

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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Joyce Hostetter's **BLUE**

A Catawba County Community Read and Collaboration of the Catawba County Library, Green Room Community Theatre, and the Catawba County Museum of History

Blue is an extraordinary story – both heart-warming and historical – set in Hickory in 1944 during World War II. A family whose father has gone off to war is left to carry on in a harsh and unprotected environment for which they are ill-equipped. The eldest daughter, Ann Fay, is given a set of overalls and instructions by her dad to be the “man of the house” while he’s away – a daunting task for any child, made especially difficult when the frightening polio epidemic strikes. In the face of tragedy, Ann Fay discovers her resourcefulness and her ability to move forward amid seemingly insurmountable challenges. An inspiring story to read, share, and celebrate together as a community. Please make sure to join us for the entire slate of events – there’s much more to learn about the history in your own back yard!

MIRACLE FILM SCREENING

Experience the Miracle of Hickory during a screening of *Miracle*, a local documentary highlighting Catawba County’s remarkable response to the Polio Outbreak of 1944. The film highlights patient and volunteer stories and the treatment of polio at the time. Featuring talk backs with filmmaker Richard Eller and polio survivors at selected locations.

- March 3 (Sat) at 11 am, Maiden Branch
- March 6 (Tue) at 6 pm, Southwest Branch
- March 12 (Mon) at 6 pm, Sherrills Ford-Terrell
- March 13 (Tue) at 6 pm, Conover Branch
- April 7 (Sat) at 3 pm, Main Library, Newton

BLUE TALK AND TEARS BOTTLE CRAFT

Design and create your own tears bottle like the characters Ann Fay and Imogene. Appropriate for all ages.

- March 13 (Tue) at 4 pm, Conover Branch
- March 21 (Wed) at 4 pm, Maiden Branch
- March 22 (Th) at 4 pm, Southwest Branch
- April 5 (Thu) at 4 pm, St. Stephens Branch
- April 10 (Tue) at 4 pm, Main Library, Newton
- April 11 (Wed) at 4 pm, Sherrills Ford-Terrell

BLUE BINGO BOOK TALK

Enjoy a dynamic discussion of *Blue* as you participate in a fun game of Bingo based on the novel.

- March 7 (Wed) at 4 pm, Sherrills Ford-Terrell
- March 13 (Tue) at 4 pm, Conover Branch
- March 19 (Mon) at 6 pm, St. Stephens Branch
- March 20 (Tue) at 4 pm, Main Library, Newton
- March 27 (Tue) at 5 pm, Southwest Branch

COMPANION READS

Blue Read-Alike: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Join us to discuss the polio epidemic in Hickory and the impact of the development of a polio vaccine as explored in this gripping book.

- March 15 (Thu) at 6 pm, Main Library, Newton

Blue Read-Alike: *The Stolen Marriage* by Diane Chamberlain

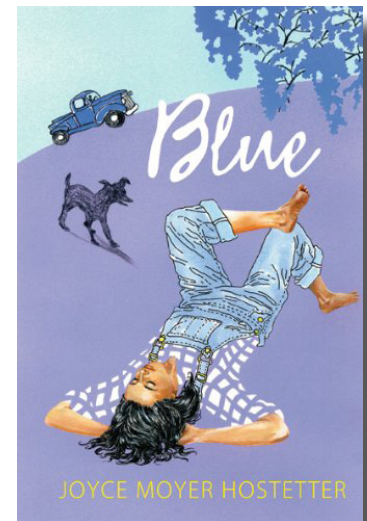
Hickory’s 1940s polio epidemic is the backdrop for this engaging novel with just a touch of mystery. Join us for a book discussion and light refreshments.

- March 29 (Thu) at 6 pm, Main Library, Newton

BOOK TALK WITH **BLUE** AUTHOR JOYCE HOSTETTER

Come join us to hear the author speak about the story first-hand!

- March 22 (Thu) at 6 pm, Main Library, Newton



MUSEUM OF HISTORY

“Blue: Ann Fay and the Miracle of Hickory” Exhibit

Beginning in March; extended hours for 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

MAIN IN NEWTON

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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 or Fudge. Call for an appointment.

Children's Author/Illustrator David Biedrzycki

Wednesday, March 7 at 6 pm
This popular children's author will lead an interactive demonstration about how he creates stories and art using computers. The program is co-sponsored by the Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center.



Family Movie: Coco

Saturday, March 10 at 3:30 pm
Presented in Spanish with English subtitles, *Coco* is a sweet movie about a music-loving boy who makes an unforgettable journey to the Land of the Dead.

STEAM: Celebrate Pi Day!

Tuesday, March 13 at 4 pm
School-age children will learn about the number Pi and celebrate Pi Day by creating edible Pi dishes!

Blue Bingo Book Talk

Tuesday March 20 at 4 pm

STEAM: Hodge Podge Art

Tuesday March 27 at 4 pm
To celebrate National Craft Month and Youth Art Month, children will enjoy creating art from various craft and art materials.

Adults / Career / Tech

Better Than Yesterday Challenge

Throughout March
Are you up to the challenge of eating healthier foods? Sign up by March 10 to record the number of fruits and veggies you eat, and find out how you can win fabulous prizes.

Free Tax Assistance

Tuesdays, 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.

Learn Spanish

Thursdays at 3 pm
Learn from a world-class instructor through The Great Courses series available on Hoopla.

Crochet Classes

Saturdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 11 am
Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6 pm
Learn the basics, or join us as an advanced learner. Presented in Spanish; all are welcome.

Severe Weather Awareness

Monday, March 5 at 2 pm
Find out what you need to know to keep yourself and your family safe during severe weather events.

English as a Second Language

Mondays, March 5, 19, 26 at 5:30 pm
These helpful 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. Registration is not required.

Knit 2gthr: Making a Scarf

Mondays, March 5 and 19 at 6 pm
Learn the basics of knitting as you cast on, knit, purl, and bind off to make your own scarf.

NC Works Career Center

Wednesday, March 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 resumé.

Excel Basics

Wednesday, March 7 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

Thursday, March 8 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.

Southern Pens Book Club

Saturday, March 10 at 10 am
Join us to share and discuss all kinds of books. This month's read is *The Book That Matters Most* by Ann Hood. April's selection will be *Vanishing Acts* by Jodi Picoult.

Mindfulness with Doodles

Saturday, March 10 at 3 pm
Cultivate mindfulness to reduce stress and improve focus. Come enjoy a relaxing environment while you doodle your cares away. Use our supplies or bring your own.

Excel: Graphs and Pivot Tables

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

Retro Game Night

Tuesday, March 13 at 6 pm
Players, gamers, and lovers of vintage fun are invited to play board games the retro way—face to face around a table! Bring along your favorites or enjoy some of ours. Light refreshments served.

Senior Fun Day

Wednesday, March 14 at 10 am
Play board games, card games, party games and maybe win a door prize while you socialize and have fun. Light refreshments served.

Pinterest

Wednesday, March 14 at 11 am
Pinterest is an online tool that lets you discover and collect digital media. Find new recipes, DIY projects, seasonal entertaining ideas and much more. This class will show you how to sign up for a free account and upload, save, and sort your personalized content.

Microsoft Word Basics

Thursday, March 15 at 11 am
This workshop is intended to help new users of Word get comfortable with the word processing software. Participants will learn how to create, edit, save, and print documents.

Healthy Eating on a Budget

Thursday, March 15 at 4 pm
Eating right doesn't have to break the bank! Join Renee Greene, Wellness Dietician from CVMC Health First Center, to learn helpful tips and tricks to eat healthy and save money.

Companion Read: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Thursday, March 15 at 6 pm

Pink 4 Lunch

Monday, March 19 at noon
Enjoy a free lunch while learning about breast health from representatives of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Please register by calling 828.465.8664.



Tinkercad Tuesday: Getting Started

Tuesday, March 20 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 using the 3-D printer.

Advanced Gardener: Soil, Composting & Plant Nutrients

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm
Dr. George Place offers advice on turning your kitchen scraps into valuable fertilizer, soil testing, and building a foundation for landscape and garden success.

Med Instead of Meds

Wednesdays, March 21-April 25 at 10 am
Join us for a 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 828.465.8664 to register.

3-D Basics

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

Book Talk with Blue Author Joyce Hostetter

Thursday, March 22 at 6 pm

Behind the Scenes of *Our State* Magazine

Friday, March 23 at 2 pm
Come meet Amy Jo Wood-Pasquini—*Our State* magazine's Travel & Events Director and Executive Producer of Content for the Emmy-award winning *Our State* TV show—as she shares stories about the publication's tributes to our home state.



Adult STEAM: The Science of Distilling with Seventeen Twelve Spirits

Saturday, March 24 at noon
Meet us at Seventeen Twelve Spirits in Conover to hear founder Zack Cranford explain the science behind his handcrafted bourbon and moonshine before we get a special tour of the distillery. Please register at 828.465.8664. Ages 21 and up.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Tuesday, March 27 at 3 pm
Enjoy fiction? Have a sweet tooth? PoCBC meets on each 4th Tuesday at 3 pm at Marie & Twannette's Bakery in downtown Newton. March's selection is *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart. April's selection is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

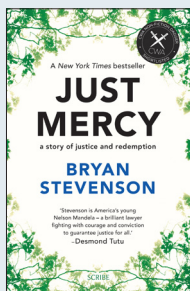
Companion Read: *The Stolen Marriage* by Diane Chamberlain

Thursday, March 29 at 6 pm

"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.

Community Read

A collaboration with CVCC, this community-wide read of Bryan Stevenson's profound book, *Just Mercy*, looks at the concept of mercy within the criminal justice system. Join us as we present a compelling series of films and community conversations.



Performance Reading

Monday, March 5 at 10 am

The CVCC Play Production class presents a reader's theater-style performance of select passages. Students will bring to life voices from the book, offering an intriguing oral interpretation of a text that was not originally intended for the stage.

A Prosecutor's Vision TED Talk

Tuesday, March 6 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.

Film Screening: *After Innocence*

Thursday, March 8 at 6 pm

This gripping documentary by Jessica Sanders follows the cases of more than a half-dozen men who were wrongfully convicted and then freed due to DNA evidence after spending decades in prison.

Keynote Speaker: Anthony Ray Hinton

Tuesday, March 20

11 am (Tarleton Center, CVCC campus)
6 pm (1924 Courthouse, Newton)

Hear from author/attorney Bryan Stevenson's client, who was exonerated after spending 30 years on Alabama's death row. A reception will follow the 6 pm address at the County History Museum in downtown Newton.

Thank you for joining us for these events!

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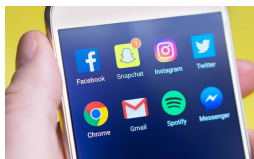
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Adults / Career / Tech

Technology Tutoring

Thursday, March 1, 1-4 pm

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.



Low Cost Vegetable Garden Tips

Thursday, March 15 at 12:30 pm

Learn tips and tricks for low-cost startup vegetable gardens. Bring your lunch and your gardening questions. Led by Anelle Ammons from NC Cooperative Extension.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, March 27 at 6 pm

Meets in odd-numbered months

Join us to talk about Bryan Stevenson's popular book, *Just Mercy*, the Library's latest community read. May's selection will be *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan.

"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 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.

Dr. Seuss Celebration

Saturday, March 3 at noon

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day. Join us for hands-on activities featuring all things Dr. Seuss, including books, games, crafts, and silliness. Ages 4 and up.

Blue Bingo Book Talk and Tears Bottle Craft

Tuesday, March 13 at 4 pm

Adults / Career / Tech

Low Cost Vegetable Garden Tips

Tuesday, March 6 at noon

Learn tips and tricks for low-cost startup vegetable gardens. Bring your lunch and your gardening questions. Led by Anelle Ammons from NC Cooperative Extension.

Miracle Film Screening

Tuesday, March 13 at 6 pm

Introduction to Pinterest

Thursday, March 29 at 11 am and 5 pm

Discover recipes, home ideas, style inspiration, and many other ideas! Learn how to set up a Pinterest account and start "pinning" and sharing your virtual bulletin board.

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.

Knitting and Crocheting

Tuesday, March 13 from 6-8 pm

The Maiden Needlecrafters are hosting an open house to display their works and help people get started in knitting and crocheting. This is a great way to meet people and maybe find a new crafting passion!

STEAM: Make Your Own Birdfeeder

Saturday, March 17 at 11 am

Children will learn about different types of birds and the foods that attract them. Each child will also get to design their own pinecone birdfeeder.

Blue Talk and Tears Bottle Craft

Wednesday, March 21 at 4 pm

Adults / Career / Tech

Miracle Film Screening

Saturday, March 3 at 11 am

Advanced Gardener: Soil, Composting & Plant Nutrients

Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 pm

Dr. George Place offers advice on turning your kitchen scraps into valuable fertilizer, soil testing, and building a foundation for landscape and garden success.

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL

828.466.6827

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, March 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: Tinker Time

Monday, March 5 at 4 pm

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

Blue Bingo Book Talk

Wednesday, March 7 at 4 pm

Saturday Storytime: Meet Riley the Lion

Saturday, March 10 at 10 am

Join us for a special Saturday Storytime presented by the Sherrills Ford Lions Club, who help serve our visually impaired neighbors. This storytime celebrates Helen Keller and Louis Braille and features an interactive activity. Special guests are "Riley the Lion" and his human companion, veteran Dawson Hart.

Student STEAM: 4H Bright Ideas Club

Tuesday, March 13 at 6 pm

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

STEAM Explorers: Oil Spill

Wednesday, March 21 at 4 pm

Kids ages 7-13 are invited to this program to learn what happens during a marine oil spill and to explore the different types of cleanup and recovery. Registration recommended.

Adults / Career / Tech

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, March 6 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 Snowman* by Jo Nesbo. April's selection is *The October List* by Jeffrey Deaver.

Resumé Writing Workshop*Friday, March 9 at noon*

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'll help you set one up outside of class.

Miracle Film Screening*Monday, March 12 at 6 pm***Technology Tutoring: Bring Your Own Device***Tuesday, March 27 from 1-3 pm*

Need help with eBooks, apps, or programs? Call the library to book a 30-minute session to learn a new skill or have your technology questions answered. Bring your own device or use one 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.

SOUTHWEST
828.466.6818

Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn 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 (except March 31)*

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!

Miracle Film Screening*Tuesday, March 6 at 6 pm***PAWS to Read with Mini***Tuesday, March 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.

The WAY COOL Butterfly STEAM Program*Thursday, March 13 at 4:30-5:30 pm*

Join us for a fun-filled time of science and art... all about butterflies. Find out why the butterfly is WAY COOL through books and science activities, along with a WAY COOL art activity. Open to ages 7-16.

**Blue Talk and Tears Bottle Craft***Thursday, March 22 at 4 pm***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.

One-on-One Technology Help*Wednesday, March 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.

Musicians and Songwriters*Tuesday, March 20 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.

Introduction to Hoopla and Libby*Wednesday, March 21 from 11 am-noon*

Libby and Hoopla are free and user-friendly ways to find thousands of eBooks and eAudio books. We will teach you how to download the app, sign in, and download a book or two. Bring your own tablet or phone to set up your gateway to the world of eReading. Please call 828.466.6818 to register.

Publisher Basics*Tuesday, March 27 from 10:30-11:30 am*

Participants will learn how to create, edit, save, and print flyers using the Publisher program. Space is limited to 7. Please register by calling 828.466.6818.

Blue Bingo Book Talk*Tuesday, March 27 from 5-6:30 pm***"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*

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

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party*Friday, March 9 at 4 pm*

You're invited to a birthday party for Dr. Seuss, where we'll enjoy a yummy birthday cake, Dr. Seuss stories, and a special craft!

Movies at the Library: Cars 3*Friday, March 16 at 4 pm*

Watch Lightning McQueen prove he's still the best race car in the world! Enjoy popcorn, a drink, and lots of fun! Rated G.

Blue Bingo Book Talk*Monday, March 19 at 6 pm***Stories and Tinkergarten***Wednesday, March 21 at 10 am*

Preschool story time with a special session of Tinkergarten. Ashley Gaylord, Tinkergarten leader, will facilitate an expert-designed play scenario that helps children build problem-solving and collaborative skills while playing.

Crafternoons at the Library: Yarn Easter Eggs*Thursday, March 22 at 4 pm*

Enjoy making cute handcrafted Easter egg decorations from yarn! A fun activity for kids and adults alike. No crocheting or knitting skills needed.

DIY Sugar Scrub: Teen Program*Friday, March 23 at 4 pm*

Keep your skin silky smooth by making your own sugar scrub! All materials are provided. Please register by calling 828.466.6821.

Adults / Career / Tech**Library Online***Friday, March 2 at 4 pm*

New look! New links! Come and watch a demonstration on how to navigate the brand-new library website. Explore links while also learning how to manage your library account.

Super Fun Zumba*Monday, March 5 and 12 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).

Hmong Keeb Kwim*Saturday, March 10 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.

**Adult Coloring Club: Spring is On the Way***Saturday, March 17 at 2 pm*

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

Old-Time Folk Music with Michael & Donna Fox*Monday, March 26 at 6 pm*

All ages are invited to an evening of wonderful folk music as Michael and Donna Fox entertain on the dulcijo and other instruments.

**NEW LIBRARY RESOURCE**

Price It!
Antiques & Collectibles

This online appraisal tool is perfect for folks who can't get enough of PBS's *Antiques Road Show*!

To give it a test run, visit Online Services at www.CatawbaCountyNC.gov/Library.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The library will be closed Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31 for Easter.

