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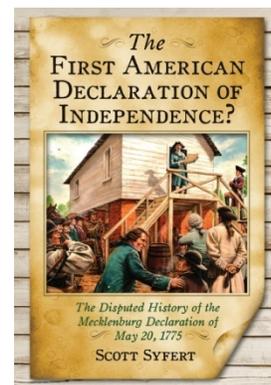


For Immediate Release:

Historical Fiction Author Scott Syfert to Visit the Newton Library

Join a lively and informative discussion of the tantalizing evidence for and against the existence of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, presented by Scott Syfert.

Scott Syfert, author of a controversial book entitled “The First American Declaration of Independence?” will share his account from over a decade of intensive research on the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 in the Newton Library. The book addresses the legend that local militia — reacting to news of the battles of Lexington and Concord — declared Mecklenburg County, N.C., free and independent of Great Britain on May 20, 1775, more than a year before the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia.



Syfert will discuss his research and writing process, answer audience questions and autograph books during his visit. The program is free and registration is not required. Light refreshments will be served.

Attend the discussion to learn more about the eighteenth century psyche of our Colonial leaders from Syfert’s research and his insight. His book has an extensive index, a large bibliography, and chapter-by-chapter reference notes which will give researchers a huge leap forward in their work on this subject or related topics. Scott Syfert has objectively and fairly presented this controversy in historic terms. It is difficult enough to write a scholarly piece supported by extensive research, but it is far more difficult to also entice, engage, and entertain the reader. Syfert has skillfully accomplished this task. By posing sagacious questions Syfert keeps us engaged, and his clear presentation of the major players in this curious, almost “who done it” story, keeps us entertained.

Suzanne White, library director, said Syferts’ book is a must read for all who love American history and for all who have any interest in this country’s colonial roots. “The First American Declaration of Independence?” is lively and illuminating reading, and hearing the story firsthand from the author promises to be a real treat,” White said.

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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.