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Transform Your Ideas of the Library: Celebrate National Library Week

Newton, NC - April 10-16th is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers, and celebrate the dynamic changes that are happening in today's libraries across the nation.

Libraries today are more about what they do for and with their community members as opposed to just a place to store books. Libraries aren't only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, learn how to use a 3D printer, check out a GoPro camera, or just relax. The Catawba County Library offers access to a variety of print and digital resources, including ebooks, audiobooks, movies and music that can be accessed in person or online via Overdrive or Hoopla .

Libraries are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. The Catawba County Library transforms in many ways, including hosting an NC Works career specialist, providing technology workshops, early literacy story times and access to cutting edge technologies.

Librarian Siobhan Loendorf commented that, "Libraries are uniquely positioned to level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life."

The Catawba County Libraries are celebrating National Library Week with a social media campaign for all ages and a teen writing contest based on how libraries transform our lives. Look for details about events this month including 3D printing, sewing, author visits, Library Scrabble and more. For information on how you can get involved in National Library Week stop by your library or visit our news site at librarynews.catawbacountync.gov.

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About: *The Catawba County Library is our community's place to connect, explore, and grow. We empower lives and build our community by bringing people, information, and ideas together. The library, headquartered in Newton, serves the community with seven locations throughout the county and is a year-round, integral provider of early literacy and lifelong learning resources and programming. The library also provides a full complement of computer and digital services, classes, and support to bridge the digital divide, empower job seekers, and enhance community quality of life and economic health.*

