



A World of Knowledge

**MAIN LIBRARY
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YOUTH COUNCIL TO AID LIBRARIES

Catawba County Library System has partnered with the Catawba County Youth Council to promote literacy among young children.

April Green, library services specialist in Youth Services, said Youth Council volunteers will lead selected family story times at Newton and St. Stephens this spring.

“This is a win-win opportunity for the library, youth and children,” Green said. Volunteers will gain some valuable experience, children will enjoy their stories and library staff can be freed up to serve other patrons.

Youth will lead the family story time at the Main Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 15, April 5 and 10 and May 3 and 17. The youth will pick a theme and offer a very interactive story time including stories, songs, action rhymes and crafts.

A similar program will be hosted at St. Stephens Branch during their evening story times at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 and May 11. Ridgeview Branch Library in Hickory will also host Youth Council story times at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29, April 26 and May 24.

The Youth Council is a leadership program for selected high school students. Currently, 28 qualified students represent each local high school and five community organizations. The Council was organized in 2008 to identify issues and develop projects to address them.

The Youth Council represents the second such partnership with the library. Since Winter 2009, teens from Newton Health & Science High School have tutored elementary school and middle school students on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Main Library. Hours of that free service are 3:15 to 4:30.

Catawba County Library System, a service of Catawba County Government, has some 77,000 registered borrowers. About one-third of them are age 18 or younger.



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