

## Library cards: Best things in life are free

This month the Catawba County Library System joins libraries across the nation to promote literacy through the Smartest Card campaign.

Your library card, the "Smartest Card," allows you to check out books and audio/visual materials, but also allows access to a wealth of information without leaving your home or office. With a library card, you can access free books, magazines, journals, videos and recorded music available through your local library. Indeed that one card can help you become a well-rounded citizen.

Catawba County Library cardholders may place holds on materials through the library website. You can download books directly from the site for use on an eReader or other device. You can also access special tools such as NC LIVE, the state-funded data base that's an information goldmine for students and other North Carolinians. The library's subscription to this service gives you free access to Heritage Quest, Healthlink Plus, Learning Express Library and more.

The library website also offers free access to Hoopla, a service that streams music, audio books and TV programs and movies to your smartphone, tablet, com-



**The library offers programs for all ages.**

puter or other mobile device.

Can't find the materials you need? Local librarians can help you find out-of-print books, journals and other rare materials from lending libraries around the country. For the cost of postage, you can borrow those key resources for an important report or research project.

Catawba County Library offers free computer workshops too. These adult sessions are held 10 months of the year.

Another facet of library service is free programs. Among this month's offerings are a visit by author Janisse Ray on Sept. 4 in Newton, a talk by Dr. Summer Carrol of Lenoir-Rhyne College on Sept. 16 and a reading by author Jean Moore on Sept. 23 at St. Stephens.



Catawba County  
Library System

# @ The Library

News and Events  
September 2014

## Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch to open Sept. 29



Doors open Sept. 29 for the new Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch near NC 150 and Sherrills Ford Road. Ribbon-cutting is scheduled at 4 p.m. and the public is invited to tour the new building until 8 p.m.

The facility doubles library space and offer community meeting areas and other amenities. The existing Sherrills Ford Branch will be closed the week of Sept. 22 in order to move equipment, library materials and other items to the new facility.

## The Way it Was : Putting Us on the Map

Dr. Gary Freeze will present the second installment of "The Way it Was" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Main Library in Newton. The history and impact of highway bypasses in Catawba County will be the topic.

Freeze, a history professor at Catawba College in Salisbury, is

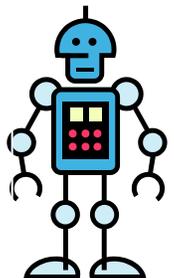
researching the third volume of *The Catawbans*, a county history covering local happenings since World War II. His talk will delight history buffs, students and anyone with an interest in our area. The presentation, sponsored by Friends of Catawba County Library, is free and open to the public.

## Robots coming to library this fall

Thanks to a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Catawba County Library will offer *free* robotics training for grades 5 to 12.

Apply by Sept. 15 either online or at your local branch. Each library branch will host one robotics team of nine students starting in

October. Participants must be willing to attend each meeting and to serve as a robotics mentor once the program is completed in January.



## Upcoming Events

### Labor Day, Library Closed

Sept. 1, all locations

### Family Dance & Learn

Sept. 1, 11 am, Conover (ages 2-7 and parents)

### Read to a Dog (reluctant young readers)

Tuesday evenings in Newton, by appointment, 465-8668.

### Author Visit, Janisse Ray, *The Seed Underground*

Sept. 4, 6:30 pm, Newton (adults)

### Friends of the Library

Sept. 8, 11 am Newton (adults)

### Knitting Club

Sept. 8 6 pm, St. Stephens (adults)

### Identity Theft (for Spanish speakers)

Sept. 9, 6 pm, St. Stephens (adults)

### Hands-On Banking : Money Management for Seniors

Sept. 10, 3 pm, Newton

### Baby Bounce

Sept. 12 & 26, 10 am, Conover (infants and parents)

### Family Day

Sept. 13, 10 am to 1 pm, Conover (all ages)

### Southern Pens

Sept. 13, 10 am Newton, *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen (adults)

### How to Get Cash from Your Life Insurance Policy

Sept. 16, 1 pm, St. Stephens (adults)

### To Teach or Not To Teach with Dr. Summer Carrol

Sept. 16, 6:30 pm, Newton (adults)

### STEM: Make Your Own Bouncy Balls

Sept. 20, 11 am, Maiden (School age)

### Sherrills Ford Branch CLOSED

Sept. 22-28 for move to new facility

### Sherrills Ford-Terrell Open House

Sept. 29, 4 -8 pm, Sherrills Ford

### Game of Thrones Un-Book Club

Sept. 23, 6:30 pm, Conover (adults)

### Plan & Prepare for Long-Term Care

Sept. 23, 1 pm, St. Stephens (adults)

### Money Management: Financial Literacy for Seniors

Sept. 24, 10 am, Maiden (adults)



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### Author Visit, Jean Moore, *Water on the Moon*

Sept. 23, 6:30 pm, St. Stephens (adults)

### Gold Mining History: Vivian Hopkins of NC Humanities Council

Sept. 25, 6:30 pm, Newton (youth & adults)

### Spy Night

Sept. 25, 6:30 pm, Claremont (age 5+)

### Bypasses: Local History with Gary Freeze

Sept. 30, 6:30 pm, Newton (youth & adults)

### Teen Writers Guild

Sept. 30, 6:30 pm, Conover (age 12+)

### Being a Safe Senior at Home

Sept. 30, 3 pm, St. Stephens (adults)



## Free Adult Computer Classes

### Intro to Computers

Sept. 3, 10 am, Conover

Sept. 4, 2 pm, Claremont

### One-on-One Session Q&A

Sept. 10 & 24, 10 am, Newton

### Exploring the Internet

Sept. 10, 10 am, St. Stephens

### Money Management: Banking

Sept. 10, 3-4 pm, Newton

### Email Basics

Sept. 17, 10 am, Newton

### Job Searching with NC Works

Sept. 17, 2 pm, Southwest

### Resume Builders

Sept. 17, 10 am, Conover

Sept. 18, 2pm, Claremont

### How to Use Hoopla

Sept. 24, 10 am, St. Stephens

### Intro to eBooks

Sept. 26, 10 am, Southwest

## Ready to Learn for Preschoolers

### Newton

Tuesday 5 pm

Wednesday 10 am

Thursday 10 am

### St. Stephens

Tuesday 6 pm

Wednesday 10 am

Thursday 10 am

### Southwest

Wednesday 10 am

Thursday 11 am

### Maiden

Thursday 9:30 am

### Sherrills Ford

Wednesday 10 am

Thursday 10 am

### Conover Little Learning Party

Tuesday 11 am