



# FRIENDS

OF THE

## WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

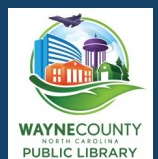
In June, our community came together to celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading program! We were so happy to partner with several organizations in our community, including the Optimists Club of Wayne County, The Arts Council of Wayne County, Wayne Community College, Kinston Wingmen, Friends of the Library, Blizzard Mountain Shaved Ice, Dolly the Therapy Dog, and Partnership for Children. The Children's Department is looking forward to providing programs that start young ones on a path of life-long learning. In

addition to special visits from Howell Woods Wildlife Center, Smokey the Bear, and magician, Dana Hill, the library will be providing weekly programs for all ages, including STEM events and story times for all children up to grade five. The library will also provide engaging programs for teens and adults. Children who are not engaged in learning during the summer can lose up to 2-3 months of reading and math skills, putting them behind in the fall. The library strives to offer fun, high-quality programming each summer to keep children engaged in learning.



**The Friends of the Wayne County Public Library** is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to enriching the programs and services at the library. They have helped to make possible:

- Annual Book Sale
- Book display cases
- Computer workstations
- Visits by noted authors
- Magazine subscriptions
- Bill Smith Community Garden
- Library branch printers
- Children's programs
- Local History programs





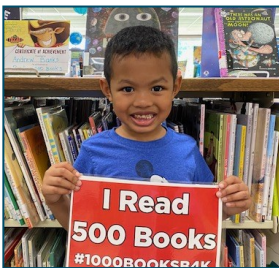
In June, we celebrated the birthday of our library mascot, Kit! Kids who attended the party got to help our kangaroo librarian celebrate with songs, stories, and games. We all had a great time, and look forward to many more years with Kit the Kangaroo!

Summer learners had a good time at Goldsboro Library's Good Chives Garden program. We had a special guest, Mr. Alex, from Soil and Water Conservation. Mr. Alex taught us all about how soil is made and how important it is to all life on earth. After our time with Mr. Alex, Ms. Maddie helped us plant our own grass seeds using egg shells, soil, seeds, and water.



Congratulations to those who are meeting their goals in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge! This nationwide program promotes literacy for newborns, infants, and toddlers, and encourages an early love of reading. If you're interested in trying this challenge, there is information available on our website, including a break-down of the number of books to read weekly to meet your goal!

Top: Josiah, Callan  
Bottom: Cade, Andrew, Colton & Cooper



The community garden at our Goldsboro Library is a sight to behold right now! Have you been by to discover and explore the garden recently? We highly recommend it! While there, note the sensory and

color components available in our garden. This garden is a work of love for our community and we are so grateful to our dedicated gardener volunteer, Latricia, for making this garden so vibrant and healthy.





**W**elcome to our Summer 2024 Marty Tschetter Memorial Internship intern, Davia Webb! Davia is pursuing a Masters degree in Library and Information Science with a concentration on archives and records management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Davia is currently working on digitizing parts of our photograph collection to increase accessibility.



**O**n May 20, Local History hosted an author event with Charlotte-based author Meredith Ritchie. Ritchie's book, *Poster Girls*, was selected as part of the 2024 North Carolina Reads program. Community members came and learned about her process of writing this debut novel as well as the often untold history of women's involvement in Charlotte's war production factory.

# “Sure Wish I Was Home”

Wayne County During World War II

**I**n June, the Local History department hosted a three-part series about the history of World War II. This series, a year in the making, was designed to offer multiple perspectives of the war's deep history. The speakers each offered a different topic and area of expertise for our patrons to appreciate. Dr. Roy Heidicker kicked off the series with a presentation about D-Day on the 80th Anniversary of the event. The

following week, Wilbur Jones, a nationally known military historian, spoke about the roles of American women during the war. The series concluded with Al Cooke sharing about his father's experience as a POW in Germany. To accompany these events, the Local History staff has created a digital exhibit which tells the history of World War II from a local perspective. The exhibit features collections of stories about local

journalism regarding the war, the men who served, and those left behind on the home front. The exhibit's title, “Sure Wish I Was Home” expresses a recurring sentiment of wartime correspondence. We encourage you to view this exhibit and learn about our community during this pivotal time.

The exhibit can be found at [waynecountymemory.com](http://waynecountymemory.com)



**W**e enjoyed a long walk on the trails at Cliffs of the Neuse State Park! Emily Fritz from the Sound Rivers Organization joined us to discuss the importance of our waterways.



**I**n June, library Director, Donna Phillips, received the Hero of the Month award from Jay's Kitchen. During the presentation, Assistant County Manager Ginger Moore highlighted the significant work Donna has done throughout our community while leading library services as well.

# Northern Wayne Library



The Northern Wayne Stitchers are hard at work, and having a great time quilting! Attendees used a variety of resources to learn new techniques and skills, including instructional videos. They also are using different objects to help with their projects, and recently learned how to baste a quilt using pool noodles. While learning how to sew, the Northern Wayne Stitchers have made 200 pillowcases to donate to children’s hospitals in North Carolina. Are you interested in joining the group? All experience levels are welcome, and we hope you’ll join us on this new adventure! The next meeting is Tuesday, June 25 at 9:30 am at the Northern Wayne Library.



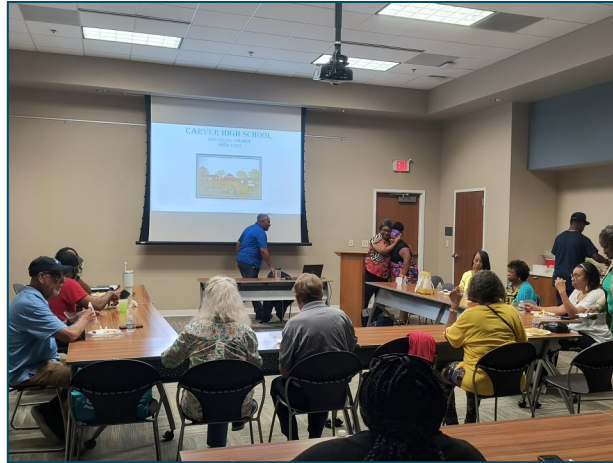
Our Northern Wayne branch librarians are enjoying hosting events for the community in their new building! At a Baby and Me story time in June, toddlers and infants had a great time creating “smoosh solar systems” using paint and then went on a cosmic parade through the library! We look forward to seeing you at the new library!



We so enjoy having story time at Mickey’s Pastry! In May we had a special Mother’s Day story time at the bakery, and our story time friends were able to listen to a story and then use molds to make and decorate cookies.



# Steele Memorial Library



We had a fantastic time at Carver Alumni's Juneteenth program! Aubree Nicole Southerland, rising sixth grader at Wayne Early Middle School, kicked off the night with a speech she wrote about the meaning of Juneteenth. Aubree did a wonderful job, and set the stage for the program. Mrs. Carrie Kornegay, Carver Alumni President, gave a presentation on the history and legacy of Carver High School. Everyone enjoyed learning about the rich history of the teachers and parents coming together to build

something great for their children and community. The Carver Alumni is dedicated to preserving its history, and we will continue to share this legacy with future generations.



Steele Memorial Library kickstarted the Summer Learning Program for adults with Adventures in Sewing! Using tools in the makerspace, including sewing machines and a Cricut cutter, attendees made fish-shaped laundry bags perfect for summer. They're looking forward to the rest of our summer adventures!



Having specialists from Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center is a highlight of every summer! This year, kids were able to meet Ms. Kaitlyn and her friends, including a box turtle and Lyle the snake! After seeing all of the cool animals, we made our own chain link snakes out of paper. How fun!



**Goldsboro Library**  
Call 919-735-1824 ext. 1 to register

**Baby and Me Storytime**  
**Wednesdays 9:30 am**  
Introduce books, reading, and language to your baby through stories, songs, rhymes, and movement. Come learn fun ways to help build the early literacy skills children need to become successful readers! For ages 0-2 with a parent or caregiver.

**Summer Reading at the Cliffs**  
**Cliffs of the Neuse State Park**  
**Tuesdays 10:30 am**  
Join us at the picnic shelter for a morning of stories and crafts. We will be meeting Tuesdays at 10:30 am. In the event of rain, the program will be canceled.

**Beginner Watercolor Lesson**  
**Monday, July 8 6 pm**  
Participants will receive an hour of instruction about watercolor basics and will be able to paint their own picture to take home.

**Understanding STEM: What is AI (Artificial Intelligence)?**  
**Tuesday, July 9 6 pm**  
Emerging Technology instructor Cynthia Kaye will present an program on how AI has infiltrated our world and the future of AI.

**Tech Help Thursday**  
**Thursday, July 11 3 pm**  
Get assistance with your device.

**Crafting with Karen**  
**Saturday, July 13 10 am**  
Christmas in July? Why not! Registration required.

**How to Buy a Used Car**  
**Saturday, July 13 3:30 pm**  
Learn where to start on your search, what to look for and avoid, and resources to help you.

**Microsoft Word for Beginners**  
**Tuesday, July 16 6 pm**  
Learn basics of Word with a patient reference librarian.

**Wellness Wednesday: Healthy Vision and You**  
**Wednesday, July 17 6 pm**  
Join the conversation about healthy vision. UNC Wayne Health librarian Sylvia Judd will be here to talk about resources and tips for healthy vision.

**Our Favorite Reads book club**  
**Thursday, July 18 5 pm**  
Share what you're reading and get recommendations from other members. We will meet in the Baddour Garden outside the library.

**Moments of Mindfulness**  
**Friday, July 19 3 pm**  
Take time out of your week to learn about different types of journaling and creating a space to recharge.

**Why Knot?**  
**Monday, July 22 2:30 pm**  
Knitters and crocheters, bring the project you're working on and spend time with other yarn enthusiasts.

**New Dawn Inspirational Book Club**  
**Tuesday, July 23 3 pm**  
Our July title is *As Dawn Breaks* by Kate Breslin.

**Classic Movie Night: All About Eve (1950)**  
**Wednesday, July 24 6 pm**  
Join us for Classic Movie Night and enjoy a screening of *All About Eve* (1950) starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter.

**Android Phones for Beginners**  
**Thursday, July 25 6 pm**  
Learn how to navigate an Android phone or tablet.

**Silent Read N' Sip**  
**Thursday, July 25 6 pm**  
A quiet, relaxing time for people to read and have a short discussion afterwards.

**Passion to Portfolio: A Viewing**  
**Tuesday, July 30 6 pm**  
Come for a viewing of the first two episodes in CNN's 2019 documentary series, "Passion to Portfolio." Learn how successful entrepreneurs got their starts and how they made it.

**Paint & Sip Coffee**  
**Wednesday, July 31 6:30 pm**  
Paint a picture with us – all skill levels welcomed and encouraged! Registration required.

**Local History**  
Call 919-735-1824 ext. 1830 to register

**What is PassitDown?**  
**Wednesday, July 3 4 pm**  
An informational session about our online exhibit platform. Learn how you can share your Wayne County memories with our library!

**What's That Say? Reading Cursive on Historic Documents**  
**Thursday, July 11 6 pm**  
Reading the penmanship of the past can prove to be one of the largest stumbling blocks to doing historical research. Join us for this informational session and workshop and learn tips and tricks for deciphering those tricky cursive letters.

**Introduction to Genealogy**  
**Monday, July 15 6 pm**  
Join us for an informative workshop about how to get started with your genealogy research! This will include databases such as Ancestry, Fold3, Heritage Quest.

**Northern Wayne Library**  
Call 919-705-1892 to register

**Northern Wayne Inspirational Book Club**  
**Monday, July 1 10 am**  
Join us as we discuss books of Inspirational Fiction. This month we will be discussing *Angel Sister* by Ann H. Gabhart.

**Northern Wayne Stitches**  
**Tuesdays, July 2, 16 9:30 am**  
Work with an experienced instructor in sewing and quilting. All skill levels welcome.

**Summer Learning (4+)**  
**Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25 10 am**  
Read, talk, and craft your way through themed story times. Registration required.

**Baby & Me Summer Learning (birth - 3)**

**Thursday July 11 &**

**Wednesday, July 17, 24 10:30 am**

Join us for a special sharing time together promoting and modeling early literacy. Babies will enjoy books, puppets, songs, and dance. Registration required.

**Family Movie Day**

**Saturday, July 13 10:30 am**

Emotions are high with the kids out of school for the summer. Bring them to the library to make your own “core memories” and learn more about emotions.

**Steele Memorial Library**  
Call 919-299-8105 ext. 2 to register

**Storytime**

**Wednesdays & Thursdays 10 am**

Join us every week for songs and stories! Ages birth to 5.

**Cardio Drumming**

**Thursday, July 18 & 25 3 pm**

One of the most fun workouts you'll ever do!

**Summer Adventure Book Club**

**Thursday, July 11 3 pm**

We will discuss *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson.

**Classic Tale of Adventure**

**Tuesday, July 9 5 pm**

Teens will enjoy a showing of one of the greatest adventure movies ever made.

**Adventure In the Everglades**

**Wednesday, July 10 3 pm**

National Geographic virtual tour of the Everglades National Park.

**Knitting Circle**

**Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25 5 pm**

Join our knitting/crocheting circle! All experience levels welcome.

**Wilderness Survival Guide**

**Tuesday, July 16 5 pm**

Teens will be put to the test to see how they'd fare in a myriad of different survival situations.

**Paint By Number Adventure**

**Wednesday, July 17 3 pm**

Paint a canvas by numbers! Space is

limited.

**Worldwide Snack Adventure**

**Wednesday, July 24 3 pm**

Sample snacks from Japan, Mexico, South Africa & South Korea!

**Summer Learned Party**

**Tuesday, July 23 5 pm**

To close out the Summer Learning Program, teens can enjoy a break with some food and board games.

**Summer Learning Finale**

**Thursday, July 25 1 pm**

Join us for a big celebration to finish out Summer Learning! Grades K-5.

**Open Makerspace Hours**


**Wednesdays, 10 am-1 pm**

**Fridays, 1-4 pm**

Bring your own supplies and use our makerspace tools – Cricut, sewing, knitting, crochet – on our big craft tables.

Follow us for more information on upcoming events!!

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**Friends Spotlight: Elizabeth Mitchell**



Elizabeth Mitchell, a Friend of the Library, uses her passion and talent for sewing to sew Bunny Loveys for the Library's Welcome Baby Bags. Elizabeth is a wonderful volunteer and has sewn over 100 Bunny Loveys.

**HOWELL WOODS WILDLIFE VISIT**

STEELE MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1:00 PM

GOLDSBORO LIBRARY  
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 3:00 PM

Come on an adventure and meet some new friends For children and their caregivers

Steele Signup: Scan or call 919-299-8105 ext. 5352

Goldsboro: Scan or call 919-735-1824 ext. 5105

JOHNSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
HOWELL WOODS

**SMOKEY BEAR**

For children and their caregivers

Goldsboro Library  
Thursday, June 20, 3:00 PM

Steele Memorial Library  
Thursday, July 18, 1:00 PM

scan here for Goldsboro sign up

scan here for Steele sign up

**Dana Hill Magic Show**

Thursday, July 11 for children and their caregivers

Northern Signup  
Northern 10:00am

Steele Signup  
Steele 1:00pm

Goldsboro Signup  
Goldsboro 3:30pm

## Friends of the Wayne County Public Library—Membership

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