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## A New Year, A New You – At the Library!

It's said that ancient Babylonians were the first people to make New Year's resolutions, promising the gods some 4000 years ago to repay debts and return things they had borrowed.

Our modern-day New Year's resolutions have become a way for us to renew our focus on self-improvement. Some of the top resolutions for 2018 include making a commitment to fitness, eating healthy, learning something new, volunteering, spending time with family and friends, and reading more.

The library is the perfect place to help you get the ball rolling on your goals. Within this newsletter are opportunities to participate in a free Zumba class or to learn a new skill, such as Spanish, gardening, or crocheting. Maybe you want to be better informed about computers or to polish up your resumé to land a better job; or maybe you just want to have a cool place to hang out with friends and meet new people.

Let the library support you in your New Year's resolutions – it's a great time to make a change!

## A Gift for the Community: The Catawba County Library Endowment

As our world becomes more costly and less accessible to everyone, it's never been more important for the library to continue providing a robust slate of literary, cultural, career, and technology opportunities. Whether it's a special novel, a new audiobook, children's books, a lively story time, a gardening class, 24-7 online access, or one-on-one career and job help – a gift to the library endowment is a powerful and lasting way to nourish community needs and dreams.

Established through and managed by the NC Community Foundation, the Catawba County Library Endowment is a protected fund that grows each year, ensuring the future of innovative community library services while sustaining free literacy and lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Donations to the Library Endowment are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. In addition to cash gifts, the endowment invites gifts of securities, real estate, life insurance, and trusts. All gifts are recognized with a personal letter. Honorees receive an acknowledgement of your gift, and memorial gifts are acknowledged to the family.

Donations may be made online at [www.catawbacountync.gov/library](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library) (*Give to the Library Endowment*); by mail to Catawba County Library Endowment at 115 West C Street, Newton, NC, 28658; or with a visit to any library location. Call 828-465-8290 for more information.

Please help us continue to enrich the community. Make a gift to the Endowment!

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## Children / Teens / Family

**Ready to Learn Preschool Storytime***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**PAWS to Read***Tuesdays from 4 – 6 pm*

Children are invited to read to trained therapy dogs Nicole or Fudge. Call for appointment.

**English as a Second Language***Mondays, January 8, 22, and 29 at 5:30 pm*

Classes are open to the public. The first two sessions will provide instruction, and the final class will offer a time to practice conversation skills. Reservations are not required.

**Movie: *Despicable Me 3* (En Español)***Monday, January 8 at 5:30 pm*

Families are invited to enjoy this animated movie shown in Spanish with English subtitles.

**Movie: *Despicable Me 3****Tuesday, January 9 at 4 pm*

Families are invited to enjoy this animated movie shown in English with Spanish subtitles.

**STEAM: Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.***Tuesday, January 16 at 4 pm*

School-age children are given an opportunity to learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and other influential African Americans through trivia, crafts, and other activities.

**Family Movie***Tuesday, January 23 at 4 pm*

Families may enjoy an all-ages movie shown in English with Spanish subtitles.

**Puzzles, Fun & Gaming Day***Tuesday, January 30 at 4 pm*

Children and families are invited to join us for an afternoon of classic games and puzzles, including Jenga, Scrabble, and Yahtzee!



## Adults / Career / Tech

**Senior Tuesday: *The Pink Panther* Movie***Tuesday, January 2 at 10 am*

Senior citizens are invited to watch the 1964 Peter Sellers classic, which follows the bumbling antics of French inspector Jacques Clouseau. Enjoy popcorn, drinks, and laughs in abundance.

**Learn Spanish***Thursdays at 3 pm*

Join us to learn Spanish using The Great Courses video series, which features a world-class instructor. Includes tips for how to best pick up a new language.

**NC Works Career Center***Wednesday, January 3 from 10 am – 2 pm*

A career specialist from NC Works will be available to provide 1-on-1 assistance with job searches, applications, and resumés.

**Retro Game Night***Thursday, January 4 at 6 pm*

Celebrate National Trivia Day by playing games the retro way – face to face around a table! Suitable for ages 14 and up. Light refreshments served.

**Elementary-My-Dear Mystery Festival***Saturday, January 6 from 10 am – 4 pm*

Celebrate Sherlock Holmes' 163rd birthday! Drop in as you like or spend the day watching classic mystery films and playing different versions of the classic board game Clue. Light refreshments served.

**DIY – Make a Bath Bomb***Monday, January 8 at 4 pm*

Observe Bubble Bath Day with a fun bath bomb craft. All supplies are provided; registration is required.

**Super Fun Zumba***Mondays at 6 pm*

Start the new year off with a burst of Super Fun Zumba, a dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Appropriate for every skill and ability level. Open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

**Word Nerd Day***Tuesday, January 9, throughout the day*

Unleash your inner word nerd and grammar geek and stop by to partake of all kinds of word puzzles, quizzes, and games.

**Excel Basics***Wednesday, January 10 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class shows you how to insert text and teaches basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill to help you get started.

**Word Basics***Thursday, January 11 at 11 am*

This workshop is intended to help new users of Word get comfortable with word processing software. Participants will learn how to create, edit, save, and print documents.

**Senior Tuesday: *It's Anyone's Game****Tuesday, January 16 at 10 am*

Senior citizens are invited to come play board games, card games, party games, and maybe win a door prize – a great chance to socialize and have some fun. Light refreshments served.

**Winter Weather Safety***Tuesday, January 16 at 6 pm*

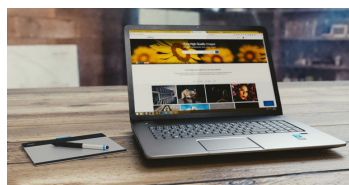
Safety never happens by accident! Learn everything you need to know to be prepared for wintry weather at home or while traveling.

**Advanced Gardener Series***Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm*

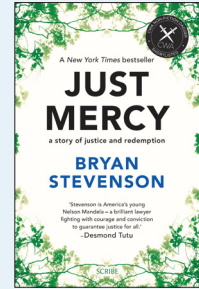
Dr. George Place offers great tips on how to prune trees, shrubs, bushes, and vines to improve the health of the landscape and fruit-producing plants.

**Is This Thing On?: Computer Basics***Tuesday, January 16 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of using a computer and mouse. No computer experience is required.



## CVCC Community Read



In conjunction with CVCC's community-wide read of Bryan Stevenson's profound book, *Just Mercy*, which looks at the concept of mercy within the criminal justice system, we'll enjoy a series of TED Talks, followed by community conversations. Light refreshments served.

*Wednesday, January 17 at 3 pm*

This session's talk and discussion address the idea of "Why Eyewitnesses Get It Wrong."

*Tuesday, January 30 at 6 pm*

This session's talk and discussion address the idea of "How False Confessions Happen."

Look for more activities in February/March.

**Excel: Formulas and Functions***Wednesday, January 17 at 11 am*

Formulas and functions make Excel work for you. Learn how to create basic formulas or to use already created functions to add numbers, calculate a mortgage payment, or search for variables. Basic Excel skills required.

**Excel: Sort and Filter***Thursday, January 18 at 11 am*

Go beyond the basics of sorting data to learn about the filtering options you'll need to quickly access the information you're seeking.

**Crochet Classes***Saturdays, January 20 and 27 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of crocheting! Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

**Student Loan Repayment Strategies***Tuesday, January 23 at 10 am and 6 pm*

Whether you're starting to pay back a student loan or have been paying for many years, discover useful strategies for making workable payments, and see if you qualify for student loan forgiveness programs.

**Is This Thing On?: Internet Basics, Part 1***Tuesday, January 23 at 11 am*

Find out what a browser is, how to access the Internet, and how to search for information with Google.

**Piece of Cake Book Club (PoCBC)***Tuesday, January 23 at 3 pm*

Enjoy reading fiction? Have a sweet tooth? PoCBC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Marie & Twannette's Bakery in Newton. Join the discussion of Maria Semple's *Where'd You Go Bernadette*, and get a head start on February's selection: *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez.



**Crowdfunding for Your Small Business***Tuesday, January 23 from 5:30 – 7 pm*

Crowdfunding campaigns are an important tool for businesses to raise funds outside of usual lending institutions. Participants will explore this new resource, review crowdfunding websites, and prepare a brief presentation suitable for launching a crowdfunding campaign. Call 828-327-7000, ext. 4117 to register. *Presented in collaboration with the Small Business Center at CVCC.*

**Downloading Digital Books***Wednesday, January 24 at 11 am*

Learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the North Carolina Digital Library onto your tablet, phone, or laptop.

**Adult STEAM: A Lesson to Dye for: The Chemistry of Natural Dyes***Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 pm*

Participants will discover the wide range of colors that can be created using natural materials, including walnuts and avocados. Yarn is provided. Space is limited to 10 people; register by calling 828-465-8665.

**Is This Thing On?: Internet Basics, Part 2***Tuesday, January 30 at 11 am*

Practice your internet skills by searching for information and file types using Google.

**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

Get personalized Extension Service and Master Gardener recommendations any time using submit-your-question boxes at the library.



**CLAREMONT**  
828.466.6817

**Adults / Career / Tech****Books Between Friends Book Club***Tuesday, January 23 at 6:15 pm*

Everyone is invited to join this casual group to discuss *New York Times* best-selling author Fredrik Backman's book *Beartown*, about a small town with a big dream—and the price it requires. Call to reserve a copy of the book.

**Technology Tutoring**

Were you gifted a new tech device during the holidays? Call for an appointment, bring your device (computer, smartphone, or tablet), and we will help you make it work.

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**CONOVER**  
828.466.5108

**Children / Teens / Families****Baby Bounce***Wednesdays at 10 am*

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

**Ready to Learn Storytime***Fridays at 10 am*

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**Homework Helpers***Tuesdays from 4:30 – 7 pm, starting January 9**Thursdays from 4 – 6 pm, starting January 11*

Does your student need help with school work? Call 828-466-5108 to set up an appointment for 1-on-1 reading time or homework help.

**NC Works – Job Help***Wednesday, January 10 at 4 pm*

Looking for a new job? Just entering the work force? Bring your questions, and we'll help you build a resumé, organize job searches, find a career, and more. Learn how to access NC Works from our computers or yours. It's free!

**Swashbuckling for All – Swordplay Demos***Saturday, January 20 at 10 am*

Conover's Crusader Fencing Club is offering demonstrations of foil, epee, and saber fencing. Learn about weapons and techniques, then have a go at pinning your opponent – it's harder than it looks! Fencing is one of the oldest Olympic sports, one of the safest, and a great way to stay in shape.

**Poetry Slam***Tuesday, January 23 at 6 pm*

Join our queue of poets to deliver an evening of entertainment and exploration. For guidelines and to register, call 828-466-5108.

**Open Mic Night: Music and Poetry***Friday, January 26 at 6 pm*

Bring your talent and your friends! Performers should register by 6pm that evening. Everyone is welcome.



**MAIDEN**  
828.428.2712

**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Preschool Storytime***Thursdays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**STEAM: Igloo Engineering***Saturday, January 20 at 11 am*

Children of all ages are invited to learn about the science behind igloos. Then, they will create their own "sweet" igloos using marshmallows, toothpicks, and white icing as glue. A yummy educational experience!

**Adults / Career / Tech****Tech Tutoring: Tablets***Wednesday, January 10 from 2 – 6 pm*

Need some assistance setting up that new tablet? Stop by and let us help. We can troubleshoot both Android and iOS devices and provide information about free apps the library offers.

**Advanced Gardener Series***Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 pm*

Dr. George Place offers great tips on how to prune trees, shrubs, bushes, and vines to improve the health of the landscape and fruit-producing plants.

**SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL**  
828.466.6827

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**Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*

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**PAWSitive Reading***Thursday, January 4 from 3:30 – 5:15 pm*

Have a "PAWS"itive reading experience! Come read to a certified therapy dog. Registration is required in person or by phone. Grades K and up. Call to sign up for a 15-20 minute session.

**Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time***Monday, January 8 from 4 – 5 pm*

Children ages 3-6 are invited to our pre-K STEAM program featuring guided play and learning in our Construction Zone. Kids can show off their building skills, play pretend with construction toys, enhance fine motor skills, and much more! Registration recommended.

**Student STEAM: 4H Bright Ideas Club***Tuesday, January 9 at 6 pm*

Dig in as we explore electromagnetic forces, learn about circuits, decode secret messages in Morse code, and build catapults, bridges, and more. Registration recommended. Ages 7-16.

**Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime***Saturday, January 13 at 10 am*

Join us for a special Saturday storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. This is also a great time to get signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program!

**Adults / Career / Tech****Mystery Mavens Book Club***Tuesday, January 2 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm*

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members each month and is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *A Cold Day for Murder* by Dana Stabenow, and get a jump start on February's selection, *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson.

**Do It Yourself Investing***Friday, January 12 at 10 am*

Join Daniel Cullen for this free, 90-minute confidence-building intro to investing basics. Boost your understanding of terms, research, asset allocation, and brokerage fees. This class is for educational purposes only; no sales or personal financial strategies will be offered.

**The Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation***Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 pm*

Learn about the Catawba River system, how it affects you, and how the CRF helps to address concerns that arise with the system.



Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library. Light refreshments served.

**Introduction to Online Library Resources***Tuesday, January 23 from 6 – 7 pm*

Explore the library's most popular online resources, and learn how your library card gives you access to the latest databases and digital content. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours.

**Introduction to Computers***Friday, January 26 at 11 am*

Take the fear out of working on a computer as we go over basic concepts and help you learn at your own pace using short introductory tutorials on a variety of beginner topics.

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**SOUTHWEST**  
828.466.6818

**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Preschool Storytime***Thursdays at 11 am*

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime***Saturday, January 6 and 20 at 11 am*

Come to a special Saturday storytime featuring songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. This is also a great time to get signed up for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program!

**PAWS to Read with Mini***Tuesday, January 9 and 23 from 4 – 6 pm*

Elementary-aged children are invited to read to Mini, a certified therapy dog. Sign up in person or by phone at 828-466-6818 for a 15-minute session. Registration is required. Grades K and up.

**Student STEAM: Art Project***Tuesday, January 23 from 5 – 6 pm*

Put the "A" in STEAM by unleashing your creativity with Canva, an amazingly simple graphic design software. Registration recommended. Ages 7-16.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Catawba Crafters***Mondays at 6 pm*

Learn from experienced crafters or add your own set of skills to this lively group as we crochet and knit projects to donate to local charities! All skill levels are welcome. Bring your own materials and projects or use ours.

**Musicians and Songwriters***Tuesday, January 16 at 6 pm*

Share your talents while you learn from others. Bring a finished song or one that's in progress to share with the group. Teens with musical talents are also invited to join the group.

**One-on-One Technology Help***Wednesday, January 10 and 24, 11 am – 12 pm*

Bring in your phone, tablet, or laptop to get help with technology questions. Please register for a 20-minute session in person or by calling 828-466-6818. By appointment only.

**Resume Help***Wednesday, January 17 from 11 am – 12 pm*

Do you have questions about your resume, or do you need help in creating one? Come for a 1-on-1 session and get answers. Please register for a 20-minute session in person or by calling 828-466-6818. By appointment only.

**Word Basics***Tuesday, January 23 at 10:30 am*

This workshop is intended to help new users of Word get comfortable with word processing software. Participants will learn how to create, edit, save, and print documents. Since space is limited to 7, registration is required. Please register in person or by calling 828-466-6818.

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**ST. STEPHENS**  
828.466.6821

**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Preschool Storytimes***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am**Tuesday evenings at 6 pm*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**Crafternoons at the Library: Sock Penguin***Thursday, January 11 at 4 pm*

Create an adorable tabletop penguin out of commonly used household items. All materials to make this easy but cute decoration are supplied, and registration is required.

**Movies at the Library: Captain Underpants***Friday, January 19 at 4 pm*

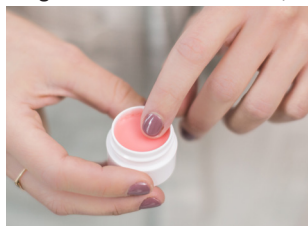
Enjoy the movie, popcorn, and a drink – and a lot of fun! Rated PG.

**Special Out-of-School-Day Paper Bag STEAM Challenge***Tuesday, January 23 at 1 pm*

Students who are ready to put their creativity to the test are invited to take our STEAM Challenge and make inventions from random supplies in a paper bag. Registration is required. Best for school-age children.

**DIY Lip Gloss***Friday, January 26th at 4:30 pm*

If you want an inexpensive way to keep your lips hydrated during the cold winter months, we'll guide you in making your own tinted lip gloss. All materials are provided, and registration is required. All ages are welcome.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Internet Safety***Monday, January 8 at 6 pm*

Staying safe online is essential in today's world. Learn about online safety and get helpful tips.

**Adult Coloring Club: Winter and Snow Theme***Saturday, January 13 at 2 pm*

Relax by coloring your stress away! We will provide the coloring sheets, music, markers, and crayons.

**The Power of Positive Parenting***Monday, January 22 at 6 pm*

Catawba County Parent Support Team will present a 90-minute workshop geared toward parenting young children. The workshop provides practical tips and positive approaches to managing common parenting challenges. Please register at 828-466-6821.

**Raising Confident Competent Children***Monday, January 29 at 6 pm*

Catawba County Parent Support Team will present a 90-minute workshop geared toward parenting young children. The workshop gives parents ideas on helping children become capable and self-confident. Please register at 828-466-6821. Stay tuned! Session 3 coming in February.

**Need Volunteer Hours?**

The Catawba County Library System is a great place to log your hours and make an impact in people's lives. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old; those under 18 must have a parent's consent. Call or visit the library for details.

**828-465-8664****Holiday Closings**

Please note that the library will be closed January 1 and January 15.

