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GOOD NEWS

NEW LIBRARY SERVICES

The library is thrilled to announce the addition of fantastic, free resources, including free online access to newspapers and free faxing service.

The library is subscribing to a newspaper streaming service called NewsBank which provides access to hundreds of newspapers from around the country including full-color editions of the Charlotte Observer, and the Hickory Daily Record. Library patrons can use their library card to access these new resources from home on their own device or from the library. NewsBank provides a comprehensive collection of reliable news sources covering a wide array of topics and issues. Explore and stay informed on local and national topics, people, and events in areas such as business, health, education, jobs and careers, political and social issues, and more.

Library staff are ready to help patrons get comfortable with the new process and access the newspapers of their choice from anywhere. To get started on your own, please visit www.catawbacountync.gov/library and click on Read Newspapers Online. With thousands to choose from, including foreign language newspapers, patrons can access full-color editions of their favorite newspaper. NewsBank offers read aloud features and citations for research purposes.

The library will continue to provide the print version of the Observer News Enterprise and Wall Street Journal for branches already getting those papers, and will continue to archive the Observer News Enterprise and Hickory Daily Record for genealogy and local history use.

The library is also excited to introduce a new, free faxing service that allows community members to confidently send faxes securely. Known as Faxcore, this online fax service is HIPPA-compliant and available at all seven library locations, complementing the existing capability to scan documents and images to email free of charge.

The library is also proud to provide access to NC Legal forms and free notary services. These invaluable resources equip individuals with the tools they need to navigate important legal matters, all at no cost. NC Legal forms can be accessed at the library or from home, and our notary service is available at several locations—please call for an appointment.

Of course, the library is still your go-to destination for books, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and so much more.

The library's mission is to empower lives and build community by bringing people, information, and ideas together. This is a significant step towards empowerment, providing access to a service that may have been difficult to obtain otherwise. The Library encourages the community to take advantage of these resources and services by visiting a library location near you.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 22 THROUGH NOVEMBER 24 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

COMMUNITY

Suitcase Drive

November 1 - 30

All Library Locations

Drop off new or gently used suitcases, duffel bags, or toiletry bags at any library location to support local kids in foster care. All donations will be delivered to Family Builders of Catawba Valley.

Medicaid Expansion Enrollment

By appointment

Main Library in Newton

Medicaid Expansion is beginning in December, with applications opening now. The Community Navigator is available Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays to assist with applications.



Medicare Open Enrollment

By Appointment

Main Library in Newton

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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. To schedule your appointment, please call 828-328-2269.



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

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

Mondays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Friday, November 3 at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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.

Dino Stations

Monday, November 6 from 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Love dinosaurs? Drop in for dinosaur themed activities, crafts, and games.

Limitless Theatre

Tuesday, November 7 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Cheer on the exceptional cast of Limitless Theatre as they put on a live free performance at the library.

PAWS To Read

Thursday, November 9

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, November 18

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Schedule a 15-minute appointment to read with a certified therapy dog. To schedule an appointment, please call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens or 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford.



Pre-K Stations

Friday, November 10 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 program is ideal for children from 2-5 years old.

Perler Bead Club

Friday, November 10 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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



Please visit or call the library to register.

STEAM Scene: Slime Party

Thursday, November 16 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Get ready for this hands-on, messy STEAM party! Join the fun as we mix up different slime concoctions. For kids in grades K-5.

Book Club for Kids:

When Sea Becomes Sky

Thursday, November 16 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Discuss *When Sea Becomes Sky* by Gillian Dunn, the 2023 North Carolina Center for the Book Youth Selection. This program is supported by North Carolina Humanities. For grades 3 - 5.

Do Re Me and You Dance Party

Friday, November 17 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

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

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, November 18 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Tuesday, November 21 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell 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.

Tales in the Garden: DINOVENBER

Thursday, November 30 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Families, join us in the community garden to enjoy bilingual stories, build your own tiny dino world, and experience a fun dinosaur-themed movement featuring Stretch and Grow.

TEENS

Teen Night: DIY Pet Toys

Tuesday, November 14 at 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Hey, animal-loving teens! Do you want to help spoil some shelter pets? Get crafty, have a blast creating pawsitively awesome toys to take to the Catawba County Animal Services!

Turkey Tacos

Tuesday, November 14 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Everyone loves tacos! Learn how to make turkey tacos (and have a chance to enjoy them) at this one-hour program. Please register by 5 pm on Monday, November 13 by calling 828-465-8665 or visiting tinyurl.com/CCLSturkeytacos



Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, November 25 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

First UMC Fellowship Hall (November 6)

Main Library in Newton (Nov. 13, 20, 27)

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+ (with parental signature).

Purls and Chains: Knitting & 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 favorite projects.

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. For 50+ but adults of all ages are invited to join.

The Station Book Club

Wednesday, November 1 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

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

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, Nov. 1 & 15 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. Perfect for anyone looking for the benefits of doing yoga with the added security of using a chair.

Career Center

Wednesday, November 1 from 1 - 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Wednesday, November 15 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.

Craft Club Night

Monday, November 6 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Music Bingo

Monday, November 6 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a toe-tapping good time with music bingo hosted by Val Carpenter. Enjoy great music and have a blast competing with friends!

Cake Decorating for Beginners

Tuesday, November 7 at 4:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

In this hands-on class we will learn basic cake decorating skills using various tips and techniques.

Resumes & Job Applications

Wednesday, November 8 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

Introduction to Hoopla and Libby

Wednesday, November 8 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn how to download the Libby and Hoopla apps, sign in, and download a book or two. Bring your own tablet or phone to start e-reading and listening.

Sourdough Starter 101

Wednesday, November 8 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

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!

Market Research with NC LIVE

Thursday, November 9 at 12 noon

Online via Microsoft Teams

This seminar introduces participants to NC LIVE and demonstrates how they can use various databases to research their business. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-Marketing

Needle Felting

Thursday, November 9 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents (ACAP): Caregiver Fatigue

Thursday, November 9 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

This month's meeting will help caregivers recognize the signs of compassion fatigue and learn about strategies and resources for managing and reducing the condition.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays, November 10 & 17 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Adult STEAM:

Morse Code Wrap Bracelets

Saturday, November 11 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Learn what Morse Code is and how to use it to create a coded message in a beautiful beaded bracelet. Make one for yourself or as a gift. All materials provided.

Catawba County Friends of the Library

Monday, November 13 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Friends of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Claremont Friends of the Library

Tuesday, November 28 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

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

Pottery Class: Hand Built Mug

Monday, November 13 & 20 at 5 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Local Potter Karen Wight will lead a two-part pottery class where we will learn various methods of construction, decoration, vocabulary, as well as glazing. Must attend both classes.

Trivia Night

Monday, November 13 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for another fun evening of trivia with Valerie Carpenter, full of facts, fellowship & festive prizes.

Adult Book Club (hybrid)

Monday, November 13 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

In person at St. Stephens Branch Library

October's theme is to read a book set in a place that you have not visited. To join the Facebook group, make theme suggestions, and read past threads, visit www.facebook.com/groups/St.Stephens-BookClub.

DIY Holiday Decorations

Tuesday, November 14 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Don't miss out on this opportunity to kick off the holiday season with creativity and fun. All materials will be provided.

Credit & Money Management

Tuesday, November 14 at 2:30 pm

Online via WebEx

Learn how to make a budget, read credit reports, and what affects your credit rating. Workshop led by a HOPE Financial Wellbeing Coach. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Free Coats and Hats Starting in November

If you or someone you know needs a little extra warmth, come by the Main Library in Newton to grab a free coat and/or hat. The self-serve rack is located near the computer lab (right side of the building coming in from the front doors).



Yoga at the Park

Tuesday, November 14 at 3:30 pm

Mountain Creek Park

6554 Little Mountain Rd, Sherrills Ford, NC

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly yoga class at Mountain Creek Park. Perfect for those not only looking to stretch and relax, but to also enjoy nature at Catawba County's newest park. Bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

Recipe Swap

Tuesday, November 14 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Bring your favorite recipes to swap and find some new ones! We'll provide a composition book for your new recipes—perfect for the upcoming holidays!



Common Interview Questions

Tuesday, November 14 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Thinking of picking up a job before the holidays? Want to get a leg-up on other applicants? Learn how to prepare for commonly asked interview questions so you can ace your next interview!

Piano Recital featuring Joyce O'Neal

Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us for a captivating recital of five timeless pieces by local pianist Joyce O'Neal. Attendees can participate in a fun contest with a chance to win hand-made gift baskets from Felts Basket Shop, complete with gift cards and goodies. This program is sponsored by the SFTFOL.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, November 14 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 *All the sinners Bled* by S.A. Cosby.

DIY Poo Pourri

Wednesday, November 15 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Keep your bathroom classy and clean by learning how to create your own bathroom odor eliminator.



Author Visit with Mark Pennell

Wednesday, November 15 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join Newton-Conover City School Board Member Mark Pennell for an author discussion and book signing for his debut novel, *Into the Fog of Charon*. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, November 16 at 5 pm

Novel Taproom in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about November's selection, *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Foster/Adoption Information Meeting

Monday, November 20 at 12 noon

Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, November 21 at 3:30 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Family Builders of Catawba Valley invites anyone interested in fostering or adopting a child to attend this resource family information session. Guests will also learn about required training for resource families and hear stories about the rewards of helping Catawba County's children in foster care.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, November 20 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. All are welcome to join us for an evening of discussion and extended conversations.

Bone Broth 101

Monday, November 20 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Melissa Falcone from True Cut Ranch returns! Savor the goodness of homemade bone broth with our adult-friendly class. Join us and learn the secrets to crafting this nourishing elixir.



Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, November 21 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.

Flirty Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Calling all rom-com lovers! Join us as we discuss our flirty fiction book for November, *Kiss the Girl* by Zoraida Cordova. Bring your comments, questions, and insights to share with the group. Light refreshments provided. Books may contain adult themes.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, November 28 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, the latest historical novel from New York Times bestselling author Lisa See. The book is inspired by the true story of a woman physician in 15th-century China. Newcomers welcome.

Byte-Sized Basics: Libby & Hoopla

Tuesday, November 28 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Dive into the world of ebooks and audiobooks with ease! Libby and Hoopla are your go-to apps for a library at your fingertips. Get ready to access and enjoy a world of reading and listening, all from the comfort of your device! Bring your smartphone or tablet.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, November 28 at 7 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us as we discuss various genealogical and local history topics. All are welcome to attend.

Interviewing Tips

Thursday, November 30 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

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



Please visit or call the library to register.

LIBRARY TO GO

Town of Catawba Veteran's Festival

Saturday, November 11

from 10 am to 4 pm

100 S Main St, Catawba, NC 28609

Join us at Town of Catawba's 18th Annual Veterans Festival and Parade! Parade is at 2 pm.



Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, November 12 from 2 - 5 pm

2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601

Check out books, use our WiFi 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.



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