**2012 Summer Reading**
**DREAM Big READ!**

**GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN’S EVENTS**

All events are appropriate for school-age children entering grades one through five.
All Gaston County Public Library events are free and open to the public. **Advance registration may be required for some activities.**

Gaston County Public Library locations offer library visits and programs for organized groups. **Advance reservations are required for all organized groups.**
For organized group visits or program information, please contact your local public library location, call 704-868-2164 / Dial 3, or visit [www.girl.lib.nc.us/justchild/groupGuidelines](http://www.girl.lib.nc.us/justchild/groupGuidelines).

**Monday, June 11**

**Dream Big READ!** Summer Reading 2012 for children entering grades 1 through 5 begins at all Gaston County Public Library locations. Children may register anytime during regular library hours through July 28. Participants receive a free reading record and incentive prizes for reading achievements. 704-868-2164 / Dial 3.

**2:00 p.m.**

**Night Tales from the Past** – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Cherryville Branch Library. 704-435-6767.

**Tuesday, June 12**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Dream Careers / Firefighters** – meet local firefighters to learn about their jobs and important fire safety tips. Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia. 704-868-2164 / Dial 3.

**Wednesday, June 13**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Bedtime Anytime Summer Reading Kick Off** – enjoy bedtime tales and stories about night animals. Pajamas optional. Lowell Branch Library. 704-824-1266.

**3:00 p.m.**

**Nocturnal Animals** – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Bessemer City Branch Library. 704-629-3321.

**Thursday, June 14**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Nocturnal Animals** – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Mount Holly Branch Library.
10:30 a.m. **Big Top Circus Summer Reading Kickoff** – sign up for Summer Reading, enjoy circus-themed activities. Cherryville Branch Library. 704-435-6767.

3:00 p.m. **Nocturnal Animals** – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Cherryville Branch Library. 704-435-6767.

**Friday, June 15**
10:30 a.m. **Nocturnal Animals** – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Stanley Branch Library. 704-263-4166.

10:30 a.m. **Big Top Circus Summer Reading Kickoff** – sign up for Summer Reading, enjoy circus-themed activities. Bessemer City Branch Library. 704-629-3321.

**Monday, June 18**

2:00 p.m. **Nocturnal Animals** – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia. 704-868-2164 / Dial 3.

2:00 p.m. **Aesop’s Fables**, a live family theatre performance by Red Herring Puppets. Cherryville Branch Library. 704-435-6767.

**Tuesday, June 19**

**Wednesday, June 20**
10:30 a.m. **Aesop’s Fables**, a live family theatre performance by Red Herring Puppets. Lowell Branch Library. 704-824-1266.

2:00 p.m. **Aesop’s Fables**, a live family theatre performance by Red Herring Puppets. Bessemer City Branch Library. 704-629-3321.

**Thursday, June 21**
10:30 a.m. **Aesop’s Fables**, a live family theatre performance by Red Herring Puppets. Belmont Branch Library. 704-825-5426.

2:00 p.m. **Aesop’s Fables**, a live family theatre performance by Red Herring Puppets. Mount Holly Branch Library. 704-827-3581.

**Friday, June 22**
10:30 a.m. **Night Tales from the Past** – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Dallas Branch Library. 704-922-3621.

10:30 a.m. **Aesop’s Fables**, a live family theatre performance by Red Herring Puppets.
**Puppets.** Union Road Branch Library. 704-852-4073.

10:30 a.m. Sleepy Fairy Tales – fairy tale reenactment, crown craft, photo with castle. Limit 30 participants. Registration required; registration begins June 11. Bessemer City Branch Library. 704-629-3321.

2:00 p.m. Aesop’s Fables, a live family theatre performance by Red Herring Puppets. Stanley Branch Library. 704-263-4166.

**Monday, June 25**


**Tuesday, June 26**


3:00 p.m. Nocturnal Animals – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Belmont Branch Library. 704-825-5426.

3:00 p.m. Camp Out Under the Stars – enjoy campfire under the stars, flashlight stories, and more. Bring a pillow and flashlight. Limit 30 participants. Registration required; registration begins June 11. Cherryville Branch Library. 704-435-6767.

**Wednesday, June 27**


2:00 p.m. A Show of Virtues – live family theatre performance by Grey Seal Puppets. Stanley Branch Library. 704-263-4166.

3:00 p.m. Nocturnal Animals – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Union Road Branch Library. 704-852-4073.

3:00 p.m. Camp Out Under the Stars – enjoy campfire under the stars, flashlight stories, and more. Bring a pillow and flashlight. Limit 30 participants. Registration required; registration begins June 11. Bessemer City Branch Library. 704-629-3321.

**Thursday, June 28**


2:00 p.m. Campfire Stories – stories, songs and campfire fun. Mount Holly Branch Library. 704-827-3581.

**Friday, June 29**

10:30 a.m. Night Tales from the Past – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Stanley Branch Library. 704-263-4166.

10:30 a.m. Nocturnal Animals – an introduction to night creatures of the natural world, presented by Schiele Museum staff. Union Road Branch Library. 704-852-4073.
Saturday, June 30
2:00 p.m.  The Emperor’s New Clothes – live family theatre performance by Grey Seal Puppets. Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia. 704-824-1266.

Tuesday, July 3
2:00 p.m.  Get Set with a Pet – meet Kathy Cole of the Animal League of Gaston County to learn about general pet care, the importance of spaying or neutering your pet, and the benefits of animal companionship, plus meet a friendly dog in-training. Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia. 704-868-2164 / Dial 3.

Wednesday, July 4
HOLIDAY – all Gaston County Public Library locations closed

Thursday, July 5
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  Camp Out – kids and parents/caregivers are invited to bring sleeping bags or blanket, enjoy spooky stories, craft activity, snack. Belmont Branch Library. 704-825-5426.

Friday, July 6
3:00 p.m.  Night Tales from the Past – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Bessemer City Branch Library. 704-629-3321.

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  Pajama Party – bring a pillow or sleeping bag, enjoy stories, games, craft, and more. Pajamas optional. Union Road Branch Library. 704-852-4073.

Tuesday, July 10
2:00 p.m.  Night Tales from the Past – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia. 704-868-2164 / Dial 3.

3:00 p.m.  Sleepy Fairy Tales – fairy tale reenactment, crown craft, photo with castle. Limit 30 participants. Registration required; registration begins June 11. Cherryville Branch Library. 704-435-6767.

Wednesday, July 11
2:00 p.m.  Night Tales from the Past – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Lowell Branch Library. 704-824-1266.

Thursday, July 12
2:00 p.m.  Flashlight Stories – stories, songs and flashlight fun. (Bring your own flashlight.) Mount Holly Branch Library. 704-827-3581.

Friday, July 13
10:30 a.m.  Friday the 13th Frightfest – scary stories, ghoulish games, creepy crafts and more. Registration required. Limited to 20 participants. Please call the Dallas Branch Library. 704-922-3621.

**Tuesday, July 17**

10:30 a.m. **Night Tales from the Past** – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Mount Holly Branch Library. 704-827-3581.

2:00 p.m. **Dreaming of a Cleaner Planet** – join Pamela Stroupe of Gaston Natural Resources to learn how to make our planet a cleaner world and how we can protect our own Catawba River Basin. Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia. 704-868-2164 / Dial 3.


**Wednesday, July 18**

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3:00 p.m. **Night Tales from the Past** – Jack Tales, ghost stories and more presented by Gaston County Museum of Art & History staff. Belmont Branch Library. 704-825-5426.

**Friday, July 20**

10:30 a.m. **Lifesaving Heroes** – meet police and firefighting heroes. Dallas Branch Library. 704-922-3621.

2:00 p.m. **Dream Big** – stories, songs and crafts. Stanley Branch Library. 704-827-3581.

**Tuesday, July 24**

2:00 p.m. **Masterpiece Shadow Puppet Theatre** – enjoy a shadow puppet theatre performance and tales of old, craft a paper bag puppet and learn shadow puppet techniques. Gaston County Public Library, Gastonia.

3:00 p.m. **Star Wars Galactic Adventure Summer Reading Finale** – earn a Jedi Academy Certificate, enjoy Star Wars activities. Limit 30 participants. Registration required; registration begins June 11. Cherryville Branch Library. 704-435-6767.

**Wednesday, July 25**

2:00 p.m. **Storytelling Circle** – end of Summer Reading family story time. Lowell Branch Library. 704-824-1266.

3:00 p.m. **Star Wars Galactic Adventure Summer Reading Finale** – earn a Jedi Academy Certificate, enjoy Star Wars activities. Limit 30 participants. Registration required; registration begins June 11. Bessemer City Branch Library. 704-629-3321.
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