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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS? THE LIBRARY HAS YOU COVERED

Are you looking to set and keep a resolution in the new year? Let us help you meet your goals!

The library isn't just a home for books. It's a thriving hub, a catalyst for growth - where each resource, program, and service is a stepping stone towards a more empowered and connected Catawba County!

Looking to learn something new? Your library offers:

- **Information Professionals:** helpful library staff available to connect the community to empowering resources, programs, and services
- **Technology Access:** large-format printer, 3-D printer, digital/vinyl cutter, sewing machine, and a dedicated technology librarian
- **Lifelong Learning:** author visits, exhibits, book clubs, speaker series, arts & crafts, and health & wellness programs
- **24/7 Online and Digital Resources:** available for all ages - Libby, Hoopla, NCKidsDigital, ABC Mouse, TumbleBooks, NCLive, Transparent Languages, Ancestry.com Library Edition, resume builders, legal forms, and online newspapers

Looking for more enjoyment? Your library offers:

- **Library Collection:** books, DVDs, audiobooks, ebooks, and graphic novels available for check out
- **Community Programs:** health & wellness, arts & crafts, book clubs, cooking demos, bingo & trivia
- **Recreation Equipment:** Cornhole, Bocce, Croquet, Zumba, Yoga, and Pickleball fitness kits available for check out

Looking to keep the kids engaged? Your library offers:

- **Early Literacy Initiatives:** 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Tiny to Two and Ready to Learn Storytimes, Pre-K Play, Born to Read outreach, and Bookbaggers program
- **School Age Resources:** Paws to Read, Homework Helpers, crafts, clubs, and STEAM programs
- **Young Adult Resources:** 3D printing, arts & crafts, gaming programs, career exploration, and volunteer and internship opportunities
- **Education Support:** collaboration with educators for programs and services, providing resources, training, technology, and programming to equip students of all ages

Looking to take care of business? Your library offers:

- **Personalized Assistance:** one-on-one technology help, free notary services (by appointment), and Community Navigator for whole-person care
- **Equitable Technology Access:** WiFi hotspots and Chromebooks available for check out, 24-hour WiFi, public access computers, printing, and free scanning and faxing services
- **Digital Literacy:** computer basics and software classes, resume writing, online safety, personal information security, and social media workshops
- **Workforce Development:** employment workshops, career specialists, and job search assistance

The library would love to join you on your journey of connection, exploration, and growth!

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.

PAWS to Read

Tuesday, January 9

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, January 13

Maiden Branch Library

Saturday, January 27

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Schedule an appointment to read with a certified therapy dog in a relaxing setting.



Movie Matinee: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles - Mutant Mayhem

Thursday, January 4 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

After years of being sheltered from the human world, the turtles set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers. Rated PG.

Bad Art Night

Tuesday, January 9 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Let's make bad art together! Everyone is welcome to come out and make something terrible—we'll even vote on and give a certificate to the worst art!

Perler Bead Club

Friday, January 12 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Fairy Tale Friday: Rapunzel

Friday, January 12 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Listen to the fairy tale, conduct experiments and use STEM to create alternative (and less painful) ways to get in and out of the tower. For grades 3 to 5.

Pre-K Play

Tuesday, January 16 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Saturday, January 20 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 ages 2-5 years old.

Master Chef Junior: Takoyaki Edition

Thursday, January 18 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Compete for the title of Library Master Chef! Learn about Japanese cuisine and then test your culinary skills as your team invents new fillings and sauces for a traditional dish. For ages 8 and up.



Oreo Taste Test

Thursday, January 18 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Do you know how many Oreo flavors there are? Join us for a blind taste test and see how many Oreo flavors you can guess! For ages 8 and up.



Dolly Parton's Birthday Party and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

Friday, January 19 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Friday, January 19 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for stories, crafts and cake to celebrate Dolly Parton's birthday. Sign your preschooler up for 1000 Books for Kindergarten and Imagination Library.

STEAM: Snow Slime

Thursday, January 25 at 4:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Create fluffy snow slime that won't freeze your fingers. We'll learn about polymers and the states of matter in this winter themed science experiment.



Do Re Me and You Dance Party

Friday, January 26 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

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

Fairy Tale Friday:

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Friday, January 26 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Goldilocks makes a mess of things in the bears' cottage. We'll read the story and use STEM to fix things at this program for grades 3 to 5.

Ice Lanterns – A Winter Engineering STEAM Program

Monday, January 29 at 5:30 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Build your own Ice Lantern to take home as we learn about the science of weather and the properties of water.



TEENS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, January 9 at 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us to discuss what programs and opportunities you would like to see in your library. Open to all teens, snacks provided.



Teen Night

Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Do you want to build a snowman? Join our teen group for a snowman themed craft. Snacks provided!

Teen DIY Phone Charms

Saturday, January 13 at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Make your own phone charm during this easy and fun DIY program!



Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, January 13 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Teen Storytime Night

Tuesday, January 16 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Books, music, and a craft! All the fun of storytime but for teens!

Puzzle and Board Game Night

Tuesday, January 23 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Work together to complete a jigsaw puzzle or play board games.

Finances, College & You

Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30 pm

Conover Branch Library

Skip Watts from College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC.org) will be on hand to assist with the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Residency Determination Service (RDS), and answer all questions related to the process of paying for college.



ADULTS

Medicaid Expansion Enrollment

By appointment

All Library Locations

Schedule an appointment with your library to learn more and for application assistance.

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement class that's too much fun to call exercise.

Purl and Chain: Knit and 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.

Job Seeking Boot Camp

Thursdays at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Hit the ground running in the new year with this four-session workshop that will have you ready to ace your next job search. We'll cover every step from determining your career interests to succeeding in your interview, and get you into tip-top job application shape!

Thursday, January 4:

Ferguson's Career Interest Assessment

Take this free interest assessment to help you narrow in on the best career paths for you.

Thursday, January 11:

Online Job Searching & Applications

Online applications and job search sites can be overwhelming, but we'll equip you with the skills you need to navigate them like a pro.

Thursday, January 18: Resume Writing

Learn some tips and tricks for writing an engaging resume that best shows off your strengths and experience.

Thursday, January 25: Interviewing Skills

Last but not least, the interview! This process can be daunting, but we'll help you navigate your job interview with confidence and professionalism.

Techs-pert Help

Fridays at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Did you get an e-reader, tablet, or another technology device this holiday season? Our library technology experts (techs-perts) are here to help! Come by any Friday in January between 11 am and 12 noon for one-on-one tech help!

Stretch for Health &

Meditate for Mindfulness

Fridays at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Combining stretching with meditation may benefit both your emotional well-being and your overall health. While this class is geared to 50+, adults of all ages are invited to join.

Career Center

Wednesday, January 3 from 1 - 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Wednesday, January 17 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. Want to get your resume on Indeed or LinkedIn? This is your perfect opportunity! Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling your preferred library or drop in as you are able.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Friday, January 5, 12 & 26 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.

Family Builders Foster/Adoption Information Meeting

Saturday, January 6 at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

With over 180 children experiencing foster care in Catawba County, there is an urgent need for foster and adoptive families. Anyone interested in fostering or adopting a child is invited to attend this informational meeting and learn more about foster care and adoption in Catawba County.

For the Birds

Saturday, January 6 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Want to make a special treat that will encourage birds to visit your yard? This easy craft is attractive and biodegradable too.

Catawba County Friends of the Library

Monday, January 8 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Claremont Friends of the Library

Tuesday, January 23 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.

Bullet Journaling for Beginners

Monday, January 8 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

New year, new you! Get organized by learning how to use the bullet journal method. Create your own monthly/weekly planner, lists, and more all in one notebook! Supplies will be provided.

Bone Broth 101

Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Savor the goodness of homemade bone broth with Melissa Falcone from True Cut Ranch. You'll learn the secrets to crafting this warming nourishment – perfect for chilly, January evenings!

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, January 9 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 *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn.

Healthy-Fun Bingo

Wednesday, January 10 at 9:30 am

Main Library in Newton

Who doesn't like a fun game of Bingo with prizes for each round? Playing with health-themed cards and calls, everyone is welcome – please let us know if you're bringing a group of six or more.

How to: Libby and Hoopla

Thursday, January 11 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, January 23 at 2 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Libby and Hoopla are free and user-friendly ways to find thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks. We will teach you how to download the app, sign in, and download a book or two. Bring your own tablet or phone to set up your gateway to the world of eReading.



ACAP-Finding & Using Local Senior Services

Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

This month's Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents meeting will explore the services, terminologies, and types of professionals you'll be engaging with either gradually, or rapidly following a medical diagnosis or hospitalization. Become more knowledgeable about services and agencies available in our community.

Post-Holiday Recovery

Friday, January 12 at 12 noon

Maiden Branch Library

Join us for an afternoon of holiday recuperation to help you relax and restore your pre-winter energy levels. We will have soft music and a variety of jigsaw puzzles, adult coloring sheets, crosswords, and word searches available.



Please visit or call the library to register.

Library to Go: Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, January 14 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.



Mocktails and Healthy Refreshers

Tuesday, January 16 at 4:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Your interactive guide to creating non-alcoholic mocktails that delight and impress! Learn how to create both an array of colorful mocktails and healthier refreshers for the days you want to jazz up your daily water.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, January 16 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.

Sound Bath Meditation

Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Take a half-hour for yourself to find a measure of stillness and peace during Sound Bath Meditation with Pradnya Gopalan, E-RYT, Yoga Therapy Practitioner and Sound Healer. No prior experience is necessary – bring a towel or mat to lie down on. Try to arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the session starts to allow everyone to settle in.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, January 17 & 31 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.

Seed Exchange

Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, join us to explore new possibilities for your growing adventures. Bring your surplus seeds to share and your passion to learn and grow together.

Needle Felting

Thursday, January 18 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a baby seal. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, January 18 at 5 pm
Novel Taproom in Downtown Newton
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join to talk about January's selection, *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. February's pick will be *The Kudzu Queen* by Mimi Herman.

No Sew Sachets

Saturday, January 20 at 11 am
Main Library in Newton
Freshen up a drawer, your closet, or any small space with these easy DIY sachets. We will use essential oils to create the perfect scent blend.

Joara: Conquistadors in NC

Saturday, January 20 at 1:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
We've all heard of Roanoke, Jamestown, and Plymouth Rock. But did you know that years before Europeans landed in any of those places, there was a Spanish fort right down the road from here? This engaging talk by Joara docent Mike Carpenter will reveal the discoveries and stories being unearthed at this active archeological site, as well as the opportunities available to the public.



Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, January 22 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Join us as we discuss *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin. All are welcome to join us for discussions and conversations based on this novel.

Shelf-Care Book Club

Monday, January 22 at 6 pm
Online via Zoom
In person at St. Stephens Branch Library
Treat yourself to the best kind of self-care: a good book! This month, we're reading *Nora Goes Off Script* by Annabel Monaghan. Pick up a copy at the library or through Libby. To register for the Zoom link, please visit the library.

Needle Felt & A Film - Shrek 2

Tuesday, January 23 at 5:30 pm
Maiden Branch Library
What do ogres and needle felting have in common? They both have layers! We will be creating a mini-Shrek figure and watching the 2004 sequel, *Shrek 2*, to celebrate its upcoming 20th anniversary.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, January 23 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library
Join our discussion of New York Times Bestseller and Oprah Book Club Pick *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. We welcome newcomers.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm
Main Library in Newton
Join the Catawba County Genealogical Society for their monthly meeting, followed by an introduction to new local history and genealogy materials available for research in Catawba County. All are welcome to attend.

Friends of the Library Book Store

Thursday, January 25 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!

Snowman Book Craft

Saturday, January 27 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library
Come out and make a winter book craft, a cute piece of décor to complement the season!

Got Resume Builder

Tuesday, January 30 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Learn how to craft a resume with Got Resume Builder. This free online tool is designed to assist you in both content creation and formatting, enabling you to create a polished and professional resume for the new year.

Paint Pour Coasters

Tuesday, January 30 at 4:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the art and science of acrylic paint pouring as we customize coasters.



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