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This marked the second year of our community reads program, Wayne County Reads, after the pandemic. The planning committee selected *Kindness and Wonder: Why Mr. Rogers Matters Now More than Ever* by Gavin Edwards. The book covered the life of Fred Rogers, as well as the making of his show, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. The committee planned several programs related to the book. At our first event, *The Words of Mister Rogers: An Evening with Tony Cartledge*, Cartledge, a professor at Campbell University, told of how he came to know Fred Rogers and drew from Mr. Rogers' wisdom and kindness for decades. The second event, *Voices*

of Our Neighborhood: A Community Gathering allowed attendees to share experiences from their own lives and find common ground. We also planned a screening of *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* and a book club meeting at the Seymour Johnson AFB Library.

Our final large event, the Neighborhood Noise and Nosh, invited our community to the library lawn to celebrate living in a beautiful "neighborhood" with live music, crafts, yard games, food trucks, and more.

Our community partners this year included Seymour Johnson AFB Library, University of Mount Olive Moyer Library, Wayne Community College, Wayne Country Day School,

and the Arts Council of Wayne County. Funding was provided by the Friends of the Wayne County Public Library.

**The Friends of the Wayne County Public Library** is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to enriching the programs and services at the library, such as:

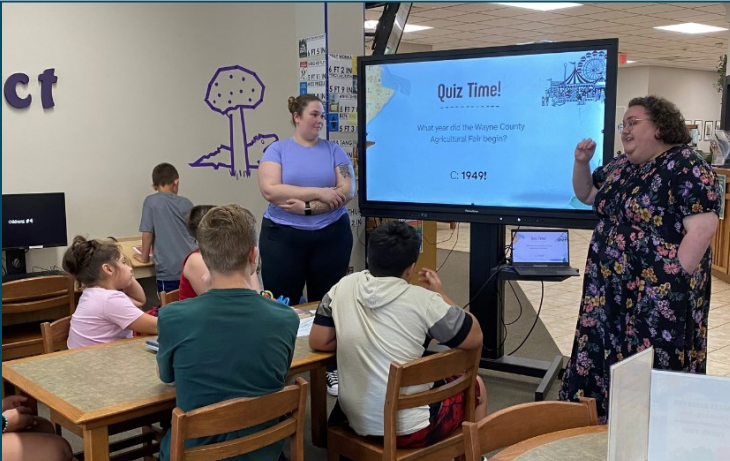
- Annual Book Sale
- Summer Learning Kickoff
- Computer workstations
- Visits by noted authors
- Bill Smith Community Garden
- Creative Aging Art Programming
- Wayne County Reads
- Local History programs







Young artists learned about the Spanish painter, Joan Miro, and painted a picture inspired by his art. Every month, YAP (Young Artists Program) has two programs for different age groups that encourages creativity and teaches about different artists and how their lives impacted their work.



The Children's Department has teamed up with Local History to offer a monthly program called The Time Traveler's Club. Each month, we choose a history topic to learn about and we dive into the Local History collections to learn how it relates to Wayne County. In September, we learned

about the importance of agriculture and the history of agricultural fairs. We discussed how agriculture is one of the largest and most important industries for Wayne County's economy and how the annual fair is meant to showcase our agricultural culture. The year 2024 is its 75th anniversary!



During the month of September, the children's department launched a new early literacy program. The Early Explorers program is designed to help preschool-aged children develop skills that will be helpful as they approach

kindergarten enrollment. Each week participants learn a new letter of the alphabet, and also work on their gross motor and fine motor skills by performing activities, exploring sensory bins, singing songs, and listening to stories.



The children's department also debuted a new afterschool STEM program. Green Guardians is an environmental education based STEM program which challenges participants to design their own solutions to real problems that are facing the environment. This program focuses on human impacts on the environment and encourages participants to think about sustainability and their own eco-footprints. In September, our Green Guardians learned about the impacts of oil spills and simulated an oil spill clean up.

Aaargh! Our story time friends had a great time reading stories about pirates, working on their favorite pirate phrases, and doing pirate crafts! The library has story times for all ages!



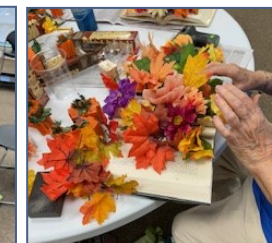




Since we began our “Why Knot?” program a few months ago, it has become a fun haven for people to come together and work on their various projects. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels can come and work on their latest projects, or learn a new skill, all while

enjoying a pleasant time with others.

This growing group meets monthly for an hour and a half. While there are no “instructors,” attendees are happy to help, and everyone has the opportunity to learn from one another!



For Crafting with Karen in September, our creative group made succulents out of sea glass. Each one turned out beautiful and unique! In October, the group made pumpkin decorations out of wooden blocks and fall center pieces.

Through the last few years, Crafting with Karen has become a staple program for people in the community. Attendees of different ages and skill levels are able to come and create something to brighten their homes. Our next event is November 9.



Have you heard this year is an election year? Making a plan to vote can be difficult in this age of aggressive advertising and misinformation-filled social media posts. Luckily, public libraries are the perfect place to go to become more civically engaged!

Libraries provide high-quality information, and librarians can help you discern whether or not the information you’ve seen is fact or fiction. Libraries also can help you register to vote, find information about candidates, and in the case of the Goldsboro Library, act as a polling location.

Over the past couple of years, the Goldsboro Library has become more involved in civic engagement activities by hosting events for National Voter Registration Day, informational sessions with the

Board of Elections, helping patrons uncover bias in news reporting or websites, and encouraging other libraries to do the same.

This year, we teamed up with the Board of Elections to hold an informational session and create voter photo IDs. This was our fifth year participating in National Voter Registration Day, and our most successful event to date! We registered nine people to vote, looked up polling locations for 17, and pointed several others toward websites with information about the candidates so they could do some research. Recently, candidate signs have been popping up all over the lawn as we get closer to Election Day. The library is a busy place during this time! We encourage everyone to do their research, decide on their choices, make a plan, and vote!



# Northern Wayne Library



The Creative Aging program continues this fall with basket-weaving classes at the new Northern Wayne Library taught by Uli Shepard! Thanks to an LSTA EZ grant made possible through funding from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, Wayne County Public Library, in partnership with the Arts Council of Wayne County, has been able to present Creative Aging, an initiative that aims to engage adults 55 and older in creative pursuits. As people begin to age, their minds and fine motor functions face a risk of severe deterioration. The Creative Aging program exists to curb this issue by hosting events to nurture seniors' creative strengths.

Story time at Northern Wayne Library has been super spooky this past month! Ghosties and ghoulies created with tissue paper were given fun faces, and we also Mod Podged pumpkins using newspaper and magazine pictures.

The new library is greatly enjoyed by our patrons at the northern part of the county, and they enjoy seeing their artwork decorating the shelves. The staff have been able to expand programming and are excited to bring more activities to patrons of all ages in Pikeville and Fremont. Have you visited yet?



This month, the Northern Wayne Stitchers have been busy! Here, we see Melanie, Shirley and David working a lap quilt using a quilting frame while our newer members are learning to sew quilts on machines. This is a sewing club that started with the Creative Aging program for quilting and has continued since the event has concluded. This group will be able to qualify as a Sewing Guild by the end of this year since they will have met the requirements for being able to instruct others how to sew. Also, Oma W. won first prize for her table runner at the fair!

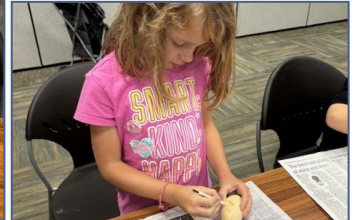




# Steele Memorial Library



**M**usic and Movement is a new program at Steele for children from birth to age 5. We move to music, sing, say rhymes, and play instruments, all to help develop early literacy skills. How are music, movement, and literacy connected? In so many ways! Movement helps with development of coordination, motor skills, and cognitive skills. Music helps with development of language, listening skills, and memory. Plus, it's just a lot of fun!



**W**e had so much fun assembling and painting these birdhouses! Attendees could choose from three birdhouse shapes, and then were able to paint and add different touches to make them their own. Everyone's house came out fantastic!

**W**e had Fun with Fossils at Steele with our elementary-aged friends! We made imprints of dinos in Play Doh, watched a video about tools paleontologists use, sifted through fossil remains from the Aurora Fossil Museum, and dug out our own dino to keep. Join us next time, November 12, for our Junior Air Force!



**W**e had a blast at our community garden festival at Steele Memorial Library! A special thanks to Sisters II Ice Cream and Me, Heather Kaiser, who painted faces, Jo Daniels, from Beekeepers of the Neuse, Chuck Keith and the Master Gardeners, and Dinorah Keith & Christine with the Cooperative Extension EFNEP.

The adults had just as much fun as the kids eating ice cream, getting their faces painted, playing games, and picking persimmons. We learned about bees and beekeeping and about the vegetables and fruit trees in the garden. We are already looking forward to next year. Hope to see you there!

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

**Moments of Mindfulness  
Goldsboro Library Garden  
Wednesday, Nov 6 4 pm**

Decorate your own journal and take time out of your busy week to learn about different types of journaling and creating a space to recharge.

**Documentary Night: *Just Like Me*  
Local History Room  
Wednesday, Nov. 6 6 pm**

Join us as we watch and discuss *Just Like Me: The Vietnam War, The American War*. This film follows Vietnam veteran Ron Osgood as he seeks stories from all sides of the Vietnam War/American War. *Just Like Me* focuses on topics other than combat, such as music, art, and respect for the enemy. Space is limited. Registration required.

**How to Read Historic Maps  
Local History Room  
Thursday, Nov. 7 3 pm**

Want to learn how to read historic maps? Interested in what all those tiny symbols mean? Come down to Local History, and we'll go through several maps together and answer all your questions.

**Our Favorite Reads Book Club  
Baddour Garden/Herman Park  
Thursday, Nov. 7 5 pm**

Join the conversation at the next Our Favorite Reads book club. Share what you are reading and get recommendations from other members. We will meet in the Baddour Garden outside the library.

**Crafting with Karen  
Saturday, Nov. 9 10 am**

Get in the holiday spirit! Join us to make a festive Christmas wreath.

**Getting Started with Libby  
Yellow Study Room  
Saturday, Nov. 9 3:30 pm**

Want to read eBooks at no cost but don't know how? Learn how to use Libby on your device to take advantage of this useful service.

**Wellness Wednesday:  
Diabetes Awareness  
Wednesday, Nov. 13 4 pm**

Join UNC Health Wayne Certified Diabetes Educator Jennifer Loper for a session on Diabetes Awareness. Learn the signs, symptoms, and available resources as part of Diabetes Awareness month.

**Seymour Johnson Air Force Base:  
The Vietnam War Years  
Thursday, Nov. 14 6 pm**

Join us to learn about the role of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base during the Vietnam War. This talk will be presented by Randy Bergeron, 4th Fighter Wing Historian.

**Microsoft Word for Beginners  
Yellow Study Room  
Friday, Nov. 15 3:30 pm**

Learn basics of Word with a patient reference librarian. Registration required.

**An Evening with  
Colonel Joseph Marm  
Monday, Nov. 18 6 pm**

Join us for an evening with Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Joseph Marm as he shares about his time in Vietnam.

**How to Maintain your Car  
Yellow Study Room  
Saturday, Nov. 23 3:30 pm**

Learn how to save money on big repairs by maintaining your car like you maintain your own health. Also included are car washing and gas saving tips. Registration required.

**Classic Movie Night  
Tuesday, Nov. 26 6 pm**

Join us for Classic Movie Night and enjoy a screening of *The Bribe* (1949) starring Ava Gardner and Robert Taylor.

**Why Knot?  
Monday, Nov. 25 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, Nov. 19 3 pm**

Our title for November will be *Jingle All the Way* by Debbie Macomber.

**Paint & Sip Coffee  
Wednesday, Nov. 20 6:30 pm**

Come try your hand at creating a masterpiece. All skill levels are welcome to join.

**Silent Read N' Sip  
Thursday, Nov. 21 6 pm**

A quiet, relaxing time for people to read.

**Children's Events**

**Early Explorers  
Tuesdays 10:30 am  
Ages 3-5**

Join us for our new kindergarten-readiness program for ages 3-5. We will guide children as they learn social skills, as well as letter, number, shape, and color recognition.

**Baby and Me  
Wednesdays 9:30 am  
Ages 0-2**

An introduction to books, reading and language through stories, songs, rhymes, and movement.

**Storytime  
Wednesdays 10:30 am**

An introduction to books, reading and language through stories, songs, rhymes, and movement.

**Bilingual Storytime  
Thursdays 9:30 am  
Ages 3-5**

Únase a nosotros para una mañana de cuentos, canciones y manualidades en español e inglés. Para edades de 3 a 5 años con un padre o cuidador. Join us for a morning of stories, songs, and crafts in Spanish and English.

**Young Artist Program  
Tuesday, Nov. 5 4 pm  
Ages 5-8**

Join us each month as we learn about some of the greatest artists in the world and then create a masterpiece inspired by their art!

**Time Travelers Club  
Tuesday, Nov. 14 4 pm  
Ages 5-8**

Join us as we travel through time learning about local events, world history, and how they have shaped our



world today.

**Green Guardians**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 19** 4 pm  
**Ages 5-8**  
 A hands-on environmental STEM program that challenges participants to design solutions to real-world environmental issues.

**Tween Events**

**Young Artist Program**  
**Thursday, Nov. 7** 4 pm  
**Ages 9-12**  
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**Green Guardians**  
**Thursday, Nov. 21** 4 pm  
**Ages 9-12**  
 A hands-on environmental STEM program that challenges participants to design solutions to real-world environmental issues.

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

**Northern Wayne Inspirational Book Club**  
**Monday, Nov. 4** 10 am  
 Join us as we discuss books of Inspirational Fiction. This month we will be discussing the book *The Hope Jar* by Wanda Brunstetter.

**Northern Wayne Stitchers**  
**Tuesdays, Nov. 5, 19** 9:30 am  
 Work with an experienced instructor in sewing and quilting. All skill levels are welcome and we can learn from each other.

**Children's Events**

**Northern Wayne Jr. Stitchers**  
**Ages 8-16**  
**Saturday Nov. 16** 10 am  
 Work with an experienced instructor in sewing and quilting. It's a fun time,

because we said "sew!" Space is limited.

**Family Movie Day**  
**Saturday, Nov. 9** 10:30 am  
 The library is calling: bring your ancestors (your family) for an epic journey to the sea.

**Story Time (4+)**  
**Wednesdays 6, 13, 20** 10 am  
**Ages 4 & up**  
 Join us as we read, talk, and craft our way through themed story times.

**Baby & Me Story Time**  
**Thursdays 7, 14, 21** 10:30 am  
**Ages 0-3**  
 Join us for a special sharing time together promoting and modeling early literacy. Babies will enjoy books, puppets, songs, and dance.

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

**Cardio Drumming**  
**Thursday, Nov. 7 & 21** 3 pm  
 Cardio drumming is an adult class that brings together drumsticks, an exercise ball, and stand to create one of the most fun workouts you'll ever do.

**Page Turner's Book Club**  
**Thursday, Nov. 14** 3 pm  
 We will be discussing *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

**Christmas Card Craft**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 6** 3 pm  
 We will be creating a Christmas card and several gift tags.

**Sew What?!**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 13** 3 pm  
 We will be sewing and decorating a Christmas countdown calendar with 24 pockets for individual treats.

**Yellowstone Adventure**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 20** 3 pm  
 Join us for this exciting virtual tour of Yellowstone National Park.

**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.

**Teen Events**

**Teen Game Night**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 5** 5 pm  
 Come play our board games and consoles or bring your own portable devices!

**CrafTeens**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 12** 5 pm  
 Let's create something! Come show off your crafting skills. This month, we're making no-sew pumpkin poms.

**One Hour, One Shot**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 19** 5 pm  
 Come join the fun and try new TTRPGs! This month, we'll embody bears doing one last job before hibernation in Honey Heist!

**Teen STEAM**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 26** 5 pm  
 Come try different science experiments with us! This month, we'll be designing a marble race track.

**Children's Events**


**Music & Movement**  
**Tuesdays 10 am**  
**Ages birth to 5**  
 Did you know that music and moving our bodies can help your child with literacy skills? Plus, it's fun!

**Storytime**  
**Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10 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.

**Junior Air Force**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 12 4 pm**  
**Grades K to 5th**  
 Learn about things that fly and pilot your own flying machines! Registration required.

For more information about upcoming programs, or to see pictures of past events, follow us on Facebook and Instagram! You can also visit our website for a calendar of events!

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