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Celebrating National Library Week

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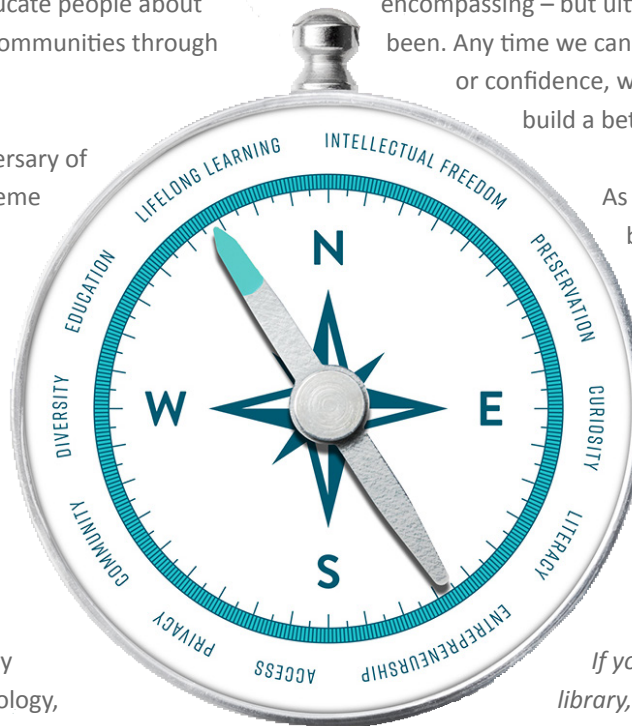
Each April, the Catawba County Library celebrates National Library Week, joining a nationwide effort to educate people about the ways that libraries transform their communities through services, programs, and expertise.

This year – which honors the 60th anniversary of National Library Week – the unifying theme is ‘Libraries Lead.’ Not unexpectedly, libraries lead the way in education and community development, ensuring that residents have access to resources and materials, but libraries also lead as advocates and encouragers.

The Catawba County Library partners with many, many organizations who are seeking to promote a variety of interests: early childhood education, workforce development, the arts, history and genealogy, higher education, technology, government, health care, agriculture, and diversity initiatives. As part of our efforts to enhance quality of life and make opportunities available to all residents, we join forces with these groups to help facilitate our collective goals. We are more powerful together.

The library also works on a more intimate scale, reaching out to help individuals with their personal needs, whether that’s printing a document, finding a great book, downloading digital media, or something else entirely. The library staff are proud to help people discover tools and resources they may not be aware of, and with

the library’s growing role in community life, that’s a task that’s more encompassing – but ultimately more rewarding – than it’s ever been. Any time we can nudge someone to grow in knowledge or confidence, we have helped create a better day and build a better society.



As a library user, you understand the benefits that libraries bring. During National Library Week, we encourage you to share that news with a friend, a neighbor, a colleague, or an elected official. Your support matters, and your voice matters. Libraries in our community have done great things. With your help, we intend to do even more. Let’s see where our vision takes us together!

If you ever have questions about your county library, please let us know. We look forward to your feedback! mylibrary@catawbacountync.gov



Misty Copeland

National Library Week Honorary Chair

As the first African American principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre, Misty Copeland’s leadership inspires young people to pursue their dreams regardless of the challenges they encounter. She is the author of several bestselling books, including *Ballerina Body*, published in March 2017.

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Children / Teens / Family

Ready to Learn 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, Lexie, or Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

STEAM: Rainbow Science*Tuesday, April 3 at 4 pm*

School-age children will learn about water density and create a rainbow in a test tube!

Blue Talk and Tears Bottle Craft*Tuesday, April 10 at 4 pm*Design and create your own tears bottle like the characters Ann Fay and Imogene from the book *Blue* by Joyce Moyer Hostetter. All ages welcome. Registration recommended.**Teen Tuesday Movie: Justice League***Tuesday, April 17 at 4 pm*

Some of DC Comics' greatest heroes come together to defend humanity against a villainous threat. Rated PG-13.

**Teen Tuesday Movie: Star Wars—The Last Jedi***Tuesday, April 24 at 4 pm*

The saga continues as Rey learns the ways of the force from Luke Skywalker and war advances between the Resistance and the First Order. Rated PG-13.

Adults / Career / Tech

Better Than Yesterday: Round 2*Register in April for May challenge*

By popular demand, we're offering a second-chance challenge for individuals (no teams or groups this time). Stop by the library to pick up an entry form and log sheet, or use the forms on our web site to record the servings of fruits and vegetables you eat each day in May. *Generally, a cup of raw fruit or vegetables (or ½ cup of dried fruit) equals a serving.

English as a Second Language*Mondays, April 2, 16 and 23 at 5:30 pm**Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.*

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.

Essential Oils 101*Monday, April 2 at 6 pm*

Essential oil experts Juanita Setzer and Pat Benfield will share the basics and benefits of a variety of essential oils. Get hands-on experience by making and taking home your choice of a ready-for-summer spray.

**Free Tax Assistance***Tuesdays, April 3 and 10; by appointment only*

AARP offers free help with tax preparation for federal and state tax returns. Please call 828.358.4634 to make an appointment.

Med Instead of Meds*Wednesdays at 10 am*

Join us for the last 4 classes of this 6-week look at the Mediterranean way of eating, and learn how easy changes can promote better health and reduce your risk for chronic disease. Be ready to taste recipes and explore new ways of cooking. Attend three or more sessions to win a prize. Please call 828.465.8665 to register.

NC Works Career Center*Wednesday, April 4 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 resumé.

Reclaim Your Resolution!*Friday, April 6 at 10 am*

Studies show that by the end of March, only half of us are still working toward our New Years' resolution goals. Be resolute! Come, learn tips about how to jumpstart your efforts and succeed in the face of obstacles!

Crochet Classes*Saturdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of crocheting! Advance learners can attend this class also. Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

Miracle Film Screening*Saturday, April 7 at 4 pm*

Filmmaker and historian Richard Eller will be on hand to introduce his latest film about the 1940s polio epidemic in Hickory, followed by discussion and light refreshments.

Knit 2gether*Mondays, April 9 and 23 at 6 pm*

Learn the age-old art of knitting! We'll learn to cast-on, knit, purl, and bind off. Create your first swatch and gain the knowledge to begin a new hobby. Knitters of all levels welcome.

**Positive Parenting Workshops***Mondays, April 9, 16, 23 from 6-7:30 pm**Presented in Spanish*

The Catawba County Parent Support Team is leading three free workshops for the parents of preschool-aged children. Attend one or all of them: The Power of Positive Parenting, Raising Confident Competent Children, and Raising Resilient Children. Please register by calling 828.695.6565.

Excel Basics*Tuesday, April 10 at 11 am*

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

Excel: Formulas and Functions*Wednesday, April 11 at 11 am*

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

Hmong Panel Discussion*Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 pm*

Join us as members of the Hmong community share their personal experiences and answer questions about culture, heritage, immigration, etc. Light refreshments served.

**Southern Pens Book Club***Saturday, April 14 at 10 am*Join us to share and discuss all kinds of books. This month's read is *Vanishing Acts* by Jodi Picoult. May's selection will be *Ghost of the Innocent Man* by Benjamin Rachlin.**The Berlin Airlift: Saving a City***Saturday, April 14 at 3 pm*

When the Soviet Union blockaded West Berlin in 1948, the US, England, and France created a massive airlift to sustain the city of 2.4 million for more than a year. Historian Edwin "Eddie" Ide will share details of what's been called the most significant non-combat military operation of the 20th century.

Excel: Sort and Filter*Tuesday, April 17 at 11 am*

Go beyond the basics of sorting data, and learn about all of the filtering options that let you quickly access the information you need.

Advanced Gardener: Flowers, Shrubs & Pollinator Gardens*Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm*

Dr. George Place offers advice on how to have different colored blooms throughout the year and how to attract a diversity of pollinators to your landscape.

Microsoft Word Advanced*Wednesday, April 18 at 11 am*

This workshop will show you how to use mail merge, add and manipulate images, and make comments and track changes. Basic Word skills are necessary.

Create Your Own Business Cards*Thursday, April 19 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of Microsoft Publisher as you create your own business cards.

MoneySmart Week 2018*Saturday, April 21-Saturday, April 28*

MoneySmart Week invites you to refresh your money-related knowledge and learn what you need to do to put your financial house in order.

*No products will be sold, and no professional counseling to individuals will be provided.***Understanding Reverse Mortgages***Monday, April 23 at 6 pm*

Is a reverse mortgage right for you? Sarah Stamey, specialist with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Agency on Aging, will shed light on what can be a confusing topic.

Debt Collection: Know Your Rights*Thursday, April 26 at 10 am*

Did you know that debt collectors must abide by certain guidelines when contacting you about a debt? Did you know that you may be able to dispute a debt? Sit in on this session with Legal Aid of North Carolina attorney Susan Janney to learn how to protect yourself from aggressive or careless bill collectors.

Piggy Bank Craft*Friday, April 27 at 3 pm*

Choose a Mason jar piggy bank or a savings goal jar to help make saving a healthy habit.

Piece of Cake Book Club*Tuesday, April 24 at 3 pm*Enjoy reading interesting fiction? Have a sweet tooth? PoCBC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at Marie & Twannette's Bakery in downtown Newton. April's selection is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. May's selection is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.**Tinkercad 101: Create a Ball Bearing***Tuesday, April 24 at 4 pm*

Learn how to create a ball bearing that can be printed on the 3-D printer using Tinkercad, a free online computer-aided design (CAD) software. Participants will use simple geometric shapes to create a workable ball bearing. Basic computer skills required. Please call 828.465.8664 to register.

Meet Libby by OverDrive*Wednesday, April 25 at 11 am*

Libby is a free app for tablets and phones that gives you easy access to 1000s of eBooks and audiobooks. This workshop will show you how to download the app, sign in to it, and download a title or two. Bring your own device so that we can have you set up and ready by the time you leave this session.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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CLAREMONT
828.466.6817

Adults / Career / Tech**3-D Printing Demonstration***Thursday, April 5 at 4 pm*

Join us to find out what 3-D printing is, how it works, and where you can find resources to discover, create, and share printable files.

Resumé Writing Workshop*Thursday, April 26 at 2 pm*

Join us to learn how to create a professional resumé using Google's free word processing application. It's easy to access and update from any internet connection. All you need is a Gmail account. If you don't have one, we can help you create one before or after class.

Books Between Friends Book Club*Tuesday, May 22 at 6 pm**Meets in odd-numbered months*

Prepare for May's discussion by reserving your copy of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan.

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

This sweet, 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*

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

Open Mic: Music and Poetry*Saturday, April 14 at noon*

Bring your talent and your friends! This event is open to the public; performers must be signed up by 10 am that day. Open to teens and adults.

Star Party*Friday, April 20 from 6-8 pm*

Join us for an after-hours, statewide star party in honor of National Astronomy Day! We'll have fun, educational activities for the whole family, plus refreshments. Learn to identify constellations and planets as the Catawba Valley Astronomy Club shares telescopes and shows us how to navigate the night sky.

**Adults / Career / Tech****3-D Printing Demonstration***Wednesday, April 4 at 1 pm*

Join us to find out what 3-D printing is, how it works, and where you can find resources to discover, create, and share printable files.

Catawba Valley Writers Club*Tuesday, April 17 at 6 pm*

Join us for our monthly meeting, as fellow writers discuss, evaluate, and share their works. If you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction, or just take delight in putting words on paper, this group is for you. Expect friendly fellowship and lively literary conversation!

Hmong Keeb Kwm*Saturday, April 21 from 10 am-2 pm*

Help the library celebrate, collect, and preserve Hmong culture. Hmong community members are invited to share items, papers, or oral histories for future generations.



MAIDEN
828.428.2712

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

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

STEAM: Grass Head Fred*Wednesday, April 18 at 4 pm*

Children of all ages are invited to this fun, easy project to learn about the plant life cycle. Kids will create their own "Fred" with growing grass hair. They'll be able to watch as Fred "drinks" the water from the cup to make his hair grow.

Adults / Career / Tech**Introduction to Automate and Price It! Databases***Wednesday, April 11 at 5 pm*

This workshop introduces you to two easy-to-use databases available through the library's website. *Automate* provides information to help repair and maintain most cars and trucks. *Price It!* offers sales-based guidelines about the value of collectibles and antiques.

Advanced Gardener: Flowers, Shrubs & Pollinator Gardens*Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm*

Dr. George Place offers advice on how to have different colored blooms throughout the year and how to attract a diversity of pollinators to your landscape.

**The Berlin Airlift: Saving a City***Saturday, April 28 at 11 am*

When the Soviet Union blockaded West Berlin in 1948, the US, England, and France created a massive airlift to sustain the city of 2.4 million for more than a year. Historian Edwin "Eddie" Ide will share details of what's been called the most significant non-combat military operation of the 20th century.

**SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL**

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

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

Baby Bounce*Fridays at 10 am*

This sweet, simple, 30-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for your youngest learners.

**PAWSitive Reading***Thursday, April 5 from 3:30-5:15 pm*

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

Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime*Saturday, April 7 at 10 am*

Join us for a special Saturday storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare preschoolers to learn.

Student STEAM: 4-H Bright Ideas Club*Tuesday, April 10 at 6 pm*

Join us as we explore electromagnetic forces, learn about circuits, decode secret messages in Morse code, design bridges, and more. Each meeting, we will complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Registration recommended. Open to ages 7-16.

Blue Talk and Tears Bottle Craft*Wednesday, April 11 at 4 pm*

Design and create your own tears bottle like the characters Ann Fay and Imogene from the book *Blue* by Joyce Moyer Hostetter. All ages welcome. Registration recommended.

STEAM Explorers: Magic Sand*Wednesday, April 25 at 4 pm*

Kids ages 7-13 are invited to the STEAM Explorers program, where we will learn about science concepts and conduct related experiments. This month, we'll explore the science behind Magic Sand. Registration recommended.

**Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time***Postponed in April*

This activity is under construction and will return in May!

Adults / Career / Tech**Mystery Mavens Book Club***Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 pm*

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members and is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *The October List* by Jeffery Deaver. May's selection is *Orient* by Christopher Bollen.

Card Making for Seniors*Monday, April 9 at 2 pm*

At this Neighbors Network-sponsored event, instructor Nancy McKay teaches participants to make beautiful greeting cards that friends and family will enjoy receiving. The class is open to everyone 50+, but space is limited. Call Dianna at 828.464.1111 to register.

Technology Help

Friday, April 20 at 11 am and Saturday, April 21 at 3 pm (identical sessions)

Interested in learning a new technology, at your own pace and from the comfort of home? At this session, you'll learn to use the library's free, online tutorials for Microsoft Office, Twitter, Instagram, and more. Bring your own device or use one of ours.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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SOUTHWEST
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime**

Thursdays at 11 am

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

Baby Bounce

Thursday, April 5 and 12 at 2 pm

This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners (birth-24 months). Playtime follows.

PAWS to Read with Mini

Tuesday, April 10 and 24 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.

Family Game Time

Wednesday, April 11 from 4-5 pm

Bring the whole family for a fun time playing board games. We'll have our favorite games available, or you can bring your own. Enjoy popcorn and drinks, too.

**STEAM: Construction Zone**

Friday, April 13 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Elementary-aged children are invited to enjoy a fun time exploring our new engineering and building sets, sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union.

Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime

Saturday, April 14 at 11 am

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

Jokes and Magic Tricks

Tuesday, April 17 from 4-5 pm

If you like making people laugh and astounding them with your sleight of hand, come to the library for a fun afternoon of learning and performing. Grades 2 and up.

Adults / Career / Tech**Catawba Crafters**

Mondays, April 2, 9, 16 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.

One-on-One Technology Help

Tuesday, April 3 from 4-5 pm and Friday, April 13 from 10-11 am

Bring in your phone, tablet, or laptop to get help with technology questions. Register for a 20-minute session by calling 828.466.6818.

The Berlin Airlift: Saving a City

Saturday, April 7 at 11 am

When the Soviet Union blockaded West Berlin in 1948, the US, England, and France created a massive airlift to sustain the city of 2.4 million for more than a year. Historian Edwin "Eddie" Ide will share details of what's been called the most significant non-combat military operation of the 20th century.

Gmail Basics

Tuesday, April 10 from 10:30-11:30 am

This workshop introduces new users to Google's free version of email. Participants will learn how to create a Gmail account, compose an email, attach a file, etc. Space is limited to 7. Please register at 828.466.6818.

**Musicians and Songwriters**

Tuesday, April 17 at 6 pm

Adults and teens are invited to share their musical talents while learning from one another. Bring a finished song or one that's in progress to share with the group.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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ST. STEPHENS
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime**

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am

Tuesday evenings at 6 pm

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

Blue Talk and Tears Bottle Craft

Thursday, April 5 at 4 pm

Design and create your own tears bottle like the characters Ann Fay and Imogene from the book *Blue* by Joyce Moyer Hostetter. All ages welcome. Registration recommended.

Craftermornings at the Library: Rock Painting

Thursday, April 12 at 4 pm

Join us for a family-friendly rock painting event. We'll supply the rocks and painting supplies; you supply the creativity. Please register by calling 828.466.6821.

**Movies at the Library: Thor Ragnarok**

Friday, April 20 at 3:30 pm

Experience Marvel's reinvented tale of the Norse god as he finds his way home from an alien world in time to stop impending disaster. Enjoy popcorn and a drink. Rated PG-13.

STEAM: The Buzz on Bees

Thursday, April 26 at 4 pm

Come learn about the amazing honeybee: what it does, how it lives, and what we can do to keep it healthy. View a beekeeping suit, taste honey, and make a craft to take home.

Adults / Career / Tech**Super Fun Zumba**

Mondays at 6 pm

Join us for 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).

Adult Coloring Club: Nature Theme

Saturday, April 7 at 2 pm

Come relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the coloring sheets, music, markers, and crayons.

Technology: Gale Legal Forms

Friday, April 13 at 4 pm

Join us for a visual tour of Gale Legal Forms and learn how to access and use this popular online tool that allows you to tackle some basic legal work on your own.

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MUSEUM OF HISTORY**"Blue: Ann Fay and the Miracle of Hickory" Exhibit**

Throughout April; enjoy extended hours on April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

GREEN ROOM COMMUNITY THEATRE**Performances of Blue**

April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15
Fri-Sat at 7:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm

