



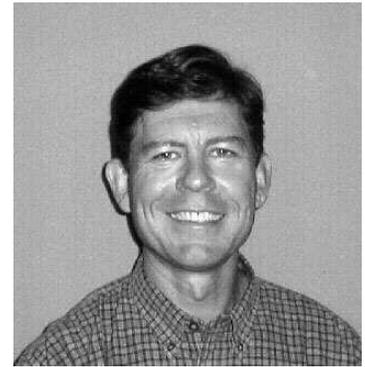
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Library speaker series to spotlight area history

NEWTON—Archaeologist Dr. David Moore will headline the 2011 spring speaker series at Catawba County Library System.

Moore, professor of archaeology at Warren Wilson College will share how he and colleagues have identified Joara, the 16th-century Spanish artifacts in Burke County, indicating the first permanent settlement in the interior of North America.



Moore will appear at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at Main Library in Newton and again at 7 p.m. April 12 at Sherrills Ford Branch Library. Both programs are free and open to the public, compliments of Friends of Catawba County Library.

Four other informative programs are also planned by the library system.

The Hmong culture in Catawba County will be the focus of a documentary premiere at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 in Newton. Students of History Professor Richard Eller of Catawba Valley Community College will present a video about the Hmong who emigrated from Southeast Asia to our area in the 1990s. That program is suitable for older children through adults.

North Carolina author Chris J. Hartley will discuss his book, *Stoneman's Raid 1865*, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 in Newton. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, Hartley's talk will cover events in Western North Carolina at the end of that national conflict. His appearance will be of particular interest to history buffs, students and educators.

“100 Years of Caring” will be the topic of Michael Barrick at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at St. Stephens Branch. His new book, *Exceptional Care, a Century Strong* highlights the hospital and its impact on the community since the founding in 1911.

Future family researchers should mark their calendar for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Main Library in Newton. Two genealogy enthusiasts will offer a free how-to session “Who Do You Think You Are?” in Newton. Those with little or no experience in family research are encouraged to attend. Former Regent Marcia Copper and former vice regent Terri Duckett of the John Hoyle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution in Hickory will lead the discussion. The session is open to all, regardless of eligibility for DAR membership.

A brochure “Explore History with Us” outlines each of the events and is available at all locations of the Catawba County Library System. For more information, call Lynne Bolick Reed, assistant library director, at 465-8292.



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