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Actress Mary Badham from *To Kill a Mockingbird* is Big Read Keynote Speaker

Newton, NC - The Big Read keynote speaker Mary Badham, who portrayed “Scout” in the 1962 movie *To Kill a Mockingbird*, will be making an appearance at The Green Room Community Theatre in Newton, NC on Monday, April 4 at 6 pm.

Badham will speak about her experiences making the film *To Kill a Mockingbird* and expound on the book’s messages of tolerance and compassion.

Mary Badham was chosen for the role of “Scout” at the age of ten, with no prior acting experience. She received an Oscar nomination for best supporting actress, being the youngest person to do so at the time. Badham currently spends her time on a busy speaking circuit and working on art restoration.

There will be a total of four appearances around Catawba County over a two day period:
Lenoir-Rhyne Convocation Program - Monday, April 4 from 10-11 am
Green Room Community Theatre - Monday, April 4 from 6-7 pm
Catawba Valley Community College - Tuesday, April 5 from 12-1 pm
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library - Tuesday, April 5 from 6-7 pm

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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.*

