

# Library Connections

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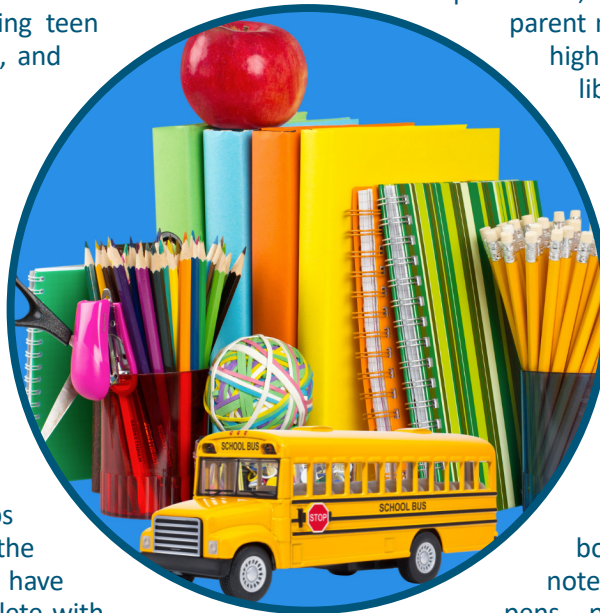
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## STUFF THE BUS! SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As our Summer Learning program draws to a close this month, we are excited to celebrate the nearly 2,000 kids, teens, and adults who participated. We are also looking forward to the new school year and preparing to get all geared up to start the year ready to learn and positioned to succeed.

The library plays a key role in fostering a world class education system by enhancing early literacy services and programs, supporting educational excellence in our local school systems, increasing teen engagement and career readiness, and bridging the digital divide.

Most of a child's brain development occurs in the first 2000 days of life. As a leader in early literacy efforts to ensure children start school ready to learn and positioned to excel, the library provides parents and caregivers resources, services, and programs to enhance early learning from day one. This includes Every Child Ready to Read storytimes and caregiver workshops at our library locations and in the community. Each of our locations have a designated children's area complete with books, interactive learning toys, and literacy based computers just for children. The library has also expanded early literacy spaces outside the library walls with a Family Literacy Center at CleanWave Laundry in Long View, and Literacy Trails where visitors to Murray's Mill, Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, St. Stephens Park or Bakers Mountain Park can enjoy nature while they follow along with the pages of a storybook.



To support Catawba County educational initiatives, including K64, the library maintains responsive partnerships with Catawba County's school systems and higher education institutions to support student learning through collaborative services and programming that provide learning opportunities for children and young adults to explore and discover career paths. Past and current partnerships include a book lending program for preschools, art show exhibits, Literacy & STEM parent nights, and volunteer opportunities for high school students. Through NC Live, the library provides students, families, and teachers access to online resources for research, language learning, and test preparation and practice.

To further our efforts to support educational excellence in Catawba County, the library is participating in United Way's Stuff the Bus campaign. All library locations will be collecting school supplies and hygiene products for the month of August. School supplies needed are: 3-ring binders, backpacks, composition books, spiral notebooks, graph paper, notebook paper (college and regular rule), pens, pencils, glue sticks, erasers, folders, crayons, colored pencils, earbuds, rulers, markers, scissors, pencil boxes, Ziplock bags (sandwich, quart, gallon), composition books. Hygiene products needed are: Kleenex, cleaning wipes, hand sanitizer, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products. All donations will be taken to United Way for dispersal between all three local public school districts – Catawba County Schools, Hickory Public Schools, and Newton-Conover City Schools.

# CHILDREN

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Preschool story time with reading readiness. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

### Wednesdays at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

St. Stephens Branch Library

Main Library in Newton

### Wednesdays at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

### Thursdays at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Southwest Branch Library

St. Stephens Branch Library

### Fridays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two

Mondays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners. Playtime follows.

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Bilingual

Miércoles a la 10 am

Wednesdays at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Únase a nosotros para hora del

cuento bilingüe, canciones, movimiento, aprendizaje y más para preescolares.

Join us for bilingual storytime featuring stories, songs, movement, learning and more for preschoolers.

## Dana Hill Magic: Hello Friends!

Be part of a fun-filled magic show with award winning magician Dana Hill who will talk about kindness and have the audience work together to create magical illusions.

### Tuesday, August 1

Main Library in Newton at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library at 5 pm

### Wednesday, August 2

Conover Branch Library at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library at 4 pm



## Summer Learning Celebration

Thursday, August 3 from 3 - 5 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Celebrate all that you've learned this summer with ice cream, games, music, and fun! Drop in whenever you please and stay as long as you like. Congratulations on an awesome summer!

## Summer Learning Finale Party

Friday, August 4 from 3 - 5 pm

Conover Branch Library

Celebrate the end of Summer Learning with a glow in the dark party! There will be music, activities, and snacks—don't forget to bring your reading log!

## Summer Learning Finale Party

Friday, August 4 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for chilly chemistry you can eat as we learn to make homemade ice cream in a bag to celebrate the end of Summer Learning.

## Summer Learning Wrap Up Party

Saturday, August 5 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton – Garden

Play games and have a snow cone as we celebrate all the reading we have done this summer. Be prepared to get wet when our friends from Newton Fire Department stop by with their truck.

## End of Summer Learning Bash

Saturday, August 5 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Celebrate the end of our summer learning program with sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and popsicles.

## Movie Matinee: Super Mario Bros.

Thursday, August 10 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Enjoy some popcorn and watch as Mario travels through the Mushroom Kingdom with Peach and Toad to find Luigi and save the world from Bowser. Rated PG.

## Pre-K Stations

Friday, August 11 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

Experience an engaging learning environment with your little ones! Guide your child through our sensory, craft, and STEAM stations. This month, we'll have a special visit from Catawba County's Soil & Water Conservation! This program is ideal for children from 2-5 years old.

## PAWS to Read

Encourage your young reader through reading with certified therapy dog, Haku. To schedule a 15-minute appointment, please call 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford-Terrell or 828-428-2712 for Maiden.

### Saturday, August 5

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

### Saturday, August 12

Maiden Branch Library



## Learn About Japanese Culture

Tuesday, August 22 at 1 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us as we learn about Japanese Pop Culture, try snacks from Japan, and watch Japanese Animation (Anime).

## Family Game Night

Tuesday, August 22 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Take a break from Back-to-School prep and spend quality time with your family! We will have different games to play, from corn hole to chess—it's sure to be a good time!

## Disney Trivia: Family Style

Wednesday, August 23 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Test your Disney knowledge in a family vs family trivia competition. Take home a prize to share with the family!

## Do Re Me and You Dance Party

Friday, August 25 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for 30 minutes of music and movement! For children 5 and under.

## Perler Bead Club

Friday, August 25 at 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make designs using small beads that are fused together with heat. Materials provided.

# TEENS

## Teen Tuesdays

*Tuesdays at 5 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

August 1: Makey-Makey

August 8: Turkey Tacos

August 15: Game Night with Nintendo Switch

August 22: Craft Night

August 29: Board Games



## Make a Wreck-It Journal

*Wednesday, August 2 at 4 pm*

*Maiden Branch Library*

Unlike a traditional journal or sketchbook, you can write, draw, scribble nonsense, throw it down the stairs, or leave this journal in the rain for a few hours. All supplies provided.

To register, please visit the library or call 828-428-2712.

## Teen Advisory Board

*Tuesday, August 8 at 5 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Help plan future teen programs. Tell us what you want to learn, make and do at your library. Bring a friend and have some snacks.

## Teen Night

*Tuesday, August 8 at 5:30 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Duct Tape Crafts: Learn how to make wallets using Duct Tape. Materials Provided.

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

*Saturday, August 26 at 1 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Are you curious about Dungeons and Dragons but never had an opportunity to try? Discover your inner warrior and join us in this epic adventure.

# ADULTS

## Zumba Mondays!

*Mondays at 6 pm (No class August 14)*

*Main Library at Newton*

Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement class that's too much fun to call exercise. It's appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18).

## Purls and Chains: Knit & Crochet Club

*Tuesdays at 6 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Make new friends and enjoy the company of others while you knit and crochet. Bring your own materials.

## Gentle Flow Yoga

*Fridays at 11 am*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

## Stretch for Health & Meditate for Mindfulness

*Fridays at 4 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Combining stretching with meditation may benefit both your emotional well-being and your overall health. You can do these exercises while sitting in a chair or bring a mat/towel for floor routines. While this class is geared to 50+, adults of all ages are invited to join.

## Murder Mystery Party:

### The Roaring '20s

*Tuesday, August 1 at 6 pm*

*Conover Branch Library*

Come together to solve this Gatsby-esque mystery! Costumes are encouraged. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

## Healthy Lunch Box Options

*Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

With school right around the corner, are you looking for inspiration and options when it comes to packing lunches? Join Melissa Falcone from Tru Cut Ranch as she shares healthy lunch box ideas for adults and kids.

## Career Center

**Wednesday, August 2 from 3 - 6 pm**

*Main Library at Newton*

**Wednesday, August 16 from 3 - 6 pm**

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

A Goodwill career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with your job-related needs. Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling your preferred library or drop in as you are able.

## Garden Volunteer Days

*Saturdays, August 5 & 19*

*from 9 - 11 am*

*Main Library in Newton*

The community garden is in need of weeding, mulching, and planting. All ages are welcome. To register, please call 828-466-6828.

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Join us for a lively discussion on *Mad Honey* by Jody Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. New members welcome!

## Resumes & Job Applications

*Wednesday, August 9 at 10 am*

*Online via WebEx*

Learn tips to create a resume and complete an application that will get you the interview! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

## Chair Yoga

*Wednesdays, August 9 & 23*

*at 11:30 am*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a class friendly for all body types and levels, with the added security of using a chair.

## Kinetic Meditation

*Wednesday, August 9 at 1 pm*

*Main Library at Newton*

Increase your peace - learn how to harness repetitive motion to cultivate mindfulness and reap the benefits. A variety of art/craft tools and supplies will be available for the session.

## Needle Felting

*Thursday, August 10 at 4 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a felted donut. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

**Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents:  
ACAP-Help in Your Own Backyard**

Thursday, August 10 at 5:30 pm  
Main Library at Newton

This month's meeting will help caregivers create a list of contacts for services and resources in the community.

**Adult Book Club (hybrid)**

Monday, August 14 at 6:30 pm  
Online via Facebook

August's theme is to read a book set in North Carolina. Join us here:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub)

**Needle Felting**

Tuesday, August 15 at 5 pm  
Maiden Branch Library

Explore the textile art of needle felting and make your own needle felted Totoro while we watch the movie *My Neighbor Totoro*. To register, please visit the library or call 828-428-2712.

**Catawba Songwriters**

Tuesday, August 15 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Share your talents while you learn from others. Bring a WIP or finished song to share with the group.

**Make a Budget with Excel**

Tuesday, August 15 at 6 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Learn how to use excel for budgeting. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

**Interviewing Tips**

Thursday, August 17 at 10 am  
Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

**Popsicles and Pupsicles**

Friday, August 18 at 3 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Beat the August heat with refreshing recipes for popsicles for you and pupsicles for your favorite furry friends! Taste some samples and learn about the best ingredients to use for your pup. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

**Friends of the Library Book Store**

Saturday, August 19  
from 10 am - 12 noon

Main Library in Newton  
Build your own personal library and help support library programs at the same time by shopping the FOL Book Store!

**Mountain View Book Buzz**

Monday, August 21 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn. All are welcome for lively conversation and lots of fun!

**CPR Class**

Monday, August 21 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn CPR basics with Melanie Sigmon from Catawba County EMS.

**Social Media for Job Search**

Tuesday, August 22 at 2 pm  
Online via WebEx

In this workshop, you will learn tips on how to conduct effective job searches on social media platforms: facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

**Music Bingo**

Tuesday, August 22 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

We're combining beloved tunes with the excitement of bingo! With songs replacing numbers on the bingo cards, this game is sure to get your toes tapping and head bobbing to the beat.

**Flirty Fiction Book Club**

Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a meet and greet before our first official meeting in September. At this get-together, we will reveal the book for September and get to know one other. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Catawba County Genealogical Society**

Tuesday, August 22 at 7 pm  
Main Library in Newton

For the August meeting, we will be discussing various genealogical and local history topics. All are welcome to attend.

**Piece of Cake Book Club**

Thursday, August 31 at 5 pm  
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about August's pick, *My Magnolia Summer* by Victoria Benton Frank.

**Intro to SkillMill**

Thursday, August 31 at 5 pm  
Online via Zoom

Summer is over and it's time to learn something new. SkillMill is a collection of courses including HVAC, plumbing, and so much more. Become your own handyman with these easy to follow classes! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLS-SkillMill](http://tinyurl.com/CCLS-SkillMill)

## LIBRARY TO GO

**Newton National Night Out**

Tuesday, August 1 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm  
1775 Southwest Blvd. Newton

Meet us at Southside Park for this event with police, fire, EMS, and military from around Newton!

**Public Health Farmers Market**

Thursdays, August 3 & 17  
from 10 am - 1 pm

3070 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory  
The Library To Go will be bringing the party to the farmers market with music, games, and books for all ages.

**Herman Sipe Lunch & Library**

Wednesdays, August 2, 9, & 16  
from 11 am - 12:30 pm

115 Herman Sipe Rd, Conover  
Enjoy a meal provided by The Corner Table Community Kitchen, check out some books, and participate in free hands-on activities. Children's activities start at 11 am. Lunch is served at 11:30 am.

**Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories**

Sunday, August 13 from 2 - 5 pm  
2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory

Check out books, use our wi-fi hotspot, get some one-on-one help with your device, and enjoy family storytime at 3 pm.

**Conover Farmers Market**

Saturday, August 19  
from 9 am - 12 noon

109 1st St E, Conover  
Stop by to check out materials, participate in library activities.



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