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New librarian for Conover, Claremont

Brytani Fraser is the new librarian for Conover and Claremont branches, according to Suzanne White, director of the Catawba County Library System. Fraser replaces Siobhan Loendorf, who recently transferred to the Sherrills Ford Branch.

Fraser will provide librarian services for both branches including computer classes, preschool story times and other programming. She plans to continue the Tuesdays in Conover series for adults and teens and will introduce some school-aged programs as well as a family day (stories and activities) this spring.



“As a child I was an avid reader. I probably read every children’s nonfiction title about animals in the Wayne County Public Library,” she said. “I thought about becoming a zoologist at one point,” she says, but the calculus requirements changed her mind.

Instead, she focused on writing, eventually publishing a story in an on-line journal and winning Moore County Writing Competitions in both fiction and nonfiction in 2012. She still keeps a journal and writes when she can.

Among her childhood favorites were *The Boxcar Children* mysteries, *Winnie the Pooh* and anything by Roald Dahl. These days she especially enjoys children’s and young adult literature as well as work by humorist David Sedaris and science fiction author Sheri S. Teper.

She entered the professional world of “library land,” as she calls it, because of her passion for books and love to encourage others to read.

“I chose *public* library work because I want to make a difference in the community,” she said.

Reared in Goldsboro, Fraser most recently served as Youth Services library assistant at Mooresville Public Library. She also has prior experience at Southern Pines Public Library.

She holds a bachelor of fine arts degree in creative writing from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington and earned a master of library and information science degree from UNC-Greensboro.

In her spare time, Fraser enjoys hiking, fishing and camping. She and her husband, Will Bass, reside in Mooresville.