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CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 7-13, 2019

Libraries = Strong Communities. This 2019 theme for National Library Week celebrates and honors the work the Catawba County Library has been engaged in since 1936. As our libraries nurture their communities, they bring incredible change to people, to groups, and to the county at large.

National Library Week highlights the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses. They have public spaces where people of all backgrounds can come together and interact.



Melinda Gates

Through education and connection, libraries empower individuals, boost their confidence, and offer resources so that people can improve their lives, their families, their workplaces, their churches, and everything else that adds meaning to their days. This rising tide the library seeks to create is truly intended to lift all boats.

“In addition to providing communities with access to ideas and information, libraries play an important role in our public life by encouraging creativity, promoting equality, and serving as a source of empowerment,” states philanthropist and honorary chair of National Library Week, Melinda Gates. “This week, and every week, library workers deserve our support and our gratitude.”

A site of active engagement, the library is also more like a community center than ever before. People use the library to do research and check out books and movies, of course, but they also consider it a place to gather, to exercise, to garden, to play games, to learn crafts, to spend time with family, to get online, to vote, to do their taxes, to socialize, and much more.

While 21st-century life has driven some of the changes, the library is itself spearheading initiatives to boost quality of life. The library has been making.living.better – building strong communities – for more than 80 years. And as we move forward into 2019, we’re already putting into action our plans for the weeks and months ahead, from Summer Learning to summer gardening and beyond. Celebrate with us this month, and keep watching!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

Did you take a fantastic photo that showcases “My Catawba County”? Then submit your photographs for our Arts @ the Library competition all this month! If you appreciate what’s great about Catawba County – our sense of adventure and our heart for hard work, our passion for making something of ourselves and our commitment to the future, our warm hospitality and our strong loyalty to family, we hope you’ll share your artistry with your fellow residents. Official submission guidelines and rules are posted on the Arts @ the Library tab on our website. We can’t wait to see your photos!



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Children / Teens / Families

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

PAWS to Read

Tuesdays from 4-6 pm
Children are invited to read to one of our trained therapy dogs, including Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

A Closer Look at Nature

Tuesday, April 9 at 4 pm
Children will take a closer look at nature using a digital microscope.

Movie: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

Saturday, April 13 at 1 pm. Presented in Spanish with English subtitles.
Thursday, April 25 at 2 pm. Presented in English with Spanish subtitles.
In this animated film, New York teen Miles Morales struggles with school, friends, and developing his powers as the new Spider-Man. When he encounters alternate-world characters from the Spider-Man universe, Miles must work with them as he becomes the new protector of his city.

Movie Matinee: How to Train Your Dragon

Tuesday, April 23 at 2 pm
Join us as we watch Hiccup and Toothless go from enemies to friends in the first *How to Train Your Dragon* movie.



Board Game Day

Wednesday, April 24 from 11 am-5 pm
Drop-in and play a game from our collection, or bring your own favorites to enjoy.

Children's Book Week Celebration

Monday, April 29 at 4:30 pm
Come for a family story time; have a snack and make a bookmark to take home. While you're here, cast your vote for your favorite book among the finalists for the 2019 Children's & Teen Choice Book Awards.

Adults / Career / Tech

Zumba

Mondays at 6 pm
Kick off your week with this dance/movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Appropriate for every skill and ability level, open to ages 14+ (parental signature required for those under 18).

English as a Second Language Classes

Mondays at 6:30 pm and Thursdays at 5:30 pm
ESL classes are terrific resources for people whose native language is not English. Through instruction and conversation, participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. For details, call the library at 828.465.8665.

Tai Chi

Thursdays at 4 pm
This graceful martial art has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety while increasing flexibility and balance. Suitable for all fitness levels, open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for teens under 18).

WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-Up

Wednesday, April 3 from 10 am-2 pm
Whether you need to create a resumé from scratch or update the one you already have, book your 30-minute, individual session by calling 828.465.8665.

Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

Monday, April 8 at 11 am
Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. Meets each second Monday.

Excel Basics

Monday, April 8 at 11 am
Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class will teach basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill.



UnBook Club for Non-Joiners

Wednesday, April 10 at 4 pm
Finally, a book club for people who don't want to read what everyone else is reading, don't want to make a commitment each month, and who definitely want food and drink options. Come to this meeting to tell others about the books you've been reading and possibly get reading suggestions from others. Meets at Blue Moon Tavern in downtown Newton.

Excel: Formulas and Functions

Thursday, April 11 at 11 am
Learn to create basic formulas or use already created functions to add numbers, calculate a mortgage payment, or search for variables. Basic Excel skills required.

Southern Pens Book Club

Saturday, April 13 at 10 am
This month's read is *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. May's selection is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama.

Women's Empowerment Workshop

Saturday, April 13 from 1-2:30 pm
Presented in Spanish.
Lourdes Mantilla, a certified John Maxwell life coach, will provide tools to support women's personal growth and empowerment. Daycare for children 4+ will be available, and light refreshments will be served. Please reserve a space by registering at 828.465.8664.

Citizen Science Day

Saturday, April 13, all day
Find out how you can participate in citizen science by recording weird weather that's affecting you in the moment. Bring your app-enabled device and we'll help you get started so that you can contribute to the scientific record and do your part for science.



Advanced Gardener: Organic Gardening

Tuesday, April 16 at 6 pm
Join Dr. George Place, Cooperative Extension director, for a presentation about organic gardening and the various ways to manage pests, kill weeds, prevent diseases, and deliver needed plant nutrition to your garden.

Decluttering 101

Wednesday, April 17 at 10 am
Do you look around your home and wish for the clutter to be gone? Join us for an information-packed session with local author Tami Fox to learn easy and fun strategies to change your routines to fit your life and create a more peaceful, organized home.



Spring Clean: Craft Supply Swap

Wednesday, April 17 from 11 am-2 pm
Tidy up your craft corner by bringing in your unwanted craft supplies (unused, in good condition) and browse to see what others have dropped off. Meet other crafters and share ideas for crafts or for tidying up.

Black History Discussion Group

Wednesday, April 17 at 4 pm
To learn more about black history throughout the year, we're gathering once a month to discuss various topics. This month, we'll be talking about the Amistad Rebellion. Bring your curiosity and your understanding. All are welcome; light refreshments will be served.

Cypress Resumé

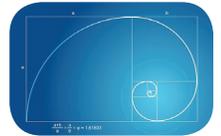
Wednesday, April 17 at 5 pm
Cypress Resumé is a free, easy-to-use resumé builder. This class will guide you through a three-step process to get you started on creating a professional, high-quality resumé.

Connect, Explore, and Grow with your Library Card

Thursday, April 18 at 11 am
This workshop will provide helpful information on using the library's catalog to search for materials, renewing items you have out, and putting items on hold. We'll also talk about paying fines online and requesting new materials for the library.

Adult STEAM: Fibonacci Doodling

Thursday, April 18 at 6 pm
If you were ever told not to doodle in class, then this workshop is for you! Learn about the mathematics of spirals and patterns found in nature, and then put those ideas to paper with some creative drawings. Supplies will be provided. Please register by calling 828.465.8665.



Google Drive

Monday, April 22 at 11 am
Learn to store, create, and share information using Google Drive, Google's web-based storage and syncing service. An email address is required to participate.

Reverse Mortgages: What You Need to Know

Tuesday, April 23 at 10 am
We've all seen the ads, but how do you know if a reverse mortgage is 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.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Tuesday, April 23 at 3 pm
PoCBC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Whisk & Barrel in downtown Newton. April's selection is *Bad Move* by Linwood Barclay. May's pick is *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.

WorkLife Wednesday: Are You LinkedIn?

Wednesday, April 24 from 3 pm-6 pm
Whether you want to re-enter the workforce after time away, are seeking a career change, or are graduating into the world of work, LinkedIn is the primary social media networking site for career-minded people. Get help with any or all of the following: create a LinkedIn profile, create or update your LinkedIn resumé, or pose for a business-appropriate portrait to upload (professional dress suggested). Capacity is limited, so please register by calling 828.465.8665.

Tips & Tricks for Outdoor Photography

Thursday, April 25 at 4 pm
Learn to compose a shot, consider the time of day, work with available light, find compelling subjects, and avoid common pitfalls. CVCC photographic technology director Clayton Joe Young will cover the essentials; then we'll head outside to practice. Bring your camera or smartphone with camera. Register by calling 828.465.8665.



3-D Basics

Tuesday, April 30 at 4 pm
Learn the foundations of 3-D printing: what it is, how it works, and where you can find resources to get, create, and share 3-D printable files.

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

Now it's easy to get professional gardening recommendations anytime. Just submit your questions to an "Ask a Master Gardener" question box at the library.

CLAREMONT
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Children / Teens / Families**Craftnoon: DIY Mini Weaving**

Thursday, April 25 at 4 pm
Create your own mini weaving project in this all-ages, family-friendly DIY crafting program. Recommended for ages 5 and up, but all are welcome!

Adults / Career / Tech**Upcoming: Books Between Friends Book Club and Claremont Friends of the Library Meeting**

Wednesday, May 22 at 6 pm (note the change of day from our usual Tuesday – just for May)
The book club meets in alternating months, and May's discussion will be about *Tilda's Promise* by Jean P. Moore. The author will join us for the discussion, and everyone is welcome! The Friends of the Library group will also have a quick business meeting for anyone who would like to attend.

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CONOVER
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two**

Wednesdays at 10 am
A sweet, 20-minute storytime featuring rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing. Playtime follows. Ideal for newborns to age 2, but all are welcome.

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Fridays at 10 am (no storytime on April 19)
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

Alice in Wonderland Ballet

Saturday, April 6 at 12:30 pm
Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for a special presentation of *Alice in Wonderland*. Learn elements of storytelling through dance and movement during this interactive performance, followed by an activity based on the story. Open to all ages and families.

Statewide Star Party

Friday, April 12 from 3 pm-5 pm
Discover the secrets of the moon through telescopes, games, and stories. An exciting afternoon of moon-related, hands-on activities.

**Yoga for All Ages**

Saturday, April 27 at 11 am
Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel. Come early to check out our yoga books and DVDs.

Adults / Career / Tech**Houseplant Talk & Swap**

Saturday, April 6 at 11 am
Join the library and Anelle Ammons from the Cooperative Extension for a presentation on how to choose and care for houseplants and enjoy the benefits they provide. Bring your pest-free houseplants for trade, potted or bare root. Don't worry if you don't have any houseplants to trade – all are welcome!

**Stranger Things Trivia Party**

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm
Do you know who loves Eggos? Where the Demogorgon lives? If you do, then gather your pals, get on your bikes, and cycle your way to the library! Bring a team of 3-4, or come solo since we'll be making teams at the event. The quiz will start shortly after 6 pm. Enjoy snacks, games, prizes, and *Stranger Things* fun! Please register by calling 828.466.5108.

Catawba Valley Writers Club

Tuesday, April 16 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 conversation!

**Murder Mystery Party: Zombies**

Saturday, April 27 at noon
Enjoy a meal and a fun, mafia-style whodunit game at the library. There will be bad guys. There will be good guys. Some will be zombies. Try to discover who's who before it's too late! Please register by calling 828.466.5108. Open to teens and adults.

MAIDEN
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SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL
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STEAM Explorers: Makey Makey

Tuesday, April 9 at 4 pm
Kids 7-13 are invited to this program, where we'll learn about science concepts and carry out related experiments. This month, we'll learn how Makey Makeys work, explore conductivity, and create instruments to make music. Registration required.

Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time

Monday, April 15 at 4 pm
Children 3-6 are invited for 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: 4-H Bright Ideas Club**

Monday, April 22 at 6 pm
Join us as we explore the forces and concepts of science and engineering by learning about circuits, solving Morse code messages, building catapults, and more! At each meeting, we'll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Please register to attend. Designed for ages 7-16.

Adults / Career / Tech**Mystery Mavens Book Club**

Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm
The Mystery Mavens welcome new members, and the club is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr. May's discussion will focus on *The Kind Worth Killing* by Peter Swanson.

Introduction to Computers

Friday, April 5 at 11 am with an identical session on Friday, April 12 at 11 am
Take the fear out of using a computer as we go over the basics and help you learn at your own pace with short introductory tutorials on a variety of beginner topics. Perfect for people re-entering the work force or who need to learn the basics for a job.

Hands-on Gardening Series: Starting Your Garden from Seed

Saturday, April 13 from 9 am-12 noon
Starting plants from seed is rewarding and economical! We'll learn which plants are easily started from seed at home and which specimens are best to buy as seedlings. There will be lots of time for questions, and participants can start some plants of their own to take home. Presented by Master Gardener volunteers of Catawba County.

**Fundamentals of Nutrition**

Tuesday, April 30 at 6 pm
Fats – friend or foe? Join us this month as we continue our six-part nutritional health series. Find out which types of animal and vegetable fats provide concentrated sources of energy in our diets, and explore the idea of including diverse, good-quality fats for optimum health.

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SOUTHWEST

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Children / Teens / Families

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Paws to Read with Mini

Tuesdays, April 9 and April 23 from 4-6 pm
 Elementary-aged children are invited to read to Mini, a certified therapy dog. Please sign up for a 15-minute session. Grades K and up.

Earth Day Celebration

Monday, April 22 at 5:30 pm
 Children can celebrate our home planet with a variety of crafts: creating their own painting of the Earth, putting together bird feeders, and making planters with recycled bottles! Perfect for ages 7 and up, but younger patrons can participate with the help of an adult.

STEAM: Earth Day and an Open Mic

Wednesday, April 24 at 2 pm
 Join us for an afternoon of discovery! We'll learn about Earth Day and talk about how we can help our planet. Participants can also take part in hands-on activities and write and share a poem dedicated to Planet Earth. Ideal for homeschool families, but all are invited!

Adults / Career / Tech

Learn About NC LIVE

Friday, April 5 at 3 pm
 Did you know you have access to NC LIVE with your library card? With this free digital service, you can stream movies, take practice exams, create a resumé, prepare your will, and much more! We'll show you how in this introductory class. Registration is requested.

Monday Evening Movie: Green Book

Monday, April 8 at 5:30 pm
 In this 2019 Oscar winner for Best Picture, Tony Lip, an Italian-American bouncer from the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South. Relying on a guide book to direct them to businesses that are friendly to African-Americans, the duo are confronted by racism and danger, as well as unexpected humanity and humor. As they learn to set aside their differences, they survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime. PG-13.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 pm
 Join us this month for a discussion of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. May's read will be *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, April 16 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

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Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am; Tuesday evenings at 6 pm
 Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

Coffee House Poetry Afternoon

Friday, April 12 from 4-5:30 pm
 Tweens and teens are invited to share a poem, either their own or one from a favorite poet, in celebration of National Poetry Month & National Library Week. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Crafternoons: Celebrate Earth Day

Thursday, April 18 at 4 pm
 From our collection of clean recyclables, children will be asked to use their creativity and make a special treasure. When we recycle materials, we use less energy and fewer natural resources than when we make things from scratch, which reduces the amount of air and water pollution we create. Join us as we set aside a time to appreciate and become aware of the environment



Family Movie at the Library: Aquaman

Friday, April 26 at 4 pm
 In this live-action film about the DC comics superhero, Aquaman, the human-born heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis, undertakes a quest to prevent war between the worlds of ocean and land. PG-13.

Family Storytime

Tuesday, April 30 at 6 pm
 This special storytime celebrates the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week (April 29-May 5). Families are invited to enjoy stories, make a craft, and vote for their favorite book. Light refreshments will be served.

Adults / Career / Tech

English as a Second Language Classes

Saturdays, April 6, 13, and 27 at 9 am
 ESL classes are terrific resources for people whose native language is not English. Through instruction and conversation, participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. For details, call the library at 828.466.6821 or Centro Latino at 828.330.0477.

Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope

Monday, April 8 at 6 pm
 This hour-long documentary connects adverse childhood experiences to the long-term health of children and communities. Attendees will participate in a survey and discussion about the issues our culture is facing and consider how best to treat families dealing with "toxic stress." This viewing takes place in partnership with NCWorks, Catawba County Partnership for Children, and Catawba County Schools.

Are You Using Your Free Digital Resources?

Wednesday, April 10 at 10 am
 Do you know how to download a digital audiobook? Did you know you can stream free movies? All you need is a library card! In this introductory class, patrons will learn about Hoopla, the NC Digital Library, and Overdrive. Bring your own device, and we'll help you install the apps you need to enjoy these free resources.



Adult Coloring Club: Spring and Easter Themes

Saturday, April 13 at 2 pm
 Come relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the themed coloring sheets, markers, and crayons to help you get started.

Wireless Printing: Bring Your Device

Wednesday, April 24 at 10 am
 Drop in with your device, and we'll show you how to print to the library printer from home or work. You'll learn how to send documents from your device no matter where you are and then pick up the prints within minutes at your local library branch.

Food and Mood

Monday, April 29 at 6 pm
 Andrea Sherrill from the Cooperative Extension will discuss the connection between the foods we eat and how we feel. Knowing what we should eat and shouldn't eat can be confusing, but we'll help bring clarity to the topic. Evidence suggests that our diet affects our physical health; now see how it influences our mood. Please register by calling 828.466.6821.

SYSTEMWIDE

Upcoming: Digital Book Club

Thursday, June 20 at noon
 Join our digital book club meeting, customized for folks who read with the Overdrive and/or Hoopla apps. Share your thoughts on the Catawba County Library Digital Book Club Goodreads group [<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/883104-digital-book-club>]. Digital Book Club 'meets' quarterly. Our second-quarter selection is *Vergil Wander* by Leif Enger. We'll have a closing discussion online on June 20 at noon and announce our next quarterly selection at that time as well.

Census 2020 Employment

Help Catawba County get counted! Apply for local census jobs at www.2020census.gov/jobs, or ask for information at any library location.

Tax Counseling for Seniors

AARP Tax-Aide, with the IRS, offers free tax preparation for federal and state income taxes through mid-April.

Appointments are required. Call 828.358.4669 for all locations. Schedulers are available Mon-Fri 9 am-1 pm. Please be patient when you call, and do not leave a message.

- Main Library, Newton – Tue mornings
- Patrick Beaver Library – Thu mornings
- West Hickory Senior Center – Fri mornings

Easter Holiday

Please note that all library branches will be closed on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 as part of the Easter holiday.



Each branch will resume normal operations on either Monday, April 22 or Tuesday, April 23.



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