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## February packed with events at county library

**Newton, NC, Jan. 26, 2015:**

STEAM learning programs, Black History observances and Spanish classes are only part of the offerings at Catawba County Library System during February.

STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) programs are planned at Main Library in Newton for school-aged children. Topics include the scientific contributions of George Washington Carver, the science of chocolate and bird study.

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch will host a documentary series “African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross,” narrated by Henry Louis Gates during the week of Feb. 23.

Freedom Quilts, a program about messages in quilts at the time of the Underground Railroad, will be held on Feb. 28 at Conover. The session is for ages 7 and older.

Spanish for children continues at Sherrills Ford-Terrell on Saturday mornings, while ESL classes for adults are being offered Monday evenings at St. Stephens.

Adult computer classes, children’s story times and teen programs and more will round out the calendar. For the most current information, check the on-line calendar at <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library>

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

***Please pre-register for Maiden events and all computer classes.***

***Events with \* require pre-registration.***

***Call ahead for Affordable Health Care Act Clinic, 828-624-0538***

***Make appointment for AARP Tax Prep, 828-676-6723.***

#### **Main Library, 465-8664**

- Ready to Learn Story Time, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. (age 0-5)
- Paws to Read with Brandy & Maggie\*, 2-4 p.m. Feb. 2, all ages. Call for appointment, 465-8668.
- Paws to Read with Nicole\*, 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays. Call for appointment, 465-8668.
- AARP Free Tax Prep for Seniors\*, Tuesday mornings. Call 676-6723 for an appointment 9-2 weekdays.
- Affordable Health Care sessions, Mondays, 12-8 p.m.
- STEAM George Washington Carver, 5 p.m. Feb. 3, school age
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 11-3 Feb. 6 Call 465-8240 for appointment.
- Friends of the Library, 11 a.m. Feb. 9, adults
- School-Age Story Time, 5 pm, Feb. 10 & 17
- STEAM Science of Chocolate, 4 p.m. Feb. 13, school age
- Southern Pens book club, 10 a.m. Feb. 14, *The Girls of Atomic City*
- Open Forum: Computer Q & A\*, 10 a.m. Feb. 18, adults
- STEAM For the Birds, 5 p.m. Feb. 24, school age

#### **Claremont Branch, 466-6817**

- Book Swap Party, 2 p.m. Feb. 14, adults
- Resume Builder\*, Feb. 19, adults
- Clifford's Birthday Party, 5:30 p.m. Feb. 19, age 12 & under
- Affordable Health Care sessions\*, 12-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays

### **Conover Branch, 466-5108**

- Affordable Health Care sessions\*, 4-8 p.m. Tuesdays
- Little Learning Party story time 11 a.m. Tuesdays, age 2-5
- Baby Bounce, 10 a.m. Wednesdays (3-18 mos.)
- Intro to Computers\*, 10 a.m. Feb. 6, adults
- DIY Valentine's Day Gifts, 6 p.m. Feb. 10, age 13-17
- Resume Builder\*, Feb. 20, adults
- Clifford's Birthday Party, 2 p.m. Feb. 27, age 12 & under
- Pinterest Crafting Party\*, 6 p.m. Feb. 24, adults
- Freedom Quilts, 12 p.m. Feb. 28, age 7 & up

### **Maiden Branch, 428-2712**

- Ready to Learn Story Time , 9:30 a.m. Thursdays
- Affordable Health Care Sessions, Wednesdays, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pinecone Bird Feeders\*, 11 a.m. Feb. 14, children

### **St. Stephens Branch, 466-6821**

- Ready to Learn Story Time 6 p.m. Tuesdays (preschool)
- Ready to Learn Story Time Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. (preschool)
- ESL Classes for Adults\*, 12-8 pm. Feb. 2 & 1-8 p.m. Feb. 9
- Wells Fargo House Buying in Spanish, 6 p.m. Feb. 10
- Microsoft Word 2007\*. 10 a.m. Feb. 20, adults
- Dinosaurs & Fossils, 4 pm. Feb. 20, school age

### **Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch, 466-6827**

- Ready to Learn, Story Time 10 a.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays (preschool)
- Baby Bounce, 2 p.m. Tuesdays (age 0-24 and parents)
- Young Inventors Contest\* Feb. 3 & 17, 4:30 pm, grade 3-12
- Drop-in Computer/eReader Session, 6 p.m. Feb. 3 & 17, adults
- Pawsitive Reading\* 3:30 -5 p.m. Feb. 5, kids
- Spanish for Kids, Feb. 7, 14 & 21; Grades K-12 10 a.m.; grade 3-6, 10:45
- Intro to Power Point\*, 6 p.m. Feb. 10, adults
- Spa Party for Adults\* 4 p.m. Feb. 13
- Valentine's Day Fun Party\* 4 p.m. Feb. 13, grade K-5
- African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross documentary series, 1 pm. Feb. 23-28, all ages
- Intro to Excel\*, 6 p.m. Feb. 24, adults
- Affordable Health Care sessions\*, 12-8 p.m., Tuesdays

### **Southwest Branch, 466-6818**

- Ready to Learn Story Time, 10 a.m. Wednesdays & 11 a.m. Thursdays (preschool)
- Affordable Health Care sessions\*, 9-6 Wednesdays
- Intro to Excel\*, 10 a.m. Feb. 13, adults
- Microsoft Word\*, 10 a.m. Feb. 20, adults

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**About:** The Catawba County Library System, headquartered in Newton, NC, serves the citizens of Catawba County with seven branches throughout the county and is a year-round, integral provider of early literacy and lifelong learning. In addition to traditional services, the system 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.