# Library Connections

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# YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

## EXPLORE YOUR ROOTS AT THE LIBRARY




Have you ever wondered where your family lived generations ago, what your ancestors did for a living, or how your family came to call Catawba County home? Every family has a story, and the clues to discovering yours may be closer than you think!

### Discover Your Family History with Ancestry Library Edition

You don't have to purchase a subscription to begin exploring your family tree. Ancestry Library Edition is available at all seven Catawba County Library locations, giving you access to an extensive collection of historical records right from a library computer.

Search census records, birth and marriage records, immigration documents, military records, city directories, photographs, and other historical resources that may provide clues about your ancestors. You might discover where a relative lived, learn more about their life experiences, or uncover a connection to a place your family once called home.

### Explore Local History in the Evelyn D. Rhodes Room

For those interested in Catawba County's history, and the families who helped shape it, the Evelyn D. Rhodes Room for Genealogy and Local History, located on the lower floor of the Main Library in Newton, offers a wealth of specialized resources.

The collection includes genealogy and history books, historical census records, marriage records, slave schedules, Freedman's Bank records, cemetery records, estate divisions, family files, obituary indexes, historic maps, and local photographs. Researchers can also explore records from surrounding counties and materials that may help trace their ancestors' journeys into North Carolina, including resources related to Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

Whether you are beginning to explore your family tree or are ready to dig deeper into local history, the Catawba County Library offers resources to help you connect names, dates, places and stories to the past.



**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 11 AND FROM 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27.**

# 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.

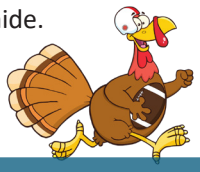
***Mondays at 10 am***
*Main Library in Newton*

***Fridays at 10 am***
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*



**Buddy Reading with Troop #2759**
*Saturday, November 14 at 4 pm*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
Grow your literacy skills and buddy up with our local girl scout troop for a short story and related craft.

**Disguise a Turkey Storytime**
*Wednesday, November 25 at 10 am*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Gobble, gobble! Our turkeys need a disguise before Thanksgiving arrives! We'll read, laugh, and use our imaginations as we discover all the fun ways a turkey can hide.



# CHILDREN 6-11

**Paws to Read**
*Tuesdays, November 3 & 10*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Build confidence by reading with a certified therapy dog.

**Pokémon Club**
*Wednesday, November 4 at 4 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Decorate top loaders so you can display your Pokémon collection in style!

**Homeschool Hangout: Game Day**
*Thursday, November 5 at 11 am*
*Conover Branch Library*
Play fun games while meeting other homeschoolers.

**Homeschool Science Lab: Ice Cold Science**
*Tuesday, November 10 at 2 pm*
*Southwest Branch Library*
Explore the amazing science of dry ice through exciting experiments. Ages 8+.

**STEAM: Pumpkin Power**
*Thursday, November 12 at 4 pm*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
Explore circuits and electricity as we attempt to turn a pumpkin into a battery.

**Master Chef Jr.: Crêpes**
*Tuesday, November 17 at 6 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Join us to learn how to make delicious crêpes from scratch. Our special guest partner, Fernando from Beso Latte, will demonstrate the art of crêpe-making and share some tasty tips and tricks.

**Lego Club**
*Wednesday, November 18 at 10 am*
*Maiden Branch Library*
Build, make and play as we explore our creativity through Lego, withfree play and a Thanksgiving themed lego building challenge.

**Storm Drain Rescue!**
*Wednesday, November 18 at 4 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
On your way to the airport, you drop all your important things down a storm drain! Build a contraption with found items to retrieve your lost things.

**Pokémon Club**
*Monday, November 23 at 5:30 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Make a Pokémon-themed craft, talk about our favorite cards, and play a round of the Pokémon Trading Card Game.

**Homeschool STEAM: Bee-Bot Parade**
*Thursday, November 19 at 2 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Learn about the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, design a colorful parade float, and program a Bee-Bot to travel along the parade route.

# TEENS 12-18

**Teen Lit Lounge**
*Monday, November 9 at 5 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Discuss *Predatory Natures* by Amy Goldsmith. A teen girl's dream job turns into a mystery! Snacks provided.

**DIY for the Holidays: Embellish a Journal**
*Monday, November 9 at 6 pm*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
Create something unique using a simple pattern, needle, and thread.

**DIY Felt Keychains**
*Thursday, November 12 at 4:30 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Keychains for backpacks, keys, or friends.

**Teen Manga Cafe**
*Friday, November 13 from 4 - 5:30 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Get cozy in this pop-up cafe with some tasty drinks & all the manga you can read!




**VolunTEENS: Holiday Cards**
*Saturday, November 14 at 11 am*
*Conover Branch Library*
Make the holidays a little brighter for someone by making holiday cards for the community. Earn a volunteer hour!

**Pumpkin Spice Lab for Teens**
*Saturday, November 21 at 11 am*
*Southwest Branch Library*
Join us for a hands-on fall drink workshop where you'll make your own efreshing iced pumpkin spice drink!

# ADULTS

**Zumba Mondays!**
*Mondays at 6 pm*
*First UMC Newton, November 2*
*Main Library, November 9, 16, 23, & 30*
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!

**Yoga**
*Fridays at 11 am*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through an all-levels friendly yoga class.

**Mindful Movement**
*Wednesdays & Fridays at 3 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Low impact exercise and gentle stretching for adults of all ages.

**DIY Photo Coasters**
*Monday, November 2 at 6 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Create personalized photo coasters featuring your favorite pictures.

**Feel Good Fitness**
*Tuesdays, November 3 & 24 at 6 pm*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
Join us for an all-ages, low-impact workout featuring a fun variety of music and exercises.




**Chair Yoga**
*Wednesdays, November 4 & 18*
*at 11:30 am*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through yoga poses while seated or using a chair for balance.

**Career Center**
*Wednesday, November 4*
*from 1 - 4 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
A Goodwill career specialist will be providing one-on-one assistance with your job-related needs.

**Device Basics**
*Thursday, November 5 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.

**K-POP Catawba**
*Thursday, November 5 at 6 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Share your favorite songs, videos, and play K-pop trivia!

**Adult Board Game Afternoon**
*Saturday, November 7 at 3 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Learn how to play fun games while meeting new people.
Light refreshments provided.

**Tai Chi**
*Monday, November 9 at 1 pm*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
Learn how to reduce stress & promote focus through this graceful martial art.

**Social Media for Job Search**
*Tuesday, November 10 at 2 pm*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
*via Zoom*
Learn how to utilize social media for your job search during this NCWorks webinar.

**Origami Class**
*Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Learn the art of paper folding with Rose & Roché Origami Studio.

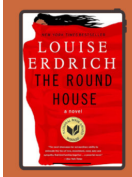
Please visit or call the library to register.

**Calling All Caregivers: Medicare 101**
*Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Learn the ins and outs of Medicare from an impartial expert. Vickie Blevins with the Council on Aging will share about vital programs including Medicare, Medicare supplements, Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare prescription drug plans, fraud and abuse to watch out for, and long-term care insurance.

**Qi Gong**
*Saturday, November 14 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.

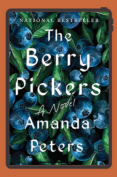
**Quilling Project Day**
*Saturday, November 14 at 3 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
We'll finish up our holiday-themed quilling project and assemble our quilled shapes into a Christmas tree or an ornament to create a hand-crafted holiday card suitable to give as a gift.

## NOVEMBER BOOK CLUBS




**Mystery Mavens**
**Tuesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm**
**Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch**
***The Round House***
**by Louise Erdich**

**Shelf-Care Book Club**
**Monday, November 16 at 6 pm**
**St. Stephens Branch**
***The Berry Pickers***
**by Amanda Peters**

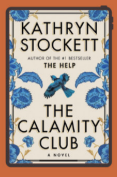






**Mountain View Book Club**
**Monday, November 16 at 6 pm**
**Southwest Branch**
***Theo of Golden***
**by Allen Levi**

**Books Between Friends**
**Tuesday, November 17 at 6 pm**
**Claremont Branch**
***The Calamity Club***
**by Kathryn Stockett**







**Newton Book Club**
**Thursday, November 19 at 5 pm**
**Carpe Crustum**
***It's Not Her***
**by Mary Kubica**

**Interview Techniques**
*Tuesday, November 17 at 2 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library via Zoom*
Learn about different interviews styles and questions asked by employers in this NCWorks webinar.

**Tea Blend Workshop** R
*Tuesday, November 17 at 5 pm*
*Maiden Branch Library*
Learn about and experiment with different tea leaves and ingredients to create your own personalized blend.



**Gilmore Girls Trivia**
*Tuesday, November 17 at 6 pm*
*Conover Branch Library*
Test your knowledge of Stars Hollow and the Gilmores while sipping on a hot cup of coffee.

**The Hunger Games Trivia Night**
*Tuesday, November 17 at 6 pm*
*St. Stephens Branch Library*
Gather your fiercest team, sharpen your skills, and prepare for battle before Sunrise on the Reaping hits theaters. May the odds be ever in your favor!

**Lincoln-Catawba Songwriters Alliance**
*Tuesday, November 17 at 6 pm*
*Southwest Branch Library*
Songwriters, musicians, and singers come together to share their talents and enjoy an evening of live music.

**Artful Lyrics: Greeting Cards**
*Wednesday, November 18 at 6 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Create a work of art as you draw with the words of a Christmas carol. Personalize the interior of the card with words of your own.

**Oh My Gourd:**
**Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice** R
*Thursday, November 19 at 3 pm*
*Southwest Branch Library*
Become your own autumn barista and baker for the day. Join us as we simmer pumpkin spice syup, froth up the ultimate cozy latte, & bake deliciously spiced pumpkin cookies.



**Needle Felting** R
*Thursday, November 19 at 4 pm*
*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a squirrel.

**Community Card Players: Samba** R
*Friday, November 20 at 11 am*
*Southwest Branch Library*
Deal yourself into an afternoon of fun by learning how to play Samba!

**Creative Outlet: Holiday Baubles**
*Saturday, November 21 at 12 noon*
*Main Library in Newton* R
Choose festive decorations and tiny details to create your own beautiful half-sphere shadow box ornament!



**Catawba County Genealogical Society**
*Tuesday, November 24 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.

***Project Hail Mary:***
**Viewing & Crafternoon**
*Saturday, November 28 at 2 pm*
*Main Library in Newton*
Need an activity during the long holiday weekend? Join us to watch *Project Hail Mary* and enjoy fun outer space related crafts for all ages.

# LIBRARY TO GO

**Veterans Festival and Parade**
*Saturday, November 7*
*from 10 am - 2 pm*
*Downtown Catawba*
Honor our veterans with a community parade followed by a lively festival with music, food, and family activities. Join us as we celebrate their service and enjoy a day of hometown pride.

**Choo-Choo & Snowman, Too!**
*Saturday, November 14*
*from 11 am – 3 pm*
*North Newton Depot District*
Visit us for winter-themed stories and fun hands-on activities for families. Stop by while you enjoy the depot district's train exhibits, inflatables, arts and crafts, and festive photo ops with favorite characters.

**A Small-Town Tree Lighting**
*Saturday, November 21*
*from 4 - 6:30 pm*
*Downtown Catawba*
Gather with friends and neighbors as we light up the town tree and kick off the holiday season with books, joy, and bright winter magic.


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