

# Library Connections

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## CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

What draws people to the library? Everything! From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**, April 7-11, 2025, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At the Catawba County Library, we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer including free Wi-Fi, computer access, digital and physical collections, career workshops, makerspaces, book clubs as well as early literacy, STEAM, and sensory-friendly programs.

This National Library Week, we're celebrating all the ways people are Drawn to the Library! Each day highlights a different aspect of what makes our library essential—from discovery and connection to outreach, support, and celebration. No matter what draws you in, there's something for everyone!

Monday, April 7: **Accessibility Day** - Libraries are for everyone! We're highlighting resources that make reading and learning more accessible, including sensory-friendly play spaces, adaptive technology, audiobooks, weighted-font books, and access to the State Library of NC's Accessible Books and Library Services.

Tuesday, April 8: **Library Workers Day** – Celebrate the dedication and contributions of library workers! Join us on social media to highlight the library's stellar staff.

Wednesday, April 9: **Outreach Day** – Celebrate the many ways our library connects with the community! From Library to Go and remote pickup lockers to school visits, digital navigators, and outreach by our dedicated staff, we're building relationships and ensuring everyone has access to the information and resources they need.

Thursday, April 10: **Supporting Our Libraries Day** – Show your appreciation for the library! Thank your elected officials for their support by sending a card, or make a lasting impact with a gift to the library's endowment fund. Your advocacy and support help ensure innovative, responsive library services and a bright future for our community.

Friday, April 11: **Celebrating Our Libraries Day** – For 89 years, the library has been **making. living. better.** in Catawba County! Join us on social media as we celebrate our libraries and reflect on some of our favorite moments from the past year and beyond.

What draws you to the library? We invite you to share your story with friends, neighbors, and elected officials.

**Celebrate your love of the library with a donation today!**

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**FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**



**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 18 THROUGH APRIL 19 IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER.**

## 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*

**Fridays at 10 am**

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

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

**Ready to Learn Storytime:  
Sensory-Friendly**

*Wednesdays at 11 am*

*Main Library in Newton*

Join us for a fun, sensory-friendly storytime for neurodivergent children and their siblings! Enjoy songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed for a small group of 10, creating a calm, welcoming space. Afterward, stay for free play to encourage socialization & motor skills.

**Pre-K STEAM**

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

**Tuesday, April 1 at 10 am**

*Main Library in Newton*

**Saturday, April 12 at 11 am**

*Conover Branch Library*

**Thursday, April 24 at 11 am**

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

**Tuesday, April 29 at 1 pm**

*Southwest Branch Library*



Please visit or call the library to register.

**Paws to Read**

*Tuesday, April 8*

*by appointment*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Encourage your young reader by reading with Sherman, a certified therapy dog who loves listening to tales from littles learning to read.

**Tales in the Garden: April Showers**

*Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

Join us in the community garden for bilingual stories, crafts, games & fun exploring the water cycle. Our special guest is Leia Hamlyn from Soil & Water Conservation.

Fun for the whole family!



## CHILDREN 6-11

**Homeschool Hangout**

*Thursday, April 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.

**The Green Room Community Theatre presents:**

***The Tree in Me* by Alice Gomez**

*Saturday, April 5 at 11 am*

*Conover Branch Library*

Experience a captivating original production, showcasing talented young performers in grades 2-12!

**Homeschool STEAM:**

**Spilled Ink Poetry**

*Tuesday, April 8 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!

**Tech Take Apart**

**Tuesday, April 8 at 4 pm**

*Main Library in Newton*

**Wednesday, April 16 at 10 am**

*Maiden Branch Library*

Do you enjoy taking things apart and trying to figure out how they work? You'll like this hands-on experience where you have permission to dismantle things without worrying about breaking them.



**Outdoor Adventure**

*Tuesday, April 8 at 6 pm*

*Conover Branch Library*

Be a scientist for a day with Western Piedmont Council of Governments as we celebrate Earth Month!

**Lego Club**

*Wednesday, April 9 at 10 am*

*Maiden Branch Library*

Build, make and play as we explore our creativity through Legos. Enjoy this month's lego challenge, creating a marble maze, along with free play!

**Shrinky Dinks**

*Thursday, April 17 at 4 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Turn your designs into charms and keychains.

**Movie Marathon and Craft**

*Tuesday, April 22 beginning at noon*

*Main Library in Newton*

Motunui is calling! Join us for

*Moana 1 & 2*, snacks, and a craft.

**"Wicked" Wednesday Movie Day**

*Wednesday, April 23 at 3 pm*

*Southwest Branch Library*

Join us for a wicked good time at our screening of *Wicked*! Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Rated PG.

# TEENS 12-18

## Teen Night: Intro to Junk Journaling

*Monday, April 14 at 5 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Junk journaling is a fun, creative way to express yourself! Use old magazines, stickers, doodles, and random scraps to make a journal that's totally you. No rules—just cut, paste, and create!

## DIY Clay Minis

*Tuesday, April 15 at 4:30 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Join us as we create all things mini using airdry clay. Shape polymer clay into small figures using different tools, colors, and textures.

## Nintendo Switch Night

*Wednesday, April 30 at 5 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

Challenge library staff to a game of bowling, a round of Mario Kart, or Smash Bros.



# ADULTS

## 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. It's appropriate for every skill and ability level, and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature needed for 14-17).

## Purl and Chain

*Tuesdays at 6 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Make new friends and enjoy the company of others while you knit and crochet. A new crochet stitch will be featured each week. Don't miss out on the fun!

## 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*

Low impact exercise and gentle stretching for all ages.

## The Station Book Club

*Wednesday, April 2 at 10 am*

*Conover Branch Library*

All are welcome to join as we discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus, followed by a book-share and recommended reads. This book club meets every other month.

## Career Center

*Wednesday, April 2 from 1 - 4 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

Write a resume from scratch, update an existing resume, and showcase new skills or experience! Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling 828-465-8665 or drop in as able.

## Interview Skills Workshop

*Thursday, April 3 at 6 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

Build your skills and practice in mock interviews during this workshop in collaboration with NC Works and the Western Piedmont Council of Government.

## Qi Gong

*Saturday, April 5 at 9:30 am*

*Main Library in Newton*

Involving gentle movements, controlled breath patterns, and focused attention, Qi Gong can be practiced seated – a great practice for those new to movement.

## Word Weavers Writing Workshop

*Saturday, April 5 at 10 am*

*Southwest Branch Library*

Word Weavers cordially invites you to participate in their upcoming writing workshop, featuring insights from inspirational North Carolina authors Sarah Loudin Thomas, Stefanie Huthcheson, and Cherrilynn Bisbano. For more info or to reserve your spot, please call 828-578-0380.

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Join us for a lively discussion on *All The Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker. All are welcome!

## Chair Yoga

*Wednesday, April 9 & 23 at 11:30 am*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, chair yoga class. Chair yoga allows you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance.

## Thursday Theater Matinee:

### *Nickel Boys*

*Thursday, April 10 at 3 pm*

*Southwest Branch Library*

Join us for a special National Library Week celebration! We'll be screening *Nickel Boys*, the compelling film based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Colson Whitehead. Bring your friends, enjoy the movie, and celebrate the joy of reading and libraries! Popcorn and drinks will be provided! Rated PG-13.

## Needle Felting

*Thursday, April 10 at 4 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

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

## Adult Children of Aging Parents:

### *Beginner's Guide to Caregiving*

*Thursday, April 10 at 5:30 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

This month an eldercare expert will provide practical tips and tools to use for gathering information when visiting aging parents, along with strategies for holding conversations with siblings and other family members about needs and services. In addition, this program covers practical guidance for hands-on caregiving and when to get additional help.



Please visit or call the library to register.



### Community Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, April 12 & 26  
from 9 - 11 am

Main Library in Newton

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with tasks such as weeding, mulching, and planting in the community garden. Whether you're a gardening expert or just starting out, all ages and experience levels are welcome.

### Boost Your Career with Learning Express Library

Monday, April 14 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us to learn about Learning Express Library, a powerful online resource offering free access to practice tests, tutorials, and skill-building tools.

### Creative Outlet: Gouache Greetings

Wednesday, April 16 at 6 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Experiment with gouache watercolors to make a flowering tree greeting card, or try your hand at creating classic watercolor abstracts.

### Newton Book Club

Thursday, April 17 at 5 pm

*Carpe Crustum* in Downtown Newton  
Join us to talk about April's selection, *The Road to the Country* by Chigozie Obioma. Get ahead with May's pick, *Maybe Next Time* by Cesca Major.

### Brewed Between the Pages: Tea Science at the Library

Monday, April 21 at 4:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Join us on National Tea Day to celebrate all things hot and brewed. Learn the history of tea and sample some different flavors. Make your own blend and reusable tea envelope to take home with you.

### Shelf-Care Book Club

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

Treat yourself to the best kind of self-care: a good book! Our April book is *A Happier Life* by Kristy Woodson Harvey.

### Mountain View Book Club

Monday, April 21 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us for a discussion about *Real Americans* by Rachel Khong, a thought-provoking novel that explores identity, belonging, and the immigrant experience in America.

### Houseplant Swap

Tuesday, April 22 at 6 pm  
Maiden Branch Library

If you love houseplants, join us for our Earth day houseplant swap. You're invited to bring in healthy plants, rooted in dirt or loose cuttings, and be ready to trade. Learn how to propagate houseplants and different methods to ensure it's a success.



### ACOTAR Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 22 at 6 pm  
Conover Branch Library

Test your knowledge on the *A Court of Thorns and Roses* series by Sarah J. Maas! Winners get bragging rights and the knowledge that they could have been a High Lord or Lady in Prythian.

### More in My Basket

Tuesday, April 22 at 1 pm & 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library

A food specialist from NC Cooperative Extension will be here to discuss how to develop a versatile pantry and create a food budget that works for your family! Learn how to build and track your food supply, build a menu, and track your expenses.



Please visit or call the library to register.

### Sourdough for Beginners

Tuesday, April 22 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the science of a sourdough bread starter! Learn how to feed a sourdough starter, keep it alive, share recipes, and take home a starter to continue future baking endeavors.

### Sitcom Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 22 at 6 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Join us for a fun night of trivia showcasing your knowledge of the best sitcoms of the past 30 years. Teams can be single player, dynamic duo, or a team of up to five players. Light refreshments provided.

### Self Defense for Women

Monday, April 28 at 5:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn about the common profiles and tactics of attackers, blocking and striking techniques, defenses against grabs and holds, and the legalities of self-defense. Comfortable clothing is recommended.

### Trivia Night

Monday, April 28 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an evening of trivia fun guaranteed to test your knowledge. Trivia night will be full of facts, fun, and festive prizes!

### Navigating Homeschooling

Tuesday, April 29 at 6 pm  
Conover Branch Library

Both prospective and current homeschooling adults are invited to join us to get answers, information, and resources about homeschooling!

### Canva for Small Business

Wednesday, April 30 at 12 noon  
via WebEx

Learn how to use Canva to create flyers, social media posts, and other dynamic creations for your small business in this webinar with the CVCC Small Business Center.

To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/cclssbc](https://tinyurl.com/cclssbc)



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