

SEPTEMBER 2026



- THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 FOR THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

CHILDREN 0-5

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool
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
Join us for rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.

Mondays at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
No storytime on September 7

Fridays at 10 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Grandparent Tea Party
Tuesday, September 15 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
Bring a grandparent (or other special grown-up in your life!) for a toddler-friendly high tea sure to delight attendees young and old!



Tales in the Garden/Cuentos en el Huerto: Sweet Potato Fun
Thursday, September 17 at 5:30 pm
Community Garden
Main Library in Newton
Explore the sweet potato with our special guests from the Cooperative Extension, then move inside to make smoothies!



Car Seat Safety Storytime
Monday, September 21 at 10 am
Friday, September 25 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
Learn about how to keep car travel safe and fun for your little one with Catawba County EMS. Car seat checks available to make sure you're travelling in safety AND style!

CHILDREN 6-11

PAWS to Read
Tuesdays, September 1 & 8
St. Stephens Branch Library
Tuesday, September 15
Conover Branch Library
By appointment
Encourage your young reader through reading with a certified therapy dog.



Homeschool STEAM: Spud-tacular Science
Tuesday, September 1 at 2 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Enjoy the perfect mix of learning, creativity, and tasty fun while celebrating one of the most versatile vegetables.



Homeschool Hangout: Ozobots
Thursday, September 3 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library
Learn about Ozobots and how to color code while getting to know other homeschooling families.



Ozobots!
Tuesday, September 8 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Learn about Ozobots and how to color code!



Pokémon Club
Wednesday, September 9 at 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Get your game face on, Pokémon trainers, because this month's club meeting is all about games!

American Sign Language for Beginners
Thursdays, September 10, 17 & 24 at 4:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Families are invited to explore beginner sign language together!

Lego Club
Friday, September 11 at 10 am
Maiden Branch Library
Build, make and play as we explore our creativity through Lego. Enjoy free play and our monthly Lego challenge, building a pirate ship.

Homeschool STEAM: Lava Lamps
Thursday, September 17 at 2 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Create colorful lava lamps while exploring the science behind them in this hands-on STEAM program.

No-Mess Tie-Dye Totes
Tuesday, September 22 at 4 pm
Maiden Branch Library
Design and dye a colorful tote bag using Sharpies and rubbing alcohol (totes provided).

STEAM: Circuit Bugs
Thursday, September 24 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Learn about basic electricity and circuitry to create a cute light-up bug. Ages 8 and up.



Owl Pellet Dissection
Friday, September 25 at 2 pm
Main Library in Newton
Get a front row seat to the food chain as we take apart owl pellets to see what's inside!



TEENS 12-18

Teen Trinket Trade
Wednesday, September 2 at 4:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Calling all trinket lovers! Bring some old trinkets, like keychains, buttons, or stickers, to swap for something new-to-you while we sip on dirty sodas!

Teen Lit Lounge
Monday, September 14 at 5 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join fellow story lovers for book talk in a relaxed and welcoming library setting. Snacks provided. This month, bring your favorite book to talk about with others.



Teen Gaming Programs: Mario Kart Tournament
Join us for an epic Mario Kart showdown, snacks, and friendly competition!
Monday, September 14 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm
Conover Branch Library



ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

No class on September 7

Enjoy a dance and movement class that's too much fun to call exercise.

Stitch & Social

Tuesdays at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Knit. Crochet. Chat. Repeat. Bring your yarn, hooks, needles and your latest project. Make new friends while making something beautiful!

Yoga

Fridays at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through an all-levels friendly yoga class. Bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

Mindful Movement

Wednesdays & Fridays at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Low impact exercise and gentle stretching for adults of all ages.

A Little Magic

Tuesday, September 1 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us as we celebrate the release of *Practical Magic 2* with hands-on soap making, "midnight margaritas," and the magic, mayhem, and sisterhood at the heart of this beloved story.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, September 2 & 16 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, allowing you to perform yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance.

K-Pop Catawba

Thursday, September 3 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Share your favorite songs, videos, and artist biases and play K-pop trivia at Catawba County's only continuing K-pop fan gathering!



Qi Gong

Saturday, September 5 at 9:30 am

Main Library in Newton

Involving gentle movements, controlled breath patterns, and focused attention - a great practice for those new to movement.

Adult Board Game Afternoon

Saturday, September 5 at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn how to play fun games while meeting new people! Put your speed and creativity to the test as this month, staff will be teaching patrons *The Game of Scattergories*. Light refreshments provided.

Quilling Project Days

Saturday, September 5 at 3 pm

Wednesdays, Sept 9 & 23 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Drop in to work on a holiday-themed quilling project. By November, we'll assemble our quilled shapes into a Christmas tree or an ornament. Beginner friendly!

OneBlood Big Red Bus

Wednesday, September 9 at 12 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Make a lifesaving difference in your community by donating blood at our September Blood Drive! The OneBlood Big Red Bus will be on-site, making it easy and convenient to give the gift of life. A gift card and mystery gift will be given to each donor!

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, September 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 are welcome.

Beaded Succulents

Saturday, September 12 at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Bring a little greenery home, no watering required, by creating a beautiful, beaded plant that's sure to brighten any space.

Get Vote Ready

Tuesday, September 15 from 12 - 8 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Take advantage of National Voter Registration Day to register for the first time, update your existing registration, check your registration for correctness and find out your precinct location. Get your "I'm Vote Ready!" sticker.

Career Center

Wednesday, September 16

from 1 - 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

A Goodwill career specialist will be providing individual assistance with your job-related needs.

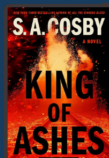
Integrating Canva into Your Business

Thursday, September 17 at 12 pm

Online via Zoom

Join us as we discuss using Canva to promote and create for your business. This is a collaboration with the CVCC Small Business Center. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/cclssbc

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUBS



Mystery Mavens

Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch

***King of Ashes* by S. A. Cosby**



Mountain View Book Club

Monday, September 21 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch

***The Last Carolina Girl* by Meagan Church**



Books Between Friends

Tuesday, September 22 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch

***The Foursome* by Cristina Baker Kline**

Newton Book Club

Thursday, September 17 at 5 pm

Carpe Crustum

***The Retirement Plan* by Sue Hincenbergs**

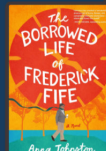


Shelf-Care Book Club

Monday, September 21 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch

***The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston**



Please visit or call the library to register.

Picture Perfect Coasters

Thursday, September 17 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Turn your favorite memories into custom photo coasters using Princh, our easy mobile printing service. Bring your photos to life with a fun, personalized project that's perfect for your home or as a gift!

Needle Felting

Thursday, September 17 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a small fall figurine.

Foundation Directory Online Workshop

Friday, September 18 at 12 pm
Main Library in Newton

Finding grant opportunities can make a big difference in a nonprofit's ability to serve the community and achieve its mission. Learn practical strategies and tips for researching potential funders and funding opportunities through Candid/FDO's newly revamped grants database. Open to employees and volunteers of nonprofit organizations.



Sourdough Part 1: Starter

Tuesday, September 22 at 5:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Discover tips and tricks to keeping your starter happy and alive plus easy recipes. Bring a clean jar so you can take some starter home!

Lincoln-Catawba Songwriters Alliance

Tuesday, September 22 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Songwriters, musicians, singers, and music lovers come together to share their talents and enjoy an evening of live music. Everyone is welcome.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room
Learn about new local history and genealogy materials available for research during this month's meeting.

Calling All Caregivers: Documents, Please!

Thursday, September 24 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Legal documents regarding medical interventions, guardianship, and finances provide guidance for caregivers and their families. Local Attorney, Molly Simpson Gross of Patrick, Harper & Dixon, will explain the essentials of advanced care planning documents, like Power of Attorney (POA), Healthcare POA, and others.

Using AI

Friday, September 25 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore creative and professional uses and discover what to watch out for when using Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Repair, Reinvent & Re-wear

Session 2 - Patchwork

Saturday, September 26 at 1 pm
Main Library in Newton
Learn the fundamentals of repairing worn and damaged clothing using basic hand-sewing techniques, simple fixes, and essential tools.

Trivia Night

Monday, September 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!

How to Save When It's Hard to Save

Tuesday, September 29 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Southwest Branch Library
St. Stephens Branch Library
Financial Advisor Bob Malcolm will offer strategies for charting a path to saving even when it's so hard to save.

Senior Fall Craft with Visiting Angels

Wednesday, September 30 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Enjoy making a fall-inspired craft with Visiting Angels at the Sherrills Ford Library. Please call Catawba Council on Aging to register at 828-328-2269.

One Grave Leads to an Adventure

Wednesday, September 30 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
What begins as a simple search for a single grave, becomes an unforgettable journey of self-discovery. Follow along as Rhonda Roederer shares her story of adventure around the globe, revealing stories and new connections.

LIBRARY TO GO

Public Health Farmers Market

Thursday, September 3 & 24
from 10 am - 1 pm
Catawba County Public Health
Enjoy books, hands-on activities, and explore library resources for every age.

Carolina Crafted Market

Saturday, September 12
from 10 am - 4 pm
Downtown Newton
Join us for colorful crafts and stories. Kids can design their own bookmobile!

Long View Visit

Wednesday, September 16
from 9:15 - 11:30 am
Long View Recreation Center
3107 2nd Ave. NW, Hickory
You're invited to a relaxing and joyful Seniors Morning Out - a perfect way for connecting, creating, and having fun! Enjoy bingo, books, and unwind with a gentle craft activity as we paint beautiful watercolor postcards together.

Catawba Valley Pride Festival

Saturday, September 19
from 10 am - 3 pm
Catawba Farms
1670 Southwest Blvd, Newton
Discover inclusive books for all ages, explore resources and reading lists, and sign up for your free library card. Stop by to browse, ask questions, make crafts, and learn more about everything your library offers to support the community.



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