

Library Connections

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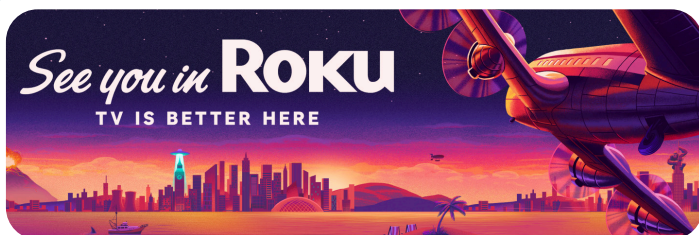


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COMING SOON!

NEW ROKU LENDING COLLECTION



STREAMING MADE SIMPLE

Catawba County Library is expanding access to entertainment, education, and culture through a new collection. No subscription required.

WHAT'S NEW

Starting this year, the library will circulate 135 Roku 4K Plus streaming devices, each preloaded with basic streaming capabilities and your choice of one premium streaming service. Premium services include Paramount+ with Showtime, Amazon Prime Video, BritBox, Crunchyroll, Apple TV+, PBS Passport, and Discovery+. Patrons can also check out one of 100+ Wi-Fi hotspots for a complete home viewing solution.

WHY IT MATTERS

As more educational content, movies, and shows move to streaming platforms, and fewer DVDs are being produced, accessing the entertainment and information people want can be difficult without a streaming subscription or reliable internet. This project ensures premium digital content is accessible to all residents. By lending Rokus and WiFi hotspots, the library will be able to remove those barriers standing between patrons and the content they already want to watch. It's another way the library is adapting to how people access information while helping ensure that cost or internet service doesn't stand in the way.

WHO BENEFITS

- Students using streaming for education and enrichment
- People who have internet but lack a smart TV or streaming device
- Families seeking multilingual programming
- Anyone priced out of stacking multiple subscriptions and devices

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Hands-on demo programs at every branch to help patrons get started
- Monthly "Get to Know Roku" classes
- Printed and digital user guides for at-home support
- Staff trained and ready to troubleshoot, just like a patron would at home

THE BIGGER PICTURE

This isn't just about entertainment, it's about quality of life, ensuring equitable access to news, documentaries, educational content, and shared cultural experiences that increasingly live behind a streaming paywall. By lending the hardware, not just the content, the library provides a path for every household to participate.

Watch for details on launch dates, demos, classes, and availability at your local branch.



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

Fridays at 10 am
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Firefighter Storytime
Wednesday, October 7 at 10 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
Learn how to prevent fires in your home with the St. Stephens VFD. Explore the trucks & the tools that firefighters use.

Tales in the Garden/Cuentos en el Huerto: Monster Mess

Monday, October 26 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

Join us in the community garden for bilingual stories, crafts, and ooey gooeey learning fun! Explore alongside our county HazMat Unit as we investigate, learn how the pros safely handle hazardous materials, and create your very own batch of monster slime!



CHILDREN 6-11

Homeschool Hangout: Research & Share!
Thursday, October 1 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library

Use our resources to research a topic & then share with the group while getting to know other homeschooling families.

American Sign Language for Beginners
Thursdays, October 1 & 8 at 4:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Families are invited to explore beginner sign language together in a welcoming, supportive environment.

Potion Parlor Homeschool STEAM
Tuesday, October 6 at 2 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Step into the Potion Parlor for some Spooktacular STEAM Magic! We'll see what kinds of mischief we can stir up.

STEAM: Owl Pellet Dissection
Thursday, October 8 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Get a front row seat to the food chain as we take apart owl pellets to see what's inside!

DIY Costume Headbands
Friday, October 9 at 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Use your creativity to make your own costume headband! Alien antennae? Cat ears? A princess crown? Show off your creations and get some fun treats!

Pokémon Club
Wednesday, October 14 at 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Let's paint some pumpkins to look like Pokeballs for a Pokémon spin on a Halloween classic!

Game Time! Halloween Edition
Saturday, October 17 from 5 - 7 pm
Claremont Branch Library
Celebrate Halloween with a library full of games, crafts, and activities.

Lego Club
Friday, October 23 at 10 am
Maiden Branch Library
Build, make, and play as we explore our creativity through Lego. Enjoy free play and a fall themed lego challenge.

Halloween Family Trivia
Saturday, October 24 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library
Gather your family and friends for some spooky, silly fun and see who will win!

Pokémon Club
Monday, October 26 at 5:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us for the first meeting of our new Pokémon Club. Dress as your favorite character, make a craft, and learn to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game.

Library Trick or Treat
Tuesday, October 27
from 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Conover Branch Library
Stop by for some Halloween fun and candy with a drop in from our PAWS to Read dog, Sunshine!

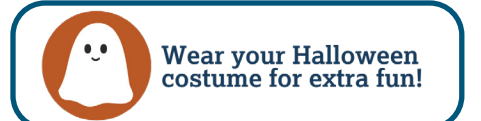
Friday, October 30 at 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Enjoy some sweet treats and spooky fun in our community garden and then trick-or-treat your way through the library, stopping for games & activities!

TEENS 12-18

Teen Lit Lounge
Monday, October 12 at 5 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join fellow story lovers for book talk in a relaxed and welcoming library setting. This month, we will be discussing *I Was Told There Would be Romance* by Marie Arnold. Snacks provided.

Eat and be Scary: Monster Popcorn Balls
Tuesday, October 13 at 5 pm
Maiden Branch Library
Mash together some tasty Monster Popcorn Balls while enjoying a Halloween-themed movie!

Teen S'mores and Spooky Stories
Monday, October 19 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Join us in our community garden to make s'mores and swap spooky stories!



ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton, October 5

First UMC Newton, October 12, 19, & 26

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, tools, and make new friends while making something beautiful!

Mindful Movement

Wednesdays & Fridays at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

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

Device Basics

Thursdays, October 1 & 15 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Need a little help with your phone, tablet, or computer? Bring your questions and your device, and we'll work through it together.

Catawba County Board of Commissioners Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 1 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Meet the candidates and learn more about their priorities for Catawba County. Have a question? Email info.lwvcv@gmail.com or bring it to the forum.

Creative Outlet:

Zen-Doodle Pumpkins

Thursday, October 1 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Transform a simple pumpkin outline into a one-of-a-kind work of art using easy, repetitive patterns.

Yoga

Fridays, October 2 & 9 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through an all-levels friendly yoga class.

Yoga - Livestream

Fridays, October 2 & 9 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

You're invited to join a live broadcast of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell yoga class. Bring a mat, towel, and/or blanket. Want to join virtually via Zoom? Email mylibrary@catawbacountync.gov for the meeting link.

Qi Gong

Saturdays, October 3 & 31 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, October 3 at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn how to play fun games while meeting new people. This month we will be featuring one of the world's oldest card games, Cribbage. Light refreshments provided.

Quilling Project Days

Saturday, October 3 at 3 pm

Wednesdays, October 14 & 28 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!

Tai Chi

Monday, October 5 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn how to reduce stress and anxiety while promoting focus and concentration through the graceful martial art of Tai Chi.

DIY Miniature Bookshelves

Monday, October 5 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Create your own tiny world of books and imagination! Transform a small tin into a charming miniature bookshelf scene.

Sourdough 101 Part 2: Making Bread

Tuesday, October 6 at 5:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Congrats, you've successfully kept your sourdough starter alive! In part 2, we'll be talking more in depth on the process of creating a beautiful, tasty loaf at home. Samples included.

Origami Class

Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Learn the Japanese art of paper folding with Rose & Roché Origami Studio.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, October 7 at 11:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Author Visit with Chris Hartley on Confederate General D. H. Hill

Thursday, October 8 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Join author Chris J. Hartley as he talks about his new book, *Confederate General D. H. Hill: A Military Life*. Hill commanded the 1st North Carolina Infantry and was a polarizing figure.

Catawba County School Board Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 8 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Meet the candidates and learn more about their priorities for Catawba County. Have a question? Email info.lwvcv@gmail.com or bring it to the forum.

OCTOBER BOOK CLUBS



Mystery Mavens

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

The House in the Pines
by Ana Reyes

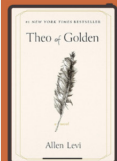
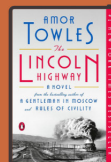


The Station Book Club

Wednesday, October 14 at 10 am

Conover Branch

The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles



Newton Book Club

Thursday, October 15 at 5 pm

Carpe Crustum

Theo of Golden
by Allen Levi

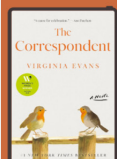


Shelf-Care Book Club

Monday, October 19 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch

The Sun Down Motel
by Simone St. James



Mountain View Book Club

Monday, October 19 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch

The Correspondent
by Virginia Evans

Calling All Caregivers: Navigating Resources & Support for IDD

Thursday, October 8 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton

Are you caring for or supporting someone with an intellectual or developmental disability? Join us as we connect caregivers with helpful resources, services, and support.

How Websites Track You

Friday, October 9 at 4 pm
Main Library in Newton
Online via Zoom

St. Stephens Branch Library
Southwest Branch Library

Ever wonder why ads start popping up everywhere you go on the internet after you mention a product? Learn about online tracking, cookies (not the yummy ones!), and how to manage your settings. Visit tinyurl.com/cclstrack to register.

Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, October 10 & 24
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. All are welcome.

Vampires After Dark

Saturday, October 10 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton



Join us after hours at the library for a special presentation exploring the evolution of vampires in folklore, fiction, and music. Our guest speaker will take us from ancient legends to modern interpretations of these enduring creatures of the night. Light refreshments will be provided.

Feel Good Fitness

Monday, October 12 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Enjoy a low-impact workout featuring a fun variety of music and exercises to improve tone, flexibility, and strength.

Mitford Museum & Jan Karon Presentation

Tuesday, October 13 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join a docent from the Mitford Museum as she shares the real-life history, childhood stories, and inspiration behind the books.

Scams Targeting Seniors

Thursday, October 15 at 4 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join Peoples Bank as they discuss scams targeting seniors, red flags, and how to report them.

Yoga at the Park

Fridays, October 16, 23, & 30 at 11 am
Mountain Creek Park
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through an all-levels yoga class. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

Preserve Your Family Story: Cemetery Edition

Friday, October 16 at 5:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
Meet at the library to go over preserving records from headstones, and then practice headstone rubbing at Eastview Cemetery.

Spooky Tree Paintings

Saturday, October 17 at 3 pm
Main Library in Newton
Paint a spooky tree for Autumn.



Halloween Trivia Night & Music Bingo

Join us for a spooktacular evening of trivia guaranteed to test your team's knowledge about everything ghoulish!

Monday, October 19 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Monday, October 26 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library



Social Media for Job Search

Tuesday, October 20 at 2 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library via Zoom
Learn how to leverage social media platforms to increase your visibility and your strengths to employers.

Lincoln-Catawba Songwriters Alliance

Tuesday, October 20 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Songwriters, musicians, and singers come together to share their talents and enjoy an evening of live music.

How to Be a Better Online Shopper

Friday, October 23 at 1 pm
Main Library in Newton
Learn 20 ways you can maximize your shopping dollars while also not falling for online scams.

Community Workday

Saturday, October 24 from 8 am - 12 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Help beautify our library space with the LKN Garden Club and FOSFTL by trimming, weeding, & clearing brush!

Repair, Reinvent & Re-wear: Embroidery

Saturday, October 24 at 1 pm
Main Library in Newton
Learn how to use embroidery techniques to repair holes and tears, while adding a creative touch.

LIBRARY TO GO

Claremont Daze Festival

Friday, October 2 from 6 - 10 pm
Saturday, October 3 from 10 am - 4 pm
Main Street, Claremont
Dinosaur daze: Fun, educational, and perfectly dino-mite! Join us for STEAM adventures that go beyond the ordinary!

The Haunted Bookmobile

Saturday, October 17
from 5 - 7 pm
Claremont City Park
Step aboard our Haunted Bookmobile for a spooky adventure on wheels! Families can explore enchanting decorations, discover spellbinding books, and enjoy sweet treats!



Treats in the Streets

Saturday, October 24
from 6 - 8 pm
Downtown Catawba
Join us for a spooktacular time as you stop by for Halloween-inspired books, tasty treats, and festive activities. It's a lively way to celebrate the season, spark reading excitement, and enjoy a bit of Halloween magic.



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