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## Still time to catch Anne Frank play, exhibit in Newton

**Newton, NC, Oct. 13, 2014:**

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In case you haven't heard, Catawba County Library in Newton has partnered with The Green Room Community Theatre to salute the legacy of young diarist Anne Frank.

*The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank has become one of the most widely read books of our time for good reason. The young Jewish girl's story told of her family's persecution and hiding during Nazi occupation as only a young person could do.

The Green Room will present one more weekend of the play "The Diary of Anne Frank" at Old Post Office Playhouse Oct. 17-19. For ticket information, call 828-464-6128.

Meanwhile at Main Library, a series of panels from the Anne Frank Center are on display in the lobby. The public is invited to view the panels that tell of the persecution of Jews and others in Europe from the late 1930s until the end of World War II. Books and DVDs about the Holocaust are available for checkout.

You will also see a display case of authentic relics from the Nazi era in Germany. Local collector William Warren has loaned these items—a Nazi flag, gun holster, helmet and other insignia.

On Thursday Dr. Walter Ziffer, a survivor of the Holocaust from Czechoslovakia, will share his experiences in "Witness to the Holocaust." His presentation, thanks to a grant from the N.C. Humanities Council, will be given at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 16 in the auditorium on the ground floor. The Humanities Council, a statewide nonprofit, is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the

Humanities. The talk is free, and reservations are not required, though attendees should arrive early for a good seat.

Why the salute to Anne Frank and the Holocaust?

For library staff the answer is simple. Anne Frank's diary gave a name and a face to the millions who suffered atrocities under the Third Reich. All of us need to be reminded of this history to give witness and share what happened in Europe during World War II. The witnesses are becoming fewer every day. If their history is ignored or misinterpreted, future generations may be condemned to repeat it.

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