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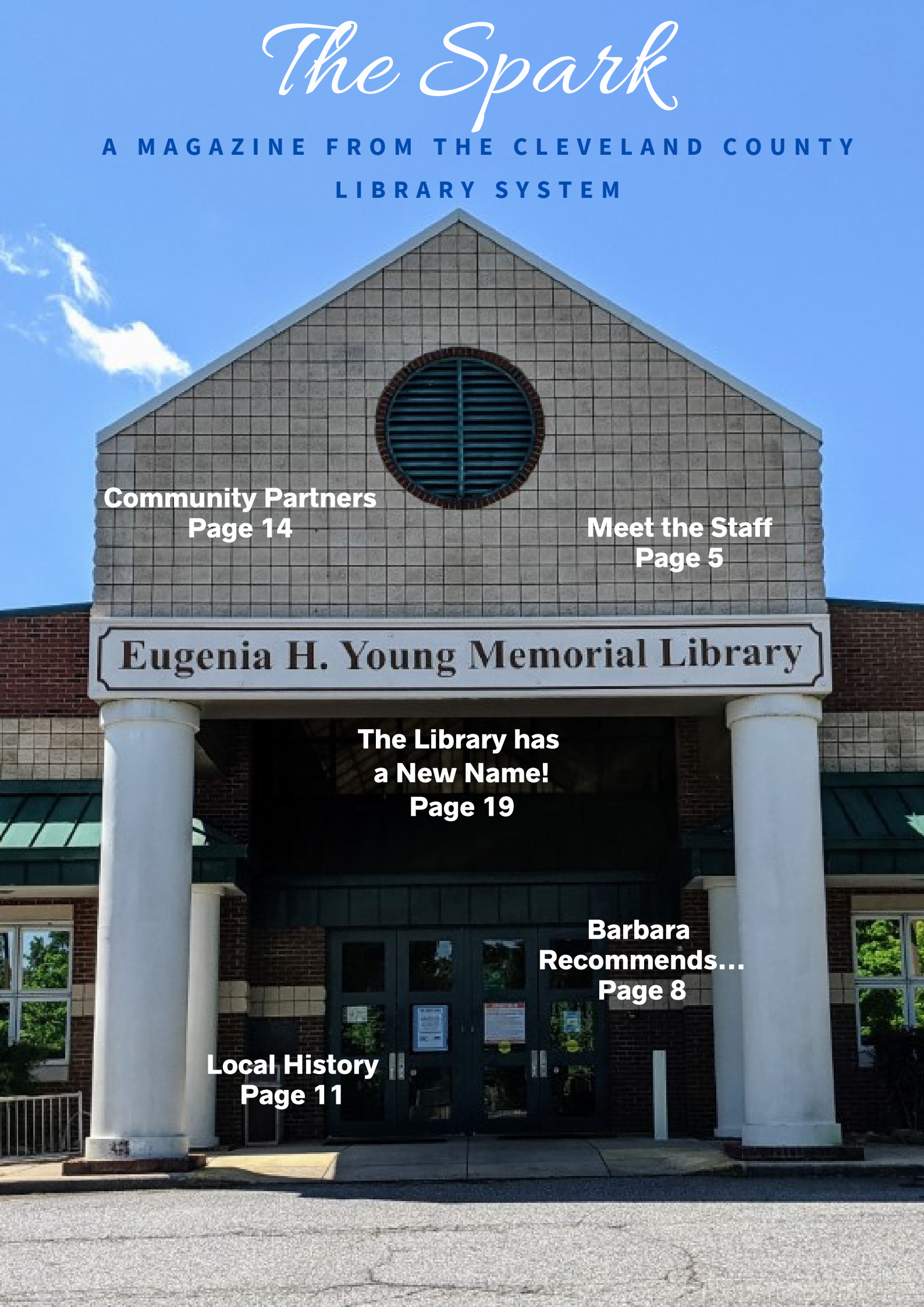


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The Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library will be open on
Fridays, 10-5, starting July 2nd.

The Spangler Branch Library will be open on Saturdays, 10-2,
starting July 3rd.

Both branches will be closed on July 5th and Labor Day.

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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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Ex officio: Wright Adams,
 Library Director



**Thank you for your support and
 patronage!**

Letter from the Director

The year 2020 presented the world, country, state, county, and city, with significant challenges. The public health crisis precipitated global, national, state, and local economic challenges that some businesses simply could not weather. As we enter the Summer of 2021, we seek to turn "our" challenges of 2020 into opportunities for our customers and community partners in 2021. I am proud of the library staff members who have been extremely dedicated to providing exceptional customer service during the period of transition after the retirements of director, Carol Wilson, and assistant director, Jo Anne Owens.

Library staff members have been busy over the winter and spring of 2020-2021 developing a new access services desk, planning for Cleveland County's first Makerspace (scheduled to open late Summer 2021), on refocusing our outreach efforts, and enhancing the customer experience through improvements to our facilities.



In the Summer and Fall of 2021, we will work with our community partners on providing traditional library programs such as story times and book clubs in addition to providing workforce development, STEM and STEAM programs, cultural enrichment programs, as well as supporting the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Cleveland County. Together, the library, and the many great organizations that serve the residents of Cleveland County, can turn our past challenges, into our future opportunities.

Wright R. Adams, Library
Director



Meet the Staff



Brittany

Youth Services Manager

What kind of books do you read?

I go back and forth between middle grade fiction and romance.

Do you have any pets?

I have two dogs.

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

A teacher

What's your favorite animal?

Giraffes

Do you collect anything?

Giraffe items and Disney items.

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

Richard Paul Evans or Meg Cabot

Kallen

Library Program Assistant

What kind of books do you read?

I typically read young adult, urban fantasy, and history or social issue nonfiction.

What are your favorite hobbies?

Besides reading, I write, hike, cook, and do woodburning projects.

Do you know any other languages?

Some basic Spanish and advanced Cambodian.

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

A fiction author or travel writer

Do you collect anything?

Souvenir coffee mugs

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

Maya Angelou or Libba Bray



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

Children's Corner

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE LIBRARY

Summer Reading: Tails and Tales

June 15 1:30 pm, Eugenia H. Young Library, Shelter Animal Fun

Take a look at what a typical day at the shelter can look like for some of these animals and hear about different ways you could help!

June 22, 1:30 pm, Eugenia H. Young Library, Therapy Dog with Shadow and Carol Lussier

Join us for a chance to see just what a therapy dog can do! Watch tricks, ask questions, and see Shadow in action.

June 29, 1:30 pm, NC Zoo Tails and Tales- (Virtual)

Join us for an exciting program all about some stories of the animals that call the North Carolina Zoo home, created just for the 2021 Collaborative Summer Library Program.



July 13 1:30 pm, Caleb Sigmon The Fabulous Fabled Forest- (Virtual)

Members from the audience perform alongside two actors (equipped with a gigantic trunk full of puppets, costumes, and props) to bring classic fables like "Tortoise and the Hare", "Lion and the Mouse", and "The Boy who Cried Wolf" to life! This interactive production is sure to be a hit and leave your audience laughing for weeks. The show is full of silly comedy, interactive games, and engaging storytelling. The audience will be on the edge of their seats, laughing the whole way. You've never seen fables presented like this before.



July 20 1:30 pm, Mad Science Tails and Tales- (Virtual)

Animals have been the inspiration for stories, myths, and legends since the dawn of time. We teach kids about their amazing features by exploring how they move, see, and evade predators. They discover defenses like powerful electricity, toxic venom, and gooey slime. We'll test some reaction times to see if anyone can outrun a cheetah, and then explore how mythical beasts may have been inspired by ancient animal ancestors in this fun-filled event about our animal friends and foes. Register on Facebook or our website.



June 9-July 29 10:30 am, Story Time

Wednesdays at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library

Thursdays at the Spangler Branch Library

We will learn about different fairy tales that focus on animals.

Also available virtually on Facebook.



Teen Focus

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM

June 23 - Break-In Bags

We have pencil pouches full of goodies but they've been locked. Solve three clues to figure out the lock combination to retrieve the candy and pens inside.

June 30 - On the Upcycle

We have a bunch of old plastic toys with a bit of spray paint key rings we will transform into one-of-a-kind keychains.

Instagram Challenge

Challenges will premiere each Tuesday beginning on June 8.

Instagram Challenge will end Wednesday, August 18.

How to Participate:

- Must be between 13-17 years old and a Cleveland County resident.
- Follow CCLSTeens on Instagram.
- Post a challenge response on Instagram, tag us and #cclsteensrc21.
- Post before the next challenge is up for a chance to win a Weekly Prize Pack.
- Each challenge response earns one entry in the Summer Reading Grand Prize.
- Comment on one of our posts for another grand prize entry (up to 4 entries a week.)
- Complete a 24 Hour Challenge for bonus grand prize entries.

July 7 - Mini Masterpieces

Ever seen a tiny canvas? We have a few, so with some paint and unconventional painting utensils, discover your inner Picasso. They can be used as wall or locker art, or as a coaster for a drink.

July 14 - Create-A-Pouch

We have some fun patterned Duck Tape and some Ziploc bags. Join us as we convert them into a pouch for a book, pencils, pens or other odds and ends.

July 28 - Summer Muggin'

A perfect way to end our summer reading events by creating a unique cold beverage mug. Using alcohol paints and makeup applicators we will turn a plain glass mug into its own masterpiece.

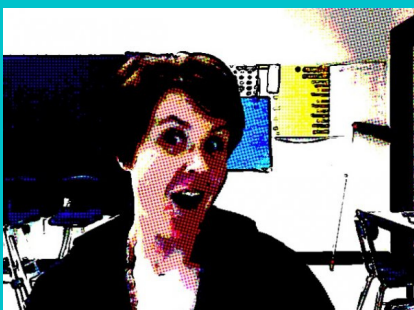
Reading Challenge

Monday, May 31 - Friday, August 20, 2021

Goal: Read 5 books over the summer.

Reading material can also include webtoons, graphic novels, manga and magazines.

Each completed book earns one entry into grand prize drawing. Read a book that fits an Instagram prompt, earn an additional entry. (Instagram prompts will premiere Monday, May 24 - there will be a total of 10 prompts.) Prompts are not required.

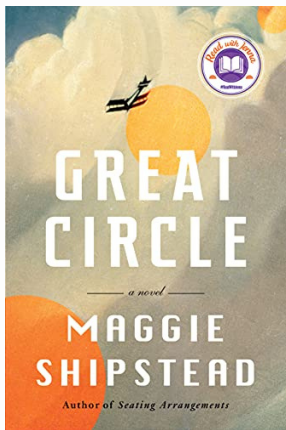


If you have any questions about any of the teen programs contact Bree Dumont at bree.dumont@clevelandcountync.gov

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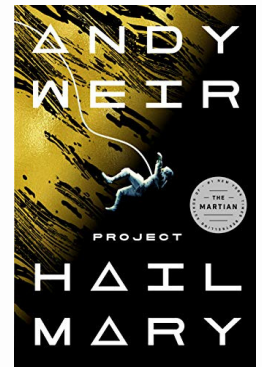
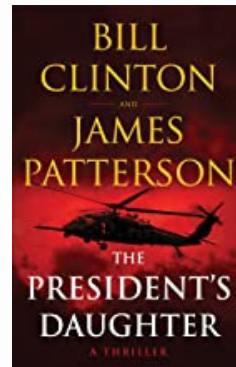
BARBARA BLACKBURN

Beach lovers will anticipate these new books from popular authors coming out just in time for summer: **Newcomer** by Mary Kay Andrews, **Golden Girl** by Elin Hilderbrand, **Summer of Lost and Found** by Mary Alice Monroe, and **That Summer** by Jennifer Weiner. Bill Clinton and James Patterson have teamed up to write their second fast-paced thriller, **The President's Daughter**.



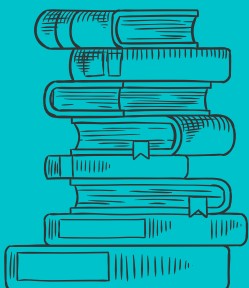
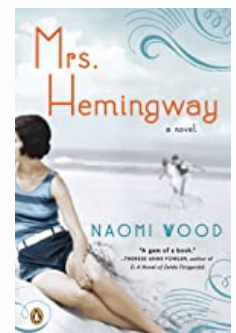
Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead is the epic tale of a female aviator. Marian and her twin are sent to live in Montana in 1914 after their mother dies when they are infants. Barn stormers inspire young Marian and later she becomes a bush pilot in Alaska. In WWII she ferries Spitfires and in 1949 begins a pole-to-pole circumnavigation of the globe which ends in a crash in Antarctica. In a present-day narrative, film star Hadley who was orphaned by a plane crash is cast to portray Marian, a big change from her previous fantasy movie roles. This new novel promises history and adventure as these women push the boundaries inscribed around them.

Andy Weir's **Project Hail Mary** gives the reader a sun that is rapidly dying, meaning humanity will be wiped out within decades.



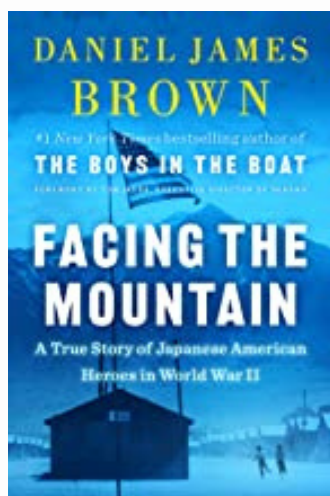
Survival of the species depends on a lone astronaut who is far from home. Weir, the author of **Martian**, shows that he is a star in the mainstream science fiction world.

If you watched the recent Ken Burns miniseries on Ernest Hemingway, learn more about the interesting women Hemingway married with an historical novel. **The Paris Wife** by Paula McLain gives a vivid picture of Hadley Richardson, his first wife. The journalist Martha Gelhorn is portrayed in **Love and Ruin**, also by Paula McLain. Read **Mrs. Hemingway** by Naomi Wood for a portrait of all four wives.



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

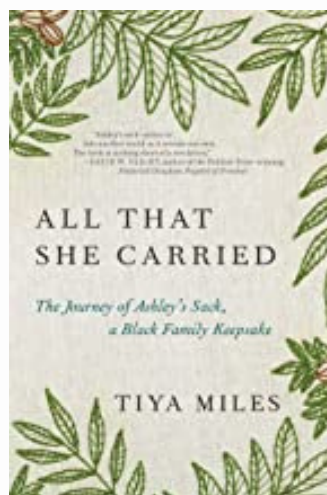
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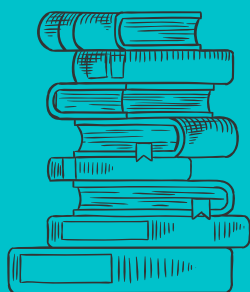
Nonfiction readers will anticipate reading **Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II** by Daniel James Brown, author of the best-selling **Boys in the Boat**. His new

book draws on his research and interviews about the Japanese American internment and focuses on four families with sons who volunteered to serve in the American military and their struggles with racism and equality. Brown describes the training and combat record of the all-Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and their bravery despite enormous casualties. Brown illuminates an important part of American history in his compelling style.

After the year we have been through, folks are ready to say, “Come on over,” to their friends and neighbors. Elizabeth Heiskell adds to any get together with fun, fast, filling food with a Southern twist. Check out **Come on Over! Southern Delicious for Every Day & Every Occasion**.



MacArthur fellow Tiya Miles examines a cloth sack displayed in the Smithsonian Museum of African American History. In 1852 an enslaved woman named Rose packed this sack for her nine-year-old daughter Ashley who was being sold to a new master in South Carolina. Rose included a tattered dress, three handfuls of pecans and a braid of her own hair. Later in 1921 Ashley's granddaughter embroidered Rose's wish that “It be filled with my love always,” on the sack. Historian Miles uses South Carolina plantation records and more to craft this moving narrative. Look for **All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake**.



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Adult Enrichment

WHY SHOULD KIDS HAVE ALL THE FUN?

Activities for ages 18+ will be offered every Thursday evening through June and July.
See our website and social media for a full calendar.



June 3, 6pm, Facebook Live *So You Want to Start a Podcast?*

Spotify, microphones, recording, promotion...where should you begin? Get started with a lesson by local Podcaster, Emma Shappley, host of *Hope over Hype*. Register on our Facebook page.

June 10, 6pm Facebook Live *Food Preservation/Freezing Basics*

Join us on Facebook Live for some deliciously nutritious recipes and tips presented by the NC Cooperative Extension.



July 15, 7pm, Facebook Live *Healthy & Delicious Smoothies*

Who can resist this healthy and refreshing summer treat? Join us on Facebook Live for some deliciously nutritious recipes and tips presented by the NC Cooperative Extension.

July 22, 7pm, Facebook Live *Keto on a Budget*

Eliminate the confusion of Keto. Learn some cooking and shopping hacks to save you time and money while on the Keto diet.



July 29, 7pm, Facebook Live *Storytelling with North Carolina Author Patrice Gopo*

Patrice Gopo is an award-winning essayist. Drawing on her experience as the child of Jamaican immigrants, Patrice Gopo enjoys exploring issues of race, immigration, and belonging. She is the author of *All the Colors We Will See*, a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers selection.



Check our website and social media for more adult programs throughout the year.





History Highlight

SHELBY CITY PARK CAROUSEL

DONNA BRIDGES AND KALLEN TERRY

Summer in Shelby is a wonderful time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, but things normally kick off in April at the Shelby City Park. With the beginning of April, the Shelby City Park typically sees the opening of many of its attractions: the Miniature Train, the All Aboard Playground, and its most beautiful point of attraction, the Carousel.



The \$6500 item was a gift given to the park and citizens of Shelby by the First National Bank of Shelby, NC, and Union Trust. The 1919 Herschell-Spillman Company item was brought from Florida to Shelby and is considered one of our greatest gifts. The Carousel began its operation at the Shelby City Park in the 1950s and operated for about 30 years.

In the 1980s, Tommy Forney and Brenda Lowery started restoration of the two chariots and 36 wooden horses as part of the American Folk Art Restoration. Only 32 of the horses were restored and many of the moving parts were hand painted. Music from the 1923 Artizan Wurlitzer Military Band organ has delighted many on this attraction.

The Annual Foothills Merry Go Round Festival brings in huge crowds from Cleveland County and the surrounding area in late April. People come from all over to see the restoration of this antique, celebrating the unique environment and heritage with preservation in mind.

Although the festival was cancelled in 2020, explore our beautiful City Park and the outdoor experiences they offer. A perfect place for family and friends to safely gather outdoors, in the lovely town of Shelby.



Do you want to learn about your family's history in Cleveland County? Get started using our Census data, death records, and grave information in the Cleveland County History section in the North Carolina Room!



Making Our Community Better

Cleveland County's drive to make our community better has never been more important than since the Covid-19 Pandemic forced many businesses to close their doors, schools to operate remotely, and all residents of Cleveland County, North Carolina, the country, and the world, to change our approach to every day life, and start to embrace what might be a new normal. Since March 2020, Cleveland County Government's dynamic leadership and its **ReAct, ReBuild, ReThink** initiative to making local government more responsive to the needs of its residents, the county was able to redeploy its resources through the hard work and dedication of all of its departments.

The Cleveland County Health department continued to remain agile during the pandemic by working with the state and federal government to offer drive thru vaccination clinics in early 2021. This was in addition to the Health Department's School Health Team planning to offer drive-thru Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) and

Meningococcal (MCV) drive-thru vaccine clinics for rising 7th to 12th graders in mid-May 2021. The Health Department will begin offering Covid-19 vaccines in the Adult Health clinic and to Cleveland County High School students with parental consent.

The County Managers office worked with all county departments and with the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners to create a budget that will allow the county to enter the final phase of the **ReAct, ReBuild, ReThink** initiative. **ReThinking High Performance**, will allow the county to continue to provide a high level of services to the residents of Cleveland County. The **proposed budget for Cleveland County's Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022** is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the following locations:

In the office of the County Clerk, Cleveland County Administrative Office building
311 East Marion St., Shelby

Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library
104 Howie Dr., Shelby

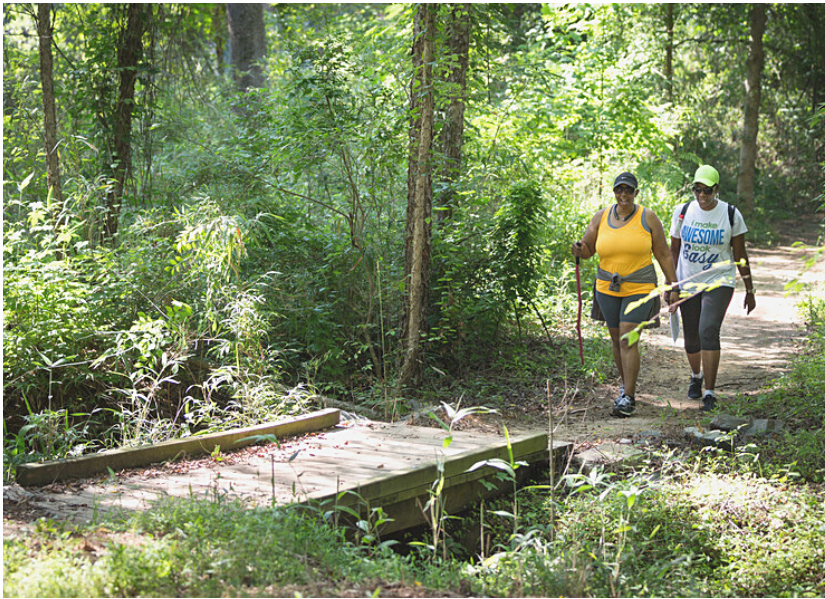
Mauney Memorial Library
100 S. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain

Spangler Library
112 Piedmont Dr., Lawndale

Ruby C. Hunt YMCA (Boiling Springs Library)
1322 Patrick Ave., Boiling Springs



Cleveland County is happy to serve you!



Get out in your Community

BROAD RIVER GREENWAY

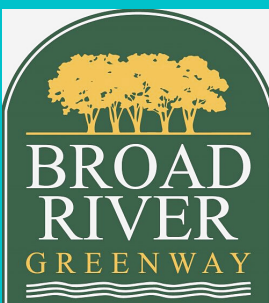


The 1500 acre Greenway is a great place to ride, hike or picnic and we love pets of all kinds. Please make sure your pet is on a leash at all times. While your horse and/or pet may be well behaved and great around other animals not every horse or pet is as comfortable with strangers. For the safety of all, leashes are a must, even out on the more isolated trails.

Bank fishing is available throughout the facility along with a shaded wooden playground and orienteering course.



Pick up a Kids In Parks brochure from the main parking area and go on a scavenger hunt, explore different bugs, learn the types of trees at BRG or follow the river through the ages. A story walk is installed from the playground to the fishing pier with a new book each month.



Explore our local trails this summer.

Community Partners

Foothills Farmers' Market

Foothills Farmers' Market is home to 75+ vendors bringing you the freshest food in Cleveland County. Our products travel an average of 12 miles to reach the Shelby City Pavilion where they are sold to our customers, and we pride ourselves that everything is raised or grown within 50 miles of Cleveland County.

Our schedule:

Uptown Market

Saturdays April-October

8am-noon

Shelby City Pavilion

126 West Marion Street, Shelby, NC

Wednesday Market

Wednesdays May 19-October

8am-noon

Shelby City Pavilion

126 West Marion Street, Shelby, NC

Satellite Market

Tuesdays June-August

9am-1pm

Cleveland County Public Health Center

200 South Post Road, Shelby, NC

For more information, visit our website at www.foothillsfarmersmarket.com, call 704-470-7603, or follow our Facebook or Instagram for the most up-to-date schedules.

Along with our local food vendors, bakers, and plants, we have a variety of local artisans bringing pottery, woodcrafts, candles, body products, and accessories to the Market weekly. Ages 3-12 are invited to stop by our POP Club to learn a bit about local food and agriculture. Each child receives a free \$2 POP Token to shop for fruits, vegetables, or plants that grow something edible. We often host live music to enjoy while you shop as well.



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Community Partners

NC Cooperative Extension



If you have a question or a problem, chances are we can help!

The Cleveland County Extension Center staff focus their work on issues and needs that are important right here in the local community.

We provide hands-on learning opportunities and technical assistance focused on:

- Protecting and preserving family farms
- Growing the agricultural economy
- Enhancing community access to fresh local food
- Beautifying lawns and landscapes
- Growing and preserving food at home
- Improving diet, health and wellness
- Fostering resilient families and communities
- Helping kids grow into responsible, confident, caring & contributing adults



We provide information you can trust and assistance you can depend on. To learn more, visit ces.ncsu.edu or contact the Cleveland County Extension Center at 704-482-4365.



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Shelby City Park

The mission statement for Shelby City Park is to provide a variety of quality leisure services in a clean, safe environment for citizens of all ages.

Starting May 29 Shelby Aquatic Center will open! You do not want to miss out on swimming lessons, water aerobics, lap swim and just fun during our open swim time.

We offer summer tennis lessons and first tee golf lessons.

Our summer day camp will start June 7 and some spots are still left!
June 5 and July 17 we will have sign-ups for fall football and cheerleading.
See our website & Facebook page for details.

**NOW
OPEN**



We would love for you to come walk outside and enjoy the beautiful scenery. You can look over the 9 hole golf course and see the mountains in the distance. You do not want to miss our July 2 firework show. It is the best around. Come to the Park and sit back and enjoy the show!

For more information please contact our main office at 704-484-6826 or online at www.cityofshelby.com/parks



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Community Partners

Ruby Hunt YMCA Community Library

The library collection includes adult fiction, a large selection of children's stories and biographies, books with a 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 Post COVID operational hours are 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.

Starting June 15th, join us each week at the Ruby Hunt YMCA Community Library as we learn about different fairy tales that focus on animals.

Tuesdays in June & July, 10:00am
Community Library Storytime and Stem Activities
(School age children and Kindergarten and under)



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Community Partners

Coffee with the Curator

Third Wednesday of each month, 10:30 am

Cost: Free

Dom Flemons in Concert

Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25

Rissi Palmer Virtual Concert

Friday, June 2, 7:00 pm

Accessible through the ESC's

YouTube Channel

Cost: Free

Pickin' on the Square

Saturday, June 12, July

10, and August 14

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Cost: Free

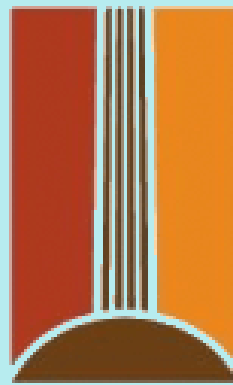
Darin Aldridge and Presley

Barker in
Concert

Thursday, July 15,

7:00 pm

Cost: \$20



EARL SCRUGGS CENTER

MUSIC & STORIES FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTH

Tray Wellington Band in Concert

Friday, June 25,

7:00 pm

Cost: \$15

Carley Arrowood and Daniel

Thrailkill in
Concert

Saturday, August

7, 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10

Step It Up & Go: book talk with author David Menconi

Tuesday, July 6, 7:00 pm

Cost: Free to attend, \$30 to reserve signed copy of the book Step It Up and Go:

The Story of North Carolina Popular Music, from Blind Boy Fuller and Doc Watson to Nina Simone and Superchunk



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The library has a new name!

The library had its rededication ceremony on Monday, May 3rd. Eugene Young donated a naming gift to the library and the library was named in honor of his mother, Eugenia Hammill Young. Mrs. Young was an avid reader and a supporter of the library.

Originally, the trust to rename the library was written into Eugene Young's will, but this was changed so he could enjoy the library with her name on it while he is still alive.

Eugenia never had a formal education, but she strongly believed in the importance of public education and she felt that the library played an important role in providing educational materials and community resources to all Cleveland County residents. She was known for her frequent library visits and her love of reading.



The latest books purchase for the Eugenia H. Young collection can be found in the library front door near the fiction section. Her portrait overlooks the shelves and a bench where visitors are welcome to relax and read.

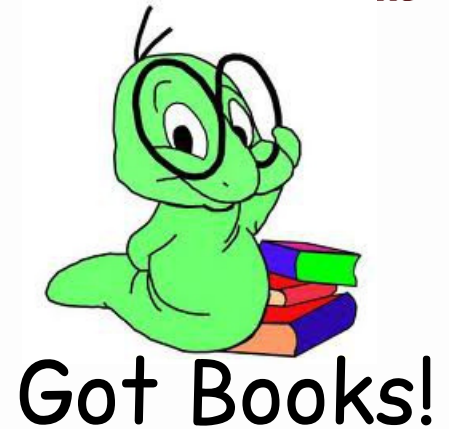


Four generations of Eugenia Lee



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