



NEW HANOVER COUNTY December Events

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New Hanover County is looking for feedback from citizens to help shape the county's plans and policies for the future. Take the survey online at SurveyNHC.com through December 12.

Thursday, December 1 & 15 Christmas Tree Crafts 3:30 - 4:15pm

Come to the Main Library to create and decorate edible Christmas trees using sugar cones, icing and candies. This program is free, but space is limited. Register on the Library's calendar at www.NHCLibrary.org or by calling 910-798-6303.

Main Library • 201 Chestnut St • Wilmington, NC 28401 • nhclibrary.org



Friday, December 2, 9 & 16 Little Explorers 10am

Explore the world around us with hands-on activities, interactive story time, experiments and fun in Cape Fear Museum Park! *This free program is perfect for children ages 3 to 6 and their adult helpers.* The theme for **December 2** is "A Season of Trees," **December 9** is "Wild Winter Weather," and **December 16** is "Senses of the Season." *Little Explorers is sponsored by the PNC Foundation.*

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December 2-4, 9-11, & 15-22 Enchanted Airlie 5-7pm or 7-9pm

Take in the sparkling sights and festive sounds of the season at Enchanted Airlie! Guests will experience a half mile stroll through the gardens on a self-guided walking tour, while feasting their eyes on a spectacular array of lights and holiday displays. *Visit airliegardens.org for additional information and tickets.*

Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Rd • Wilmington, NC 28403 • airliegardens.org



Saturday, December 3 Ability Garden Holiday Plant Sale 10am - 4pm

Attend this plant sale and open house at the New Hanover County Arboretum! Poinsettias in pink, white and red will be available for purchase, along with Christmas cactus and other plants. Enjoy music from a local choir, raffles, children's crafts, and Arboretum gift shop specials. *Proceeds support programs and projects for the Ability Garden's ongoing work in the community.*

NHC Arboretum • 6206 Oleander Dr • arboretum.nhcgov.com



Saturday, December 3, 10 & 17 Museum Explorers 11am & 2pm

Discover history, science and cultures of the Lower Cape Fear through interactive science investigations, hands-on exploration and unique artifacts at Cape Fear Museum. Activities are designed for ages 5 and up, to ignite curiosity and encourage families to have fun together. *Free for members or with paid general admission. Each program lasts 45 minutes and adult participation is required.*

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Sunday, December 4 New Hanover County Residents Free Day

Make plans to visit a New Hanover County attraction the first Sunday of each month! County residents, employees & students get in FREE to New Hanover County's Airlie Gardens, Cape Fear Museum, and Arboretum (note: the Arboretum is always free!)

For more information, hours and locations please visit us at www.nhcgov.com

Sunday, December 4, 11 & 18 Curiosity Carts 1:30 & 3:30pm

Get your hands on history and science! Examine artifacts and science specimens. Gain insight into topics featured in Cape Fear Museum exhibits. Carts are stationed in Museum galleries and feature short hands-on, facilitated experiences for visitors. *Free for members or with paid general admission.*

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Wednesday, December 7 Remember Pearl Harbor 3pm

Come to Northeast Library for a free program to learn the story behind the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 by watching a showing of the film *Tora, Tora, Tora: The Real Story of Pearl Harbor*. This A&E special, made in 2000, examines the planning and execution of the attack.

Northeast Library • 1241 Military Cutoff Rd • Wilmington, NC • www.nhclibrary.org

Thursday, December 8 Rain Barrel Sale 9am - 5pm

60 and 80 gallon rain barrels are available for purchase and pick up on the second Thursday of each month at the West entrance of New Hanover County's Government Center.

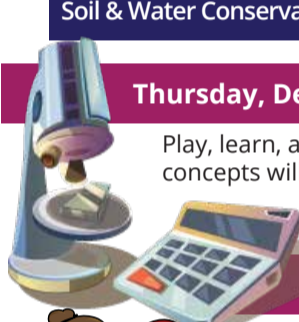
Soil & Water Conservation • 230 Government Ctr Dr • soilwater.nhcgov.com



Thursday, December 8 PreK Math and Science 10am

Play, learn, and explore with your child at Cape Fear Museum! Math and science concepts will be introduced through interactive story times, hands on science experiments and exploration stations. *This free program is presented by NHC Libraries and is designed for children between the ages of 3-6.*

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Saturday, December 10 Wellness Walk 9am

Join NHC Parks & Gardens for a free, monthly health talk and guided walking program around the 1.3 mile walking trail at Smith Creek Park.

Smith Creek Park • 633 Shenandoah St • parks.nhcgov.com



Sunday, December 11 & 18 Discovery Lab 2-30 - 4pm

Investigate, experiment, and explore! In Cape Fear Museum's Discovery Lab, the whole family can drop-in for fun, quick experiments and hands-on investigations. *Themes vary and are ideal for ages 5 and up with their adult helpers. Free for members or with paid general admission.*

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December 12 - 18 Icicle Ornament Crafts

Kids can make icicle ornaments to take home, using chenille stems and beads, during the week of December 12-18! Come to the Main Library's Children's Room any time during library hours and ask for the craft bin to get started. *Adult supervision is required.*

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Tuesday, December 13 Insiders Tour 10am

Curious about the Cape Fear? Explore the history of your community at Cape Fear Museum. Take the Insider's Tour offered the second Tuesday of each month. Tours are free with admission and include a "behind the scenes" sneak peek. *Pre-registration is required: 910-798-4362 or cfmprograms@nhcgov.com. Free for members or with paid general admission.*

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Through December 14 Native Voices Exhibit at Main Library

"Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness" is a national traveling exhibition that explores the interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. *The exhibit is free and open to the public during library hours. Exhibit developed by U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM).*

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Wednesday, December 14 Bird Hike 8 - 9:30am

Fly over to Airlie Gardens to participate in our monthly Bird Hike, co-hosted with our partner Wild Bird & Garden! Birders of all levels are encouraged to join us. *Free for members and included with paid garden admission.*

Airlie Gardens • 300 Airlie Rd • Wilmington, NC • airliegardens.org



Wednesday, December 21 Family Workshop: Lego Robots 2 - 5pm

Engage in science, technology, engineering and math as you construct and program a LEGO MINDSTORMS® robot at Cape Fear Museum! *Space is limited and preregistration is required.* Please register at www.capefearmuseum.com. *This program is free for members or with paid general admission, and is sponsored by Corning Incorporated Foundation and Landfall Foundation.*

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Wednesday, December 21 4-H Teen Council Meeting 2 - 5pm

Teen Council is the county's 4-H leadership organization for teen 4-H club members. Its purpose is to develop leadership skills and is open to any teen. Learn more at <https://newhanover.ces.ncsu.edu/4-h-teen-council/>.

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December 27 & 29 Stories Under the Stars 10am & 1:30pm

Enjoy the ancient tales preserved in the stars and explore the winter sky with Cape Fear Museum's Stories Under the Stars! *Adult participation is required, and this program is free for members or with paid general admission.*

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December 27 & 29 Solar Quest 11:30am & 3:30pm

Come to Cape Fear Museum and take a trip to our nearest star – the Sun. Soar over its scorching surface and discover what modern science has revealed about the Sun and modern life on Earth. *Adult participation is required, and this program is free for members or with paid general admission.*

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Wednesday, December 28 Lights, Camera...Science! 11am - 2pm

Explore 3D vision and special effects at Cape Fear Museum. Create strange and silly sound effects, and bring the mystery of movie magic into focus! *Adult participation is required, and this program is free for members or with paid general admission.*

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Friday, December 30 AARP Smart Driver Program 8:45am

Come to the Senior Resource Center for a smart driver workshop, featuring valuable tips and state-specific driving information in an easy-to-follow classroom format. *Pre-registration is required by calling 910-798-6409. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.*

Senior Resource Center • 2222 S. College Rd. • Wilmington, NC 28403 • src.nhcgov.com



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