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YORK COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS, INFORMATION, & EVENTS

Build a Better World: Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

Visit York County Library this summer and help build a better world! The library's Summer Reading Challenge kicks off in all branch libraries **Monday, June 5**, and runs through **Friday, July 28**. This summer's theme celebrates how creating, repurposing, and building can make a positive change in the world.

Four age-appropriate reading challenges will be offered: newborns and toddlers ages 3 and under; children ages 3–11; teens ages 12–17; and adults. Early registration for all ages begins **Monday, May 15**. Individuals may register online at yclibrary.org or at any branch library or the Bookmobile.

Those registering online can log their reading and activities in a fun, interactive way using Beanstack, our new service that awards badges and prizes along the way and can even

send book recommendations via email. Family, class, and group registration is also provided to allow parents, teachers, or day care providers to use the same username and password for all participants.

Participants are encouraged to register early but cannot begin recording reading time until the challenges start June 5. Printed materials will continue to be available for those without Internet access, or for those who wish to track their reading time both ways.



Reading incentives and prize drawings for all ages will be offered to those who complete reading requirements. The library's summer schedule will also include a variety of special fun and exciting programs at all branch locations.

More details will be available at yclibrary.org. The Summer Reading Challenge is sponsored by York County Library, Friends of the York County Library, and our generous cosponsors.

Closing Notices

- All York County Libraries will be closed **Friday, May 5**, for staff training, and **Saturday, May 27**, – **Monday, May 29**, for Memorial Day.
- The Main Library in Rock Hill will begin closing Sundays for the summer, starting **May 28**.

Book Clubs for Adults: Discuss great books with other book lovers. Registration is required to reserve a copy of the book. [Visit *yclibrary.org*](http://visityclibrary.org) for details, times, and titles.

Friends Books on Main Sales: Browse a huge selection of bargain-priced used books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Open to the public in Old Town Rock Hill. *Thursdays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Friends Books on Main (206 E. Main St., Rock Hill)*

Preschool Story Time: Story time for children ages 3-5 and caregivers. No registration required.

- *Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m., Main Library. Due to space limits, day cares and large groups should call 981-5888 for appropriate programs.*
- *Wednesdays, 10-10:45 & 11-11:45 a.m., or Fridays, 4-4:45 p.m., Fort Mill Library*
- *Wednesdays, 10-10:45 & 11-11:45 a.m., Fort Mill Library, & 10:30-11:15 a.m., Clover, Lake Wylie, & York Libraries*

A Good Yarn Stitching Club: Have an itch to knit, crochet, or embroider? Drop in to work on your stitching projects with like-minded folks, asking questions and sharing experiences! All ages and skill levels welcome. *Tue., May 2, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Main Library*

Beaded Garden Ornament: Dress up your garden with these charming hand-crafted beaded ornaments. Call 222-3474 to register. Limit 15. *Mon., May 1, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Clover Library*

Coding 101: Learn basic coding through hands-on activities and test a hypothesis. Ages 8-11. Call 981-5888 to register. Limit 20. *Tue., May 2, 4-5:30 p.m., Main Library*

Kids Make Comics, by Author/Illustrator Dave McDonald: Students will draw along with the artist, learning how to use simple shapes to create characters. Creating comics will be explored, including character, story development, penciling and inking techniques. Ages 7-11. Call 981-5888 to register. Limit 40. *Wed., May 3, 6-7 p.m., Main Library*

Star Wars: May the 4th Be with You: Come have fun with Star Wars stories, crafts, and games. Ages 6-8. Call 547-4114 to register. Limit 24. *Thu., May 4, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library*

Galaxy Feud: Put your Star Wars knowledge to the test in this fun, game-style format. Prizes will be awarded. Costumes are welcome, and so is audience support from family and friends. Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register. Limit 20. *Thu., May 4, 6-7:30 p.m., Main Library*

Genealogy Club: This small support group meets once a month to discuss genealogy research, techniques, and new sources while helping each other learn more about family history. For adults. Call 981-5847 to register. Limit 15. *Sat., May 6, 10-11:30 a.m., Main Library*

Ultimate Construction Challenge: Using the materials provided, create structures that meet the challenge requirements. Text your friends—teams are welcome. Ages 11-17. Limit 15.
• *Mon., May 8, 5-6:30 p.m., York Library. Call 684-3751 to register.*
• *Wed., May 10, 5-6:30 p.m., Clover Library. Call 222-3474 to register.*

Mother & Daughter Spa Evening: Mothers and daughters are invited to an evening of making hand-made spa products, with plenty to take home and enjoy later. Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register. Limit 20 mother-daughter teams. *Mon., May 8, 5:30-7 p.m., Main Library*

York Stitchers: Working on a crochet, embroidery, knitting, or other needlework project? Drop in to meet other stitchers, sharing tips and experiences while you work. All skill levels welcome. Snacks provided; please bring your own supplies. No registration required. *Tuesdays, May 9 & 23, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., York Library*

STEAM Studio: Maze Trials: Design your own 3D maze with twists and turns using common household materials. Ages 5-11. Call 981-5888 to register. Limit 30. *Thu., May 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Main Library*

Family Story Time: Music for My Ears: Dance, sing and play as we explore the world of music through stories, crafts, and more. All ages, accompanied by adult. *Thu., May 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m., York Library*

Library Board Meeting: The monthly meeting is open to the public. *Thu., May 11, 5-6 p.m., Clover Library*

Family Movie: Join us for a free showing of *Finding Dory* (rated PG), with popcorn and prizes. Blankets are welcome. All ages, accompanied by adult. No registration required. Limited seating. *Thu., May 11, 5-6:30 p.m., Lake Wylie Library*

STEAM Team: Visit STEAM-inspired stations for innovative, engaging activities, including robotics! Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting Apr. 27. Limit 25. *Thu., May 11, 5-7 p.m., Main Library*

Family Story Time: Kids Under Construction: Use your imagination while listening to stories and songs and creating unique construction crafts. Ages 11 and under, accompanied by adult. Call 981-5888 to register, starting Apr. 29 for the first program and May 2 for the second. Limit 30. *Sat., May 13, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., & Tue., May 16, 6-7 p.m., Main Library*

Teens Create & Share: Bring your sketchbook, notebook, instrument, or device to share your ideas and creations in a relaxed atmosphere. Ages 11-17. No registration required. *Mon., May 15, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library*

Craft Club: Itching to try out some crafts you've seen on Pinterest? We'll gather the supplies and do the preparation; you have a great time and take home your finished product! All materials provided and all skill levels welcome. Call 684-3751 to register, starting May 2. Limit 12. *Tue., May 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., York Library*

Chess Club: Play chess in a relaxed atmosphere. Don't know how to play? This is your chance to learn! Ages 11-17. No registration required. *Tuesdays, May 16 & 30, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library*

Marvel Mania: Join other Marvel fans for an epic event filled with earth-shattering games and mind-bending crafts. Ages 11-17. Limit 25.
• *Tue., May 16, 5-6:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library. Call 547-4114 to register, starting May 2.*
• *Thu., May 18, 5-6:30 p.m., Lake Wylie Library. Call 831-7774 to register, starting May 4.*

Book Page Wreaths: Expert crafter Lois Stimax will show you how to recycle a book by turning it into a wreath. All materials provided. Call 831-7774 to register, starting May 2. Limit 12. *Tue., May 16, 6-8 p.m., Lake Wylie Library*

Lego Club: Get ready to imagine, create, and build with Legos, supplied by the library. Ages 5-11. Call 981-5888 to register, starting May 3. Limit 30. *Wed., May 17, 3:15-4:30 or 5-6:15 p.m., Main Library*

Aloha Means Hello: Celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month with crafts, games, and a Hawaiian snack. Ages 9-11. Call 547-4114 to register, starting May 3. Limit 24. *Wed., May 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library*

Red Cross Blood Drive: Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Red Cross joins York County Library to help meet this need by sponsoring a blood drive. Call 981-5847 to schedule an appointment. *Fri., May 19, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Main Library*

Flip Flop Welcome Sign: Make a summer welcome sign out of flip flops and flowers. All materials provided and all skill levels welcome. Call 547-4114 to register, starting May 8. Limit 20. *Mon., May 22, 1-2 p.m., Fort Mill Library*

Marble Tournament: Compete to build the fastest, tallest, and longest marble chutes. Ages 6-11. Call 222-3474 to register, starting May 8. Limit 15. *Mon., May 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Clover Library*

Fandom Hangout: Join fans of anime, Dr. Who, Minecraft, and more to share your work, participate in planned activities, or just hang out! Appropriate cosplay welcome. Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting May 8. Limit 35. *Mon., May 22, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library*

Silent Films with Ethan Uslan: Learn about films and music of the era while Ethan Uslan, 3-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest, provides live music to accompany silent films. Call 547-4114 to register, starting May 8. Limit 50. *Mon., May 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fort Mill Library*

Karaoke Lounge: Show off your singing skills (or lack thereof) in a laughter-filled afternoon of music and snacks. Don't wanna sing? Just come for the fun! Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting May 9. Limit 30. *Tue., May 23, 5-6:30 p.m., Main Library*

Friend Squad: Meet new people in a supportive environment. Peer volunteers will host activities to help you get to know others your age. Teens of all abilities are welcome. Ages 11-17. Call 981-5830 to register, starting May 10. Limit 25. *Wed., May 24, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Library*

Roller Coaster Building 101, by Engineering for Kids: Design a new ride for a local theme park, developing a prototype first, then creating a model of the fastest, most exciting roller coasters that will keep guests coming back. Ages 8-11. Limit 24.
• *Wed., May 24, 4:30-6 p.m., York Library. Call 684-3751 to register, starting May 10.*
• *Thu., May 25, 4:30-6 p.m., Clover Library. Call 222-3474 to register, starting May 11.*

Lego Block Party: Imagine, create, and build a one-of-a-kind Lego structure to match our theme. Snacks and Legos provided. Ages 7-11. Call 684-3751 to register, starting May 11. Limit 20. *Thu., May 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m., York Library*

New Hours, Deals at Friends Book Store

Have you stopped by [Friends Books on Main](#) yet? This used book store, operated by the Friends of the York County Library, features thousands of books, DVDs, and audiobooks at bargain prices. Starting in May, shoppers will see these exciting changes:

- **Extended hours!** Shop for deals from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. every Thursday and from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. every Friday and Saturday.
- **Member discounts!** Friends members get a 15% in-store discount every time they shop! Not a member? Join for as little as \$15.

Friends Books on Main is open to the public at 206 E. Main St. in Old Town Rock Hill. For more information and to find out how to become a Friends member, visit friends.yclibrary.org.

Kids Get Colorful for Earth Day Recycle Event

To prepare for Earth Day, children at York Library's **Color the Earth Beautiful** event learned about recycling and how to make art from recyclable materials.

They worked in groups to make paper collages of the earth for displaying in the library and also enjoyed a visit from special guest **Sandy Singletary**. Sandy is an Assistant Professor of Art at Lander University, as well as the daughter of famous figurine artist and York native Jim Shore. She spoke to the children about art and how she uses nature as an inspiration for her work.



Meet York County Library's Book Cart Drill Team!

York County Library's first-ever **Book Cart Drill Team** was eager to participate in this year's Come-See-Me Festival parade! This enthusiastic group of librarians wanted to show off some of what the library has to offer.

York County Library

York County Main Library
138 East Black Street, Rock Hill
803-981-5858

Fort Mill Public Library
1818 Second Baxter Crossing
803-547-4114

Children's Department: 803-981-5888
Young Adult Department: 803-981-5830
Reference Department: 803-981-5825

Lake Wylie Public Library
185 Blucher Circle
803-831-7774

Clover Public Library
107 Knox Street
803-222-3474

York Public Library
21 East Liberty Street
803-684-3751



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