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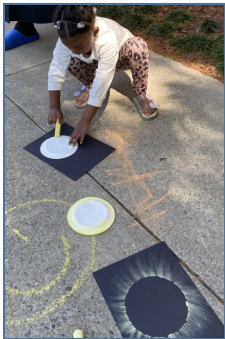
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## WAYNE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

May — Jun 2024

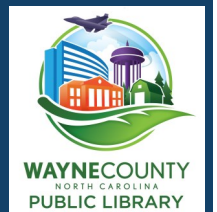
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On Monday, April 8th, our children's department hosted a very special Solar Eclipse Party. During the event, children learned what exactly a solar eclipse is (when the moon passes between the earth and the sun!), designed their own UV bead necklaces to see if the eclipse would prevent the beads from changing colors, decorated party hats, and had a viewing of the eclipse in the Carolyn Baddour Garden.



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



Our library garden is in full bloom! The Goldsboro library offers children, families, and the community a chance to learn about gardening and how important growing food is to our

community. In April, the library held a plant exchange for everything from clippings to tools. Throughout the warmer months, there will be several programs for children to learn about how to grow flowers and food.





The State Library of North Carolina is offering scholarships for individuals to obtain their high school diploma through Excel High School, an online, self-paced high school for adult learners, free of charge. Our library is excited to be part of this project and has been publicizing it for several months. So far, Wayne County has the most

scholarship recipients of any county in the state, and 3 students have already finished their studies. On Friday, March 8, we hosted a graduation ceremony for the graduates and their families. The State Library provided caps and gowns, we provided the refreshments, and we all celebrated this big milestone in these students' lives!



Wayne County native Lynn Gorges presented a fascinating talk on the qualities of traditional North Carolina-made quilts and their links to different parts of the state and nation. She was able to give information about the age and fabrics of quilts that various attendees brought.



The Scrap Exchange from Durham came with barrels of scraps—paper, felt, ribbon, film canisters, popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, you name it! The Scrap Exchange is a Creative Reuse Center dedicated to taking extra supplies from individuals, businesses, industries,

and municipal sources and giving them a new life through their various events throughout southeastern North Carolina. Participants created a wide variety of things and got to flex their creative muscles on a rainy Saturday afternoon.



At the end of February, the Friends sponsored a visit from award-winning author, Jeffrey Blount, who discussed his newest novel, *Mr. Jimmy From Around the Way*. This is a story of failure, self-discovery, empowerment, and the possibility of redemption.

The event was held at Wayne Community college, and there were 60 young people in attendance. We were so glad to see a new group of faces, and hope that they will participate in future library events.



We have so much fun at story time in Goldsboro. The children's department has programs for young ones on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am for birth to age two and at 10:30 am for kids age three through preschool.

Attending story times at this age, is important to help children develop concentration, social skills, communication skills, and encourages their imagination and creativity. Our children's librarians incorporate songs and craft projects to help little ones grow and develop.



Spring is in the air and flowers are popping up at the library. Tuesday, April 2, the teen "Young Artist Program" (YAP) learned about American painter, Georgia O'Keeffe, who was among the most influential figures in Modernism.

O'Keeffe is best known for her large-format paintings of natural subjects, especially flowers. Our artist's used oil pastels to create their flowers and brighten up the children's department. YAP is a monthly art program for kids in grades K-4.

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## SUMMER LEARNING

### 2024

Thursdays at 3 pm

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ADVENTURE

June 20th: Smokey Bear Visit  
 June 27th: Galaxy Adventures  
 July 4th: Program Break  
 July 11th: Dana Hill Magic Visit  
 July 18th: Howell Woods Wildlife Visit  
 July 25th: Dinosaur Dig Finale

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Wayne County Public Library presents

# SUMMER LEARNING AT THE CLIFFS

JOIN US EACH WEEK FOR STORIES AND OUTDOOR FUN!

Tuesdays  
June 18- July 23

10:30 am  
For all ages

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 CLIFFS OF THE NEUSE STATE PARK  
 240 PARK ENTRANCE RD,  
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# Northern Wayne Library

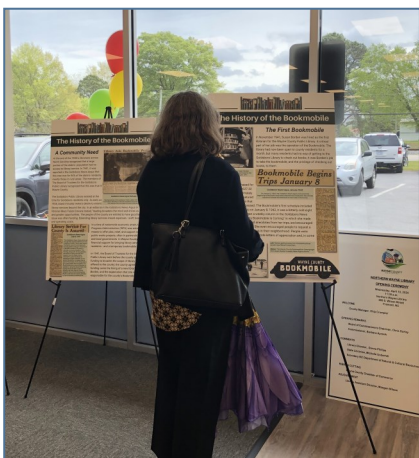
**O**n April tenth we celebrated the grand opening of the Northern Wayne Library and the Mobile Library. The new library branch is located at 609 S. Wilson St. in Fremont and replaces branches in Pikeville and Fremont. The library's hours will be Monday-Friday from 9 until 1, and 2 until 6, and on Saturday from 9 until 1. The new building will be closed on Sunday.

Thank you to the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce for hosting a ribbon cutting and to all the residents and special guests who helped us mark this special event.

Speakers included County Manager Chip Crumpler, Chairman Chris Gurley, Commissioner Barbara Aycock, Library Director Donna Phillips, State Librarian Michelle Underhill, NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources Secretary D. Reid Wilson, and Library Assistant Director Maegen Wilson.

One message resonated—the Wayne County Public Library is more than just books! If you haven't visited a library branch lately, check one out. There are so many free resources to learn and grow!

Article from waynegov.com





# Steele Memorial Library



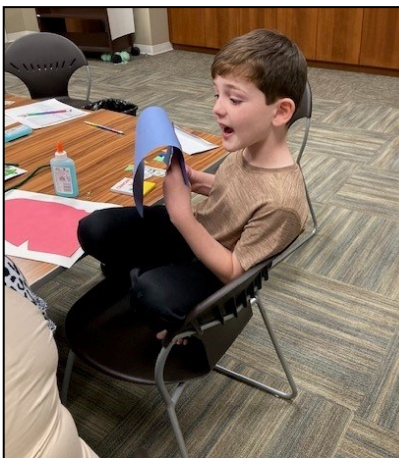
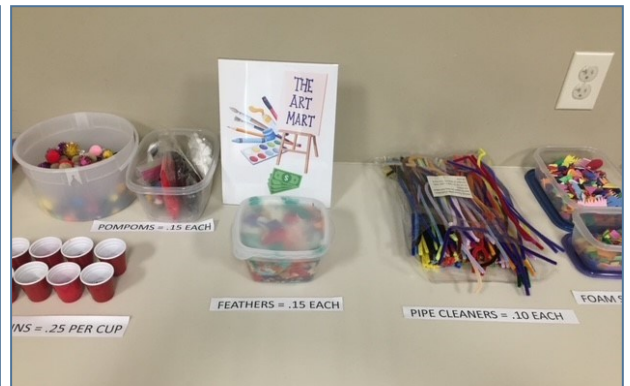
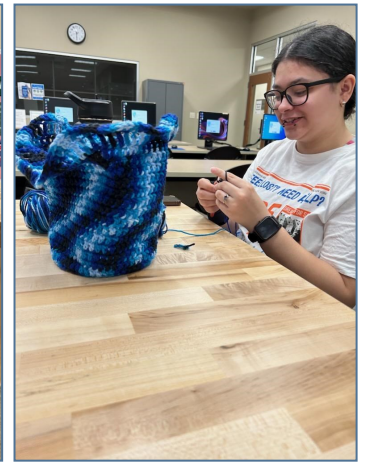
**O**n April 12, Steele Memorial Library hosted the 3–4-year-old Carver Head Start class for a story time. We sang some songs, read some red books, and played a game reaffirming their recognition of various colors. Everyone had a great time, and we look forward to several more Carver Head Start classes coming to the library at the end of the month.

**S**teele Memorial Library’s Maker Space has incorporated a knitting circle! This weekly program is a time for anyone who is working on a knitting or crochet project, or who wants to learn a new skill, to sit and chat with other creators. These ladies continued their

projects—a sweater and a pouch.

The library has a small supply of yarn, hooks and needles available for anyone who wants to join in and learn how to create something!

The Knitting Circle meets every Thursday from 5 until 7 p.m. at Steele Memorial Library.



**O**ur elementary school friends learned about personal finances while crafting some unusual creatures. At the Steele Memorial Library Art Mart event, children were given five library bucks to purchase whatever supplies they needed to make their monster. We learned that sometimes you have to get creative with how you spend your money (“I can buy two foam squares and cut them in half instead of buying four foam triangles!”) and sometimes you can work together to make your money go farther (“Let’s share the markers!”) Who knew budgeting could be this fun?

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

**Wellness Wednesday: Finding a Physician**

**Wednesday, May 8 6:00 pm**  
Join UNC Wayne Health librarian Sylvia Judd to find resources on finding a physician that is right for you.

**Tech Help Thursday**

**Local History Room**

**Thursday, May 9 3:00 pm**  
Drop in between 3 and 4 to get one-on-one assistance with your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or any other technology related questions.

**Computer Basics**

**Yellow Study Room**

**Thursday, May 9 6:00 pm**  
For one hour, a skilled reference librarian will host a session to help you build your computer skills. Registration required, spots limited.

**Dogs Day at the Neuse**

**Cliffs of the Neuse State Park**

**Saturday, May 11 10:00-11:30 am**  
Bring your furry friends for a morning of walking and learning about the Neuse River. Space is limited and registration is required, and all dogs are required to be on a leash.

**Women Evolution Workshop**

**Saturday, May 18 2:00 pm**

Join us to celebrate women and the different stages of life! We will discuss important health and wellness issues many women face, like the elements of postpartum, sciatic nerve pain, menopause, and fibromyalgia. We will have snacks, a kids' corner, games and giveaways, and advice from health professionals. Presented by T.R.U.T.H. - To Really Understand Thy Health.

**Android Basics**

**Yellow Study Room**

**Tuesday, May 21 6:00 pm**  
Learn how to navigate an Android phone or tablet with a patient reference librarian. Registration required, Spots limited.

**Improve your News Diet**

**Yellow Study Room**

**Tuesday, May 28 6:00 pm**  
Want to be more informed about current events but don't know who to trust? Learn from a reference librarian how to parse through news bias and take control of your information intake. Registration required, spots limited.

**Our Favorite Reads Book Club**

**Yellow Study Room**

**Wednesday, May 29 6:00 pm**  
Join the conversation for a meeting of the Our Favorite Reads book club. We will be participating in the Statewide North Carolina Reads initiative. We will be participating via Zoom in the Statewide discussion of the book *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Registration is suggested.

**Local History**

Call 919-735-1824 ext. 1830 to register

**Oral History Training**

**Local History Room**

**Wednesday, May 1 4:00 pm**  
Join us for an informational session about oral histories. Keep hearing that term but unsure what it really means? This is the session for you! We will discuss the purpose and importance of oral histories in local history work as well as our current projects. Registration required.

**Preserving Family Photos**

**Local History Room**

**Thursday, May 2 4:00 pm**  
Join us for an informational session about how to store and protect your family photos. We will discuss methods and practices to ensure that your memories last a lifetime! Registration recommended.

**Digitization Workshop**

**Local History Room**

**Friday, May 3 2:00 pm**  
Join us for a training session and learn how to digitize your old family photos and documents. Bring a photo or item you would like digitized. Registration

recommended

**Scrapbooking 101: Keeping Memories Alive**

**Local History Room**

**Saturday, May 18 12:00 pm**  
Want to learn how to scrapbook safely and preserve your memories for generations? Join us for an informational workshop about the joys of scrapbooking and photo preservation, and go home with your very own scrapbook! Materials and space limited, registration required.

**Local History Author Event: An Evening with Meredith Ritchie**

**GW Auditorium**

**Monday, May 20 6:00 pm**

Join us for an evening with Meredith Ritchie, author of the award-winning novel *Poster Girls*. *Poster Girls* is a dual-perspective tale based on the true events of a diverse group of ordinary American women in the WWII-era South. A Charlotte native, Meredith Ritchie has brought to light a forgotten moment in Southern history in her debut novel. A limited number of books will be available to be signed by the author.

**History Documentary Night**

**Local History Room**

**Thursday, May 30 6:00 pm**

May 30th is International Jazz Day. In celebration, join us for a viewing of *Sounds of Jazz*, a documentary narrated by Morgan Freeman that details the Southern roots of jazz music. Documentary features several musical performances. 46 minute runtime. A short discussion will follow.

**Northern Wayne Library**

Call 919-705-1892 to register

**Story Time (4+)**

**Wednesdays, 10:00 am**

Join us as we read, talk, and craft our way through themed story times.

**Baby & Me Story Time (birth-3)**

**Thursdays, 10:30 am**

Join us for a special sharing time together promoting and modeling early



literacy. Babies will enjoy books, puppets, songs, and dance.

### Fun with Science (8+)

**Wednesday, May 8 4:30 pm**

Explore science with us! We will have a brief overview of a science concept followed by an experiment and craft/activity putting their science knowledge to the test.

### A Novel Team (8+)

**Wednesday, May 22 4:30 pm**

Our book club uses books to encourage young readers to share their thoughts, ideas, and perspectives. A craft or activity will follow the discussion.

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

### Knit/Crochet Basics

**Wednesday, May 1 3:00 pm**

Join us to learn more about knitting and crochet using our on-hand supplies.

### Storytime

**Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am**  
**Ages Birth to 5**

Join us for stories, songs, & crafts as we build on our listening and literacy skills, learn new words, and help our imaginations all at the same time. For ages 0-5 with a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

### Friends Book Sale

**Steele Memorial Library**  
**Friday, May 3rd (MEMBERS ONLY) & Saturday, May 4th**

The Friends Book Sale will be Friday May 3rd, from 3-7pm for members, and Saturday May 4th from 10am-2pm for the public.

### Teen Game Night

**Tuesday, May 7 5:00 pm**

Come play our board games and consoles or bring your own portable devices!

### The Page Turner's Book Club

**Thursday, May 9 3:00 pm**

We will be discussing *The Last Thing*

*He Told Me* by Laura Dave. This club is for adults.

### Bring Your Bear (or Other Stuff)

**Tuesday, May 14 4:00 pm**

Bring your best stuffed buddy, and we will treat them like royalty, finishing with a scavenger hunt in the children's area! Ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Registration required.

### CrafTeens

#### Steele Memorial Library

**Tuesday, May 14 5:00 pm**

Let's create something! Come show off your crafting skills!

### K-5 Movie

**Saturday, May 18 11:30 am**

Don't be silly, be Goofy! For K-5th grade with a parent or caregiver. No registration required.

### Open Makerspace Hours

**Wednesdays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm & Fridays, 1:00-4:00 pm**

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

### One Hour, One Shot

**Tuesday, May 21 5:00 pm**

Come join the fun and try new TTRPGs!

### Teen STEAM

**Tuesday, May 28 5:00 pm**

Come try different science experiments with us!


### Knitting Circle

**Thursdays, 5:00-7:00 pm**

Join our knitting circle! Newcomers, experienced knitters, and crocheters are welcome!

Follow us for more information on upcoming events!!

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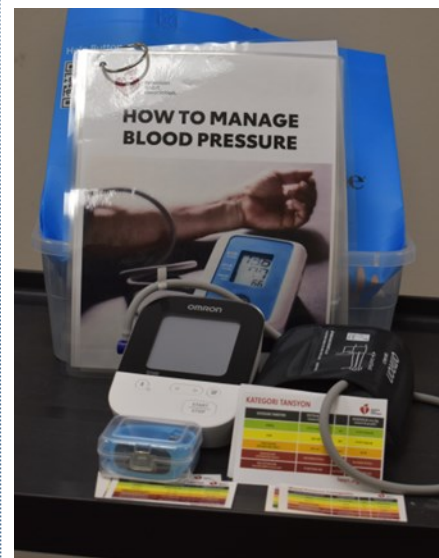
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 **Excel**  
ADULT HIGH SCHOOL



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If you're interested or know somebody who may be, contact Anna Snyder (919-735-1824 ext. 5106 or by email [anna.snyder@waynegov.com](mailto:anna.snyder@waynegov.com)).



Wayne Public Library is excited to partner with the American Heart Association to provide blood pressure monitoring kits for check out! Join us to learn about the kits, how to use them, and why it's important! Kits include information about monitoring and managing your BP in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole, a blood pressure cuff, and a pedometer.

## Friends of the Wayne County Public Library—Membership

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