College & Career Connections Road Map Checklist

Explore
- Testing & Education Reference Center – CMLibrary Online Resource
- Ferguson’s Career Guidance Center – CMLibrary Online Resource
- Learn About Yourself – College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
- My Next Move – U.S. Department of Labor
- NC Careers – NC Department of Commerce
- Virtual College Tours – Campus Tours
- Create your own Explore activity (Suggestions: Attend a college fair, Shadow a professional to learn more about a career, Learn which schools offer your preferred major or area of interest)

Read
- Search for books to help you on your journey in our catalog
- Recommended reading lists – Test Prep, Guidebooks for Colleges & Majors, Scholarships & Financial Aid

Write
- Your brag sheet
- A professional resume
- At least one personal essay (Ex. college admissions, scholarship submissions, etc.)

Create
- Your Planning Timeline – College Planning Timeline or Explore Careers – College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
- Visit one of our Library Makerspaces to create a meaningful project
- Share your progress via social media using our hashtag #CMLCollegeCareer

Plan
- Reality Check – NC Department of Commerce
- Know Before You Go – College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
- Career One Stop for Youth – U.S. Department of Labor
- Plan and Budget – Google Curriculum
- Create your own Plan activity (Suggestions: Apply for scholarships, Plan your budget, Compare occupations, Find training, Do additional research on schools, careers, etc.)

Act
- Become a VolunTeen at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, or volunteer in the community
- Attend at least 4 College & Career Connections programs and workshops at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library
- Apply to a job, internship, certificate program, or post-secondary institution
- Schedule a 1-on-1 meeting with a Charlotte Mecklenburg Library staff member to review your road map and get additional guidance. Contact your local branch for more details.

You must complete at least 10 activities (at least 1 from each category) and 10 hours of planning for your future, which will be discussed at your 1-on-1 with Library staff.