



A World of Knowledge

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NEWTON—Catawba County Library System has an impressive new collection of classic books for young people, thanks to a We the People Grant to Catawba County Library System.

For the sixth year in a row, Catawba County Library System has enhanced its classic book titles for young people through the National Endowment for the Humanities' "We the People" project, receiving books for each location: Main Library in Newton as well as Claremont, Conover, Maiden, Sherrills Ford, Southwest and St. Stephens branches.

The collection includes a set of classic books for young readers from kindergarten through high school. This year's bookshelf includes:

Grades K-3

Walt Whitman: Words of America by Barbara Kerley

Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez by Kathleen Krull (English and Spanish)

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Sweet Music in Harlem by Debbie Taylor

Grades 4-6

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich

American Tall Tales by Mary Pope Osborne

On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck

Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule by Harriette Gillem



Robinet

The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe by Roland Smith

Grades 7-8

The Life and Death of Crazy Horse by Russell Freedman

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving (English and Spanish)

Across America on an Emigrant Train by Jim Murphy

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Grades 9-12

Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph J. Ellis

Restless Spirit: The Life and work of Dorothea Lange by Elizabeth Partridge

Travels with Charley on Search of America by John Steinbeck (English and Spanish)

Democracy in America by Alexis de Toqueville

Bonus:

Our White House; Looking In, Looking Out by the National Children's Book and Literary Alliance

1776: The Illustrated Edition by David McCullough

Each year NEH identifies a theme important to the nation's heritage and selects books that embody that theme. In addition to introducing young readers to good literature, the Bookshelf promotes understanding of abstract or general ideas through the power of particular stories. This year's theme is "Picturing America."

Earlier, 40 poster-sized prints of visual art were presented to the library system. They have been displayed at the Main Library in Newton on a rotating basis.

Catawba County Library System, headquartered in Newton, circulates more than 247,000 items each year from a collection valued at more than \$5.7 million.

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