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704-487-9069 ext 140

104 Howie Dr. Shelby, NC 28150

Spangler Branch Library

Monday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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112 Piedmont Dr, Lawndale, NC 28090

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Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Both branches and the bookmobile will be closed on Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day, and Monday, September 7, for Labor Day.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Advisory Board



Niya Pitts (Chairperson)
Michelle Garey (Vice Chair)
**Doug Bridges (County
Commissioners Representative)**
Lizz Grimsley
Alton Beal
Jerrienne Queen
**Jann Ford (Friends of the Library
Representative)**

The next meeting of the Library
Advisory Board will be on Thursday,
September 17, at 3 p.m. at the
Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library.

Friends of the Library



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Adams (Library Director)**
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Betsy Jones (Emeritus)

Letter from the Director

As part of our focus on updating our physical branch locations in 2026 and 2027, we will be adding a large meeting space to the Spangler Branch Library. When the meeting space is completed, the Spangler Library will be able to accommodate groups of up to sixty participants. Library staff at the Spangler Branch will be able to offer a wider variety of programs for residents of the Lawndale and Fallston communities. At the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library in Shelby, thanks to the generous annual support of the The George and Ida Wood Blanton Endowment and the Friends of the Library, we were able to purchase new furniture for the adult areas of the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library and the Spangler Branch. Future improvements will include updating restrooms and the front entrance of Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library.

In the fall of 2026, we will continue our community engagement efforts by launching our community survey and compiling our annual report for FY 2025-2026. During our community survey in September, you will have an opportunity to guide the programs and services at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, Spangler Branch, and the bookmobile/mobile library, by telling us what changes you would like to see at your local library.

Please join us at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, the Spangler Branch, and on the bookmobile, for fun and learning this summer.

Library Director, Wright R. Adams



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Summer Reading 2026

For our new and existing customers, summer reading/summer learning 2026 is finally here! During the months of June and July, the library will be offering many great programs for adults, teens, and children. Summer reading/summer learning starts on Thursday, June 11 and will end in July. The library will offer adults, teens, and children, an opportunity to attend Dig Into Reading Magic Show, dig for dinosaurs, make a dinorarium, unearth a painting, delve into your family history, participate in a Jurassic Park Escape Room or a Jurassic Night at the Library.

Outside of the library, take on the Summer Reading Challenge. Read weekly and log the minutes to help us meet our goal of reading 200,000 minutes this summer. Turning in log sheets weekly and completing challenges leads to opportunities to win awesome prizes. Registration is available now for children, teens, and adults.

The library can be found around town, too. The mobile library host stops throughout the county all summer and has partnered with the Cleveland Mall to bring citizens the Cleveland Mall Kids Club each Monday in June at 10:30 am. Programs include Skins and Skulls, Human Dynamo, and more.



Eugenia H. Young Library

June

Adult Programs

Monday June 1 – Saturday, August 1: Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Stop by the library and pick up your Summer Reading Challenge. All reading between Monday, June 1st through Saturday, August 1st counts. Turn in your challenge no later than Saturday, August 8th to be entered in the prize drawing.

Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 am – Thread Lightly

Bring any project, whether it's knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or sewing. Work, talk, and learn together.

Monday, June 4, 5:30 pm – Makers' Meetup: Woodburning

Learn the basics of woodburning and craft a unique piece to take home.

Monday, June 8, 5:30 pm – Monday Night Book Club

Join us as we discuss selected books that we'd never thought about reading before.

Monday, June 15, 5:30 pm -- Unearth your Story

Learn how to start your family history research, including tips for when you're stuck, and how to stay organized. All ages welcome!

Monday, June 15, 5:30 pm – Dementia Live!

Experience what it feels like to have dementia and discuss ways to help those struggling with the disease. In partnership with Memory Wellness Advocate Vernell Mitchell and Senior TLC.

Thursday, June 18, 5:30 pm – Unearth a Story Trivia Night

Show off your knowledge about dinosaurs, dinosaur movies, fossils, and rocks. Answer questions and win prizes.



Nclive.org houses most of our online resources. There you can find the resources highlighted in this issue and more!

Eugenia H. Young Library

July

Adult Programs

Monday, June 29 – Thursday, July 2 – Makers' Meetup: Take and Make American Flags

Stop by and grab a kit to create an American Flag using craft sticks and paint. Available as supplies last.

Tuesday, July 7, 10:00 am – Thread Lightly

Bring any project, whether it's knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or sewing. Work, talk, and learn together.

Thursday, July 9, 5:30 pm – Game Night: Microfilm Mayhem Mystery

Come participate in a choose your own adventure type game where participants work together to solve a mystery at the library. Limited slots. Registration Required.

Monday, July 13, 5:30 pm – Monday Night Book Club

Join us as we discuss selected books that we'd never thought about reading before.

Thursday, July 16, 5:30 pm – Un-Earth a Painting

Paint a masterpiece step-by-step with local artist Doug Pruett. Registration Required.

Monday, July 20, 5:30 pm -- Map your Family

Use historic documents to explore your ancestors' neighborhoods-- and create a genealogy map!

Thursday, July 23, 5:30 pm – Jurassic Night at the Library

Discuss the film franchise Jurassic Park and the actual recovery of the Jurassic Era today.

Thursday, July 30, 5:30 pm – Pirates Gathering: Food, Finds, and Fortunes

Enter the world of North Carolina Pirates through food, treasure, games, and history. Costumes and registration encouraged.

Mobile Library Service in Cleveland County



Come Aboard the Mobile Library at One of Our Community Stops

Waco Town Hall, Lattimore Town Hall, Kingstown - Ramseur House, Boiling Springs Town Hall, Holly Oak Park, Belwood Community Center, Casar Fire Department, Mooresboro School House, Starbucks in Shelby on 74

In 2023, the library was awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to purchase a bookmobile to serve the residents of Cleveland County. The Friends of the Library organized a fundraising campaign in support of the new bookmobile. As a result of the collaboration between the library and the Friends of the Library, in February 2025, the Cleveland County Library System relaunched its mobile library service. Residents of Cleveland County will be able to come aboard the bookmobile and check out books, DVDs, audiobooks, and a library of things at a community stop near you. The mobile library service will also offer preschool storytimes, workforce development training, a seed library, a mobile makerspace that will include a 3D printer, a Cricut vinyl cutter, and craft supplies and tools. Please call (704) 487-9069 ext. 140 or email Richard.Dellinger@clevelandcountync.gov for more information.



A This grant is made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-252476-OLS-22)

Eugenia H. Young Library

August

Adult Programs

Monday, August 3 – Saturday, August 8 – Makers' Meetup: Take and Make Trinket Pouch

Pick up a kit that includes everything you need to make a little trinket pouch. Available while supplies last.

Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 am – Thread Lightly

Bring any project, whether it's knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or sewing. Work, talk, and learn together.

Monday, August 10, 5:30 pm – Monday Night Book Club

Join us as we discuss selected books that we'd never thought about reading before



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Eugenia H. Young Library

June, July, August

Family Programs

Thursday, June 11, 1-3 pm and 4-6 pm – Tie Dye

Bring your own t-shirt or other natural fiber material to dye. Experienced tie-dyers or first-timers are welcome! Registration required.

Monday, June 29, July 27, and August 24, 5:30 pm – Chess Club

All skill levels and ages are welcome to play chess, develop their game, and make connections.

Tuesday, June 30 – 2:00 pm – Camden Cook, Studying Paleontologist

Have you ever wondered what paleontologists really do, what they find and how they work? In this presentation, you will hear first-hand from a local studying paleontologist about what is involved in the work and see some of the things he and other paleontologists have discovered. Come join us for an interesting and educational session to learn more about this very intriguing occupation.



Eugenia H. Young Library

June

Tween/Teen Programs

Monday June 1 – Saturday, August 1: Teen Summer Reading Challenge

Stop by the library and pick up your Summer Reading Challenge. All reading between Monday, June 1st through Saturday, August 1st counts. Turn in your challenge no later than Saturday, August 8th to be entered in the prize drawing.

Thursday, June 18, 3:00 pm - Dinorariums (Preteen)

Create a one-of-a-kind terrarium for your mini-dinosaur.

Thursday, June 18, 4:00 pm - Dinorariums (Teen)

Create a one-of-a-kind terrarium for your mini-dinosaur.

Thursday, June 25, 3:00 pm – Geode Art (Preteen)

Using a small canvas and resin, create a piece of art that looks like a geode. Artwork will be held until July 9th for pick up.

Thursday, June 25, 4:00 pm – Geode Art (Teen)

Using a small canvas and resin, create a piece of art that looks like a geode. Artwork will be held until July 9th for pick up.



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July

Tween/Teen Programs

Monday June 1 – Saturday, August 1: Teen Summer Reading Challenge

Stop by the library and pick up your Summer Reading Challenge. All reading between Monday, June 1st through Saturday, August 1st counts. Turn in your challenge no later than Saturday, August 8th to be entered in the prize drawing.

Thursday, July 9, 3:00 pm - Heiro what? (Preteen)

Create unique shallow bowl pottery using air dry clay and incorporating hieroglyphs, or other ancient symbols. Finished pottery will be held until July 23rd for participants.

Thursday, July 9, 4:00 pm - Heiro what? (Teen)

Create unique shallow bowl pottery using air dry clay and incorporating hieroglyphs, or other ancient symbols. Finished pottery will be held until July 23rd for participants.

Thursday, July 16, 3:00 pm - Paper Rocks (Preteen)

Using construction paper and sandpaper construct a layered rock look and sealed with Modge Podge. Rocks will be held until July 30th for participants.



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Eugenia H. Young Library

July

Tween/Teen Programs

Thursday, July 16, 4:00 pm - Paper Rocks (Teen)

Using construction paper and sandpaper construct a layered rock look and sealed with Modge Podge. Rocks will be held until July 30th for participants.

Thursday, July 23, 3:00 pm – Jurassic Park Escape Room (Preteen)

Participants will solve a variety of clues inspired by Jurassic Park.

Thursday, July 23, 4:00 pm – Jurassic Park Escape Room (Teen)

Participants will solve a variety of clues inspired by Jurassic Park.

Thursday, July 30, 3:00 pm – Diggin' the Dirt (Preteen)

Wind down the summer by creating your own edible “dirt” masterpiece and learn a bit about Earth’s layers.

Thursday, July 30, 4:00 pm – Diggin' the Dirt (Teen)

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New Meeting Room at the Spangler Branch

On Monday, February 9, Congressman Tim Moore presented the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners and County Manager David Cotton with a check for \$750,000 for the construction of a meeting room at the Spangler Branch Library. Since 2021, the staff at the Spangler Branch Library (branch manager Deborah Page and library assistant Susan Fulton) have been offering enrichment programs for adults, teens, and children. As the number of programs and the number of participants have increased, the need for a larger meeting space will soon be a reality.



February 9th, 2026
Spangler Library
receives
federal funding

Summer Programs at Spangler

Digging Dinosaurs!-Monday, June 8, 2026-10:00am

Camden Cook is back to present more on dinosaur fossil bones for all ages. Discover how 'enormous lizard' became known as dinosaur from a local studying paleontologist and other things discovered.

Learn & Grow Garden Group-Saturday, June 13, 2026-11:00am-Mushrooms

Come learn about mushrooms in the wild or the fungi in your backyard. This is a beginner mushroom foraging class.

Thursday, June 25 – 10:00 am – Finding Fossils

Have you ever wondered how archaeologists and paleontologists found and dug out dinosaur bones and fossils? In this fun and interesting activity, you will become an archaeologist or paleontologist and excavate fossils, bones and other things you might find. You will get to keep what you excavate to prove your archaeology skills.

Thursday, July 23 – 10:00 am – Dino Tracks to Fossil Facts (Schiele Museum)

Calling all budding paleontologists! Student will learn about dinosaurs and explore how fossils are made and discovered. They will have the opportunity to excavate skull pieces and identify the type of dinosaur they discover.

Eugenia H. Young Library

June

Children's Programs

Monday June 1 – Saturday, August 1: Summer Reading Begins - “Unearth a Story”

Registration will begin in mid-May. Come pick up your registration baggie of goodies so you will be ready to start tracking your reading minutes beginning June 1. The reading challenge goes through August 1. You must have all your reading minutes turned in by August 9 in order to be eligible for the prize drawing.

Family Storytime – 10:30 am each Wednesday morning – June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Come join us as we sing, read books and make a craft together. This is a relaxed atmosphere for all children ages 0-5. The children are not expected to sit and be quiet the whole time. Even if they are roaming around the toy area, they are hearing what is going on and learning about the love of reading.

Ms. Rachel Music Group - Children ages 0–3yrs. - Thursdays, June 4 & 18 – 10:00 am

Bring your little one for a joyful, interactive music experience. This class is designed especially for babies and toddlers, blending movement, rhythm, and hands-on play to support early development. Through engaging songs about seasons, body parts, and the world around them, children explore music while building language and motor skills. Each session includes playful use of handheld instruments, colorful felt activities, and a storybook to spark imagination. Caregivers are encouraged to join in—no musical experience needed, just a love of fun and connection!



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Visit a Cleveland County Museum for Free this Summer

During June, July, and August, all library card holders can check out a one day admission pass to the Earl Scruggs Center for up to four people. A museum pass can be checked out at the Access Services desk at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library and the Spangler Branch.

MUSEUM PASS

One-day pass for up to four people



EARL SCRUGGS CENTER

MUSIC & STORIES FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTH



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Closed

Tuesday 10 AM - 4 PM

Wednesday 10 AM - 4 PM

Thursday 10 AM - 4 PM

Friday 10 AM - 4 PM

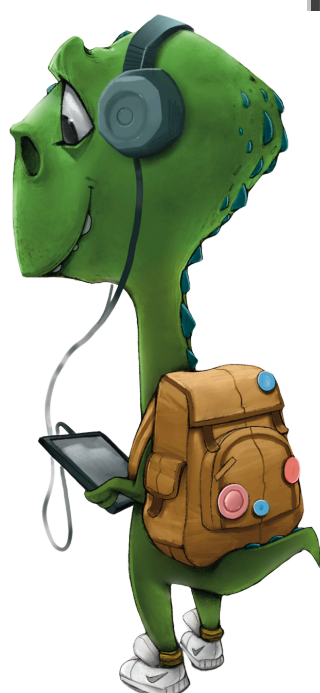
Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

Sunday - Closed

103 S. LAFAYETTE STREET

SHELBY, NC 28150

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Eugenia H. Young Library

June

Children's Programs

Tuesday, June 16th – 2:00 pm – Dig into Reading Magic Show

Come join us as Steve the Amazing Teacher and Magician comes to entertain us and kick off the Summer Reading Challenge activities. Steve will amaze and delight us as he “digs into” the past, present and future using magic tricks and other interactive things to help build a love of reading. He is sure to entertain and make reading magic!

Tuesday, June 23 – 2:00 pm – Finding Fossils

Have you ever wondered how archaeologists and paleontologists found and dug out dinosaur bones and fossils? In this fun and interesting activity, you will become an archaeologist or paleontologist and excavate fossils, bones and other things you might find. You will get to keep what you excavate to prove your archaeology skills.

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July

Children's Programs

Family Storytime – 10:30 am each Wednesday morning – July 8, 15, 22, 29

Come join us as we sing, read books and make a craft together. This is a relaxed atmosphere for all children ages 0-5. The children are not expected to sit and be quiet the whole time. Even if they are roaming around the toy area, they are hearing what is going on and learning about the love of reading.

Ms. Rachel Music Group - Children ages 0–3yrs. - Thursdays, July 2, 16, 30 – 10:00 am

Bring your little one for a joyful, interactive music experience. This class is designed especially for babies and toddlers, blending movement, rhythm, and hands-on play to support early development. Through engaging songs about seasons, body parts, and the world around them, children explore music while building language and motor skills. Each session includes playful use of handheld instruments, colorful felt activities, and a storybook to spark imagination. Caregivers are encouraged to join in—no musical experience needed, just a love of fun and connection!

Tuesday, July 7 – 2:00 pm – Devine Reptiles

Devine Reptiles specializes in providing unparalleled fun and excitement with an incredible array of reptiles, amphibians and creepy crawlers. Led by the experienced owner, Joe Devine, this hands-on reptile show offers a unique opportunity for children to learn and engage. From fun facts to interactive experiences, every child feels like a “zoo keeper for the day”.



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July

Children's Programs

Tuesday, July 14 – 2:00 pm – Dino Discovery

Do you think all the dinosaurs that roamed the Earth have been discovered? In this activity, we are going to talk about many of the dinosaurs we know about, why they were shaped the way they were and what we know about them. You are going to create a dinosaur and build it. It can be one of the ones that we know about, or it can be one you think could have lived during that time on Earth.

Tuesday, July 21 – 2:00 pm – Layer Upon Layer

Do you know about the rock cycle and different kinds of rocks? Do you think different places have different layers under the surface? We are going to explore how rocks develop and change over years. We are going to create earth layers from a sweet treat.

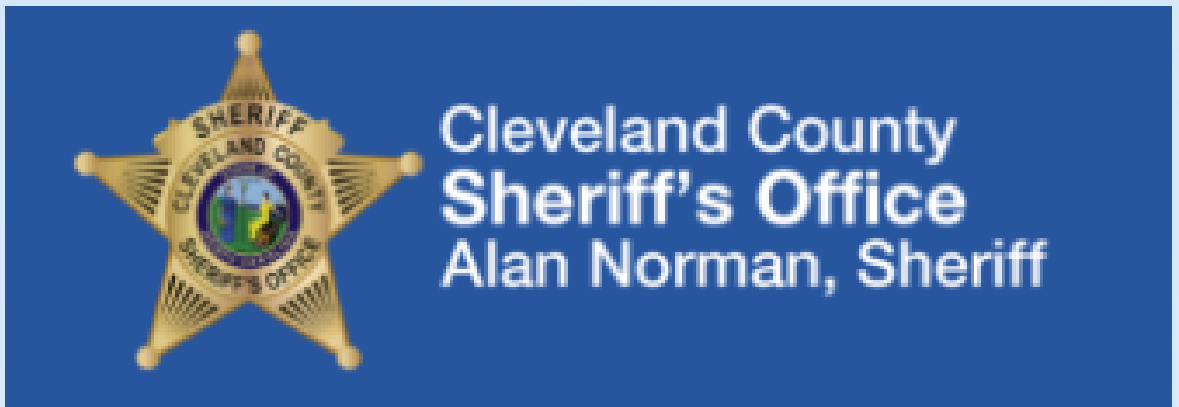
Tuesday, July 28 – 2:00 pm – Unearthing Dinosaurs (Schiele Museum)

Unearth the story of two dinosaurs. Learn their history and explore how they may have interacted during the Cretaceous period.

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Mission

Our mission is to maintain a high quality of life for all residents and visitors of Cleveland County by providing competent and professional Law Enforcement Services, Detention Facilities, and clear, effective Communication Services, while working in partnership with our citizens to develop policing services to meet the unique needs of the community, while ensuring fairness, equal treatment and protection to all.

Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Services

Law Enforcement

The Patrol Division's primary responsibility is to respond to calls for service in the unincorporated areas and small municipalities of the 485 square mile county. This responsibility includes conducting preliminary criminal investigations and the enforcement of North Carolina General Statutes. These services are offered twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Detention

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office Detention Division consists of two facilities, the Cleveland County Detention Center and the Law Enforcement Detention Center. Both facilities are manned twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Court Security

Court security is an essential function of the Sheriff's Office. These officers maintain the security of the courtrooms by serving as bailiffs during court sessions. They are also responsible for serving warrants, manning the X-ray machine and metal detectors, which are located at the front door of the courthouse.

Civil Services

The Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office currently falls under the command of the Administrative Captain. This unit is responsible for the service and execution of various processes issued by and for the Courts of North Carolina.

Victim Services

Our mission is to improve our community by working to meet the varying needs of crime victims, protecting the rights of victims, and providing a safe place for victims to receive support, education, and appropriate referrals. Victims of crime respond to trauma in different ways and have different needs.

Training and Recruitment

The Sheriff's Office hires highly motivated men and women who enjoy working with the public. We emphasize training and skill development well in excess of State certification requirements. Each new deputy is required to go through a comprehensive field training for a minimum of 12 weeks.

Spangler Branch Library

June

Adult and Children's Programs

Hilltop Book Club-Tuesday, June 9, 2026-4:00pm

Join us for our adult book club at Spangler Branch! We will talk about our book for the month.

Learn & Grow Garden Group-Saturday, June 13, 2026-11:00am-Mushrooms

Come learn about mushrooms in the wild or the fungi in your backyard. This is a beginner mushroom foraging class.

Sit & Stitch (Ages 15 & up) Monday, June 15, 2026-10:00am

Join us with your current stitching project. Any kind of needlework-all skill levels welcome.

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Preschool Storytime – 10:00am each Thursday morning – June 18th, 25th

Come join us as we sing, read books and make a craft together.

Thursday, June 18 – 10:00 am – Scribbling Dinosaurs (School Age)

After reading the book "Never Let a Dinosaur Scribble", we will use our drawing skills to recreate dinosaur shapes on gold paper with scratchers. Come enjoy funny books about dinosaurs and drawing your favorite to produce a dinosaur keepsake.

Thursday, June 25 – 10:00 am – Finding Fossils (School Age)

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Spangler Branch Library

July and August

Adult Programs

Learn & Grow Garden Group-Saturday, July 11, 2026-11:00am

Come learn what you can do to prepare your outdoor and indoor gardens.

Hilltop Book Club-Tuesday, July 14, 2026-4:00pm

Join us for our adult book club at Spangler Branch! We will talk about our book for the month.

Sit & Stitch (Ages 15 & up) Monday, July 20, 2026-10:00am

Join us with your current stitching project. Any kind of needlework-all skill levels welcome.

Learn & Grow Garden Group (Adult) Saturday, August 8, 2026-11:00am

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Children's Programs

Preschool Storytime – 10:00 each Thursday morning – July 16th, 23rd, 30th

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Outreach Department

June, July, August

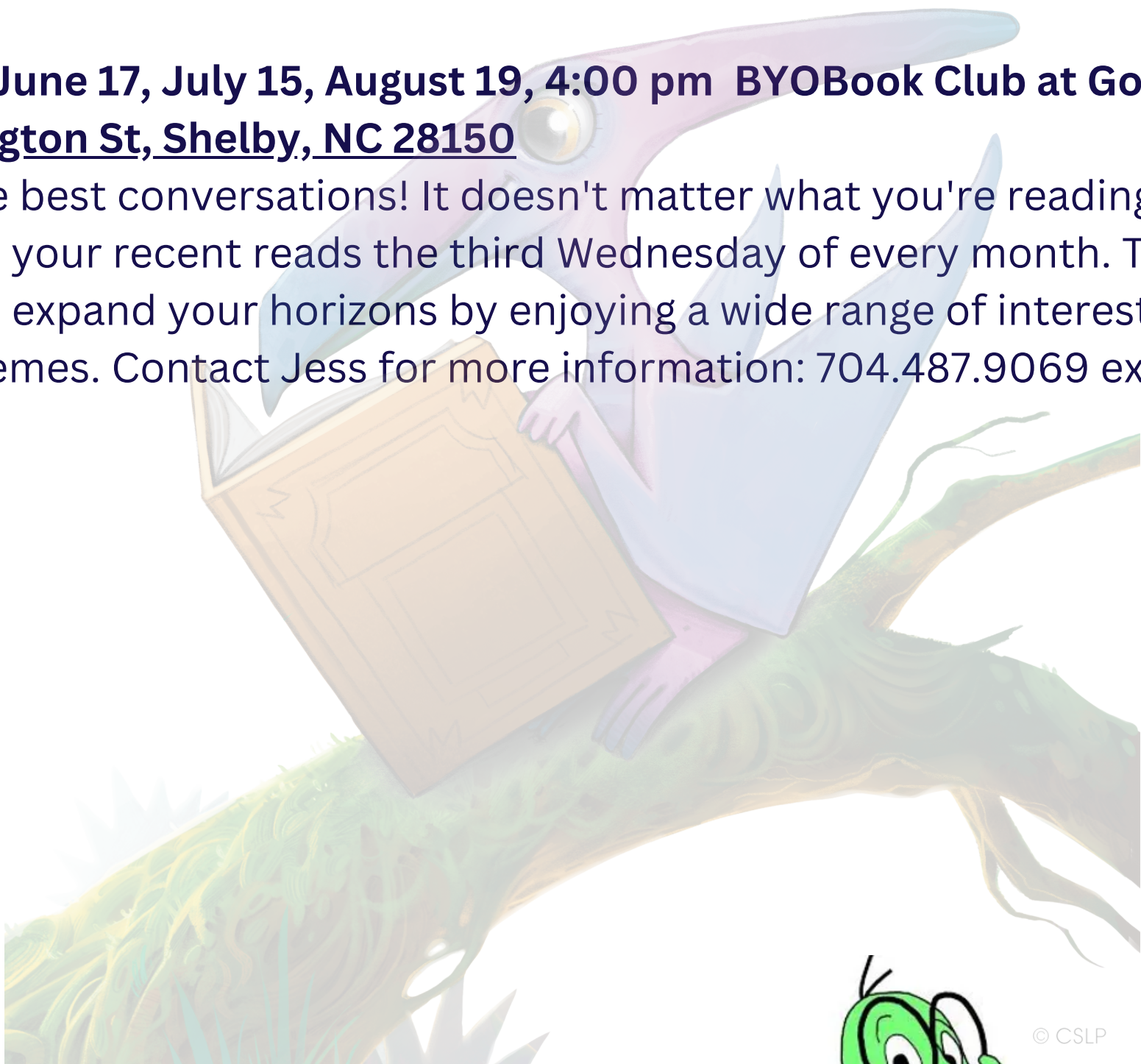
Adult Programs

Tuesday, June 2, July 7, August 4, 4:30 pm – MHA Community Art Activity

Meet us in the Makerspace for a different art activity each month! Drop in any time between 4:30pm and 5:30pm. In partnership with the Mental Health Association of Cleveland County.

Wednesday, June 17, July 15, August 19, 4:00 pm BYOBook Club at Got Books! **814 S Washington St, Shelby, NC 28150**

Join us for the best conversations! It doesn't matter what you're reading; come out to discuss your recent reads the third Wednesday of every month. This club is a great way to expand your horizons by enjoying a wide range of interesting topics and themes. Contact Jess for more information: 704.487.9069 ext. 129



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Got Books!

Outreach Department

June

Children's Programs

**Monday, June 8, 10:30 am - Cleveland County Mall (In front of Dunham's Sports).
South Mountain Park Skins and Skulls**

A park ranger from South Mountain State Park will present a Skins and Skulls program. Learn about the native wildlife to our local parks and mountains. Animal skins and skulls will be displayed for viewing. (Ages 4-13) Call Todd Dellinger Outreach Manager with any questions 704-487-9069 ext. 140

**Monday, June 15, 10:30 am - Cleveland County Mall (In front of Dunham's Sports)
Seasons of Science**

Let's discover the science of the four seasons! Together, we'll conduct multiple science demonstrations that illustrate traits of the 4 seasons. From the parts of a plant to subzero eruptions, this assembly has it all! (Ages 4-13) Call Todd Dellinger Outreach Manager with any questions 704-487-9069 ext. 140

Monday, June 22, 10:30 am - Cleveland County Mall (In front of Dunham's Sports) Blow it Up!

Students will EXPLODE into learning with this highly flammable show! Detonate their minds while a live performance demonstrates chemical reactions! (Ages 4-13) Call Todd Dellinger Outreach Manager with any questions 704-487-9069 ext. 140

**Monday, June 29, 10:30 am - Cleveland County Mall (In front of Dunham's Sports)
Human Dynamo**

Students will get an up-close and personal look inside of a giant Stuffedie doll as we discover how our body works through exciting demonstrations. Students will even get to see real organs! (Ages 4-13) Call Todd Dellinger Outreach Manager with any questions 704-487-9069 ext. 140

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Outreach Department

August

Children's Programs

Saturday, August 1, 12-3 PM Cleveland County Mall

Movin and Groovin Back to School Community Event

The Mobile Library will be at this mall community event for book checkout and Library program information.

Tuesday, August 4, 4-7 pm Shelby City Park

National Night Out (Shelby Police Department)

The Mobile Library will be at the Shelby City Park community event hosted by the Shelby Police Department for book checkout and library program information.



Accessible through NC Live, Novelist Plus can provide read-alikes to your favorite books and authors and gives recommendations when you try the "Appeal Mixer."

The Earl Scruggs Center

103 S Lafayette St, Shelby, NC 28150

The Earl Scruggs Center will be closed from November 27, 2025 through January 31, 2026 as we begin an exciting renovation project to enhance our exhibits and improve the visitor experience.

CENTER STAGE CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: DOM FLEMONS - "THE AMERICAN SONGSTER®"

JUNE 4 @ 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

GRAMMY Award winner, four-time GRAMMY nominee, two-time EMMY nominee, and multi-instrumentalist Dom Flemons brings over a century of American roots music to life. Known as "*The American Songster®*," Dom's repertoire spans blues, folk, bluegrass, Americana, and country, showcasing his mastery of banjo, guitar, harmonica, jug, quills, fife, and rhythm bones.



CENTER STAGE CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: THE BURNETT SISTERS BAND

JULY 9 @ 6 PM

Bluegrass, old-time, and folk music lovers won't want to miss The Burnett Sisters Band—siblings Anissa, Sophia, and Anneli from Boone, NC, joined by Geary Allen from Minster, England. This 2025 IBMA Momentum Band of the Year Nominee is celebrated for their virtuosic multi-instrumentalism, tight harmonies, and their ability to infuse every performance with energy, authenticity, and heartfelt expression.

CLEVELAND COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Events held by the Cleveland County Arts Council are located at
111 S. Washington St., Shelby, NC 28150

June 2026 - September 2026

Cleveland County Arts Council's 2026

Garden and Outdoor Living Tour

Saturday, June 6, 9 am - 4 pm

Join us as our self-guided tour of six lovely outdoor living spaces returns and see the outside "artistry" that has been created.

Real to Reel International Film Festival **July 24-25**

The Real to Reel International Film Festival brings independent films from around the world to Shelby, North Carolina. For more than two decades, this festival has showcased outstanding films — including narrative, documentary, animation, and short films — from emerging and established filmmakers.

Cleveland County Artist Competition

May 21 to June 27, 2026

The Cleveland County Artists Competition is an annual exhibition celebrating the work of local artists. Open to both emerging and established creatives, this exhibition highlights the diversity of talent across Cleveland County and provides an opportunity for recognition, exhibition and sales.

Chalk Fest

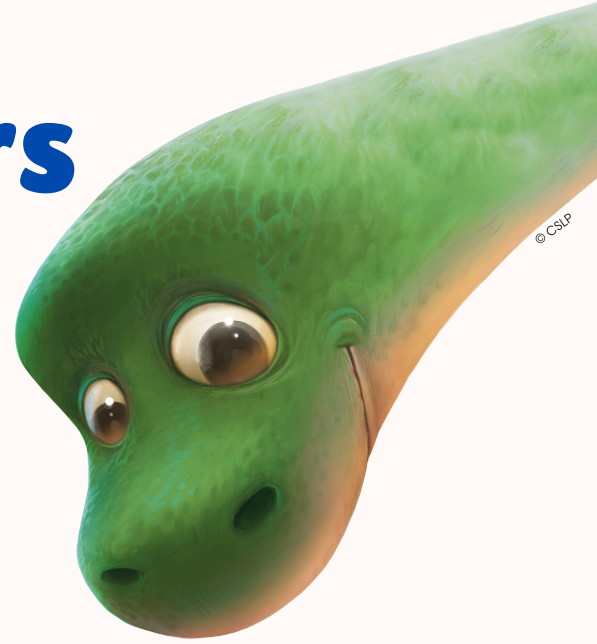
Uptown Shelby Comes to Life — One Square at a Time

Saturday, September 12, 8:30-12:00

Watch Uptown Shelby transform into a vibrant outdoor gallery as artists, families, students, and creative spirits of all ages take to the sidewalks with nothing but chalk, imagination, and a whole lot of color. ChalkFest is a one-day celebration of creativity and community where the streets become canvases and YOU get to be part of the art.



Locations and Hours



Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

704-487-9069

104 Howie Dr. Shelby, NC 28150



Spangler Branch Library

Monday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

704-538-7005

112 Piedmont Dr. Lawndale, NC 28090



Mobile Library

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please call or visit us online for service

704-487-9069 ext 140

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