

# Library Connections

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## SPOOKY SEASON AT YOUR LIBRARY

As the nights grow longer and the air turns crisp, the library becomes an enchanting haven for all things spooky and hosts a variety of activities for enthusiasts. Explore the library's collection of horror novels and scary movies. Delve into local folklore at the Local History Room to uncover regional legends. Channel your creative energy through crafts and STEAM programs for all ages. Make friends who also enjoy the spookier things in life through book clubs and programs.

The library might not be your first thought when you think about spooky season, but here are a few reasons why you should!

**Haunting Reads:** The library is a vault for horror novels, ghost stories, and eerie classics (not to mention scary movies). You can discover new authors or revisit old favorites. Ask your librarian for help finding your next scary story to tell in the dark.

**Crafts and Activities:** The library is offering spooktacular craft and STEAM programs for all ages including movie night, Halloween trivia, pumpkin painting, trick-or-treating for teens, spooky science, and building your own graham cracker haunted house!

**Community Connection:** The library offers great ways to connect with fellow spooky enthusiasts, through book clubs or community events. Wear your Halloween best and impress all of your new haunts...we mean friends.

**Spooky Events:** In addition to craft and STEAM programs, the library is partnering with the Catawba County Museum of History for an exhilarating ghost tour of Downtown Newton based on real life experiences and history!

**Research Local Legends:** Dive into local history and folklore. You can uncover ghost stories, unsolved crimes, or urban legends from right here in Catawba County, including the legend of the boiled corpse in Newton or the Woman in White at the Hickory Community Theatre!

All of these stories and more can be found in our local history room (also known as the Rhodes Room). The collection includes cemetery records, newspaper archives, now and then photos of different areas in the county, history of local buildings and homes, materials to help you trace your ancestors and family history, and yes, even accounts of hauntings throughout the area.

If you have ever experienced something paranormal in your home, visit the Rhodes Room to find out who used to live there and more about their past. You might be able to find some common ground with your ghostly roommate or help solve an ancient family mystery that breaks their connection to the living realm.

This Halloween season, visit your library and get lost in the pages of something delightfully creepy!



# 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.

## Pre-K STEAM

Children and their grownups are invited to explore interactive play stations to build confidence in learning.

### Tuesday, October 1 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

### Saturday, October 12 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

### Friday, October 18 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

### Tuesday, October 22 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library



Please visit or call the library to register.



Wear your Halloween costume for extra fun!

## PAWS to Read

Encourage your young reader through reading with a therapy dog. Please schedule your visit by calling: 828-465-8665 for Newton, 828-466-5108 for Conover, or 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens.

### Mondays, October 7 & 21

Main Library in Newton

### Wednesday, October 9

Conover Branch Library

### Tuesday, October 15

St. Stephens Branch Library

## Bubbling Brew – STEAM Fun

Tuesday, October 1 at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Double, double, toil and trouble! Students in grades 4-6 are invited to a hands-on science adventure where they'll discover the scientific method and then mix ingredients with hopes to formulate their own bubbling brew. Join us for an exciting exploration of science!

## Homeschool Hangout

Thursday, October 3 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Are you a homeschooling family or group? Come out and meet other homeschoolers! We'll have an activity and coloring pages. For grades K-5.

## Fall STEAM

Wednesday, October 16 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Tackle engineering challenges and conduct experiments inspired by the season. For grades K-5.

## Kids Voting

The library has teamed up with Catawba County 4H to give kids a hands-on voting experience! We'll have voting stations, button-making activities, and resources to help kids understand the voting process.

### Monday, October 21 from 5 - 7 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

### Tuesday, October 22 from 5 - 7 pm

Southwest Branch Library

### Monday, October 28 from 5 - 7 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

### Tuesday, October 29 from 5 - 7 pm

Main Library in Newton



## Tales in the Garden: Fall Fun

Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us and Murray's Mill in the community garden for bilingual stories, crafts and fun. We will explore a variety of fall traditions including decorating harvest brooms.

## Lego Club

Wednesday, October 23 at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

Come for brick-snapping fun! We'll supply the Legos - you bring your imagination! Build, make, and play as we explore our creativity through Legos. We will have free play and Lego challenges.

## Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, October 25 at 4:30 pm

Through Saturday, October 26 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Bring your bravest stuffed animal (that you can be apart from for a whole night) to the library for a sleepover at 4:30 pm on Friday! Make a craft and fill out the permission slip before leaving your stuffed animal for a night of fun. Join your library friends and stuffed animals for snacks and a video of the night's adventures at 10 am the next morning on Saturday.

## Halloween Movie Night: Hocus Pocus

Tuesday, October 29 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Bring your cozy blanket to enjoy the movie with a nice bag of freshly popped popcorn! Movie begins at 6 pm.

## Halloween STEAM Party

Thursday, October 31 at 3:30 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Happy Halloween! Put on a costume and come celebrate with some spooky science and creepy creativity at this party for elementary aged learners!

## Spooky STEAM:

### Build a Haunted House

Thursday, October 31 at 4:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Get ready for a spooky-fun, hands-on STEAM adventure! Kids are invited to join us for an afternoon of Halloween spirit as we construct Graham Cracker Haunted Houses. Build and decorate your deliciously spooky creations with candy and icing!

# TEENS

## Teen Night: Painted Pumpkin Party

Tuesday, October 8 at 4:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for spook-tacular fun as we decorate our very own mini pumpkins.

## Celebrate National Pizza Month

Tuesday, October 8 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Test your pizza knowledge while making your own pizza.

## Halloween Cross Stitch

Monday, October 14 at 5 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn how to create a kawaii inspired, Halloween-themed cross stitched key chain.

## Teen Halloween Trivia

Saturday, October 19 at 12 noon

Conover Branch Library

Test your knowledge of everything spooky, myths, and your favorite Halloween movies! A prize will be given to the winner and candy to the participants.

## Teen Trick-or-Treating

Monday, October 28 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Here at the Southwest Branch, we believe you're NEVER too old for trick-or-treating! Teen patrons are invited to come in costume and enjoy an evening of nostalgic Halloween fun as we relive one of the best parts of being a kid!

## Needle Felt & A Miniseries:

### Over the Garden Wall

Tuesday, October 29 at 5 pm

Maiden Branch Library

"You look after that frog; give it a proper name." Join us to needle felt a mini-Greg's frog and encounter the lush autumn scenes of the 2014 animated miniseries, *Over the Garden Wall*.

## Halloween Hangout

Thursday, October 31 from 5 - 7 pm

Main Library in Newton

Games. Snacks. Costumes encouraged but not required.





# ADULTS

## Zumba Mondays!

*Mondays at 6 pm (No class October 28)  
October 7 at Main Library in Newton  
October 14 & 21 at First UMC 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 - under 18).

## Purl and Chain: Knit and Crochet Series

*Tuesdays at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library*  
Make new friends while you knit and crochet. Bring your favorite materials and dive into our special theme for this month: crafting the perfect buttonhole!

## Mindful Movement

*Fridays at 3 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library*  
Whether you're seeking to improve flexibility, reduce stress, or enhance your overall well-being, this program offers a welcoming space to move, stretch, and rejuvenate. While this class is geared to 50+, adults of all ages are invited to join.

## Goodwill Job Fair

*Tuesday, October 1 from 1 - 4 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*  
In partnership with Goodwill Industries of Northwest NC, the library will host a job and career fair to connect local businesses with talented individuals from our community. This is a unique opportunity for the job seekers in the Sherrills Ford-Terrell area!

## Pantry Preparedness with True Cut Ranch

*Tuesday, October 1 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library*  
Melissa Falcone from True Cut Ranch will help you make a plan for a working pantry and long-term food storage. Learn how to get started stockpiling foods, stay organized on budget, and properly store different kinds of foods.

## The Station Book Club

*Wednesday, October 2 at 10 am  
Conover Branch Library*  
All are welcome to join as we discuss *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie. We will also do a book-share at the end with other recommended reads. This book club meets every other month.

## Career Center

*Wednesday, October 2 from 1 - 4 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Wednesday, October 16 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!

## Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

*Wednesday, October 2 at 2 pm  
In-Person at Southwest Branch Library  
Online via WebEx*  
Learn tips for creating a resume and completing a job application. Join us for this virtual workshop presented by NC Works to help you stand out during your job search. No registration needed for the in-person program. To register for online access, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](https://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

## Stay Safe from Scams and Frauds

*Thursday, October 3 at 2 pm  
Main Library in Newton*  
Join us for a financial security workshop as financial advisor Zachary Tussel prepares you with the tips and knowledge needed to watch out for today's scams and better protect your finances.

## Gentle Flow Yoga

*Friday, October 4 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.

## 3D Printing Class

*Saturday, October 5 at 3 pm  
Main Library in Newton*  
Learn all things 3D printing including a TinkerCad tutorial, an exploration of Thingiverse, and the basics of 3D printing software. R

## Bullet Journal Club

*Monday, October 7 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library*  
Join us for the last gathering of our bullet journal series! We'll be swapping doodle ideas, sharing organizing tips, and showcasing our favorite spreads. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting your planning journey, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate shared creativity.

## Sourdough 101 with True Cut Ranch

*Tuesday, October 8 at 6 pm  
Conover Branch Library*  
Join us as Melissa from True Cut Ranch will teach the basics of how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter. Bring a clean jar to take some home!

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, October 8 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 Wife* by Meg Wolitzer.

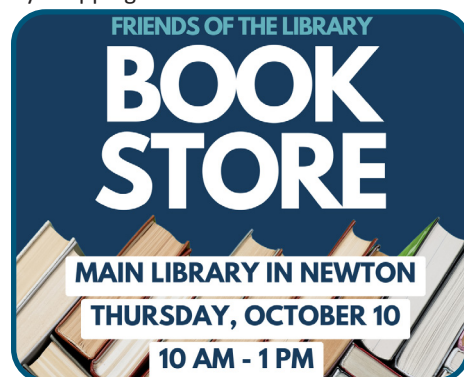
## Power Up Your LinkedIn Profile

*Wednesday, October 9 at 1 pm  
Main Library in Newton*  
Jobseekers, networkers, and small business owners are invited to join us for this session on enhancing your LinkedIn profile to build your professional online identity and your personal brand. Consider adding a custom URL, a background banner, a headline, and using AI to turn a selfie into a professional looking headshot. R



## Friends of the Library Book Store

*Thursday, October 10 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!



## Transparent Language

*Thursday, October 10 at 2 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*  
Interested in learning a new language? Join us as we explore Transparent Language, a free language learning app available through NC Live.

## Needle Felting

*Thursday, October 10 at 4 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*  
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a candy corn figurine. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use. R

## Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents: Medicare & SHIP - the Must-Knows

*Thursday, October 10 at 5:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton*  
This month's program will help attendees understand the essential aspects of Medicare coverage. Plans change every year, as does our loved one's health, so it's critical to gather this information to make the right choice of Medicare coverage during the open enrollment period.


## Medicare Changes & You

*Friday, October 11 at 10 am  
Main Library in Newton*  
Each year Medicare plans change. Make sure you've got all the information you need about Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare supplements, how drug plans work, and what to watch out for when you get offers by phone or mail.

## Friends of the Library Meeting

*Monday, October 14 at 11 am  
Main Library in Newton*  
Have you ever thought about joining the Friends of the Library? The Friends support and advocate for library services throughout the county. Join us for a meeting to see all the cool ways you can help support your library!

## Halloween Trivia Night

*Monday, October 14 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. Earn bonus points for dressing up! 

**Market Research with NC Live**  
Wednesday, October 16 at 12 noon  
Online via Zoom



NC LIVE is a free resource available through the North Carolina Library System, with access to tools and databases that can help start-ups and existing small businesses conduct research on their industry and identify potential customers. 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/cclssbc](http://tinyurl.com/cclssbc)

**Creative Outlet Series: Paper Crafting**  
Wednesday, October 16 at 6 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Join us to make a miniature book with accordian pages and explore the many types of arts and crafts using card or paper.

**Piece of Cake Book Club**  
Thursday, October 17 at 5 pm

*Carpe Crustum* in Downtown Newton  
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to talk about October's selection *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Get ahead with November's pick, *In the Shadow of the Greenbrier* by Emily Matchar.

**Yoga at the Park**

Fridays, October 18 & 25 at 11 am  
Mountain Creek Park

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class inside at the MCP Information Center. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

**Qi Gong**

Saturday, October 19 at 9:30 am  
Main Library in Newton

Involving gentle movements, controlled breath patterns, and focused attention, Qi Gong can be practiced seated or otherwise - a great practice for those new to movement. Open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18).



**Wear your Halloween costume for extra fun!**

**Haunted Newton: A Ghost Tour**

Saturday, October 19  
at 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, & 9 pm  
Main Library in Newton



Join us for a spooky adventure in Downtown Newton!

In collaboration with the Catawba County Museum of History, this Ghost Tour will take you on a journey through the haunted history of the downtown area. Explore eerie alleys, hear chilling tales, and maybe even encounter a ghost or two! This in-person event is perfect for thrill-seekers and history buffs alike.

Tours will begin and end at the library, take us through downtown on a tractor-pulled wagon, and include stops at Eastview Cemetery and the Catawba County Museum of History (where there will be a spine-tingling surprise waiting for us)!

Parking is available in the lower lot of the library. Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your tour to check in. Wagon leaves promptly on the hour.

To register, please visit  
[tinyurl.com/hauntednewton](http://tinyurl.com/hauntednewton)



**Mountain View Book Club**

Monday, October 21 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Dive into the intriguing world of Ariel Lawhon's *Frozen River* for this month's book club! Engage in a rich discussion about this 18th century historical mystery, explore themes, and share your interpretations with fellow readers. All are welcome to join in, connect and converse.

**Shelf-Care Book Club**

Monday, October 21 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library

Treat yourself to the best kind of self-care: a good book! Our October book is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. New members welcome.

**Fermentation 101 with True Cut Ranch**

Tuesday, October 22 at 6 pm  
Conover Branch Library



Join us as Melissa from True Cut Ranch teaches the basics of fermenting vegetables with simple equipment and minimal ingredients! Discover the benefits of fermented foods and how to experiment with your own creations at home!

**Maternal Mental Health**

Tuesday, October 22 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library

This training delves into the nuances of maternal mental health, perinatal mood disorders, and practical tools for support. Explore mental health, pregnancy and postpartum care while gaining insight into creating a nurturing environment for mothers.

**Supercharge Your Interview!**

Thursday, October 24 at 10 am  
In-Person at Southwest Branch Library  
Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview! Join us for this virtual workshop presented by NC Works to help you stand out during your job search. No registration needed for the in-person program. To register for online access, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

**Halloween Trivia**

Monday, October 28 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library



Think you know your spooky fun facts? Join us for a ghoulishly good time if you dare!

**Customer Service & Personal Branding**

Wednesday, October 30 at 2 pm  
In-Person at Southwest Branch Library  
Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to market your brand! Join us for this virtual workshop presented by NC Works to help you stand out during your job search. No registration needed for the in-person program. To register for online access, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

## LIBRARY TO GO

**Conover National Night Out**

Tuesday, October 1 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Conover City Park

Join police, fire, EMS, military, and librarians from around the county for a night out!

**Claremont Daze**

Saturday, October 5 from 10 am - 4 pm  
Downtown Claremont

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.

**Plein Air for Children Art Workshop**

Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to 3 pm  
Catawba Farms in Newton

Join us for an exciting outdoor painting program for young artists to explore the beauty of nature while creating their own artwork outdoors. Program will be presented by the Catawba Valley Festival of the Arts artist-in-residence, Pablo Posada Pernikoff. He will provide hands-on instruction, guiding participants through basic painting techniques as they capture the scenic landscapes around them.

**Town of Long View Trunk or Treat**

Thursday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Long View Recreation Center

Happy Halloween! Join us at this safe and fun trick or treating event!



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