do>

NC Learn at Home

NCLearn is a gathering place for our agency's online educational resources. Lifelong learners of all ages are welcome to explore.

<https://www.ncdcr.gov/nclearn>



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Meet the Staff



Meghan

Technical Services Manager

What kind of books do you read?

History, nonfiction, and the 'classics'

What did you study in school?

Wildlife Biology and English

What are your favorite hobbies?

Adventures in the wilderness, reading, jigsaw puzzles, and being the best cat mom I can be

Do you have any pets?

1 dog and *more than a few* cats

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

An actress

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

Flannery O'Connor

Grace

Library Program Assistant

What kind of books do you read?

I read a little bit of everything, but I particularly love anything Jane Austen adjacent, Joan Didion, or psychology nonfiction

What are your favorite hobbies?

Reading, thrifting, and event planning

Do you have any pets?

I have two dogs, Ruthie Jane and Buddy

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

A children's book author/illustrator

Do you collect anything?

Special edition books and Nutcracker Christmas ornaments

What is your favorite library?

The Library at the Biltmore Estate. It has an enormous fireplace and a spiral staircase!



Check back in our next issue to meet more of your library staff!



Get out in your Community

KINGS MOUNTAIN GATEWAY TRAIL



About 1/2 a mile south of Downtown King's Mountain, you will find the trailhead for Kings Mountain Gateway Trail. This trail is part of the North Carolina Thread Trail and is an easily accessible place to hike. Enjoy the fall season by exploring approximately 6 miles of wide trails, perfect for walking, jogging, or biking. Meander along the

butterfly garden and explore the interpretive garden. The trail features restroom facilities, picnic tables, bike racks, grills, a kiosk, and a picnic shelter. Lace up your sneakers and see what the Gateway Trail has to offer. Bring Spot along--the trails are pet friendly!



"Gateway Trail will provide a connection from Downtown Kings Mountain to City Lake, Davidson Lake, on to Crowder's Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain State Park, and Kings Mountain Military Park. This greenway is a public-private partnership between Cleveland County and Kings Mountain Gateway Trails."

kmgatewaytrails.org



Explore our local trails this fall.

Community Partners

Ruby Hunt YMCA Community Library

The library collection includes adult fiction, a large selection of children's stories and biographies, books with an NC emphasis, and large print volumes.

In addition to books, the library offers free Internet access and computer usage, weekly Preschool Storytimes, private study rooms, and space for meetings and events. We also offer many different specialty classes throughout the year.

The Community Library also sponsors a Story Walk at the Boiling Springs town park behind the former Boiling Springs Elementary School in town. Come stroll the park walking path while reading a seasonally appropriate children's story.

The community library is open: Monday- Thursday 10am to 6pm. Come visit and enjoy!



The Boiling Springs Community Library is a small, comfortable library consisting of approximately 30,000 volumes. The Library is housed in the Ruby C Hunt YMCA at 1322 Patrick Ave in Boiling Springs. A membership in the "Y" is encouraged but not required to use the Library. The Library is cosponsored by the Ruby C Hunt YMCA, the Town of Boiling Springs, and Cleveland County. Operational guidance is provided by the Cleveland County Library System.



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Musical Explorations

October 16, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Kids are invited to join instructor Justin Harper as he leads a drum circle at the Earl Scruggs Center! Learn about rhythm, creativity, and improvisation during this interactive program. Rhythm instruments will be provided. Musical Explorations programs are made possible by the Dover Foundation.

*Instructor is trained in American Sign Language and includes differentiation for students with disabilities.

Cost: Free

"I Came From" Young Community Storytelling Workshop

Saturdays, November 13, November 20, December 4, December 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

This program is supported by NC Humanities Council.

For 7th and 8th grade students. Limited seating. Workshop attendees must commit to attending all sessions. Application required.



Mark and Maggie O'Connor: An Evening Concert and Dinner

Friday, October 8, 6:30 pm

Cost: \$85-\$160

Coffee with the Curator

Third Wednesday of each month, 10:30 am

Cost: Free

Everyman Jack: Stories and illustrations by Gail E. Haley

Open through December 23

This exhibit displays works created by author and illustrator Gail E. Haley for the production of her books *My kingdom for a Dragon* and *Mountain Jack Tales*. Illustrations feature the unusual predicament of Jack, a classic folk hero with worldwide origins whose stories have become entwined in Appalachian history and culture. The exhibit also features a reading nook and art space to inspire children to create their own tales and illustrations.



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What is a Makerspace? Why the library?

Sam Woolhiser, Outreach and Community Engagement Manager

Makerspaces are open-access resources where community members can create, share, and collaborate with each other on a wide variety of projects. Often Makerspaces feature new technologies that can be expensive for the average user to access. Such technologies include 3D printers, heat presses, die-cutting machines, and many others. Other characteristics include low technology equipment such as knitting and art supplies. They can feature anything that can be shared and used by many people; even just a group of people working on separate projects in the same space can share ideas and build community. A Makerspace can be a drop-in type location where people can work on what they want to or they can be instructional. Libraries are the perfect hosts for Makerspaces since libraries stand for learning, equal access, and community.

Many libraries chose to start Makerspaces as a way of ensuring access to all community



members. With the digital divide being apparent and people still needing libraries for access to the internet and other technologies, libraries address these disparities. They



ensure access by not just providing the materials and space, but also by teaching how to use equipment. They try to offer programming in which

once a customer learns a skill, they can replicate it on their own. Libraries with Makerspaces make the art of creating and using new technologies approachable for all people.

Here at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, we are very excited to offer a Makerspace for our customers. Our Makerspace will have a 3D printer, sewing machine, Cricut, poster printer, heat press, and so much more. We



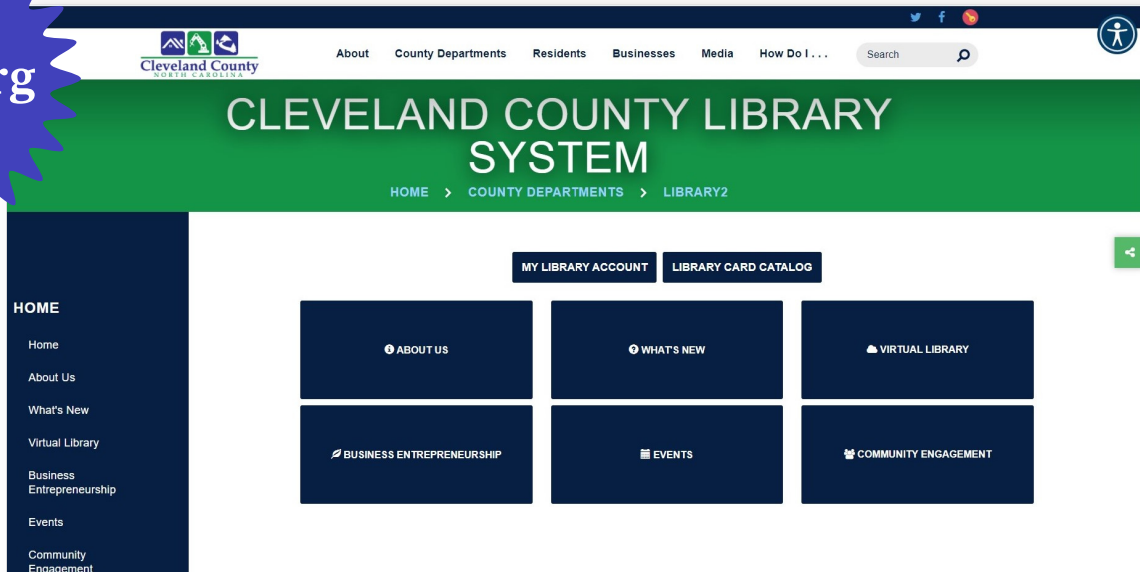
encourage you to attend programs we will be hosting in the Makerspace. We hope the Makerspace will spark creativity and conversation within the community and promote lifelong learning. We can't wait to see what you will create!



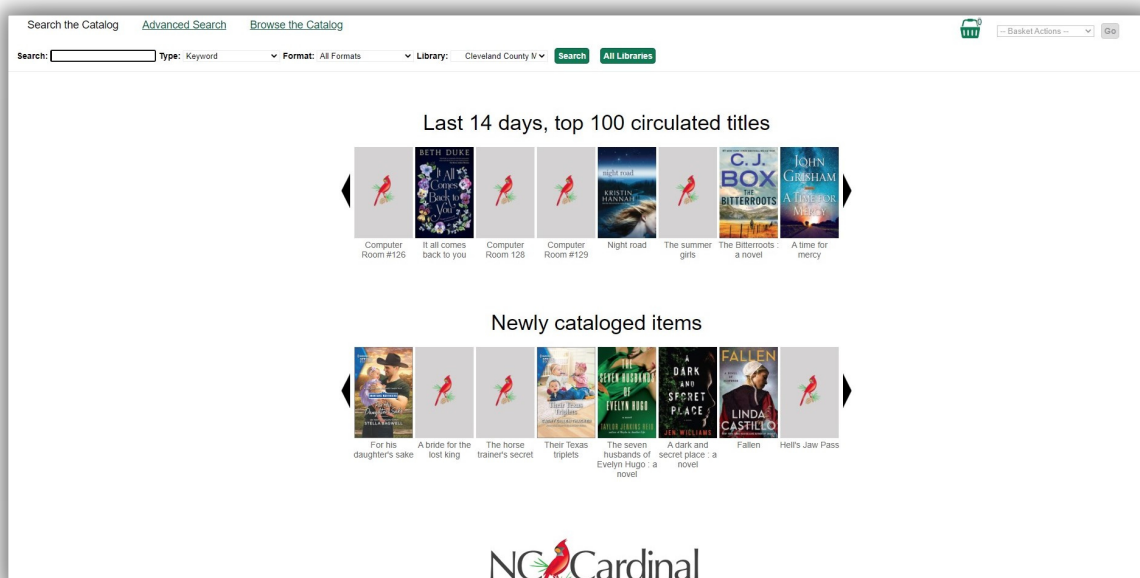
**Look for our next magazine
Winter 2021!**

Check Out Our New Website

The library's website has been redesigned!



As a NC Cardinal library card holder, you can check your account online, see new and popular titles, and request materials from home.



Stay up-to-date on new books, current events, and more on our website.