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LIBRARY LAUNCHES DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

In today's fast-paced, technology-driven world, digital literacy isn't just nice to have - it's essential to possess the ability to understand and use digital technologies for day-to-day activities. The Catawba County Library is passionate about bridging the digital divide and empowering individuals to thrive in this modern landscape. Understanding that digital skills are vital for personal and economic growth, the library is excited to announce the launch of its Digital Navigator outreach program aimed at equipping citizens with the skills they need to succeed.

So, what does this mean for our community? The library has hired two bilingual digital navigators who will operate a mobile computer lab. This mobile unit will allow them to provide tailored digital literacy training to individuals throughout Catawba County, meeting people right where they are. This approach not only breaks down barriers but also fosters trust and raises awareness of the valuable resources the library offers.

The Digital Navigators will guide citizens through the process of accessing internet resources, navigating online healthcare information, staying connected with loved ones, and engaging with online communities.

The curriculum is designed with community needs in mind and focuses on essential digital skills like communication, information retrieval, and problem-solving, utilizing educational resources like Northstar Digital Literacy and The Achievery in both English and Spanish.

While this initiative is open to all residents, special outreach efforts will be made to support specific populations including veterans, aging and rural residents, formerly incarcerated individuals, low-income households, minority groups, and individuals facing language barriers.

For over 20 years, the Catawba County Public Library has been a cornerstone of our community, offering free access to computers, Wi-Fi, and digital literacy training. As the original digital navigators, we are dedicated to helping our community members learn how to effectively use technology and the internet. Training for the Digital Navigators will kick off in November, with the first digital literacy workshops expected to launch by early 2025. Stay tuned for more updates on how this exciting new program will empower our citizens and foster a more digitally inclusive Catawba County!

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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 27 THROUGH NOVEMBER 29 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

CHILDREN 0-5

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.

Friday, November 8 at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

Tuesday, November 12 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Saturday, November 23 at 10 am

Claremont Branch Library

Tuesday, November 26 at 4:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Hora de cuentos bilingüe:

Bilingual Storytime

Friday, November 1 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Esta hora de cuentos especial incluirá cuentos y canciones bilingües.

This special storytime will include bilingual stories and songs.



Bike Rodeo

Bring your bicycle or tricycle & helmet for this special obstacle course to learn about being safe as you ride.

Friday, November 1 at 2 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Friday, November 15 at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Dino-ember Fossil Prints

Wednesday, November 13 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Celebrate Dino-ember and make fossil prints in salt dough.

Car Seat Check

Thursday, November 14 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Safe Kids Catawba will show you how to make sure your car seat is fitted and installed correctly to ensure your loved one is riding safely.

Do Re Me and You Dance Party

Friday, November 22 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for 30 minutes of music and movement.

CHILDREN 6-11

PAWS to Read

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



Mondays, November 4 & 18

Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, November 12

St. Stephens Branch Library

Caturday Crafts

Saturdays at 10 am

Southwest Branch Library

All November long, Saturdays are Caturdays! All ages are invited to a hands-on crafty experience sure to delight both kitty cats and the humans who love them!

Homeschool Hangout

Thursday, November 7 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.

Homeschool – STEAM Fun

Tuesday, November 12 at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for a hands-on science adventure where we'll discover a program enhanced with STEAM learning objectives.

Chocolate-ology

Tuesday, November 12 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for some sweet science involving chocolate, of course!

Turkey Race STEAM

Saturday, November 16

from 11 am - 12:30 pm

Conover Branch Library

Engage your mind with Newton's Law of Motion! Create a fun turkey balloon and put it in motion.

Tales in the Garden: Folklore

Tuesday, November 19 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Families gather around the fire pit in our community garden to hear retellings of folklore and share stories.

Thanksgiving Crafternoon

Wednesday, November 20

from 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Get ready for Thanksgiving with seasonal crafts and activities.

TEENS 12-18

DIY Junk Journal

Tuesday, November 5 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Junk journals can be used for writing, drawing or collecting things. Join us as we create a basic journal using old materials and giving them a new life for you to use.

DIY Squishies

Monday, November 11 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

You might think that there's nothing more satisfying than playing with a squishy, but how about learning how to make squishies yourself? Develop unlimited squishy making power – talk about truly satisfying!

Teen Night: DIY Ornaments

Wednesday, November 13 at 4:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Teens can design and craft their own unique holiday decorations. Bring your ideas and get creative. It's the perfect way to add a personal touch to the season!

Nintendo Switch Night

Wednesday, November 13 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for game night and test your Mario Kart and Smash Bros skills!



ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm
November 4 at First UMC Newton
November 11, 18 & 25
at 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. It's appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18).

Purl and Chain

Tuesdays at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Learn how to make cozy hats while giving back to those in need. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter, we'll guide you through creating hats that will be donated to hurricane relief efforts.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays at 11 am
November 1 at Mountain Creek Park
November 8 & 22
at 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
Low impact exercise and gentle stretching for all ages.

NaNoWriMo Write-In

Monday, November 4 from 5 - 7 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Let's celebrate NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month)! Need the motivation to work on your next book or creative writing project? Come in and join other writers so we can all work together or separately! We will provide you with a calm productive space, chill music, and a creative bubble to get writing!

Tech Coffee Chat

Wednesday, November 6 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!

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, November 6 & 20
at 11:30 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow chair yoga class. Chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance.

Canva for Small Businesses

Wednesday, November 6
at 12 noon
Online via Zoom
Whether you're a digital marketing whiz that wants to create even more engaging content or you just want to jazz up a flyer for your next event - Canva can help professionalize your marketing. This program is in collaboration with the CVCC Small Business Center. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/cclssbc

Fall Into a New Career: Career Fair & Hiring Event

Thursday, November 7 from 1 - 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Looking for a new career this fall? In partnership with Goodwill Industries of Northwest NC, join us for a job and career fair to connect you with 10+ local businesses and employers.

Needle Felting

Thursday, November 7 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a fall landscape. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use.

Veteran's Festival and Parade

Saturday, November 9
from 10 am - 1 pm
100 S Main St, Catawba
Join the Library to Go at the Town of Catawba's 20th Annual Veterans Festival and Parade! Storytime and crafts for the whole family will happen until 1 pm. Parade will start at 2 pm!

The Empowered Caregiver: Building Foundations of Caregiving and Supporting Independence

Monday, November 11
from 10:30 am - 12 noon
Main Library in Newton
Caring for someone living with dementia can bring a unique set of challenges and rewards. Join us for a 2-part education series with the Alzheimer's Association where you can learn how to be more prepared to navigate the responsibilities of caregiving. For more information, please call 1-800-272-3900 or visit tinyurl.com/catawbacare

DIY Barn Quilt

Monday, November 11 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the art and history of American Barn Quilts as we create our very own cardinal barn quilt.

Bone Broth 101 with True Cut Ranch

Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm
Conover 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.

Human Trafficking: Keeping Our Children Safe

Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Human trafficking is a pressing global issue that affects communities worldwide, even here in the United States. Children can be vulnerable to online predators, making awareness and education crucial. Join us for a vital presentation by Partners Health Management to discover the realities of trafficking and explore essential resources designed to help protect children.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, November 12 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 11/22/63 by Stephen King.

Piano Recital with Joyce O'Neal

Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Joyce O'Neal will explore a wide variety of musical subjects and styles during her eighth solo recital for the community. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library.

Dino-ember Embroidery

Thursday, November 14 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Create a dinosaur skull embroidery piece to celebrate Dinovember.



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Please visit or call the library to register.

**Adult Children of Aging Parents:
Technology - Keeping Safe & Engaged**

Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

This month's program will offer participants information about the variety of current and cutting-edge technology designed to ensure the safety and engagement of older loved ones and peace-of-mind for their families.

Squeaky Wheel Writing Group

Friday, November 15 at 3 pm
Main Library in Newton

Whether you've just recently discovered a passion for writing, or you're a veteran with published titles under your belt, all writers are welcome to attend. We will focus on encouraging each other, sharing tips and resources, and creating accountability goals for ourselves.

Qi Gong

Saturday, November 16 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).

**The Empowered Caregiver:
Communicating Effectively,
Responding to Dementia-Related
Behaviors and Exploring Care and
Support Services**

Monday, November 18
from 10:30 am - 12 noon
Main Library in Newton

Caring for someone living with dementia can bring a unique set of challenges and rewards. Join us for a 2-part education series with the Alzheimer's Association where you can learn how to be more prepared to navigate the responsibilities of caregiving. For more information, please call 1-800-272-3900 or visit tinyurl.com/catawbacare2

Shelf-Care Book Club

Monday, November 18 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Treat yourself to the best kind of self-care: a good book! Our November book is *The Cottage Around the Corner* by D. L. Soria. New members welcome.



Please visit or call the library to register.

Mountain View Book Club

Monday, November 18 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Dive into J. Courtney Sullivan's *The Cliffs* with our book club! Engage in a rich discussion about a captivating novel that blends family drama, historical fiction, and a touch of the supernatural. All are welcome to join in, connect and converse.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library

Join our discussion as we celebrate *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. This absurdly funny and devastatingly tender novel is about one unexpected wedding guest and the surprising people who help her start anew.

Cookbook Recipe Make & Swap

Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library

Check out any cookbook from any branch, make a recipe and bring your dish to swap with others! Try out a new recipe before the holidays and taste others' yummy foods!

Goodwill Career Center

Wednesday, November 20
from 1 - 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

A Goodwill career specialist will be available to provide assistance with your job-related needs. Want to get your resume on Indeed or LinkedIn? Reserve an appointment or drop in.

Creative Outlet: Paper Crafting

Wednesday, November 20 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton

Join us to explore the many types of arts and crafts using card or paper as a primary medium - from journaling, drawing, coloring, stenciling, painting, folding, decoupage, scrapbooking, card making as well as paper crafts practiced by cultures across the world. Many supplies provided - feel free to bring projects you're working on as well. This month's project: Paper Advent Calendars.

Digital Resources: NewsBank

Thursday, November 21 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn about how the library can provide you with free and convenient access to local and national newspapers from anywhere with your library card!

DIY Holiday Hand Care

Thursday, November 21 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Gear up for the holidays with our hands-on DIY hand care workshop! Make your own hand scrub and lightly scented lotion. This program is ideal for pampering your holiday guests or giving as gifts.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, November 21 at 5 pm
Carpe Crustum in Downtown Newton
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to talk about *In the Shadow of the Greenbrier* by Emily Matchar. Get ahead with December's selection *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding. New members welcome.

DIY Ornaments for Adults

Monday, November 25 at 5 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Create festive, personalized ornaments at our DIY workshop! All materials are provided—just bring your creativity. Perfect for adding a handmade touch to your holiday décor or gifting. No crafting experience needed!

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room

For the November meeting we will be discussing various genealogical and local history topics, along with a look at new materials. All are welcome.

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