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CELEBRATING

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Ready, set, library! National Library Week is April 7–13, 2024, and the Catawba County Library encourages everyone in the community to visit the library to take part in the festivities and explore all the library has to offer.

As National Library Week Honorary Chair, award-winning author Meg Medina says, “Libraries connect our communities and enrich our lives in ways we may not realize, and one of my greatest pleasures is discovering the unexpected and beautiful things libraries offer. From book groups to lending sports equipment to providing a safe after-school hangout space and so much more, libraries support us wherever we find ourselves on the roadmap through life’s journey.”

Libraries give us a green light to experience something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue our passions through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, workshops, and more. Libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. Libraries ensure all of our community members have access to expert assistance with information and technology resources. Libraries strengthen our community and foster a passion for discovery, knowledge, and growth.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life’s journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, raising a family, or settling into retirement, the library offers the resources and support you need in a supportive community where you will feel welcome.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with others. The Catawba County Library is there for you, all the way to the finish line.

During National Library Week, we encourage you to share the benefits you’ve experienced at your library with a friend, a neighbor, a colleague, or an elected official. We also encourage you to join us in celebrating the library!

Along with the 20+ events planned for the week of April 7-13, here are a few ways we’ll be celebrating National Library Week:

Monday, April 8: Accessibility Day

Tuesday, April 9: Library Workers Day

Wednesday, April 10: Outreach Day

Thursday, April 11: Supporting Our Libraries Day

Friday, April 12: Celebrating Our Libraries Day



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.



Please visit or call the library to register.

Thursday Theater Matinee: Wish

Thursday, April 4 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library
School's out, so spend the afternoon getting crafty and watching Disney's *Wish* (rated PG). Kids will enjoy making origami stars and watching this imaginative movie about Asha's wild wishes for happiness.

Clowning Around

Thursday, April 4 at 4:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

Jesters and clowns entertain people with skills and silly antics. Test your skills with plate spinning, juggling, and more! Ideal for 3rd through 5th graders.

Pre-k Play

Saturday, April 13 at 11 am
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. For ages 2-5 years old.

Kid's Book Club: Titanic

Monday, April 15 at 4:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

Join us to talk about *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic* by Lauren Tarshis and share Titanic facts.

Paws to Read

Tuesday, April 16 by appointment
St. Stephens Branch Library

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

Homeschool Hangout

Thursday, April 18 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library

Are you a homeschooling family or group? Meet other homeschoolers while enjoying an activity and coloring pages!

Tales in the Garden:

Spring into Community

Thursday, April 18 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton

Join us for this fun family program in the garden as we celebrate community and Springtime! Enjoy stories read in Hmong, English & Spanish. Make crafts, take home plants, and meet special guests!

Perler Bead Club

Friday, April 19 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Make designs using small beads that are fused together with heat. Materials provided.

Taylor Swift Album Release Party

Monday, April 22 from 5 - 7 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Swifties young and old are invited to celebrate the release of Taylor Swift's newest album, *The Tortured Poets Department!* Fun for the whole family with trivia, karaoke, crafts, and more!

Do Re Me and You Dance Party

Friday, April 26 at 10 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us for 30 minutes of music and movement! For children 5 and under.

Poet-Tree

Saturday, April 27 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library
Anytime you rhyme, you're bound to have a good time! Contribute a leaf to our Poet-Tree with your own original poem or haiku and decorate it while learning about rhymes, rhyming schemes, and syllables.

Spilled Ink Poetry Hangout

Tuesday, April 30 at 1 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Tap into your creativity this National Poetry Month for an afternoon featuring blackout poetry, writing prompts, an open mic, and more!

Code Quest*

Tuesday, April 30 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Learn coding basics through fun games while boosting problem-solving skills. For 3rd - 5th grades. Taught by Aastha Patel, Challenger Early College High School student.

*Each session will build upon the last so register for all three sessions to maximize your learning experience. Sessions will be held on April 30, May 7, and May 14.



TEENS

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, April 9 at 5 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Help plan future teen programs and library resources while building leadership skills!

Teen Night

Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
It's Board Game Night at the library! Grab your friends and enjoy a variety of fun board games. Snacks provided.

Clowning Around - Teens

Tuesday, April 9 at 5 pm
Main Library in Newton
Can you yo-yo? Spin a plate? Juggle? Have you tried out a kendama? Hang out with us for an evening of goofy fun.

Nintendo Switch Night

Tuesday, April 23 at 5 pm
Main Library in Newton
Test your Mario Kart and Smash Bros skills. Bring a friend!

Teen Poetry Art Night

Tuesday, April 30 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Love art and poetry? Create a piece of art that draws inspiration from a poem of your choice!

TEEN POETRY
art night

ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm
Main Library at Newton
(April 1, 8, 15, & 22)
First UMC Newton Fellowship Hall
(April 29)

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).

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.

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.

Mindful Movement

Fridays at 3 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.

Bullet Journal Club

Monday, April 1 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us for laid-back hangouts where we swap doodle ideas, chat about organizing tips, and share our favorite spreads. Some supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own.

The Station Book Club

Wednesday, April 3 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library
All are welcome to join as we discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Career Center

Wednesday, April 3 from 1 - 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Wednesday, April 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.

Tale of a German Immigrant: From Hitler Youth to American Dream

Thursday, April 4 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library
Rhonda Roederer, a professional genealogist and educator, presents the story of her distant cousin Kurt Roederer and his journey from a small village in World War II Germany to America. Explore historical events leading up to the Nazi era and discover what it was like to survive in war-torn Germany through the eyes of a child.

Catawba County FOL Meeting

Monday, April 8 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.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, April 8 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Join us for an evening of trivia! Valerie Carpenter will be our trivia event host. Light refreshments will be served.



Sourdough 101

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Join us as Melissa from True Cut Ranch shares the basics of how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter. Bring a jar to take some home!

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, April 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 *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, April 10 & 24 at 11:30 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.

Introduction to Hoopla and Libby

Thursday, April 11 at 1 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.

Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents (ACAP): VA Programs & Benefits

Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
To provide education, support and community, this month we'll learn about VA programs of all sorts, some of which vary in eligibility requirements and service coverage. Understanding the various VA benefits will help you be a more informed advocate for your aging parents' health, care and services.

Vinyl Cutter Basics

Thursday, April 11 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Meet the Cameo 4 Pro vinyl cutter! During this program, participants will learn about downloading and using the Silhouette Studio, setting up their new machine, and loading different sizes of vinyl.

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, April 13 & 27 from 9 - 11 am
Main Library in Newton
We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with tasks such as weeding, mulching, and planting at the Main Library's community garden. All ages and experience levels are welcome. If you love being outdoors and getting your hands in the soil, we'd be delighted to have you on board.

Shelf-Care Book Club

Monday, April 15 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! Our book for April will be *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Pick up your copy at the library or through Libby/Hoopla. Readers participating on Zoom can register at the library to receive the meeting link.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, April 15 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Join us as we discuss *The Night Shift* by Alex Finlay. All are welcome to discuss the twists and turns of this month's book selection.

Northstar Digital Literacy Training

Tuesday, April 16 at 1 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library
Explore your computer skills and find areas to improve with the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment. This tool has fun online tests that help you get better at things like using email, surfing the internet, and using Windows, Google Docs, Microsoft Word, and Excel. Get the skills you need to feel confident with technology in your daily life by checking out tests on topics such as Social Media, Telehealth, Supporting K-12 Distance Learning, and Career Search Skills.

Roaming Readers Walking Club

Tuesday, April 16 at 4 pm
Mountain Creek Park

Want to stretch your legs while enjoying nature and making new friends? Join the library's new walking club! Meet us at the information center at Mountain Creek Park where we'll begin our walk on their paved ADA-accessible trail that winds through a quiet cove.

Resume Builder

Tuesday, April 16 at 6 pm
Online via Zoom

Build your resume from the comfort of your home using the Got Resume Builder available through the library. To receive the Zoom link please visit tinyurl.com/ccls-resume or call 828-465-9494 for more information.



Health Insurance Navigator Assistance

Wednesday, April 17 from 10 am to 4 pm
Main Library in Newton

Get help signing up for health insurance from a federally qualified health insurance navigator from Legal Aid of North Carolina who can provide unbiased and experienced help in selecting the Medicaid or marketplace.gov plan that is best for you. Bring proof of income if possible, as well as the social security numbers of any dependents. To register, please call 1-855-733-3711 or drop in.

Sleep Like a Baby

Wednesday, April 17 at 11 am
St. Stephens Branch Library

Bring your infant and toddler sleep questions! Sleep educator and consultant Laura Nance will share what normal biological infant sleep really looks like, as well as tips and tricks for developing a healthy sleep environment.

Needle Felting

Thursday, April 18 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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



Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, April 18 at 5 pm
Novel Taproom in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to talk about April's pick, *The Heiress* by Rachel Hawkins. Get ahead with May's selection, *None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell.

Creative Outlet - Stencil Art Studio

Friday, April 19 at 3 pm
Main Library in Newton

To satisfy that creative urge to play and create, we'll be using rice paper, half-stencils, and watercolor gel crayons to create interesting designs in pleasing colors.



First-Time Homebuyer Workshop

Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 am
Main Library in Newton

For many of us, buying a home represents a major life goal and possibly the biggest investment we'll ever make. If you've been waiting for the right time to become a homeowner, or just feel bewildered by current market conditions, join local realtor Terrence Tipps to learn how to prepare for your first home purchase.

Got Resume Builder

Monday, April 22 at 1 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.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, April 23 at 7 pm
Main Library in Newton
Join the 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.

Tech Coffee Chat

Wednesday, April 24 at 11 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
Whether you need assistance setting up your new device, troubleshooting issues, or learning how to use specific apps, we are here to help. Bring your gadgets and questions, and let's tackle them together. No appointment necessary – just drop by and get the tech help you need and have a cup of coffee too!

Catawba County Friends of the Library Book Store

Thursday, April 25 from 12 noon - 3 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! Friends of the Library membership forms and information will also be available for anyone interested in joining.

Pinecone Wall Art

Tuesday, April 30 at 5 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Create a rustic wall hanging by deconstructing and hand painting pinecones to mimic a beautiful floral piece.

LIBRARY TO GO

National Library Week Celebration

Thursday, April 11 from 12 noon - 2 pm
Appalachian State Hickory Campus
800 17th St. NW Hickory, NC 28601
Explore the Library to Go as we celebrate National Library Week!



Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, April 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.



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