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Community Read Examines Questions of **JUSTICE, EQUALITY, POVERTY**

The Catawba County Library, in collaboration with Catawba Valley Community College, is initiating a community read and discussion series of Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*, an unforgettable true story about the redeeming potential of mercy, and winner of the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in nonfiction.

Just Mercy is a memorable account of an idealistic young lawyer's coming of age, an emotional window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.

Bryan Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those who are most desperate and in need. One of his first cases was that of Walter McMillian, a young man who was sentenced to die for a notorious murder he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, politics, and legal maneuvering that transformed his understanding of mercy and justice forever, and led to this widely acclaimed book.

"This community read challenges us to consider ourselves as part of a larger community and society," said Library Director Suzanne White, "bringing us together to share a book, engage civically, discuss important issues of justice, equality, and poverty—and how we can work together to make a difference."



Programming, which began at CVCC earlier this year, continues through March at all Catawba County Library locations, and includes TED Talks, Book Talks, film screenings, dramatic readings, and more, centered around the concept of mercy in the criminal justice system. There will be limited book giveaways at each event.

On **March 20**, keynote speaker Anthony Ray Hinton, recently exonerated by Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice Initiative after more than three decades on death row, will share his powerful story. He will speak at **11 am at CVCC's Tarleton Center**, and again at **6 pm at the 1924 Courthouse in Newton**, with a reception to follow at the History Museum of Catawba County.

This project was partially funded by a grant from the United Arts Council of Catawba County.

HMONG KEEB KWM CELEBRATES HMONG CULTURE

The Catawba County Library has been awarded a National Endowment of the Humanities grant to honor the local Hmong community by collecting and curating Hmong cultural heritage, digitally preserving it and enabling access for everyone, especially future generations.

The **Hmong Keeb Kwm** (or *Hmong History*) project is a partnership of the Library, the Catawba County Historical Association, and Digital Heritage NC. The Library encourages all members of the Hmong community to bring any Hmong artifacts, such as papers, photos, or other physical items, to a collection event to be digitally preserved. Objects will be scanned or photographed on site and returned to owners along with a digital copy. With approval, the library will also catalog a second digital copy to be shared online through Digital Heritage NC.

Additionally, **Hmong Keeb Kwm** will offer video interviews to capture and record rich personal experiences.

Join us **Saturday, February 24 from 10 am-2 pm** at the Main Library in Newton to celebrate our first collection day with traditional Hmong dance and food. Then, stay tuned for future **Hmong Keeb Kwm** collection days and lifelong learning opportunities throughout the year!

MAIN IN NEWTON

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Children / Teens / Family

Ready to Learn Storytimes

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.

Family Movie: *Lego Ninjago*

Tuesday, February 6 at 4 pm
Families won't want to miss the action-packed movie, *Lego Ninjago*!

Valentine's Day Celebration

Monday, February 12 at 5:30 pm
Learn about the origin of this celebration and make crafts. Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

STEAM: Bright "Eye"-deas

Tuesday, February 13 at 4 pm
School-aged children celebrate Inventor's Day by creating animals whose eyes light up! The lesson teaches the basics of electricity.

STEAM: SMILES Everywhere!

Dental Health Awareness
Tuesday, February 20 at 4 pm
School-aged children will learn basic dental health and make homemade toothpaste!

STEAM: Hearty Bird Treats

Tuesday, February 27 at 4 pm
Children of all ages can learn about wild birds. Everyone will have the chance to make and take home a hearty treat for the birds.

Adults / Career / Tech

Celebrate! African-American Poetry

Throughout February
To commemorate Black History Month, we'll be celebrating a different poem each day. Stop by and pick up a bookmark of your favorite.

Learn Spanish with The Great Courses

Thursdays at 3 pm
Take advantage of our Hoopla resource with The Great Courses' Learning Spanish series, featuring a world-class language instructor.

Crochet Classes

Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 11 am
Learn the basics of crocheting! Beginners and advanced learners can attend this class. Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

Mindfulness with Doodles

Saturday, February 3 at 2 pm
Cultivate mindfulness to reduce stress and improve focus. Come learn how relaxing you can feel when doodling designs to music. Supplies provided.

English as a Second Language

Mondays, February 5, 19, and 26 at 5:30 pm
These ESL classes are free and 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.

Super Fun Zumba

Monday, February 5 at 6 pm
Keep your New Year's resolutions going with 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).

NC Works Career Center

Wednesday, February 7 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.

Excel Basics

Wednesday, February 7 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.

Excel: Formulas and Functions

Thursday, February 8 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.

Adult STEAM: Circuit Valentine's Day Cards

Saturday, February 10 at 12 pm
Are you an adult interested in circuits? Do you also need a Valentine's Day card for your sweetie? Join this workshop, and we'll teach you all about paper circuits, a low-voltage electronic circuit created on paper or cardboard using conductive copper tape, LEDs, and a power source such as a coin-cell battery. Space is limited. Call 828-465-9494 to sign up.

Excel: Graphs and Pivot Tables

Tuesday, February 13 at 11 am
Learn how to create visual data using graphs and pivot tables in Excel. Basic Excel skills are necessary.

Windows 10 Tips and Tricks

Wednesday, February 14 at 11 am
New to Windows 10? This class offers tips and tricks to help you get comfortable using the new interface. Discover how to customize the new Start Menu, get to the Quick Access Menu, and learn how Cortana can give directions, set reminders, and much more.

DIY: Make a Bath Bomb

Tuesday, February 13 at 4 pm
Observe Galentine's Day ("ladies celebrating ladies") with a fun bath bomb craft. All supplies are provided; registration is required.

Microsoft Word: Resumés

Thursday, February 15 at 11 am
Learn to build a professional-looking resumé using basic formatting tools in Microsoft's word processing application.

Hmong Keeb Kwam

(Cultural Heritage Collection Day)
Saturday, February 24 from 10 am-2 pm
Help the library celebrate, collect, and preserve the Hmong culture. Hmong community members are invited to share items, papers, or oral histories for future generations. Join us for traditional Hmong dance and light refreshments.

Meet Libby by OverDrive

Tuesday, February 20 at 11 am
Libby is a free, user-friendly way to find 1000s of eBooks and audiobooks on the NC Digital Library. Learn how 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.

Advanced Gardener – Manage Your Lawn

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm
Dr. George Place offers great tips on fertilizing, mowing, seeding, and pest management.

Senior Fun Day

Wednesday, February 21 at 10 am
Play board games, card games, party games, and maybe win a door prize, along with socializing and having fun. Light refreshments.

3-D Basics

Wednesday, February 21 at 4 pm
Learn the foundations of 3-D printing. Join us to find out what it is, how it works, and where you can find resources to discover, create, and share 3-D printable files.

TinkerCad 101: Create Files for the 3D Printer

Thursday, February 22 at 4 pm
Learn how to create 3-D files using TinkerCad, a free online Computer Aided Design (CAD) software. Participants will create a simple object using geometric shapes and letters that can be printed with the 3-D printer.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Tuesday, February 27 at 3 pm
Enjoy reading interesting fiction? Have a sweet tooth? PoCBC meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 3 pm at Marie & Twannette's Bakery in downtown Newton. February's selection is *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez. March's selection is *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.

Retro Game Night

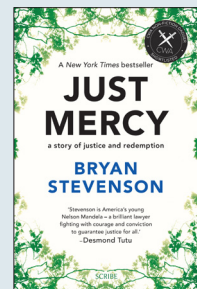
Tuesday, February 27 at 6 pm
Players, gamers, and lovers of vintage fun are welcome to join in as we play board games the retro way – face to face around a table! Bring your own favorites or enjoy some of ours.

"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.

CVCC Community Read

Just Mercy



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're continuing with our series of films and community conversations. Light refreshments served.

Tuesday, February 6 at 6 pm

This session's talk and discussion will focus on the statement, "Justice doesn't happen. People make justice happen."

Tuesday, February 13 at 6 pm

Join us for a discussion of our companion read, *Orange is the New Black*, made popular by the award-winning Netflix series.

Tuesday, February 20 at 6 pm

We'll view the TED Talk *A Prosecutor's Vision for a Better Justice System*, followed by a lively discussion led by Wake Forest University's Needham Yancey Gulley Professor of Criminal Law, Professor Ron Wright.

Thursday, February 22 at 6 pm

See the screening of *In Pursuit of Justice: The Greg Taylor Story*, the true story of a NC man who spent 17 years in prison following his wrongful conviction in a 1991 murder.

Look for more activities in March!

CLAREMONT

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Adults / Career / Tech

After Innocence

Saturday, February 24 at 10 am
A powerful documentary that traces the lives of wrongfully convicted men finally freed from prison by DNA evidence. Follow them as they struggle to transition back into society.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Meets in odd-numbered months
Get started now for the next get-together on Tuesday, March 27 at 6 pm. The selected novel is Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*, the Library's latest community read. This thought-provoking book is certain to initiate some great group discussion. Call to reserve your copy of the book to check out for 2 weeks.

Just Mercy

Technology Tutoring

Are you struggling to get your high-tech device working the way it's supposed to? Call for an appointment, bring your computer, smartphone, or tablet along with you, and we'll help you make it work.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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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
Thursdays from 4-6 pm

Does your student need help with school work? Call 828.466.5108 to set up an appointment for one-on-one reading time or homework help.



Introduction to Elementary Battle of the Books

Tuesday, February 6 at 6 pm
Join other students to learn the competition format and try your skills in a mock battle. You don't need to be on a team or have read all of the listed books to participate. All students 4-6th grades, including home-schooled students, are invited to participate.

Adults / Career / Tech

NC Works to the Rescue!

Thursdays, February 8 and 22 at 4 pm
Trying to land your dream job? NC Works can help you write a resumé and cover letter, guide you in searching online, and support you in applying for a great job. Let the experts save you time and energy!

Catawba Valley Writers' Club

Tuesday, February 13 at 7 pm and Saturday, February 17 at 11 am
Join us for an introductory 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!

After Innocence

Tuesday, February 20 at 6 pm
A powerful documentary that traces the lives of wrongfully convicted men finally freed from prison by DNA evidence. Follow them as they struggle to transition back into society.

Just Mercy

Downloading Digital Books

Wednesday, February 21 at 11 am
Bring your tablet, phone, or laptop and learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks for free from several of our library's applications.

MAIDEN

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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: Paper Circuits

Saturday, February 10 at 11 am
Children ages 8+ are invited to make a complete circuit and add a switch. They'll use aluminum foil and/or copper tape, LED lights, and brass brads to create a parallel circuit and a series circuit. Class size is limited, so please register in advance at 828-428-2712.

Vinyl Sticker Creations

Friday, February 16 from 3:30-5 pm
Teens will use a Silhouette cutting machine to make their own monograms and use the trace feature to create vinyl cutouts of their favorite pictures. Two laptops are available, but teens are welcome to bring their own devices. (The software is free to download.)

Adults / Career / Tech

Prosecutorial Misconduct: The System with Joe Berlinger

Tuesday, February 20 from 6-7 pm
This episode addresses the 6th amendment and explores how issues in law enforcement and prosecution can impact justice outcomes.

Just Mercy

Advanced Gardener: Manage Your Lawn

Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30 pm
Dr. George Place offers great tips on fertilizing, mowing, seeding, and pest management.

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL

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Children / Teens / Families

Baby Bounce

Fridays at 10 am
This sweet, simple, 30-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for your youngest learners.

Ready to Learn Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am
Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

PAWSitive Reading

Thursday, February 1 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.

STEAM Explorers: Sweet and Sour Science

Wednesday, February 7 at 4 pm
Kids 6-12 are invited to our first monthly STEAM Explorers program, where we'll learn about science concepts and conduct related experiments. For Valentine's Day, we'll experiment with candy. It's sure to be sweet so bring a friend! Registration recommended.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, February 10 at 10 am
Join us for a special Saturday storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Student STEAM: 4-H Bright Ideas Club

Tuesday, February 13 at 6 pm
Join the Bright Ideas Club as we explore electromagnetic forces, learn about circuits, decode secret messages in Morse code, and even build catapults, bridges, and more. Each meeting, we'll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Registration recommended. Open to ages 7-16.

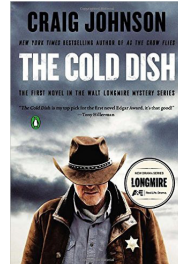
Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time

Monday, February 19 at 4 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.

Adults / Career / Tech

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm
The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members each month and is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson, and get a jump start on March's selection, *The Snowman* by Jo Nesbo.



Variety Show

Thursday, February 8 at 7 pm
The public is invited to attend this free, family-friendly showcase of local performers. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.

Card Making

Monday, February 12 at 2 pm
Come out to this Neighbors Network-sponsored event to make beautiful greeting cards that your friends and family will enjoy. Open to everyone 50+, but class size is limited. Call Dianna at 828.464.1111 to register.

The Testing & Education Reference Center

Monday, February 5 at 6:30 pm
This new NC Live resource features an amazing variety of free practice tests and courses for both career and college prep, from accounting and social work to the ACT and GRE. Learn to log in and search for the subject you need. Bring your own device or use one of ours.

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library Business Meeting

Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 pm
All members are invited to attend this planning and business meeting. Interested folks are also invited to join this volunteer group dedicated to enhancing library services.



Introduction To Twitter

Friday, February 23 at 11 am and
Tuesday, February 27 at 6 pm

Watch a demonstration to navigate the basic features of this popular social network. Then, learn about terminology and create an account of your own.

Guardian ad Litem Panel Discussion

Monday, February 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn about the child victim advocacy program with guests Sydney Smith, district administrator; Karen Harrington, director of Catawba County DSS; and Judge Gregory Hayes.

Just
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"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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SOUTHWEST
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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

Saturdays 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!

PAWS to Read with Mini

Tuesday, February 13 and 27 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 Valentine-Making Party

Tuesday, February 13 from 6-7 pm

Join us and you'll take away some special valentines. Plus chocolate play dough will be provided for the little ones. Light refreshments.

Student STEAM: Follow Their Lead > Make Your Own Invention

Thursday, February 22 from 4:30-5:30 pm

In this program, we will learn about African-American inventors and their inventions. Then, we'll make marble runs and tracks using materials provided. Bring a friend and work together for a prize. Ages 7-16. Call to register.

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, February 20 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, February 14 and 28, 11 am-noon
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.

Cover Letter Help

Wednesday, February 21 from 11 am-noon

Do you have questions about your cover letter? Do you need help creating one? Come for a 20-minute, one-on-one session and get answers. Please register in person or call 828.466.6818.

Excel Basics

Tuesday, February 27 at 10:30 am

Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. Space is limited to 7, so please register in person or at 828.466.6818.

**Why Eyewitnesses Get It Wrong**

Tuesday, February 27 from 6-7 pm

A viewing of a TED Talk from a forensic psychologist who studies memory related to crime, followed by a discussion. Light refreshments provided.

Just
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"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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ST. STEPHENS
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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.

Remember the Titans

Saturday, February 3 at 2 pm

Join us in celebrating Black History Month with this touching movie about racial integration in high school football in 1970s Virginia. Light refreshments served.

**Crafternoons at the Library: Bath Bombs**

Thursday, February 8 at 4 pm

Just in time for Valentine's Day! Get creative as you make a relaxing bath treat with great scent and color. Supplies are provided. Please register by calling 828.466.6821.

Black History Month Bingo

Friday, February 9 at 4:30 pm

Teens can learn about famous African-American figures and historical events while playing entertaining rounds of bingo. Small prizes will be awarded to winners.

Movies at the Library: Despicable Me 3

Friday, February 16 at 4 pm

The adventure continues with Gru and the Minions! Enjoy popcorn, a drink, and lots of fun! Rated PG.

Adults / Career / Tech**Technology Help**

Wednesday, February 7 from 10-11 am

Drop in with your tablet, laptop, or phone to get personalized help with your device.

Raising Resilient Children

Monday, February 5 at 6 pm

The Catawba County Parent Support Team will present a 90-minute workshop focused on parenting young children. The third class in the three-part series offers techniques for teaching children to bounce back from day-to-day disappointments. Please register at 828.466.6821.

Adult Coloring Club: Valentines and Hearts

Saturday, February 10 at 2 pm

Color your stress away with this love-themed art session! We'll provide the coloring sheets, music, markers, and crayons. You make something beautiful!

Super Fun Zumba

Monday, February 12, 19, and 26 at 6 pm

Treat yourself to a burst of Super Fun Zumba, a dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise! Appropriate for every skill/ability level. Open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

Powerful Online Learning: GCF Learn Free

Wednesday, February 14 at 4 pm

Learn essential computer skills on your schedule with this free, online resource available at home or the library. Choose from more than 180 topics, ranging from email to basic math, and move at your own pace through videos and interactive lessons to learn what you want, when you want.

Eyewitness Identification: The System with Joe Berlinger

Saturday, February 24th at 2pm

This episode explores how the justice system is grappling with emerging insights into eyewitness science and questioning its reliability in convictions.

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