

FEATURED EVENTS

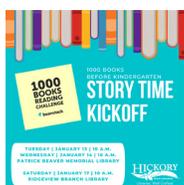


Free Shredding Event with Enviroshred

Saturday | January 10 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Story Time Kickoff

Tuesday | January 13 | 10 a.m. | Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Wednesday | January 14 | 10 a.m. | Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Saturday | January 17 | 10 a.m. | Ridgeview Branch Library

Ages 0-4

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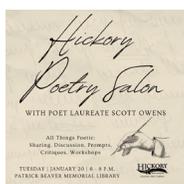
Bright Star Touring Theatre Presents Meet Dr. King

Saturday | January 17 | 2 p.m.

Family

Meet Dr. King is a wonderful introduction to the life and work of one of America's most influential men, perfect for introducing younger audiences to major concepts of Black History.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



Hickory Poetry Salon

Tuesday | January 20 | 6 p.m.

Facilitated by Hickory Poet Laureate Scott Owens, this monthly group will include all things poetic: sharing, discussion, prompts, critiques and workshops.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

CHILDREN

Tales for Preschoolers

Tuesdays | 10 a.m.

Ages 3-4

Explore stories, dancing, and singing in this interactive story time.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Tiny Tales Story Time

Wednesdays | 10 a.m.

Ages 0-2

Please bring a yoga mat or quilt.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Lego Club

Monday | January 5 | 5 p.m.

Thursday | January 15 | 5 p.m.

Ages 5-12

Build, make and play as we explore our creativity through Legos. We will have free play and Lego challenges.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Pre-K Family Play

Monday | January 12 | 2 p.m.

Ages 2-4

Preschool families can join this program for structured literacy supported play.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Aurora Borealis with Hickory Museum of Art

Monday | January 12 | 5 p.m.

Ages 9-18

Create the Aurora Borealis using chalk pastels and acrylic paint on black paper.

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Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Tinker Tales: Arctic Animals

Thursday | January 15 | 10 a.m.

Ages 0-8

Enjoy stories that spark creativity and curiosity followed by hands-on activities that explore STEAM.

Ridgeview Branch Library

Books & Ball: Volleyball

Thursday | January 15 | 5 p.m.

Ages 5-8

This month, enjoy volleyball themed stories then learn the fundamentals of the game.

Brown Penn Recreation Center

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Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Munchkin Music Class

Thursday | January 22 | 10 a.m.

Ages 2-4

Munchkin Music is a joyful, high-energy program where little ones sing, dance, and move to the beat.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

STEAM Story Hour – Astronomy

Saturday | January 24 | 2 p.m.

Family

Join us for an astronomy-themed story time and STEAM activity to celebrate BoBfest 2026.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Triple P Parenting Discussion – Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Thursday | January 29 | 6 p.m.

Family

Come explore different problems parents commonly face at bedtime and some of the reasons why they happen.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Pom Pom Animals: Fun with Fluff

Saturday | January 31 | 2 p.m.

Ages 9-12

Learn essential techniques for creating a pom pom animal.

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TEENS

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Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Zines & Things

Thursday | January 29 | 6 p.m.

Explore your voice and creativity by creating a zine. Try different techniques such as stamp carving, collaging, writing, and drawing to make your mark.

Ridgeview Branch Library

ADULTS

Ridgeview Chess

Thursdays | 6 p.m.

Learn chess basics, strategies, and tactics by playing with other chess enthusiasts in the community. This program is provided by Eugene Brown from Big Chair Chess Club.

Ridgeview Branch Library

Elvis Presley Tribute Show

Monday | January 5 | 10 a.m.

Put on your blue suede shoes and join us at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library for a morning of Elvis. Ed Smith, a local Elvis tribute artist, will perform some of your favorite Elvis songs.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Community Threads

Monday | January 5 | 6 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Explore a new fiber arts hobby in The Learning Lab with a hands-on demonstration. Experiment with any of our other fiber arts tools or bring your own project to work on.

The Learning Lab

at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Creative Journaling

Monday | January 5 | 6 p.m.

Create a refillable leather journal!

Ridgeview Branch Library

Chess Club

Tuesday | January 6 | 6 p.m.

Tuesday | January 13 | 6 p.m.

Ages 9+

Participants will learn chess basics, strategies, and tactics by playing with other chess enthusiasts in the community. All skill levels are welcome.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Ukulele Group Jam

Wednesday | January 7 | 6 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Come strum and play along with us in a supportive and relaxed environment. All experience levels welcome.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Snowflake Sparkle Diamond Art

Thursday | January 8 | 6 p.m.

Create shimmering snowflake designs using diamond art techniques. All materials are provided.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Trivia & Jingo

Friday | January 9 | 10:30 a.m.

Friday | January 23 | 10:30 a.m.

Keep your mind active and sharp by taking part in a variety of quizzes, puzzles, and games.

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Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Senior Bingo & Brain Games

Monday | January 12 | 10 a.m.

Monday | January 26 | 10 a.m.

Join us for mind stimulating brain games and bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of Hickory Public Library.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Seed Starting and Seed & Plant Swap

Monday | January 12 | 6 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Learn all about starting perennials, vegetables, and annuals in this program presented by NC Cooperative Extension Agent Jake Haynes.

The Learning Lab

at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Roll for Initiative:

Dungeons & Dragons League

Tuesday | January 13 | 5 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Adventurers are invited to play Dungeons & Dragons on the second Monday of every month.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Learn to Play Ukulele

Wednesday | January 14 | 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Learn how to play ukulele in a fun, supportive, relaxed group environment.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

New Year, New Space

Wednesday | January 14 | 6 p.m.

Join us for an inspiring decluttering workshop that goes beyond just tidying up. Discover simple, sustainable strategies to let go of the stuff that's weighing you down—physically and mentally.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Partners Training Sessions:**Early Alzheimer's Symptoms**

Thursday | January 15 | 10 a.m.

Discuss the factors that contribute to Alzheimer's disease, symptoms associated with early Alzheimer's, and treatment options.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Chess Club with Beginner Group Lesson

Tuesday | January 20 | 6 p.m.

Teens & Adults

This club meeting features a beginner group lesson by Tim Hanks, United States Chess Federation (USCF) National Master.

The Learning Lab

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Dementia: Nutritional Needs

Tuesday | January 20 | 6 p.m.

The staff of Partners will provide training on nutritional needs for individuals with dementia.

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Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

The New Romantics Book Club

Tuesday | January 20 | 6 p.m.

Start your year off with a swoon! The New Romantics Book Club is the library's new romance book club for readers who love bold characters, big feelings, and a little extra heat. This January, we're skating into *Icebreaker* by Hannah Grace, a spicy, sporty romance set in the world of competitive college hockey.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Build A Snowman: 3D Print Figurine

Wednesday | January 21 | 6 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Learn how to use TinkerCAD to build your own snowman.

The Learning Lab

at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Beginner Sewing: Mushroom Plushies

Monday | January 26 | 6 p.m.

Tuesday | January 27 | 10 a.m.

Teens & Adults

Learn basic sewing techniques to create a precious mushroom plushy.

The Learning Lab

at Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Songwriting Club

Wednesday | January 21 | 6 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Songwriting Club is a place to explore your creative side! Share your music, hear from local songwriters and learn about the music industry.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Upcycled Winter Hats

Saturday | January 24 | 3 p.m.

Teens & Adults

Save a sweater from the landfill and give it a second life! Learn how to hand sew a beanie from a thrifted sweater.

Ridgeview Branch Library

What's Your New Chapter?

Monday | January 26 | 6 p.m.

In this engaging one-hour presentation, life coach Catherine Lundberg explores how to overcome the most common obstacles that keep people stuck, including decision paralysis, imposter syndrome, perfectionism, procrastination, and fear of failure.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Bricks and Books: Building Rivendell

Tuesday | January 27 | 6 p.m.

Talk all things Tolkien while joining in fellowship to build Rivendell using LEGO® bricks! After all building sessions are done the completed piece will be on display at the library.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Open Door Book Club

Wednesday | January 28 | 3:30 p.m.

Teens & Adults

The book for January is *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. A limited number of copies will be available for sign out at the 2nd floor service desk.

Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

Step-by-Step Painting:**Snowy Winter Scene**

Wednesday | January 28 | 6 p.m.

Join us for a step-by-step acrylic painting event. Each participant will create a beautiful winter snow globe scene on stretched canvas.

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Registration required. Sign up online at hickory.librarycalendar.com or call 828-304-0500.