

See Gaston on Facebook! www.facebook.com/visitgaston

CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2015

September 1 – “5th Annual Home Grown Gaston” – Gastonia Farmers Market, 5:00PM-8:00PM
The market is located at 410 E. Long Ave. in Gastonia. Come and enjoy delicious all you can eat entrees and desserts prepared by local chefs who will showcase locally grown meats, dairy and produce. Your participation in this event will help to support Holy Angels in Belmont. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at Cherubs Cafe & Candy Bouquet by Holy Angels in Belmont and Cherubs Market in Cramerton. Tickets can also be purchased on line - <http://homegrowingaston.com/> ~ all proceeds will be donated to Holy Angels. For more details please call Holy Angels in Belmont at 704-825-4161.

September 1 thru 7 – “Tony’s Ice Cream’s 100th Anniversary Exhibit at The Schiele” – Schiele Museum
The Schiele Museum is located at 1500 East Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Tony’s Ice Cream tradition started in 1915 as a push cart business owned and operated by Carmine Coletta. Tony’s has stood the test of time and remains one of the landmarks in Gaston County. The exhibit at The Schiele Museum will include several items used in the business throughout its history, including scoops (one has Carmine Coletta’s initials engraved on it), an ice cream machine, milkshake machine, a replica of Carmine’s original push cart, and milk cans. The exhibit will replicate a 1960s-era ice cream shop. Tony’s is located at 604 E. Franklin Blvd. in Gastonia. Bring your family for a taste of history and start your tradition today! For more details call 704-867-7085.

September 1 thru October 17 – “Artwork by Tammy Cantrell” – Gaston County Museum
The museum is located at 131 W. Main Street in Dallas. Tammy is a professional photographer and painter. She has a “Heart for History” and specializes in historical landmarks, architecture, nature and people. Whether painting or photographing, she does not have one particular style and probably never will. She is all over the place and still believes in the magic of art. For more details call 704-922-7681 or visit www.gastoncountymuseum.org.

September 1 thru December 31 – “The Solar System: A Journey of Exploration” Schiele Museum, 10:00AM ~ The Museum is located at 1500 East Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Be the first in your neighborhood to see our new feature exhibit and enjoy a day of out-of-this-world family-friendly activities. Discover astronomy through hands-on activities and go on a Solar System scavenger hunt. Take a safe glimpse at the sun through a special solar telescope. Don’t forget to catch a show in the James H. Lynn Planetarium- programs are free in honor of this special event. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

September 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23 – “Microbrews Cruise” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:30PM
The U.S.N.W.C. is located at 5000 Whitewater Center Parkway in Charlotte. Microbrews Cruise begins with a guided group flatwater paddle along the Catawba River. As the sun starts to set on the river, you’ll work your way back to the shore for a chef-prepared, fireside dinner at the Ridge Pavilion. Each cruise features a select craft brewery; representatives from the breweries lead the tastings by highlighting new, seasonal and unique brews. Vegetarian and gluten free menus are available; please call *Guest Services* with any special dietary requests at 704-391-3900.

September 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23 thru October 30 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM ~ With Zipline & Dine, you can zip through the trees as the sun goes down before enjoying a fireside dinner with craft beer and wine. Guests will travel via a course of five different zip-lines and two roped bridges before rappelling out of the trees alongside the Catawba River. After a short hike back to base camp, guests will be greeted with craft beer, wine, and dinner around a roaring fire pit at the Ridge Landing. Dinners are prepared by our chef. Vegetarian and gluten free menus are available; please call *Guest Services* with any special dietary requests at 704-391-3900. For more details you may visit www.usnwc.org.

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – “Spy Tech Cruise In” – Downtown Belmont, 6:00PM-9:00PM ~ Every Wednesday evening through September, classic cars converge on Belmont for the *Spy Tech Cruise In*. *The event is free and open to the public*. Come and show your classic vehicle or come just to look and enjoy an evening in beautiful downtown Belmont. Classic car owners get a free ticket for a chance for meals or gas. Choose from 10 restaurants within a two-block walk, plus other shops, a park and playground for the children, plus...during this event there will be a DJ spinning beach music! For more details call Skip Graham at 704-825-4113 or email him at spyskip@gmail.com. (No rain dates)

September 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 – “USNWC River Jam 2015” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 7:00PM-10:00PM ~ the concert is **free** but there is a fee of \$5.00 to park. Join the Whitewater Center on Thursday and Saturday nights now through September for *River Jam*, their weekly concert series. A talented line-up of national musical acts provide the perfect back drop for a fun summer evening outdoors. Bring your family and friends, enjoy the large food and craft beer selection, and take in the sights and sounds of *River Jam 2015!* For more details call 704-391-3900.

September 4 – “17th Annual Blues Out Back Free Concert Series” – Gaston County Museum, 6:30PM-8:00PM ~ Last concert of the season ~ Gaston County Museum will host the performance of Pat “Mother Blues” Cohen and her band, as part of their 17th Annual “*Blues out Back*” free summer concert series on the lawn behind the museum. This event is sponsored by Sun Drop. For years, Pat sang in New Orleans six nights a week, performing at a wide array of venues including the House of Blues, until Hurricane Katrina destroyed her home. She relocated to North Carolina and has recently started touring with the Music Maker Blues Revue. During her performances, “Mother Blues” unfurls the tapestry of her life experiences to her audience in soulful words and music. She shares the mettle, pathos and ocean-deep compassion of the famous female blues singers she idolizes—women like Billie Holiday, Koko Taylor and Etta James. Pat Cohen is a dramatic and exotic performer whose talent should not be overlooked. For more details contact Jason Luker, Programs Coordinator, at 704-922-7681 ex 105 or at Jason.Luker@gastongov.com.

September 4, 5 – “Ranlo Fall Festival” – Ball Field behind the Town Hall ~ **Free** and open to the public The Town Hall is located at 1624 Spence Mountain Road in Gastonia. The hours for the festival, Friday from 6:00PM-10:00PM and Saturday from 4:00PM-10:00PM / there will be food and craft vendors, rides, games and entertainment on the town ball field. For more details call the Ranlo Town Hall at 704-824-3461.

September 6 – “Labor Day Trail Race and Celebration with Fireworks” – U.S. National Whitewater Center The U.S.N.W.C. is the place to enjoy the long holiday weekend at our annual Labor Day Celebration. A 5K and 15K Trail Race will kick off the fun in the morning, followed by a day filled with outdoor adventure. There will be a cornhole tournament, live music, and fun for family and friends alike. Be sure to stick around after the sun goes down for our popular Labor Day fireworks show over the whitewater channel. For more details you may visit <http://usnwc.org/relax/festivals/labor-day-celebration/> or call 704-391-3900.

September 8 – “FREE TUESDAY ~ Every Second Tuesday of the Month” – Schiele Museum, 4:00PM-8:00PM ~ The Schiele Museum is located at 1500 East Garrison Blvd., in Gastonia. Enjoy exhibits and programs for **free!** This includes an aquatic conservation program at 5:00PM and a showing of Bear Tales at 6:00PM in the James H. Lynn Planetarium. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

September 10 – “River Jam Run Race Edition” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:15PM

Break out of your typical exercise routine in this weekday trail race. The weekend is near...but that doesn't mean you have to wait to race. Each race in the series will feature a 3.75-mile and 6.5-mile distance. Awards will be given to the winners of each race as well as the winners of the series overall. To be considered for the series title, participants must race a minimum of three races of the same distance. *Following the race, hang out and enjoy live music and good times at the River Jam concert series.* For more details you may visit www.usnwc.org.

September 11, 12 – “Caravan Summer Sizzlin’ BBQ Cook-off” – Downtown Belmont on Main Street
Hey, Grill Masters this is your time to shine! Come join in the fun at the *9th Annual Caravan Summer Sizzlin’ BBQ Cook-off* with ribs, chicken, and pulled pork. This year they have a new category ~ *Best Sauce*. Bring your original recipe and see how it stacks up. For more details call Vince Hill at 704-829-7711 or for up-to-date info visit www.facebook.com/CaravanSummerSizzlin.

September 12 - “Hoyle Historic Homestead, Inc. ~ Open House” – *Gaston County’s Oldest Home*
Located at 1214 Dallas Stanley Highway, Dallas, NC 10:00AM-2:00PM ~ House tours, history, genealogy, entertainment with the bluegrass band, *Soldiers of the Cross*, vendors, exhibitors, hot dogs with all the fixings and a great time for all. This event is **free** and open to the public. For more details call 704-616-4058.

September 18, 19, & 20 – “2015 Gaston County Amateur Golf Tournament” – Cancer Services of GC
The Gaston County Amateur Championship Golf Tournament is one of Cancer Services’ largest fundraisers. All funds raised benefit people living with cancer in Gaston County. The 2015 Annual Gaston County Amateur Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 18, through Sunday, September 20. We are excited to announce that the first two days of qualifying will be held at Catawba Creek Golf Club. The final round will be played on Sunday at Gaston Country Club. Entry forms are also available at Catawba Creek Golf Club, Gaston Country Club and Cancer Services of Gaston County. For more details please call Cancer Services at 704-864-1271 or Pat Morrow, Tournament Chairman at 704-864-9678.

September 25 – “Bug Ball 2015” – Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, 5:30PM-9:00PM
Don your most dazzling set of wings, most dashing antennae, and six to eight of your finest legs for the Garden’s Bug Ball! The buzz is that this annual family fundraiser will be a sell-out again this year. You won’t want to miss it. Not to mention, that it’s all for a good cause: to support the Garden’s educational school programs. Bugs of all ages (kids and kids at heart) are invited to attend dressed as their favorite insects and enjoy an evening filled with dancing, crafts and games, special food and beverages, and more. Butterfly dancers from the Charlotte Youth Ballet will flutter about while a silent auction takes place throughout the evening. Guests are invited to strike a pose in the photo booth and dance, buzz, flutter, scurry, or crawl the evening away in the Four Seasons Garden. If you find that your closet is a bit short on the latest bug apparel, don’t fret! *The Garden Store* will be offering bug-themed merchandise including insect masks, wings, spider pins and bug headbands prior to and during the event. Registration is required by Sept. 18. For more details call 704-825-4490 or to reserve your tickets today call 704-829-1252.

September 25, 26 – “The 8th Annual Mount Holly Art & Music Festival” – Downtown Mount Holly
The festival will officially open Friday evening at 6:00PM to 10:00PM as two great bands take the stage that evening, *Gal Friday Band* and *The Piedmont Boys*. On Saturday, the festival begins at 11:00AM and will end at 10:00PM. Original arts and crafts created by artist and crafts people from across the region will be showcased for sale. Stick around to see who wins “Best of Show.” Two stages, The North Stage and The South Stage, will feature local and name bands performing simultaneously throughout the day, this year’s headliner band, *Big Daddy Love*, will perform at 8:00PM. The festival will have a Kids Zone designed to immerse kids, of all ages, into art and music activities. Attending this year is the *WoodMill Winery*, from Vale, NC with free samples of their wines. Wines will also be for sale from their collection by either the glass or bottle. For more details please visit www.mounthollyfoundation.org or www.mounthollyartsfestival.com.

September 26 – “Goat Island Fishing Tournament” – Downtown Cramerton, 7:00AM-10:00AM
Bring the family for the “Catch-and-Release Youth Fishing Tournament on Goat Island”. **Free** to enter! Youth (ages 17 and under) awards will be given for the largest, smallest, and ugliest fish. Registration forms will be

accepted starting September 1st. Registration will also be available on the morning of the fishing tournament. Fishing permits are not required for children 15 and under or for the parents of those children. For more details please contact Cramerton Parks and Recreation at 704-824-4231.

September 26 – “2015 Stanley Creek Massacre 5K/10K” – Kiser Elementary School
Packet pickup at 7:00AM to 7:45 AM and the race will start at 8:00AM. The school is located at 311 E. College Street in Stanley. This is called the *Stanley Creek Massacre* for a good reason! This race provides a great opportunity for runners to enjoy a more hilly/challenging experience than many races provide. All ages and skills are welcome. Come run the rural hills of Gaston County! Race day registration is available. For details call 704-922-2160 or visit www.gastongov.com.

September 26 – “Uncorked” – U.S. National Whitewater Center
Unwind at *Uncorked*, at the USNWC’s wine festival featuring a variety of local, regional and national wineries all in one location. The day begins with the *Wild Vine 5K and Half Marathon* trail races, followed by the wine tasting from 1:00PM to 6:00PM. Guests may purchase individual tickets valid for samples (bottles are also available for purchase). Enjoy *live music* throughout the evening from our main stage on Belmont Abbey Island. For more details you may visit <http://usnwc.org/relax/festivals/uncorked/> or call 704-391-3900.

September 26 – “Last Community Concert & Cruise In for 2015” – Bessemer City, 6:00PM
This event will be located in downtown Bessemer City on W. Virginia Avenue. Come and enjoy live music, classic cars with **free** car entries and a lot of family fun! Tonight, come and enjoy music with the “*Swash Tones*”! For more details please visit www.bessemercity.com.

September 26 – “Legacy of Ella May Wiggins” – Gaston County Museum, 1:00PM-2:00PM ~ **Free**
In 1929, Gaston County struggled through one of the most infamous labor strikes in United States history. At the center of it all was Ella May Wiggins. Author Kristina Horton has just published her research on Ella May Wiggins in her new book *Martyr of Loray Mill*. This topic is very important to Kristina for not only its historical significance, but for also the fact that Ella May Wiggins was her great-grandmother. Be sure to join us for this intriguing lecture in the Historic Dallas Courthouse. This event is part of the Our Legacy Series provided by the Gaston County Museum, examining the special history that made a unique people. Reservations are required for this event. For more details about this program or to make your reservation please contact Jason Luker, Programs Coordinator, at 704-922-7681 ex 105 or at Jason.Luker@gastongov.com.

FOR ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT!

“Tony’s Ice Cream’s 100th Anniversary” – This tradition started in 1915 as a push cart business, owned and operated by Carmine Coletta. Tony’s has stood the test of time and remains one of the landmarks in Gaston County. Tony’s is located at 604 E. Franklin Blvd. in Gastonia. Bring your family and friends for some Southern homemade ice cream and good food. Come start *your* tradition today! For more details call 704-867-7085.

“Gastonia Grizzlies ~ 2015 was a Record Breaking Season ~ The Grizzlies were the 2015 CPL Attendance Champions ~ Over 60,000 fans and the West Division Champions!” Way to go GRIZZLIES! Home of the Grizzlies is Sims Legion Park, located at 1001 N. Marietta St. in Gastonia. The Gastonia Grizzlies is a proud member of the *Coastal Plain League*, the nation’s hottest summer collegiate baseball league with 14 teams playing in N.C., S.C. and Virginia. Come and enjoy *The Best Show In Town!* For more information on the Grizzlies please visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com or call 704-866-8622.

“Muddy River Distillery” – Distillers of Carolina Rum & Queen Charlotte’s Reserve”
The distillery is located at 1500 River Drive, #100 in Belmont. Muddy River was the first rum distillery in North Carolina, and the *only* distillery dedicated to rum in N.C. The owners Caroline and Robbie Delaney usually give 3 tours a week about 45 minutes to an hour long with 40 spots available. If you would like to take a tour,

you would need to sign-up on their website at <http://www.muddyriverdistillery.com/rumdistillerytour/>; legally they must do a tour in order to do a sampling so sign-up today. For more details call 336-516-4190.

“Bessemer City Kings Mountain Drive-In Theatre” – Opens at 7:00PM the show starts at 8:00PM, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. The cost is \$10.00 per carload. Bring the family and the neighbors for a fun time! For more details call 704-739-2150.

“Lineberger Park Train” – Gastonia Parks and Recreation, Lineberger Park is located at 632 E. Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Spring hours are as follows: March – April – May, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. Summer hours are as follows: June – July – August, Thursday & Friday 10AM–1PM and 2PM–6PM, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. Fall hours for the train are as follows: September – October – November, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. The cost is \$1 per person per ride. For private parties, day cares and schools call 704-869-1018. The park reserves the right to cancel operations due to inclement weather. The winter, December – January – February the train is closed and will reopen in March.

“Green Way Cycle Rentals” – Avon/Catawba Creek Green Way near Lineberger Park, Gastonia
Weds/Thurs/Fri 2:00PM till dusk ~ Sat/Sunday 10:00AM till dusk / All rentals are for set riding location only; no off path rentals available at this time. Helmets are required for all riders under 16 years old per NC State Law; helmets will be available at location. Renters must provide valid driver’s license or ID. For more details call 704-836-7742 or visit www.greenwaycycl rentals.com. (*Call before you go due to the season, price and weather conditions*)

“U.S. National Whitewater Center” – This official U.S. Olympic training facility is the training ground for future Olympians offering kayaking, rafting, canoeing, rock climbing, mountain-biking and running trails – just minutes from hotels, restaurants, and shopping! Parking is \$5.00 then you pay as you go or purchase one of the many ‘All Sport Passes’. *For more details/reservations and to see what activities are available this time of year, call 704-391-3900 or visit www.usnwc.org.*

“Carolina Speedway: Dirt Track Racing Friday Nights!” (*Every other Friday night during winter season*) Carolina Speedway is attracting crowds *every Friday night* to its improved dirt race track in southern Gaston County. The 4/10 mile track has excited fans and drivers in Gaston County for 44 years. The gates open at 5:00 PM with hot laps at 7:00 PM. Racing starts at 8:00 PM. For details call 704-869-0313 or visit www.driveondirt.com. Be sure to check out *Dirt Track Racing School* located at the Carolina Speedway.

“The Floating Goat” – *SPORTS & RECREATION!* The hours are 10:00AM-7:00PM. Kayak rentals...located at 137 8th Ave. in Cramerton, NC, 28032. Please call 704-734-8599 or 704-914-5552 for rentals and reservations or you may email Greg at gregthefloatinggoat@gmail.com. (*Call before you go due to the season, price and weather conditions*)

“Historic Cherryville Railroad Depot” – This 1922 Depot is located at 105 Depot Street in Cherryville. You can watch the model trains run or bring yours to run on the “Big Layout”. Join us on Thursday evenings (7PM-9PM) or Saturday mornings (10AM-12PM) and at other times by appointment. For details call Bob Fanter at 704-482-8723.

“Lake Wylie Kayak Rentals / Tailrace Marina” – The marina is located at 1000 Marina Village Drive in Mount Holly. Rentals are pontoon boats, kayaks & canoes. All groups are welcome and reservations are needed. Picnic areas are available for you and your family to enjoy. For more details or for reservations call 704-827-000. You may also visit www.LakeWylieKayakRentals.com. *Note: please call before you go due to the season and weather conditions.*

“The Cherryville Historical Museum” – The museum is located in downtown Cherryville in the Old City Hall built in 1911 to house the fire station, jail, police department, court room and the office of the city clerk. The building contains three levels of exhibit space where exhibits include a replica of the Old Academy, a 1950’s Beauty Shop, Little Church on Main Street, Optometrist Office, and other medical exhibits. Special attractions are the 1921 LaFrance fire engine, the New Year Shooters display, original Bull Durham painting, and the

Genealogy & History Library. The hours of operation are Saturday from 10:00AM-2:00PM, other times by appointment and the admission is free! For more details call 704-435-8011 or email chvhistorical@att.net.

“Millican Pictorial History Museum” – Located in *‘The Abram Stowe House’* built in 1868, it’s the oldest house in Belmont. Come and enjoy thousands of rare photos of cotton mills, workers and their way of life. On display are photographs of towns, churches, schools, trolleys, trucks, service stations, drive-in theaters, just to mention a few. You may also purchase these photo’s which will help the museum. The hours are Monday-Friday from 1:00PM-5:00PM and Saturday from 10:00AM-5:00PM, admission is free and donations are appreciated. For more details please call Allen Millican at 704-825-5391 or you may email Allen at milkcan@bellsouth.net.

“Restored ~ 1930’s Textile Mill House and R.L. Stowe’s Home” – ‘The Belmont Historical Society’, located in the *R.L. Stowe historical home* at 40 Catawba Street in Belmont. In the Stowe home you will find rooms displaying furnishings and artifacts from by-gone-eras of our history. There are various permanent exhibits, and “theme” exhibits which are changed regularly. The 1930’s textile mill house is where you can explore life displayed in a mill worker’s home. There are souvenirs for sale to help continue restoring the *1950’s Stowe Park Train* as well as an *1890’s Self-standing Kitchen*. The hours are Friday through Sunday from 1:00PM-5:00PM. Admission is free and donations are appreciated. For more details call 704-825-4848 or you may visit the website at www.belmontnc-hs.org.

“Mount Holly Historical Society” – Open on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:00AM-12:00PM The Mount Holly Historic Exhibits are on display during these hours. Consider becoming a member and help preserve Mount Holly’s historic character! For more details email www.mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com or visit on facebook at www.facebook.com/mhhsnc.

“Permanent Exhibit Update – Period Hotel Rooms” – Gaston County Museum, the Gaston County Museum’s newly renovated period hotel rooms is open to the public. These rooms will explore the history of the Hoffman Hotel starting from its beginnings through the 1920s. Patrons will learn about several types of guests including: a Confederate Officer, a lawyer, a doctor and his family. Visitors will see what it would have been like to stay at the hotel as well as traveling through Gaston County. The exhibit will feature interactive displays and a new hands-on children’s area. The museum is housed in an 1852 brick Greek Revival style hotel that has been adapted for visitors and travelers of today. The museum contains North Carolina’s largest public collection of horse-drawn vehicles consisting of sleighs, drays, wagons, and buggies and is the home of the *Ties that Bind: Carolinas Textile Exhibit*. Museum hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00AM – 5:00PM, and Saturday 10:00AM – 3:00PM For more details contact Jeff Pruett at 704-922-7681 x105 or jeff.pruett@co.gaston.nc.us Museum’s website – www.gastoncountymuseum.org.

“Belmont Abbey College – Performing Arts” – For the 2015-2016 schedule or tickets call 704-461-6787 or you may visit www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/academic/performingarts/abbey-players-theater-schedule.aspx. Information is also available for the **“2015-2016 ~ Arts at the Abbey Concerts”** at www.bac.edu or call 704-461-6813.

“Carolina Pro Musica ~ Arts at the Abbey 2015-2016 ~ Belmont Abbey College Basilica” – For the 2015-2016 schedule please contact Karen Hite Jacob at www.carolinapromusica@gmail.com. The Abbey Basilica is located at 100 Belmont-Mt. Holly Rd., on exit 26 off I-85 in Belmont. For questions or additional information please contact Karen at karenjacob@bac.edu. The concerts are **free** but donations are gladly accepted!

“The Little Theater of Gastonia” – For the 2015-2016 schedule or tickets call 704-865-0160 or you may visit www.littletheaterofgastonia@gmail.com. To order your tickets online, visit www.Carolinatix.org or call Carolinatix at 704-372-1000.

GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEEKLY TODDLER TIME

Simple 20-minute program for children ages 1 – 2 years with parent/caregiver.
Program includes picture book-sharing, finger plays, songs and activities,
and introduces toddlers to books

Belmont Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:00AM – 704-825-5426

Lowell Branch Library: Fridays at 11:00AM – 704-824-1266

Main Library / Gastonia: Thursdays at 10:30AM & 1:30AM – 704-868-2164, Dial 3

Mount Holly Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30AM – 704-827-3581

Stanley Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-263-4166

Union Road Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:00AM – 704-852-4073

*For more details about **Weekly Toddler Time and Weekly Story Time** events, please contact your local Gaston-Lincoln Regional Library location or call 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.*

GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
WEEKLY STORY TIME

Storytelling, book-sharing, songs and participatory activities for children age 3 through 6 years old.

Belmont Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:00AM – 704-825-5426

Bessemer City Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-629-3321

Cherryville Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30PM – 704-435-6767

Dallas Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:00AM – 704-922-3621

Ferguson Branch Library / Erwin Center: 704-868-8046 for Program Details

Lowell Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-824-1266

Main Library / Gastonia: Wednesdays at 11:30AM & 1:30PM – 704-868-2164, Dial 3

Mount Holly Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:30AM – 704-827-3581

Stanley Branch Library: Fridays at 10:30AM – 704-263-4166

Union Road Branch Library: Wednesdays at 11:00AM – 704-852-4073

Charles R. Jones Library / Lincolnton: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-735-8044

Florence Soule Shanklin Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30AM – 704-483-3589

West Lincoln Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:30AM – 704-276-9946

James H. Lynn PLANETARIUM
At The Schiele Museum

Tickets to the Planetarium are \$3 for all visitors, plus Museum admission (**except FREE days**).

Program schedule is subject to change. On the day of your visit, confirm your schedule by calling 704-866-6908.

“Oceans in Space” – Saturdays 11:00AM & 2:30PM, Sundays 2:30PM

Tuesday – Friday 3:30PM / The search for life in the universe begins deep in the Earth’s oceans and extends out to the stars! Explore conditions make life favorable on our planet and throughout the universe. Discover the diversity of life here even as humans embark on the search for life in the universe.

“Bear Tales and Other Grizzly Stores” – Tuesday - Sunday 1:30, Free Tuesdays (2nd Tuesday of the month) 6:00PM, Free Fridays (4th Friday of the month) 3:30PM / Join Grandpa Ben on a family camping trip and hear lively stories about the night sky and its constellations. Come and enjoy this fun, family-friendly presentation for all ages.

“Nightwatch” – Saturdays & Sundays, 3:30PM

There is more in the night sky than you can see with your naked eye. Learn how to explore the universe with binoculars and small telescopes without leaving your own backyard. The cost is \$3 in addition to museum admission.

DID YOU KNOW?

“Know Before You Go” – Dial 511 to reach the NC 511 Travel Info Line or get real-time info online at www.ncdot.gov/travel. NCDOT also offers travel information for motorists on Twitter.

“Crowders Mountain State Park Hours”

November-February, 8AM-6PM

March-April, September-October, 8AM-8PM

May-August, 8AM-9PM

Closed Christmas Day

Park Office Hours: 8AM-5PM Daily

(While in the park in case of an emergency call the park office at 704-853-5375)

2015 FARMERS MARKET REPORT (updated as info is provided)

The Dougie Henry Farmers Market a.k.a. Gastonia Farmers Market

410 E. Long Ave. – for more details, call Carol Shrum at (704)853-0049 / www.gastoniafarmersmarket.com

Now thru October

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 7:30AM-12:30PM

November

Saturday only - 7:30AM – 12:30PM

Cherryville Farmers Market

Located at 220 East Main St. in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot

For more details call 704-435-3451

Now thru October 29

Thursdays only 4:00PM-7:00PM

Farmers Market of Bessemer City

101 E. Virginia Ave. behind Angel's Upscale Sales

For more details call 704-616-0406

Open year round

Saturdays only from 8:00AM-1:00PM