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NEW SPACES & FACES



The Catawba County Library has been awarded a federal grant to install five soundproof office spaces and high quality video conferencing technology at the Main Library in Newton for community members needing a quiet space to participate in online education, telehealth, employment, court system proceedings, tutoring, and library programming.

Nicknamed Oasis Spaces, these fully enclosed booths are designed with three layers of soundproofing material, creating a truly private space where people can hold meetings, interviews, or counseling sessions without fear of being overheard or disturbing others.

The library is partnering with NC Works to provide workforce development services to the community using the Oasis Spaces as a private consultation area. The library is also partnering with Kintegra Behavioral Health to promote the Oasis Spaces as an ideal location to use for telehealth visits.

The library will install two single booths, perfect for one person making phone calls, video conferencing, or performing focused tasks. There will also be three larger double units, ideal for meetings and work sessions for up to four users. The double units, will each be equipped with a computer, camera and mic to facilitate and simplify teleconferencing for users. For those using the single units, the library will provide access to laptop computers with teleconferencing abilities.

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COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR

Midori Gillaspay-Chang

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Mr. Rogers reminds us to look for the helpers. One place you can find helpers is the library! You can always find someone to help you discover your next read, how to use a computer, or register for engaging programs. Our Community Navigator is a unique helper who connects people to essential resources.

The Community Navigator eliminates barriers to service by helping people access community agencies, programs, and resources more quickly and efficiently. When visiting with a Community Navigator at the library, people can receive whole-person care and guidance for making more informed decisions about their own situations.

This semester the library welcomes Midori Gillaspay-Chang as our 2023-2024 Community Navigator!

Midori is a graduate student at UNC Charlotte in the Master of Social Work program. She lives in Maiden with her family and currently works as part of an outreach team connecting individuals to a harm reduction program for substance and alcohol use. In her spare time, Midori loves visiting museums, zoos, parks, and Dollywood with her children.

In the role of Community Navigator, Midori is most excited about getting to connect with community members, learning more about local agencies and resources, working closer to home, and being able to contribute to the community that has "given so much to myself and my family".

Midori can be found at the Main Library in Newton:
Mondays and Tuesdays from 4 - 8 pm
Saturdays from 9 am - 6 pm

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

Friday, October 20 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.

Fall STEAM Night

Thursday, October 5 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Cool, fall experiments! Create an apple volcano, build a candy pumpkin tower, and more! For kids in grades K-5.



Wear your Halloween costume for extra fun!

Wetlands

Friday, October 6 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join Catawba County Soil and Water to learn about wetlands. Receive a copy of *When Sea Becomes Sky* by Gillian Dunn – while supplies last. This program is supported by North Carolina Humanities.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, October 7

Maiden Branch Library

Thursday, October 12

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, October 21

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Encourage your young reader through reading with a certified therapy dog.



Fall Crafternoon

Thursday, October 12 from 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Drop in to paint a wooden pumpkin and make other Autumn-themed crafts.

The Wizarding World Comes to Conover

Friday, October 13 from 3 - 5 pm

Conover Branch Library

Join us for Conover's Boo-tiful Downtown Bash and enter a world full of fun Harry Potter activities! Brew a potion! Make a wand! A magical time for all ages!

Pre-K Play

Tuesday, October 17 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Saturday, October 21 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. For children from 2-5 years old.

Costumed Bike Rodeo

Friday, October 20 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Bring your bicycle & helmet for this special obstacle course to learn about being safe as you ride. Wear costumes that are safe for riding bikes (Ex: remove long capes, or masks that limit vision).



Hallow-STEAM

Friday, October 20 at 4 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Enjoy table-top punkin' chunkin', witch's brew challenge, and more!

Tales in the Garden: Spooktacular

Tuesday, October 24 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for bilingual stories, crafts, activities and learning fun! We will explore Halloween and Día de los Muertos traditions. Costumes encouraged!



Do Re Me and You Dance Party

Friday, October 27 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, October 27 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Hallow-STEAM: The Human Body

Saturday, October 28 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

Learn some cool ways the human body works! We'll make a spinal column, a skeleton, and see how eardrums work! For grades K-5.

Halloween Slime Party

Monday, October 30 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Bring out your inner mad scientist as we experiment with spooky slime recipes!



Trick or Tea: Monster Tea Party

Tuesday, October 31 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Ghouls, ghosts, and goblins, age 5 and under, are invited to this spooky, silly tea time at the library, with stories and crafts!



Dream Readers

Saturdays

St. Stephens Branch Library

Buddy reading program for 5 to 10 year olds! Schedule your session by emailing dreamreadersprogram@gmail.com



TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

October 3: Nintendo Switch Night

October 10: Pumpkin Painting

October 17: Zombies

October 24: Tales in the Garden - Family Spooktacular

October 31: Halloween Hangout

Teen Night

Tuesday, October 10 at 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Franken-Dolls: Let's make a monster! Cut, hammer, tape, and glue old toys into wild and creepy creations. Feel free to wear your Halloween costume!



Zombie Apocalypse!

Saturday, October 21 at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for our zombie-themed take on this endlessly entertaining game, and see if you can discover the zombie before the infection spreads to you!

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, October 21 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Discover your inner warrior and join us in this epic adventure.

Needle Felt & A Film – Hocus Pocus

Thursday, October 26 at 4 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Make your own needle felted spooky black cat, just like Thackery Binx, while we watch *Hocus Pocus*. All supplies provided and finger protectors will be available for participants to use.



Please visit or call the library to register.

ADULTS

Medicare Open Enrollment

By Appointment

Main Library at Newton

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Medicare plans change each year. Do an annual review to make sure the coverage you have is the best one for you! SHIIP-trained counselors will be available for free consultations by appointment. To schedule your appointment, please call the Council on Aging at 828-328-2269.

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

(October 2, 9 & 16)

First United Methodist Fellowship Hall

(October 23 & 30)

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.

Triple P Parenting Classes

Tuesdays, October 3, 10, & 24 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Learn simple strategies to support your children. This training program will promote your child's emotional well-being, make family life more enjoyable, and share positive ways to make routines and rules work.

Sourdough Starter 101

Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Melissa from True Cut Ranch will teach the basics of how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter. Bring a jar to take some home!

The Station Book Club

Wednesday, October 4 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

All are welcome to join as we discuss *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. Come for coffee and great conversation! We will also do a book-share at the end with other recommended reads.

Resumes & Job Applications

Wednesday, October 4 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

Resume Renovation

Wednesday, October 4 from 1 - 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

Bring in your existing resume or fill out our resume building form and we'll turn your resume into a calling card that will make you proud. Learn to customize your resume for specific job categories. Your finished resume(s) will be e-mailed to you, or available for pick up, within 24 hours.

Adult Field Trip:

Manufacturing Solutions Center II

Thursday, October 5 at 10 am

350 5th Avenue SE in Conover

Meet us in Conover for a tour of the new Manufacturing Solutions Center II, directly across from Conover Station. We'll learn all about what they do and how they support our local community as we come together to celebrate Manufacturing Day!

Catawba County Friends of the Library

Monday, October 9 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

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

Adult Book Club (hybrid)

Monday, October 9 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

In person at St. Stephens Branch Library

Come join us for our themed book club! If you can't meet in person, join us on Facebook. October's theme is to read a book set on a plane, train, or ship. To join the Facebook group, make theme suggestions, and read past threads visit www.facebook.com/groups/St.Stephens-BookClub.

Adult STEAM – Soap Carving

Tuesday, October 10 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Carving artist Beth Parham will demonstrate and instruct a basic soap carving class. All materials provided.



Digital Privacy and Security

Tuesday, October 10 at 6 pm

Main Library Newton

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Southwest Branch Library

Online via Zoom

Don't let online security be scary! Learn some digital privacy and security methods to keep you and your information safe online. Program is being offered in person or online via Zoom. To attend online, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLSPrivacy

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members and is open to the public, even if you haven't read the book. Join us for a lively discussion on *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Author Visit with Brian Sigmon

Tuesday, October 10 at 7 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Author Brian Sigmon, who got his library legs here in Sherrills Ford, returns home for a public reading, discussion, book sale, and signing. Sigmon is the author of *Archimedes*, a gripping sci-fi adventure, as well as *MessiahBot*, a novella about AI, consciousness, and God. This program is sponsored by the SFTFOL.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, October 11 & 25 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.

Cypress Resume

Thursday, October 12 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Craft a polished, professional, and high-quality resume that shines a spotlight on your skills and experience using Cypress Resume.

ACAP-Medicare and SHIIP: The Essentials

Thursday, October 12 at 5:30 pm

Main Library at Newton

All caregivers for an aging parent are invited to this Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents-Hickory/Foothills Meeting. This month's meeting will help adult children be more informed about Medicare and SHIIP programs that offer benefits to their aging parents' health and medical care and service coverage.

Puzzle Exchange

Saturday, October 14 from 9 am - 2 pm

Maiden Branch Library
Have you completed the same puzzles more than once? Ready for some new ones? Bring your gently used puzzles and leave with new-to-you puzzles!

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Halloween Cross Stitch
Saturday, October 14 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library



Discover the timeless art of cross stitch with us as we weave your creativity into a spine-tingling, Halloween masterpiece. All supplies provided. Make a hauntingly beautiful project that'll add a touch of spooky elegance to your home.

Craft Club Night
Monday, October 16 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library



Have a craft at home you just want to finish? Join us for Craft Club Night. Embroidery, knitting, or whatever you want to bring, we welcome you.

Catawba Songwriters
Tuesday, October 17 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.

Goodwill Career Center
Wednesday, October 18 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. Call for an appointment or drop in.

Interviewing Tips
Thursday, October 19 at 10 am
Online via WebEx



Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Thursday, October 19 from 10 am - 1 pm
Main Library in Newton

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

Needle Felting
Thursday, October 19 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library



Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a felted ghost. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use.

Piece of Cake Book Club
Thursday, October 19 at 5 pm
3 Little Birds in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about October's selection, *Trust* by Hernàn Diaz.

Spooky Tree Painting Class
Saturday, October 21 at 11 am
Main Library in Newton



Boo! It's spooky season and the perfect time to get crafty. Join us to create a super simple spooky tree painting, no prior art skills required. All supplies will be provided.

Mountain View Book Buzz
Monday, October 23 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

Expungement Workshop
Tuesday, October 24 at 2 pm
Online via WebEx



Do you or someone you know qualify for expungement? Learn what you need to know about having charges removed from criminal records. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Natural Dye Workshop
Tuesday, October 24 at 6 pm
Maiden Branch Library



Join our immersive workshop where we harness the power of nature's palette using locally sourced materials like pokeberry and goldenrod to infuse fabrics with captivating colors. All supplies provided.

Murder Mystery Party
Tuesday, October 24 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Prepare to be immersed in a dramatic spectacle involving blackmail, backstabbing, and murder! Follow the clues and discover the murderer- before it's too late!

Spooky Terrariums
Tuesday, October 24 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library



Channel your inner dark side and create your own spooky terrarium to celebrate peak spooky season.

Flirty Fiction Book Club
Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Calling all rom-com lovers! Join us as we discuss our flirty fiction book for September, *Will They or Won't They* by Ava Wilder. Bring your comments, question, and insights to share with the group. Light refreshments provided.

Byte-Sized Basics: Tech for Adults
Thursday, October 26 at 1 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library




New to computers or just need a refresher? Join us for a beginner level class on computer basics. Laptops provided, but feel free to bring your own!

Halloween Trivia Night
Tuesday, October 31 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library



Join us for a spooktacular evening of Halloween trivia! Host, Valerie Carpenter, is guaranteed to test your team's knowledge about everything scary and ghoulish. Bonus points for dressing up!!

 Please visit or call the library to register.

LIBRARY TO GO

Claremont Daze
Saturday, October 7 from 10 am - 4 pm
3288 E. Main S. Claremont, NC 28610
We hope to see you all at the Library to Go as we celebrate our favorite Claremont festival! We will have activities for children and books for all ages.

Conover's Boo-tiful Downtown Bash
Friday, October 13 from 3 - 7 pm
111 1st Ave S, Conover, NC 28613
Join us in downtown Conover for fall crafts and storytime!



Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories
Sunday, October 15 from 2 - 5 pm
2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601
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 3 pm.



Town of Catawba Trick or Treat in the Streets
Saturday, October 28 from 6 - 8 pm
110 S Main St, Catawba, NC 28609
Come see the Library to Go decorated in its spookiest best and receive a fun treat.



Town of Long View Trunk or Treat
Tuesday, October 31 from 5 - 7 pm
Long View Recreation Center
3107 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601
Happy Halloween! Join us at this safe trick or treating event!



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