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FREE WI-FI SERVICES EXTENDED

It's easier than ever to get online! Find out how we can help you apply for jobs, pay bills, do homework, check email, do research, see a doctor via telehealth, and more!

In October 2020, the Catawba County Library expanded free access to broadband Internet within the county, thanks to an NC CARES grant awarded by the State Library of North Carolina. The funds allowed for the purchase of 53 Wi-Fi-enabled tablets for lending and the establishment of free Wi-Fi access points at seven partner locations.



We're thrilled to announce that the benefits of our initiatives have been recognized and we've received additional funding to continue bridging the digital divide through July 2022!

The library's broadband project supports all Catawba County residents, including school children, people in the workforce, employers, and health care patients. As a result, more people in underserved neighborhoods now have critical access to the information highway, empowering them to make more informed decisions about their own situations and to have improved opportunities to succeed.

The library's 53 Samsung tablets are equipped with internal Wi-Fi capabilities, meaning that borrowers can check out a single device and automatically connect to the Internet. No separate hotspot is needed, and multiple devices can be connected to the tablet's Wi-Fi signal for broader household access. The tablets are pre-loaded with a set of user-friendly apps, and they offer unlimited data on a 4G network. They may be checked out for two weeks at a time.

Free Wi-Fi access is available in the outdoor common areas of these locations:

- **Central Recreation Center** – S Ervin Ave, Newton
- **Hickory Public Housing** – 841 S Center St, Hickory
- **Hickory Soup Kitchen** – 110 2nd St Pl SE, Hickory

- **Plaza Latina** – 1901 Northwest Blvd, Newton
- **Ross Centre** – 2830 12th Ave SE, Hickory
- **St. Stephens Lutheran, ELCA** – 2259 12th Ave NE, Hickory
- **Veterans Garden** – 102 1st St NW, Catawba

To tap into the network's signal, simply pull up the Wi-Fi settings on your smartphone or device. When the 'Wi-Fi for All' option appears, select it to log on. You'll need to click 'OK' on a landing page to continue, but no password is needed.

The Catawba County Library's grant is among 45 awards the State Library recently announced, totaling nearly \$1.6 million. The awards support local library projects that target high-need communities to address digital inclusion, expand digital network access, purchase Internet-accessible devices, provide related technical support in response to the coronavirus, and support community needs.

** The grant awards are made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-250229-OLS-21).*

SHOP THE BOOK SALE!

Join us at the Main Library in Newton for terrific bargains!

- **Wednesday, August 25** – 4-6 pm, FOL supporters only – Donate \$10 at the door to get early access
- **Thursday, August 26** – 12 noon-6 pm
- **Friday, August 27** – 10 am-2 pm
- **Saturday, August 28** – 10 am-1 pm

Book sale proceeds allow the Friends to sponsor library programs throughout the year. You can make a difference!

STORYTIME

Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom

Thursdays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 10 am
Gather the kids and join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime! This family-friendly virtual event will include singing, reading, finger plays, and lots of your favorite activities! Please register at tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime. You'll receive the registration confirmation and Zoom link in your email.

Library to Go in the Town of Catawba

Thursdays, August 5 & 19 from 10 am-2 pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church, ELCA
200 S Main St

The Library to Go is making appearances in the Town of Catawba on the first and third Thursdays of each month. During each visit, we'll have storytime starting at 10:45 am, and you're invited to join us as we learn together.



Meet-and-Greet with Pete

Thursday, August 19 from 3-5:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch
Celebrate our return to in-person storytime at a special family event while you enjoy a little Pete the Cat flair to honor his new book, *Pete the Cat's Groovy Imagination!* Meet your St. Stephens storytime hosts and take part in lots of Pete-themed activities, including a cupcake walk, a mini-pizza-making session, storytime, and an imagination box craft that you can use during storytime! Register at tinyurl.com/petepartyst.



Sky High Storytime

Friday, August 27 at 10:30 am
Hickory Aviation Museum
3101 9th Ave Dr NW, Hickory
Join us for in-person storytime at the aviation museum at the Hickory Regional

Airport. We'll read awesome books, sing fun songs, and make cool crafts while learning about the amazing world of planes and other flying machines! Sign up at tinyurl.com/skyhighstorytime. For questions, contact Tim at tgabe@catawbacountync.gov.



ONLINE PROGRAMS

Transparent Language

Wednesday, August 4 at 11 am
Have you always wanted to practice another language? Your library card grants you access to Transparent, a free language learning tool from NC LIVE. Join us for a virtual workshop on creating an account and using Transparent Language on a computer or in the app. Register at tinyurl.com/cclstransparent. You'll receive a Zoom link the day before the program.



The Self Care Project

Thursday, August 12 at 5:30 pm
Each month we'll cover a different aspect of taking care of ourselves with a focus on individual strategies to improve health and wellness. There's no one-size-fits-all prescription for a healthy life, but we can help each other find what works and how to apply it. The topic for this inaugural month will be a self-care inventory. Register at tinyurl.com/ccls-SelfCare.

Employment Workshop: Interviewing

Tuesday, August 17 at 10 am
Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba on how to ace a job interview! To register, go to tinyurl.com/catawbajobs and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.



Virtual Tai Chi

Wednesdays, August 18 & 25 at 12 noon
Our lunchtime class is led by Cooperative Extension director Dr. George Place. The virtual session is designed to help people relax in their homes or offices during a quick half-hour. It also helps promote balance and alleviate the effects of arthritis. Check www.facebook.com/catawbacountylibrarysystem the day of the class for the Zoom code.



St. Stephens Online Book Club

Monday, August 9 at 6:30 pm
Our book club gives you the freedom to read what you like while guiding you gently with a new topic each month. August's topic is a nonfiction book. You decide the title and come prepared to share the story. We're glad to suggest titles if you'd like. Join www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub/ to participate.



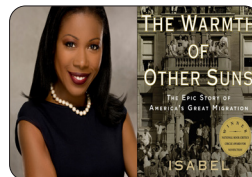
Employment Workshop: Resumés 101

Tuesday, August 10 at 2 pm
Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba to create a résumé that will get you the interview! To register, go to tinyurl.com/catawbajobs and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.



Black History Discussion Group

Wednesday, August 18 at 4 pm
This month, we're learning about Black migrations within the United States and how these historical patterns tell the story of a nation. Take a look at the video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3qA8DNc2Ss and read an excerpt of *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson at tinyurl.com/ccls-



[Migrations](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-bhdg-reg). Then register for the Zoom link at tinyurl.com/ccls-bhdg-reg.

Staring Down the Tiger with Duabhav

Thursday, August 19 from 6:30-8 pm
Join us for this engaging Zoom visit with Duabhav, local contributor of *Staring Down the Tiger: Stories of Hmong American Women*, as we explore her work and delve into the power of telling our own stories. *Staring Down the Tiger* can be checked out through Hoopla with your library card. To register, visit tinyurl.com/ccls-Duabhav.



Employment Workshop: Expungement

Tuesday, August 24 at 10 am
Do you or someone you know qualify? Learn about having charges removed from a criminal record from NCWorks Catawba. To register, go to tinyurl.com/catawbajobs and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.



Employment Workshop: Soft Skills and Customer Service

Tuesday, August 31 at 10 am
Learn the soft skills you need to provide excellent customer service. To register, go to tinyurl.com/catawbajobs and complete the form. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the workshop.

LIVE @ the LIBRARY

Seed Library: Donate & Borrow

Ongoing
Main Library in Newton
We're building a seed library, where the community can exchange seeds for free! We'll accept viable seeds at all locations during their standard business hours, and heirlooms are especially welcome. Please package and label any donations you drop off. Seeds may also be borrowed from the Main Library in Newton. They're subject to availability and cannot be reserved.



Tails & Tales Pet Art Show

Through August 8
Main Library in Newton
To celebrate Summer Learning 2021, we're showcasing photos, drawings, paintings, and stories about your pet, a shelter friend, or your favorite animal! We're accepting submissions at all library branches all summer long, or you can email them to kidshare@catawbacountync.gov. We'll be displaying all the great art and stories we receive at the Main Library in Newton.

My Pet Dragon Pen Pal Club

Through August 31
Conover Branch Library
Have you ever been friends with a dragon? The Conover Branch Library is hosting a dragon this summer as their writer-in-residence. Want to know what it's like to be a dragon, what dragons read, what they think about? Write to our dragon, Freya, and she'll write you back!



Reading Buddy

Monday, August 2 from 6-7 pm
Tuesday, August 3 from 10-11 am
Main Library in Newton
Give your child extra practice reading this summer! Call 828.465.8665 to set up a 20-minute appointment with a buddy who will listen and guide. Parents or guardians must remain in the library during each session.



Zumba with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, August 2, 9 & 16 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Mondays, August 23 & 30 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. It's appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18).



Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, August 3 at 6 pm
Main Library in Newton
Teens, come hang out while we watch *Sonic the Hedgehog*, munch on snacks, and make a craft.

DIY Marble Wine Glass

Wednesday, August 4 at 5 pm
Conover Branch Library
Celebrate National White Wine Day by creating your own marble wine glass! Get a brief overview of color theory and chemistry as we dip, paint, and roll our wine glasses into pieces of art. All supplies provided. Registration is required; please call 828.466.5108 to register.



Tiny Library Desk Concert Series

Thursdays at 12 noon
Main Library in Newton
Join us for our library version of a Tiny Desk Concert. Stop by and enjoy a 20-minute live musical performance by local musicians.



- August 5: Ava Pendley, singer/songwriter
- August 12: Guest from the Western Piedmont Symphony
- August 19: Erin Shull on the guitar
- August 26: Don McGalliard on the fiddle

Tails & Tales: Road to Knighthood

Saturday, August 7 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library
Kids, earn your knighthood by conquering an obstacle course of Olympic proportions! Ideal for kids 3-10 years old. Registration is required; sign up by calling 828.466.5108.

Garden Volunteer Work Day

Monday, August 9 from 9-11 am
Main Library in Newton
Helping in our garden is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We're looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other regular garden needs. We plant seeds for healthy foods and strong communities! Contact Shelley Orr at morr@catawbacountync.gov or 828.466.6828.



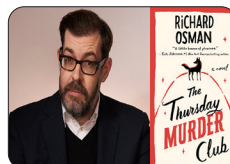
Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

Monday, August 9 at 11 am
Main Library in Newton
Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. To attend via Zoom, call 828.465.8664.



Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, August 10 at 6:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
This book club welcomes new members and is open to anyone, even if you haven't completed the book. Join us for a lively discussion of *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. Our September read is *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner.



Garden Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, August 14 from 9-11 am
Main Library in Newton
Helping in our garden is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We're looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other regular garden needs. We plant seeds for healthy foods and strong communities! Contact Shelley Orr at morr@catawbacountync.gov or 828.466.6828.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, August 17 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Share your talents while you learn from others. Bring a finished written song or one that's in progress to share with the group. Teens with musical talents are encouraged to join too.

The Self Care Project

Tuesday, August 24 at 1 pm
Main Library in Newton, Adult Services
Each month we'll cover a different aspect of taking care of ourselves with a focus on individual strategies to improve health and wellness. There's no one-size-fits-all prescription for a healthy life, but we can help each other find what works and how to apply it. The topic for this inaugural month will be a self-care inventory. Register at tinyurl.com/ccls-SelfCare.

DIY Teen Friendship Bracelets

Tuesday, August 24 at 5 pm
Conover Branch Library
Celebrate back-to-school by learning how to make a friendship bracelet. Registration is required; please call 828.466.5108 to register.



Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, August 26 at 5 pm
Whisk & Barrel in Downtown Newton
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, we're gathering to chat about *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. September's selection is *The Grace Year* by Kim Liggitt. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for 2022 at tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake.

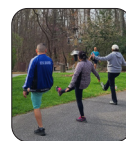


Garden Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, August 28 from 9-11 am
Main Library in Newton
Helping in our garden is a wonderful way to connect and give back. We're looking for volunteers to assist with weeding, general clean-up, harvesting, planting, moving mulch, and other regular garden needs. We plant seeds for healthy foods and strong communities! Contact Shelley Orr at morr@catawbacountync.gov or 828.466.6828.

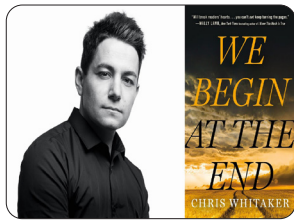
Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike

These popular park outings are taking a break in August and will resume in September. Stay tuned for upcoming dates at both Riverbend Park and Bakers Mountain Park.



Upcoming! Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, September 28 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library
Our book club returns to in-person meetings in September, when we'll be discussing *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker. Everyone is welcome. This group meets in alternating months.



Did You Know?

We lend recreation kits for at-home play! Check out pickleball, bocce, cornhole, Zumba, or croquet for 2 weeks at a time!



LIBRARY TO GO

Lunch & Learns on Herman Sipe Road

Wednesdays, August 4, 11 & 18 from 11:30 am-1 pm
111 Herman Sipe Rd
We're partnering with The Corner Table for free lunch-and-learn sessions. We invite you to come fill your belly with food and your mind with books! Lunch will be served between 12-1 pm. Stop by early to check out our library resources.

The Town of Catawba

Thursdays, August 5 & 19 from 10 am-2 pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church, ELCA
200 S Main St
We're making appearances in the Town of Catawba on the first and third Thursdays of each month. During each visit, we'll be sharing storytime starting at 10:45 am, and you're invited to join us as we learn together.



Back 2 School + Career Fair Event

Saturday, August 7 from 10 am-2 pm
Central Recreation Gym
S Ervin Ave, Newton
We'll join in the fun at Central Rec's Back 2 School event. Come see us to learn more about resources your students can use this coming school year inside the library and at home.

Public Health Farmers Market

Thursdays, August 12 & 26 from 10 am-1 pm
3070 11th Ave Dr SE, Hickory
We're excited to be back at this summer market on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month! Shop for fruits and veggies and grab a few books, too.

Movies in the Park

Thursday, August 12 at 7 pm
Claremont City Park
3430 E Main St
Bring a blanket and chairs to view *Raya and the Last Dragon*, and drop by to see us for books and activities! Don't forget to grab some food to munch on before the movies start.



Summer @ Smyrna

Fridays, August 13 & 27 from 5-7 pm
Smyrna Church
6770 Sherrills Ford Rd, Catawba
Over the summer, the Library to Go will be spending the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Smyrna Church in Catawba. We always have stories, games, arts and crafts, movies, food, and more! On August 13, the church will be handing out school supplies, so if you need some or know of someone else who could use some, come join us!

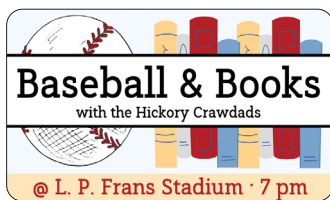
Suds & Stories in Long View

Sunday, August 15 from 2-5 pm
Clean Wave Laundry
2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory
We're in Long View on the third Sunday of each month spending time with families at Clean Wave Laundry Hickory! Stop by and check out books, enjoy activities, and get help with your tech and job app or resumé questions.



Baseball & Books with the Hickory Crawdads

Wednesday, August 18 at 7 pm
L.P. Frans Stadium
2500 Clement Blvd NW, Hickory
Kids, we'll be wearing our foam fingers and waving as you enter the Crawdads game! Stop by the Library to Go and check out books before enjoying the game.



Back to School Bash

Friday, August 20 from 5-7 pm
Taft Broome Park
115 7th Ave SW, Hickory
The City of Hickory Police Dept. & Hickory Parks & Recreation are joining forces with community organizations to help get your family ready to go back to school, and we're joining them! Come check out library resources available to you, along with all the other organizations that help support families in our area.

Conover Farmers Market

Saturday, August 21 from 8 am-12 noon
Post Office parking lot
201 1st St E
We set up at the farmers market to share information about programs and activities and to check out books. Drop by as you enjoy food, plants, and other goodies from the vendors!



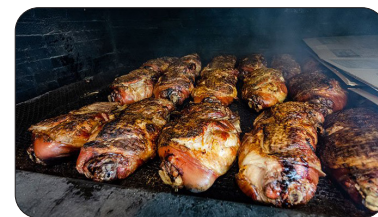
Ready to Race United

Saturday, August 21 at 5 pm
Hickory Motor Speedway
3130 US-70, Newton
The United Way is kicking off their new campaign with a night of free racing and fireworks, and we can't wait to join them and other community partners at the track! Come visit all of the vendors to see which businesses are hiring and how agencies in our area can help you.



BBQ Competition & Concert

Saturday, August 28 from 3-7 pm
Downtown Catawba
The Town of Catawba is hosting a BBQ competition and concert by the Tyler Hatley Band. We're looking forward to spending time with all the families who come out to join us!



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- CONOVER BRANCH LIBRARY
- MAIDEN BRANCH LIBRARY
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- SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY
- ST. STEPHENS BRANCH LIBRARY

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