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The Library You Love

HELP ENSURE A LEGACY OF LEARNING!

We're happily in the midst of the holiday season, when tradition, family ties, and generational connections take on heightened meaning. We make favorite dishes from recipes that go back decades, we decorate with ornaments passed down from parents and grandparents, and we offer gifts to loved ones to affirm our affection. These bonds matter deeply, and we make special efforts to ensure that what we value takes root in our children and those who will follow.



The library is very much like a family, gathering stories, traditions, and wisdom

for an entire community and making sure that those legacies endure. In the past, the library has taken on that important work a year at a time. Recently, we've been more forward thinking, and we've exercised great care to set up an endowment so that you, your family, and all of us are guaranteed that what we cherish as people of curiosity and initiative can live on.

The endowment is a powerful way to nourish community needs and dreams. As a protected fund, it grows each year and promises that the library will be able to sustain free learning opportunities for all people. Budgets may change and economies may stumble, but this sensible,



"I like what the San Francisco Library's Luis Herrera said: 'No other place so embodies the American values of democracy and freedom of expression' as libraries do."

— Brenda Sigmon, Library Board Chair

well-managed resource will make sure that the library has the flexibility to continually improve the quality of life for all Catawbans.

While support of the endowment is available at any time, sharing a gift at the end of the year provides two advantages: First, it allows you to

make a worthwhile, tax-deductible donation before 2018 wraps up. Second, it offers the chance to contribute in someone else's name — a perfect gift for the person who already has everything!

All gifts that benefit the endowment are gratefully recognized with a personal letter. Honorees will receive an acknowledgement of your gift, and memorial gifts will be acknowledged to the family.



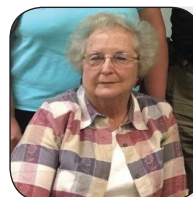
Donations may take the form of cash gifts, securities, real estate, life insurance, or trusts. To donate online, visit www.catawbacountync.gov/library (*Give to the Library Endowment*).

To donate by mail, send gifts to Catawba County Library Endowment at 115 West C Street, Newton, NC 28658. To

donate in person, visit any of our seven library locations. For more information, call 828.465.8660.

We are incredibly thankful for your support of the library — as a patron, a contributor, a volunteer, a visitor, or a taxpayer. We hope you'll consider extending your strong dedication and sustaining the library's work well into the future with a heartfelt gift to the endowment. Happy Holidays!

— *Catawba County Library Staff*



"By supporting the endowment, I am pleased to help ensure the good work and stability of the library for everyone in our community."

— Pat Gibson, former Board member

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Children / Teens / Families

PAWS to Read

Tuesdays from 4-6 pm (no session on Dec. 25)
Children are invited to read to trained therapy dogs Nicole, Lexie, or Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

Ready to Learn Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am (no sessions on Dec. 26)
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

STEAM: Hanukkah Cooking

Tuesday, December 4 at 4 pm
Children will learn about the celebration of Hanukkah and enjoy cooking simple kid-friendly latkes!

Family Movie: *The Polar Express*

Tuesday, December 11 at 4 pm
Bring the whole family for this classic animated story based on the popular children's book! Refreshments will be served. Rated G.

Santa Visit & Holiday Celebration

Monday, December 17 at 5:30 pm
Presented in English and en español
Join us to celebrate the holidays with bilingual storytime, crafts, and hot cocoa. Children of all ages will enjoy a delightful visit from Santa, so don't forget to bring your camera! Everyone is welcome!

Adults / Career / Tech

Tai Chi

Thursdays in December at 4 pm
This graceful martial art has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety while increasing flexibility and balance. Think of it as meditation in motion; tai chi promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movement. Suitable for all fitness levels, open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

Zumba

Mondays in December at 6 pm (no sessions on Dec. 24 or 31)
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).

Learn About Chakras

Saturday, December 1 at 10 am
John Wepner shares his understanding of the ancient Indian philosophy of chakras, as well as insights from its more recent study by former NASA physicist Dr. Barbara Brennan. Chakras are energy centers of the body that affect us in physical, mental, and emotional ways – very much the bridge between body and mind.



Excel Basics

Monday, December 3 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.

Eating “-Free” Over the Holidays

Tuesday, December 4 at 2 pm
This class with wellness dietician Renee Greene will make life easier for anyone with dietary restrictions and those who cook for them! Whether you need to be gluten-free, dairy-free, or need to limit added sugars, this class is full of useful tips and tricks to make the holidays both easier and more enjoyable.

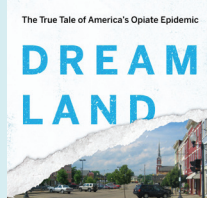
WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-Up

Wednesday, December 5 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.

Excel: Formulas and Functions

Wednesday, December 5 at 11 am
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.

Dreamland Community Read Series



In cooperation with CVCC's community-wide read of Sam Quinones' critically acclaimed *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*, the Library is presenting community-focused programs to inform members and help them make use of available resources.

Support Resources for Stressful Times

Wednesday, December 5 at 12 noon
This event presents a variety of options that people can tap into when life situations seem overwhelming. The program takes place in CVCC's East Wing Auditorium.

Excel: Graphs and Pivot Tables

Thursday, December 6 at 11 am
Learn to create visual data using graphs and pivot tables. Basic Excel skills are necessary.

Southern Pens Book Club

Saturday, December 8 at 10 am
This month's read is *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin. January's selection will be *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and a Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance.

Meet Libby

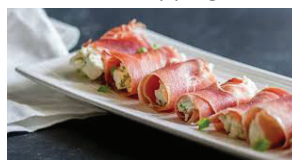
Monday, December 10 at 11 am
Libby is a free, user-friendly way to find 1000s of eBooks and audiobooks through the NC Digital Library. Learn to download the app, sign in, and download a title or two. Bring your own tablet or phone so we can help set it up and have you ready to go by the time you leave.

New-to-Medicare Seminar

Tuesday, December 11 at 2 pm
Are you, a friend, or a loved one turning 65? Everyone becoming eligible for Medicare needs to get accurate information about coverage options they must make as they approach age 65. Attention to these issues will help avoid serious and costly problems later. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors, trained by the NC Department of Insurance, will lead the information session and answer questions. A Social Security rep may also be present. Please call the Council on Aging at 828.328.2269 to reserve a seat.

Make the Med Flip: Holiday Entertaining

Wednesday, December 12 at 10 am
Based on the Mediterranean Way program, this workshop will focus on sharing recipes and tasting different hors d'oeuvres made with Med-friendly ingredients. Registration is strongly suggested; call 828.465.8665.



Essential Oils: Holiday Room Spray Make & Take

Wednesday, December 12 at 4 pm
Nothing conveys a feeling as quickly or strongly as scent, and this class lets you create a holiday fragrance that feels like home. Choose cinnamon, peppermint, pine, or orange... it's a small touch that makes a big difference for your holiday spirit. Class size is limited; please call 828.465.8665 to register.

Create a Vinyl Sticker

Thursday, December 13 at 5:30 pm
Design your own vinyl sticker using the library's Silhouette Curio digital cutter. Choose from a variety of fonts, and import your own image using the Silhouette Studio. Vinyl stickers can be up to 6" by 6". Please call 828.465.8665 to register.

The Art of Food: Christmas Edition

Thursday, December 13 at 6 pm
We'll explore a lot of fun ways to turn food into holiday-themed works of art. Expect to taste a Christmas tree platter, a sandwich wreath, holiday mice, and Santa kabobs.

3-D Basics

Thursday, December 20 at 1 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.

Tinkercad 101: Build a Snowflake

Friday, December 21 at 11 am
Learn to produce 3-D files using Tinkercad, a free, online version of computer-aided design (CAD) software. Participants will create a simple snowflake using geometric shapes and letters that can be printed using the 3-D printer. Please call 828.465.8665 to register.



Piece of Cake Book Club

No meeting in December
PoCBC is on winter break this month. January's selection is *Cruise Confidential: A Hit Below the Water Line* by Brian Bruns. February's pick is *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole.

Advanced Gardener Series

2019 dates to be announced
The popular series by Dr. George Place takes a break in December. Look for details about the 2019 season in our January newsletter!

“Ask a Master Gardener” @ the Library

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CLAREMONT

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Children / Teens / Families

Pine Cone Christmas Trees

Saturday, December 1 at 12:30 pm
Families are invited to create a Christmas tree made from a pine cone! Stay later to enjoy the annual Claremont Christmas Parade in downtown Claremont and see our new Library to Go in the parade!

Fillable Ornaments

Thursday December 6 at 4:30 pm
Make your own ornament! We provide clear, fillable ornaments for you to embellish, decorate, and make your own! We'll have supplies, but feel free to bring your own decorations, ribbons, and/or photos (no larger than 1.5" on any side). While supplies last.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Saturday, December 8 at 12 noon

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for a special presentation of *The Nutcracker*.

Learn about elements of storytelling through dance and movement during this interactive performance. We'll follow up with an activity based on the story. For all ages and families.

**STEAM Station: Candy Cane Coding**

Thursday, December 13 at 4:30 pm

Learn coding basics by crafting your name into a festive candy cane using binary coding principles, pipe cleaners, and beads. For ages 5 and up. No experience necessary.

Adults / Career / Tech**Our Health: A Community Listening Session**

Thursday, December 20 from 6-7:30 pm

LiveWell Catawba wants to hear what impacts your health and wellness and what health looks like where you live, work, play, and worship. Join us to share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences. The info from all sessions will be compiled and included in the county's 2019 community health assessment. Light refreshments served.

Upcoming: Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, January 22 at 6 pm

The book club meets in alternating months, so take time to get started on January's read, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.**"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.

CONOVER
828.466.5108

Children / Teens / Families**Baby Bounce**

Wednesdays at 5 pm (no session Dec. 26)

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 4 pm (no session on Dec. 28)

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

STEAM Station: Holiday Steam

Saturday, December 1 at 10 am

Explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math at the library in fun, hands-on activities. Each month we'll offer highlighted themes and projects. This month, we'll tackle Rudolph races, coding with candy canes, and engineering trees with gum drops. Join us to create, experiment, and tinker!

Winter Family Crafting

Bring your family to experience winter crafting together. Whether you're looking for a family-friendly activity or last-minute homemade gifting, the library is the place to be!

DIY Gingerbread Houses

Tuesday, December 4 at 6 pm

Bring the family and join in the fun of creating your own gingerbread house! One kit per family while supplies last. Feel free to bring candies to help decorate. Registration is required; please call 828.466.5108.

Pine Cone Elves

Wednesday, December 5 at 4 pm

Transform a pine cone into a decorative winter elf.

Recycled Book Christmas Trees

Tuesday, December 11 at 6 pm

Repurpose an old book into a festive tree for the season.

Fillable Ornaments

Wednesday December 12 at 4 pm

Make your own ornament! We provide clear, fillable ornaments to embellish, decorate, and make your own! We'll have supplies on hand, but feel free to bring your own decorations, ribbons, and/or photos if you like (no larger than 1.5" on any side). While supplies last. Registration is required; please call 828.466.5108.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Saturday, December 8 at 10 am

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Tuesday, December 18 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!

Our Health: A Community Listening Session

Tuesday, December 18 from 6-7:30 pm

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

Thursdays at 10 am (no session on Dec. 27)

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

College Financial Aid Workshop

Saturday, December 1 at 11 am

Do you have questions about applying for financial aid? Skip Watts from the College Foundation of NC will provide information and help guide you through the process. A great opportunity to get questions answered and have a one-on-one discussion with a financial aid professional.

Adults / Career / Tech**What's the Hoopla About?**

Tuesday, December 4 from 5-7 pm (drop in)

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**Advanced Gardener Series**

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

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am (no sessions on Dec. 26 and 27)

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

Baby Bounce

Fridays at 10 am (no session on Dec. 28)

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

The Nutcracker Ballet

Saturday, December 1 at 10 am

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for a special presentation of *The Nutcracker*. Learn about the elements of storytelling through dance and movement during this interactive performance. We'll follow up with an activity based on the story. This interactive program is perfect for all ages and families. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.**STEAM Explorers: Marshmallow Igloos**

Wednesday, December 5 at 4 pm

Kids ages 7-13 are

invited to our STEAM Explorers program where we'll learn about science concepts and conduct experiments. Join us this month as we engineer igloos using marshmallows. Registration required.

**Santa Visit: Christmas in North America**

Saturday, December 8 from 5-6:30 pm

Explore different traditions from a variety of countries while enjoying crafts, cookies, hot chocolate, special treats, and a visit with Santa Claus! Bring the whole family, and feel free to take your own pictures during this drop-in event sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.

Student STEAM: 4-H Bright Ideas Club

Tuesday, December 11 at 6 pm

Join us as we explore the forces and concepts of science and engineering. Each meeting, we'll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Please register to attend. Designed for ages 7-16.

Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time

Monday, December 17 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.

PAWSitive Reading

We'll be taking a break in December. Stay tuned for more information in 2019.

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

Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members and is open to the public. Join us this month for a lively discussion of *Mistletoe Murder* by Leslie Meier. Our January discussion will focus on *The Perfect Couple* by Elin Hilderbrand.**Do It Yourself Investing**

Friday, December 7 at 10:30 am

Learn more about investment ideas and strategies related to investment gifting for the holidays and estate planning. This class is for informational purposes only; no sales or personal financial strategies will be offered.

Our Health: A Community Listening Session

Monday, December 10 from 6-7:30 pm
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What's the Hoopla About?

Wednesday, December 12 from 3-4 pm (drop in) with an identical session on Thursday, December 20 from 4-5 pm (drop in)
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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

Thursdays at 2 pm
This sweet, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners (birth-24 months). Playtime follows.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Saturday, December 1 at 10 am
Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for a special presentation of *The Nutcracker*. Learn about elements of storytelling through dance and movement during this interactive performance. We'll follow up with an activity based on the story. For all ages and families.

Make-and-Decorate Holiday Ornaments

December 3-22, anytime
Patrons of all ages are invited to make various ornament crafts each week and help us decorate our Holiday Tree. Everyone is welcome to make and take an ornament as well as create one for the tree.

Christmas in Peru

Monday, December 3 at 6 pm
Families will enjoy learning about the festive holiday culture in Peru while they make a traditional craft and a Peruvian snack!

Paws to Read with Mini

Tuesday, December 11 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.

STEAM: Christmas Trees

Wednesday, December 12 at 2 pm
Families are invited to bring their children to participate in fun, hands-on Christmas tree activities. These festive challenges will encourage their engineering and science skills.

STEAM: Gingerbread Houses

Tuesday, December 18 at 5:30 pm
School-aged children will enjoy putting their engineering skills to work by creating gingerbread houses. Registration is required; class size is limited to 15.

STEAM: Construction Zone

Friday, December 21 at 3:30 pm
Elementary-aged children are encouraged to enjoy a fun time exploring our new engineering and building sets, sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union.

Adults / Career / Tech**STEAM: Gingerbread Houses**

Tuesday, December 4 at 6 pm
Teens and adults are welcome to be creative and experiment with their gingerbread home-building skills. For ages 13 and up.

Christmas Tree Ornaments

Monday, December 10 at 6 pm
Adults will enjoy creating two beautiful Christmas ornaments just in time for gift giving or decorating.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Tuesday, December 11 at 6 pm
Join us this month for a discussion of *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. January's read is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, December 18 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.

Easy Excel Budgeting

Wednesday, December 19 at 11 am
Do you have a holiday spending plan? This timely class will introduce you to the basics of creating a budget using Microsoft Excel.

"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.

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

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am; Tuesday evenings at 6 pm (no sessions on Dec. 25 or 26)
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

The Nutcracker Ballet

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South Mountain State Park: Hug-A-Tree Program

Thursday, December 6 at 4 pm
Did you know that many people become disoriented and lose their way while hiking and camping? The National Association for Search & Rescue (NASAR) is committed to reducing the number of children who become lost each year by teaching basic techniques to aid in survival if kids do become lost. Each child will receive a free whistle following the program.

Reindeer Pots & Tea Light Snowman Craft

Friday, December 7 at 4 pm
Teens are invited to join us for an afternoon craft to get in the holiday spirit! All materials will be provided, but please register to ensure that supplies are available.

**Crafternoons: 3-D Foam Gingerbread Man**

Thursday, December 13 at 4 pm
Run, run as fast as you can... to make our foam gingerbread man! Please register to ensure that supplies are available.

Movies at the Library: A Christmas Story

Friday, December 21 at 4 pm
Join us for this classic holiday movie about Ralphie Parker and his wish for a Red Ryder air rifle. Relax with popcorn and a drink while you enjoy all the iconic moments! Rated PG.

Adults / Career / Tech**Lock Your Meds**

Monday, December 3 at 6 pm
A community-wide approach is needed to solve the opiate crisis, and this program is key. Be part of the solution by finding out how and why to keep certain legitimate prescriptions safely locked away and learning what to do with leftover pills to prevent them falling into the wrong hands. Several lockboxes will be given away to participants.

Learn to Use the Library's Website

Wednesday, December 5 at 10 am
Are you familiar with the terrific benefits of the Catawba County Library website? Learn to use our online catalog and manage your account. The seminar will also teach you how to access the many free links found on our site, including Gale Forms, GCF Learnfree, and NCLIVE.

English as a Second Language Classes

Saturdays, December 8, 15, 22, and 29 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.

Do You Hoopla?

Wednesday, December 12 at 10 am
Hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service that allows patrons to borrow music, movies, kids books, audiobooks, e-books, and graphic novels to enjoy on their computer, tablet, or phone. And it's all free with a library card. Plus, there's no waiting for downloads!

Adult Coloring Club: Holiday Fun

Saturday, December 15 at 2 pm
Come relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the holiday-themed coloring sheets, markers, and crayons to help you get started.

Discover the NC Digital Library

Wednesday, December 19 at 10 am
We'll show you how to access the NC Digital Library through the convenient Overdrive app. Drop in with your device and learn how to download popular fiction, e-books, audiobooks, videos, and more for free using your Catawba County Library card. You can explore NC Digital anytime, anywhere!

Christmas and New Year's Holidays

Please note that all seven library locations will be closed on Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Wednesday, December 26. We will reopen with standard operating hours on Thursday, December 27.

We will also close at 5 pm on Monday, December 31 and remain closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2.

We hope that you enjoy a terrific holiday with your family, friends, and loved ones!