



**MAIN LIBRARY  
CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**

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## **County library receives tech grant**

The State Library of North Carolina has awarded a grant to upgrade computers for Catawba County Library System.

“We are grateful for this support to improve access to computer technology for our customers,” said Karen Foss, Catawba County Library director.

The award of \$19,881 will allow purchase of eight Touchscreen early literacy computers to replace eight older children’s computers in all seven libraries.

This grant is made possible through funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

Of the eight new computers, three will be bilingual (English/Spanish) at libraries with the largest Hispanic population: St. Stephens, Conover and Newton.

Catawba County Library System serves a population of some 114,000, ranking 21<sup>st</sup> among county libraries in North Carolina. In all, the library operates 99 public access computers and offers free Wi-Fi at all locations.