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SEPTEMBER IS

LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign Up Month, a time when the Catawba County Library joins libraries nationwide to remind everyone about the valuable resources available at your local library.

Considered by some as the most important school supply - a library card provides access to technology, innovative programming, and educational resources, giving students of all ages the tools to succeed in school. This is why National Library Card Sign Up Month is held each September to mark the beginning of a new school year.

The Catawba County Library offers laptop computers and Wi-Fi hotspots for check out so you can complete important job applications, school work, or research at home. Our trained library staff can also help you navigate complicated technology questions.

A library card helps everyone do more of what they enjoy, all without stretching their budget. Everyone knows that a library card allows patrons to borrow books, e-books, and audiobooks. Many have brought their children to one of our fabulous story time programs. But did you know that you can get help with homework, learn new skills, or attend a book club at your local library?

Interested in trying a new hobby? The library can help. Your Catawba County Library offers books to learn more about numerous pastimes and hobbies and hosts classes to introduce things like knitting, needle felting, 3D printing, and cooking. You can also try out yoga, Zumba, or meditation.

With a Catawba County Library card you can borrow an American Girl doll or choose from a selection of outdoor games like Corn Hole, Croquet, Pickle Ball and Bocce ball to take home. There's something for everyone at the library, and signing up for a library card is the first step on the path. It's elemental, really—everyone should have one!

The Catawba County Library continues to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community, promoting education, knowledge sharing, social interaction and community wellbeing. We provide high-quality resources while fostering our community's passions for discovery, knowledge, and personal growth. The library works collaboratively with other local and national organizations to address critical challenges facing the community by providing equitable access to the tools, resources, and spaces people need to succeed and thrive.

All ages are encouraged to sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, please visit www.catawbacountync.gov/library.

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out
there
it's in
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Catawba County Library

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 TO OBSERVE THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

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: Tiny to Two

Friday, September 22 at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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.

Master Chef Jr: Ramen Challenge

Thursday, September 7 at 4 pm

Main Library Newton

Compete for Top Ramen! Toss the flavor packet & use our library pantry of ingredients to create something unique and delicious with ramen noodles. Ages 8+. To register, please call 828-465-8665.



Mason Jar Science: Lava Lamps

Thursday, September 7 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a super cool science experiment and learn how to make these easy DIY lava lamp jars with some common kitchen ingredients and glitter for extra sparkly fun! For kids in grades K-5. To register, please call 828-466-6821.

Paws to Read

Saturday, September 9

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Thursday, September 14

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, September 16

Main Library in Newton

Encourage your young reader through reading with a certified therapy dog. To schedule a 15-minute appointment, please call 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford-Terrell, 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens, and 828-465-8665 for Newton.

Bike Rodeo

Friday, September 15 at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

Bring your bicycle or tricycle & helmet for this special obstacle course to learn about being safe as you ride.

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, September 16 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Join us for fun, fitness-focused play with music, games, and an obstacle course! Kids will have a blast as they explore, exercise, and develop motor skills. This program is ideal for children from 2-5 years old.

Perler Bead Club

Friday, September 22 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Bluey Party

Friday, September 22 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Friday fun inspired by everyone's favorite pup, Bluey! Play games! Make crafts! Munch on snacks! Strike a pose at the photo booth!

Tales in the Garden: Raza Dancers

Thursday, September 28 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for bilingual stories, crafts, dancing and learning fun! Our guest this month is the Raza Dance Troops from Challenger.

Do Re Me and You Dance Party

Friday, September 29 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

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

TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

September 5: Career Conversation -

Catawba Valley Furniture Academy

September 12: College Foundation North

Carolina (CFNC) Presentation for teens & guardians

September 19: Scrapbook Making

September 26: Printmaking with HMA

DIY Boba Tea

Saturday, September 9 at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Ordering boba from a specialty shop is a tasty treat, but do you know how fun and easy it is to make this popular drink at home? Join us as we perfect our homemade boba recipes and make a cute boba keychain out of Perler beads!

CONOVER BRANCH LIBRARY

(TAYLOR'S VERSION)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 6PM

NO TICKETS REQUIRED FOR THIS TEEN PROGRAM! WEAR YOUR ERAS TOUR OUTFIT WHILE SINGING KARAOKE, MAKING BRACELETS, TRIVIA, AND MORE!

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, September 12 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Teen Advisory Board Meeting: Help plan future teen programs. Bring a friend and have some snacks.

Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, September 12 at 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Hang out, relax, watch a movie and enjoy some snacks. Playing: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 Rated: PG-13

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, September 23 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 September 4)

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. Don't forget to bring your current project.

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.

The Station Book Club

Wednesday, September 6 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

All are welcome to join as we discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Come for coffee and conversation, ending with book recommendations! New members welcome!

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, September 6 & 20 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. This class is perfect for anyone looking for accessible ways to stretch, relax, and gain the benefits of doing yoga with the added security of using a chair.

Career Center

Wednesday, September 6 from 1 - 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

Wednesday, September 20 from 1 - 4 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.

Catawba County Friends of the Library

Monday, September 11 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

The Friends support and advocate for library services throughout the county. Join us to help plan and share library information.

Adult Book Club (hybrid)

Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

In person at St. Stephens Branch Library

September's theme is to read a book you discovered on social media. To join the Facebook group, make theme suggestions, and read past threads visit www.facebook.com/groups/St.Stephens-BookClub

Needle Felt & A Film - Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

Tuesday, September 12 at 4:30 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Make your own needle-felted dragon while we watch a movie. All supplies provided. Finger protectors will be available. To register, please visit the library or call 828-428-2712.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members, even if you haven't read the book. Join us for a lively discussion on *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai.

Music Bingo

Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm

Main Library at Newton

Tuesday, September 26 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

This fun game night combines the fun of Bingo with the rhythm of Name That Tune! Fun prizes awarded to the winner for each round. Enjoy refreshments and snacks. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665 for Newton or 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford-Terrell.

Resumes & Job Applications

Wednesday, September 13 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

Intro to SkillMill

Thursday, September 14 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn more about SkillMill, an online resource for job seekers interested in skill-based trades.

Needle Felting

Thursday, September 14 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Create a needle-felted pumpkin. Finger protectors will be available. To register, please call 828-466-6827.

ACAP-The Battle of the Bills

Thursday, September 14 at 5:30 pm

Main Library at Newton

All caregivers for an aging parent are invited to attend this ACAP-Hickory/Foothills Meeting. This month's meeting will help caregivers become aware of funding to help offset medical and long-term care expenses for their aging parents. Information about private resources, insurance, VA benefits, reverse mortgages, and more will be covered.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, September 18 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 19, all day

All Library Locations

Do you need to check or update your voter registration status? Do you know what types of photo ID will be accepted for in-person voting or for mail-in ballots? The library is here to help.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, September 19 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Share your talents while you learn from others. Bring a finished written song or one that's in progress to share with the group. Teens and tweens with musical talents are invited to join.

Vinyl Cutting Class

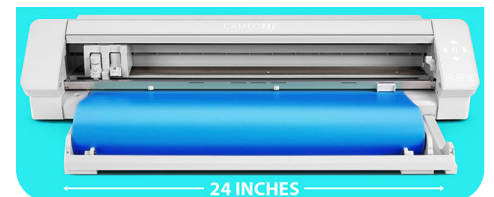
Tuesday, September 19 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us to learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo 4 Pro software and machine. For more information, please call 828-465-9494.

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Interviewing Tips

Thursday, September 21 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview!

To register, please visit

tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Car Seat Check

Thursday, September 21 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Is your child riding safely? Join us for a drive through car seat check with certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Please bring your car seat or booster, your manual, and your child.

Prayer Beads Workshop
Thursday, September 21 at 1 pm
Maiden Branch Library

Thursday, September 21 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton

Learn how various types of prayer bead strands are used in different faith traditions. If you wish, make a prayer bead strand for yourself or someone else. All materials provided. To register, please call 828-428-2712 for Maiden or 828-465-8665 for Newton.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, September 21 at 5 pm
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Newton
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about September's selection, *Between Two Strangers* by Kate White.

Little Free Libraries 101

Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 pm
Main Library Newton
Do you have questions about starting, building, and maintaining Little Free Libraries? Jan the Librarian will share her experiences and answer LTL questions.

Garden Volunteer Day

Saturday, September 23 from 9 - 11 am
Main Library in Newton
The community garden at the Main Library in Newton is in need of volunteers to help with weeding, mulching, and harvesting. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. To register, please call 828-466-6828.

Hickory Comic Con

Saturday, September 23 from 10 am - 5 pm
1960 13th Ave Dr. SE Hickory, NC
With free goodies and fun galore, we'll be celebrating the intersection of literacy and pop culture all day long!



**CATAWBA VALLEY
FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS**

Saturday, September 30 from 9:30 am to 4 pm

DOWNTOWN NEWTON ON THE SQUARE

9:30 - 10:15 am: Zumba with Honey & Jossiah

10 am - 4 pm: Visit the Library to Go!

MAIN LIBRARY IN NEWTON

10 am - 2 pm: Redhawk Publications Book Fair
Visit with 30 local authors from across North Carolina

11 - 11:30 am: Poetry Reading by Children from Centro Latino
Led by renowned poet, Scott Owens

11 - 11:30 am: Youth Performance Ensemble

11:30 am - 12 noon: Children's Book Reading
Led by local author, Tonja Smith

12 noon - 12:30 pm: U.S. 208th Army Band
Woodwind Quintet – free hot dogs during performance

1 - 1:30 pm: Erin Shull, local musician and singer

Trivia Night

Monday, September 25 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Join us for an evening of trivia! Valerie Carpenter (Alexander County FOL President) will host this program guaranteed to test your knowledge. Trivia night will be full of facts, fun and festive prizes. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Soft Skills & Personal Branding

Tuesday, September 26 at 2 pm
Online via WebEx
Learn about Soft Skills and how they help you at work or in your job search. Learn how to build your personal brand into your current role or future career goals. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Decorative Yarn Pumpkins

Tuesday, September 26 at 5 pm
Maiden Branch Library
It's finally fall, y'all! Join us for a fun DIY fall decor project. Faux pumpkins of all colors and sizes make the perfect fillers for baskets, dough bowls, and large vases.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, September 26 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library
Join us as we discuss the heartbreaking and funny memoir *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy. This book was selected by Goodreads users as the Best Memoir & Autobiography of 2022. Newcomers are welcome.

Claremont Friends of the Library

Tuesday, September 26 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library
The Friends support and advocate for library services throughout the county. Join us to help plan and share library information. Meets during book club.



LIBRARY TO GO

Catawba Valley Pride Festival

Saturday, September 9 from 10 am - 3 pm
SALT Block 243 3rd Ave NE, Hickory, NC
Join us for activities for all ages and family storytime.

Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, September 17 from 2 - 5 pm
2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC
Check out books, use our wi-fi hotspot, or get some one-on-one help with your device. Our family storytime which incorporates stories, songs, and sensory play starts at 3pm.

DIY Book Pumpkins

Tuesday, September 26 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Welcome the beginning of fall with this book craft! Perfect décor for the season. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Digital Resources: Libby & Hoopla

Tuesday, September 26 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
This digital-learning class will feature our free and convenient apps, Libby & HOOPLA. Participants will learn how to set up accounts to unlock a whole world of e-books & more!

Flirty Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us as we discuss our flirty fiction book for September, *Yours Truly* by Abby Jimenez.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm
Main Library in Newton
Join us as we discuss various genealogical and local history topics. All are welcome to attend.

Preventing Diabetes

Thursday, September 28 at 11 am
Main Library at Newton
Learn what simple steps you can take to prevent Type 2 Diabetes. While it seems like avoiding sugar is the answer, there are several concrete steps that could make all the difference. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Perennial Plant Exchange

Saturday, September 30 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library
It's that time of year- to dig and divide your perennials to keep them in tip top shape! Come share your excess plants, bulbs, and seeds and get something new for your garden!

Hispanic Heritage Festival

Sunday, September 24 from 4 - 7 pm
246 Union Square NW, Hickory, NC
Enjoy music, games, face painting, food, pinatas, and raffles! We will have crafts and bilingual storytime.

Catawba Valley Festival of the Arts

Saturday, September 30
from 10 am - 4 pm
Downtown Newton
Stop by to check out books, participate in art activities, and stay for storytime.



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CONOVER BRANCH LIBRARY
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