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THE CURIOUS CARDINAL

A newsletter for all branches of the Davidson County Public Library System



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DAVIDSON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading Family Night: Dino STEM with Legos at Denton Public Library



Summer Reading Finale Picnic at North Davidson Public Library



A Note from Our Editor

It's time for Fall! As we transition to the latter part of the year, it is a great time to enjoy a seasonal program, check out a Autumn-themed book, and meet new friends at the library!

Within the pages of the newsletter, you will find more information about upcoming events, and what lies ahead.

We can't wait to see you!

Monthly Virtual Author Upcoming Schedule

9/1 at 2 p.m. - David O. Stewart
9/8 at 7 p.m. - Daniel Kraus
9/24 at 7 p.m. - Lucky Diaz (in English)
9/24 at 8 p.m. - Lucky Diaz (in Spanish)
10/1 at 7 p.m. - Veronica Roth
10/8 at 2 p.m. - Carolyn Russo
10/22 at 7 p.m. - Cherie Dimaline

Use the QR code to register.



National Library Card Month

September is National Library Card Month. During the month of September, replacement library cards are free. If your library card is damaged or lost, it is a great time to visit the library to apply for a new one.



Upcoming Library Closure

All Davidson County Library branches will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.



Randle M. Tolles

Q: What is your background? Are you from Davidson County? If not, how did you arrive here?

A: I have a BSEd in Social Studies, and a MAEd in American History/Two Year College Education. I am a recently retired teacher from West Davidson High School. Davidson County, is not my birth place, but my family and I have lived here since 1996. I was born in Illinois and moved quite a bit as a child, landing in Charlotte, NC where I graduated from South Mecklenburg High School. I consider Davidson County to be my home. I ended up in Davidson County to become a teacher; my wife and I wanted to teach in a small community-based school and area.

Q: What is your favorite thing about working at the library?

A: The people are the reason. Teaching was the same way; a good group of people makes coming to work enjoyable and rewarding.

Genealogist at

Lexington Public Library

Q: Are you reading anything now or what is your favorite genre?

A: My favorite genres are nonfiction and historical fiction, primarily American History. My current reads include: *The Banker Who Made America* by Richard Vague, *The March to Independence* by Michael Cecere, and *The Regulator Movement in North Carolina* by Marcia Phillips.

Q: What are some of the programs that you are involved with?

A: Currently, the Genealogy/Local History Room is working with the Davidson County Historical Museum and the Davidson County Parks and Recreation Department to help create historical signs for the Yadkin River Park. Future collaborations and programs are in the works.

Q: Is there anything that you would like staff members and patrons to know about you?

A: Please feel free to let me know if you need help or assistance.





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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ☒ 4th - 6th graders are invited to participate in a STEAM Lab with Rocky on 9/8 at 3:15 p.m. Participants will build, plant, and grow their own Micro Greenhouses.
- ☒ Children in 1st - 3rd grade can attend S.T.E.A.M. Club on 9/8 at 3:15 p.m. Afterschool snacks will be provided.
- ☒ On the second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m., bring your Littles and attend Music & Movement (Sept.'s event is on 9/11).
- ☒ Teens and Adults can register to attend Crafting with Melissa on 9/18 at 2 p.m. to make a Sunflower Can. Call the library to register.



- ☒ Want to see a chess club at the library? Attend a Chess Club Interest Meeting on 9/14 at 6 p.m. All ages and experience levels are welcome to attend.
- ☒ Adults are invited to register to attend Beyond the Can: A Cooking Class that doesn't always cook. Join Host TGIF to make dirty sodas on 9/21 at 6 p.m.
- ☒ Magic the Gathering occurs every other Monday at the library. Upcoming dates are 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, and 10/26 at 6 p.m.
- ☒ The Denton Book Club meets on 9/14 at 6 p.m. The club will discuss *The Names* by Florence Knapp. Light refreshments will be available.



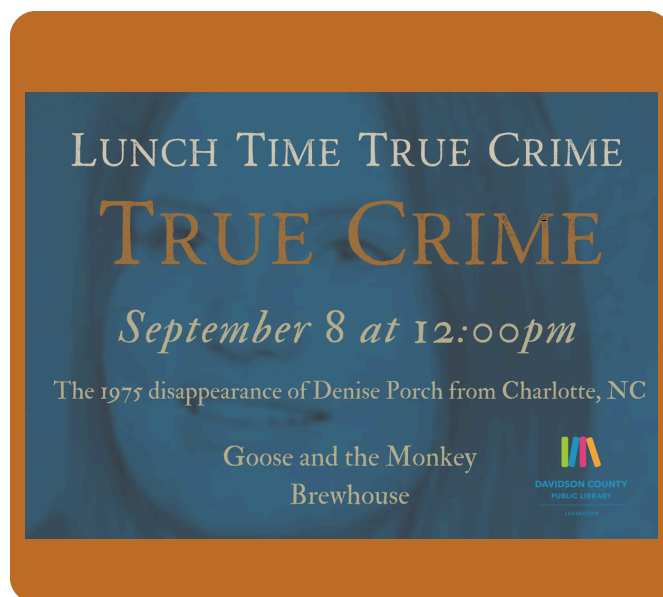
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ☒ Join Ginger for Dine and Dish Book Club on 9/16 at noon to discuss *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave and on 10/21 at noon to talk about *The Crossing Places* by Elly Griffiths. Books are available for checkout at the circulation desk.
- ☒ Books and Brews Book Club for adults meets at the Goose and the Monkey Brewhouse at 6 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month. On 9/29 the group will discuss *Diamond Age* by Neal Stephenson, and on 10/27, *The Housemaid* by Frieda McFadden. Books are available at the circulation desk.

- ☒ Brainy Bunch, an Elementary Homeschool Program, for recommended ages 5-8 will meet at 11 a.m. on 9/21. There will be crafts and hands-on activities.
- ☒ Ms. Brandi's Curiosity Crew (recommended for ages 8-12) is exploring the hobby of Oil Pastels on 9/8 at 4 p.m.
- ☒ Future Scientists, where children (recommended ages 7-12) will participate in a hands-on science experiment, meets next on 9/15 at 4 p.m.
- ☒ Bring the whole family for Puzzles & Pictures on 9/16 at 5 p.m. to watch a screening of *Secret of NIHM* (Rated G) and put together a puzzle. Refreshments will be served.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



North Davidson Public Library

TAI CHI

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
9:00 AM
AGES 18+

Join Kimberly Stoutner as she leads this gentle, low-impact exercise and moving meditation, featuring slow, flowing, circular movements paired with deep breathing to promote physical balance, mental calm, and overall well-being.

Registration required.
Register at the library or call 228-242-2050.



North Davidson Public Library

NORTH DAVIDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL BINGO

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:00 PM
ALL AGES

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY OR CALL 336-242-2050

**BRING A FALL-THEMED PRIZE
PER PARTICIPANT TO PLAY**

BINGO									

North Davidson Public Library



North Davidson Public Library

BEAD AROUND THE BUSH

A BEADING GROUP

Monday, September 28
6:00 pm
Ages 13+

Join us on the last Monday of each month to make a variety of beading crafts. Supplies provided.



North Davidson Public Library



- ☑ There's another edition of Tasty Treats on the Road happening in September. Ages 18+ can make Seattle Hotdogs and Portland JoJos on 9/9 at 6 p.m. Registration is required.
- ☑ On 9/15 at 6 p.m., ages 18+ can participate in Karaoke the library. Registration is required.
- ☑ Bites of the Round Table (for ages 18+) meets on 9/17 at 11 a.m. (Pulled Chicken Sandwiches) and 9/24 at 11 a.m. (Hawaiian Chicken). Registration is required.
- ☑ On 9/14 at 6 p.m., adults are invited to Cindy's Craft Corner to make Spooky Jars. Registration is required.
- ☑ Elementary-aged children (ages 5-11) can attend Kids! Tasty Treats with Thomasville on 9/17 at 6 p.m. to make Smores Dip and enjoy some spooky stories. Registration is required.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ☑ Little Leaps, Ballet classes for littles meets on 9/18 at 4 p.m. for elementary-aged children. Registration is required.
- ☑ Adults can register to attend Cake Decorating to make pumpkin cupcakes on 9/23 at 6 p.m.
- ☑ Teens (ages 12-17) can register to attend Headphones: Sensory-Friendly Audio Club on 9/23 at 6 p.m.
- ☑ Register to attend the Happy Little Painting Club (with Cindy!) on 9/21 at 6 p.m. The program is for adults.





PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ☑ Bring your little ones to Tinker Time with Miss Maggie for some fun STEAM activities! Enjoy a Story and Crumpled Paper Art (9/9 & 9/10), One Cup Lego Challenge (9/16 & 9/17), Fall Leaf Rubbings (9/23 & 9/24), Ice Cream in a Bag (9/30 & 10/1), Bat Straw Rockets (10/7 & 10/8), Lego Challenge: Haunted House (10/14 & 10/15), Paint Monsters (10/21 & 10/22), and Fizzy Cauldrons (10/28 & 10/29). Each program begins at 10:30 a.m.
- ☑ Drop by the library on 9/21 and 10/19 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. to play Library Bingo.
- ☑ It's Family Game Night on 9/24 and 10/22 from 4 - 6 p.m.
- ☑ Visit on 9/17 and 10/15 for Lego Club! From 4 - 6 p.m., work on a free build or try the provided challenge. All ages and all skills are welcome.



- ☑ Young Adult activities at the library include a Puzzle Painting Craft (9/16 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.), YA Retro Video Games (9/11 from 3 - 5 p.m.), Young Adult Gaming (9/14 from 5 - 7 p.m.), Spooktober Gaming (10/5 from 5 - 7 p.m.), Young Adult Game Craft: Post-Apocalyptic Vehicle Miniatures (Building on 10/7 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. & Painting on 11/4 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.), YA Retro Video Games (10/9 from 3 - 5 p.m.), and Black and White Painting (10/21 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.).
- ☑ WDPL Theater Serial September Saturday Matinee will be *The Purple Monster Strikes* (9/19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.). For October, WDPL Spooktober Saturday Matinee will be *The Bride of Frankenstein* (10/31 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Additionally, there will be three Spooktober Thursday Thrillers, *The Monster Squad* (10/1), *Five Nights at Freddy's* (10/15), and *Killer Klowns from Outer Space* (10/29). All Thursday Thrillers will be screened from 4 - 6 p.m.





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FROM THE DESK OF MUSEUM CURATOR, CAITLIN WILLIAMS-COLE:

Revolution Is Here: Davidson County in the War for Independence is now open! Part of the museum's America 250 celebration, this exhibit explores the Revolutionary War in present-day Davidson County through rare artifacts, historic documents, and immersive activities. Follow the story from the Regulator Movement through the Race to the Dan, discover the role local communities played in the fight for independence, and see remarkable objects from the museum's collection alongside rare items on loan from local artist Bob Timberlake, including the Bible of his Patriot ancestor, Valentine Leonhardt. The exhibit will be temporarily relocated in mid-September for the North Carolina State Archives' One-Day Wonder exhibit on September 17 before returning. Learn more on our Exhibit page at davidsoncountymuseum.com.



**DAVIDSON COUNTY
HISTORICAL
MUSEUM**

**AMERICA
250
NC**

ONE DAY WONDER

**09/17/2026
10:00-4:00
FREE ADMISSION**

**SPECIAL EXHIBIT CELEBRATING
CONSTITUTION DAY AND AMERICA 250 AT
DAVIDSON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

For one day only, view original historic documents that commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. The exhibit features rare reproductions of North Carolina's 1776 State Constitution and Declaration of Rights, the 1868 State Constitution, and John Adams' influential letter, "Thoughts on Government." Archivists from the State Archives will be on-site to answer questions and provide insight into these remarkable documents. All ages welcome!

State Archivists On-Site!
See NC's Constitutions and a letter by John Adams. Field Trips Encouraged!



Inside the Library

What's inside the genealogy room?



Call (336)
242-2935 for
more
information.

*Look for the next quarterly edition of
The Curious Cardinal
in November.*

Lexington Public Library's genealogy/local history room is located at 612 S. Main St., across the parking lot from the main library building.