

# Library Connections

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November provides an opportunity to reflect on the things for which we are thankful. Here at the library, we are thankful for our collaborative partnerships that help us in making.living.better for our community. We don't have the space to highlight every one of our valued partners but we would like to share a few that we will be working with in November and the coming months to host some engaging and exciting programs: Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC), the Hickory Museum of Art (HMA), and the Downtown Newton Development Association (DNDA).

Established in 1958, Catawba Valley Community College empowers people to achieve their dreams by uniting thought with action. This month the library will host a visit with artist/illustrator, Tonja Smith, from CVCC's Redhawk Publications on Saturday, November 13th. We are also looking forward to collaborating with future programs surrounding the CVCC Interdisciplinary Read - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson.

Located on the Salt Block, Hickory Museum of Art is the second oldest (but most innovative) art museum in North Carolina. The library will be hosting several programs surrounding the museum's current exhibit, the Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter and we are looking forward to a special exhibit of popular children's author Mo Willems, We Are Art! featuring the Elephant & Piggie series.

Guided by the Main Street Approach, the Downtown Newton Development Association cultivates downtown growth with a focus on economic vitality, historic preservation, public art, and marketing. The library is collaborating with the DNDA and the Connections Clubhouse on the Lap it UP program, where businesses in Downtown Newton will keep a ceramic water bowl out on the sidewalk for pets to enjoy.

The Hickory Museum of Art and the Downtown Newton Development Association are key collaborators in the annual Foothills Folk Art Festival which was postponed this year until May 2022. For those artists who had worked so hard and been selected to participate, the delay was very disappointing. The Library is working with HMA to invite those artists to show their work at three Pop-UP events on Saturdays in November. Providing a space for artists to share their work allows the library another avenue to realize our community-centered goals to connect, explore, and grow. The Main Library in Newton will host the Foothills Folk Art artists on Saturday November 6th and 13th and the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library will host artists on Saturday, November 20th. These events will be held outside from 10 am to 4 pm and artwork will be available for purchase.



The Downtown Newton Christmas Crawl will also be on Saturday, November 13 and the Main Library at Newton will be playing host to one of the crawl's stops. Visit with local author and artist, Tonja Smith, as she shares about her newly published children's book, Bailey, Bleecker and Banjo: Linville Gorge. She will read the story, followed by a Q&A session about how she created the book. Then we'll make a cute dog bookmark to take home. We'll also find out how this special children's story will soon become a part of Downtown Newton's legacy of kindness. Copies of Bailey, Bleecker and Banjo: Linville Gorge will be available for sale from Redhawk Publications and uniquely handcrafted pet water bowls will be available to order from Connections Clubhouse.

**THE LIBRARY WILL CLOSE AT 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AND REMAIN CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE HOLIDAY WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

# STORYTIME

**Bilingual Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom**  
*Wednesdays, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10 am*  
Join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime presented in English and Spanish! There will be singing, reading and lots of fun. To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/ccl-WednesdayStorytime](http://tinyurl.com/ccl-WednesdayStorytime).

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom**  
*Thursdays, November 4, 11, 18 at 10 am*  
Join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime with singing, reading and lots of fun. To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime](http://tinyurl.com/CatawbaThursdayStorytime).



**Library to Go at the Town of Catawba**  
*Thursday, November 4 and 18 at 10:45 am*  
*200 S Main St, Catawba*  
Drop by Reedemer Lutheran Church to visit the Library to Go from 10 am – 2pm and don't miss family storytime at 10:45!

**Dinovember Storytime**  
*Saturday, November 6 at 3 pm*  
*St. Stephens Branch Library*  
Join us for a special outdoor storytime to celebrate Dinovember! We'll have fun including awesome books, fun songs, and a cool craft. To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/dinostorytimecccls](http://tinyurl.com/dinostorytimecccls), or call 828-466-6821.

**Tales in the Garden**  
*Monday, November 15 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm*  
*Main Library in Newton*  
Join us for this in-person, outdoor family event which includes bilingual stories, crafts, and activities. Our November program will be all about dinosaurs and feature a fun Dinosaur Stomp with Stretch and Grow. Please bring a blanket or camp chair.



# ONLINE PROGRAMS

**Resumes 101**  
*Tuesday, November 2 at 10 am*  
Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba to create a resume that will get you the interview! To register, visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs).



**ESL Class**  
*Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17 at 6 pm*  
Practice speaking English with us! This is a one-hour online Zoom conversation to help students gain more confidence in speaking English. Please call 828.465.8665 to register or for more information.

**TAB (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting**  
*Saturday, November 6 at 5 pm*  
Want to make a positive impact in the lives of your fellow teens while earning volunteer hours? Join us for a virtual information session to learn about serving on the St. Stephens Library Teen Advisory Board. For students in grades 7-12. To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/StStephensTABInfo](http://tinyurl.com/StStephensTABInfo).

**Salary Negotiation Q&A**  
*Monday, November 8 at 6 pm*  
Join Tammy Buff, Human Resource Development Instructor for CVCC, in a virtual Q&A session that will help answer your questions about salary negotiation. Whether you're starting a new job or are a veteran employee looking for a raise, this program can help you tackle those tough talks. To register, visit [tinyurl.com/CCL-Salary](http://tinyurl.com/CCL-Salary).

**Expungement**  
*Tuesday, November 9 at 10 am*  
Do you or someone you know qualify? Learn what you need to know from NCWorks Catawba about having charges removed from criminal records. To register, visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs) and complete the form.

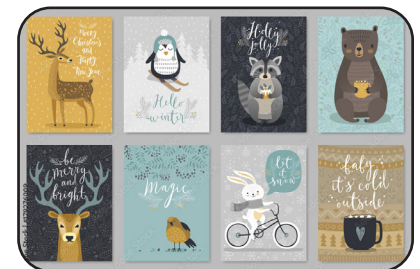
**The Self Care Project**  
*Thursday, November 11 at 5:30 pm*  
Come learn about the effects of gratitude on our lives. We'll explore different methods of acting on gratitude and implement a personalized plan increase wellness. To register, visit [tinyurl.com/ccls-SelfCare](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-SelfCare). Want to track your progress? Sign up for the Self Care Project Wellness Challenge at [catawbacountync.beanstack.org](http://catawbacountync.beanstack.org).



**Dinogami**  
*Friday, November 12 at 4:30 pm*  
Join us online to learn how to make an origami dinosaur for Dinovember! All ages are welcome, but children under 8 may need assistance. To register (and receive a kit), visit the library or [tinyurl.com/dinogami](http://tinyurl.com/dinogami), or call 828-466-6821.

**Interviewing**  
*Tuesday, November 16 at 2 pm*  
Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba on how to ace a job interview! To register, visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs).

**STEAM Fossils**  
*Wednesday, November 17 at 4 pm*  
Celebrate Dinovember with fossils! Learn how they are formed and paint fossil sculptures of your own. To register (and receive a kit), visit the library or [tinyurl.com/CCLS-STEAMFossils](http://tinyurl.com/CCLS-STEAMFossils), call 828-466-6827.



**Create Holiday Cards with Canva**  
*Thursday, November 18 at 4 pm*  
Learn how to make your own holiday cards using Canva and Publisher. We'll show you how to use card templates and how you can print your creations at the library. To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/CCLS-HolidayCards](http://tinyurl.com/CCLS-HolidayCards), or call 828-465-9494.

**Dinovember: Fossil Excavation**  
*Monday, November 22 at 4:30 pm*  
Take a look at a Paleontologist's field kit, discover how fossils are excavated, and do small-scale excavating together. To register (and receive a kit), visit the library or [tinyurl.com/CCLSDinovemberfossils](http://tinyurl.com/CCLSDinovemberfossils), or call 828-465-8665.

**Job Applications**  
*Tuesday, November 30 at 10 am*  
Learn tips from NCWorks Catawba on how to complete a job application to get you to the interview. To register, visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs).

# LIVE @ the LIBRARY

*To protect the safety of library patrons and staff, facemasks and social distancing will be required for attendance at all INDOOR library programs and events. Thank you for your cooperation!*

## **Seed Library: Donate & Borrow**

*Ongoing at the Main Library in Newton*  
We're building a seed library, where the community can exchange seeds for free!

## **Letters of Thanks**

*November 1 – 30*

*Southwest Branch Library*

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, all patrons are encouraged to visit the library to write letters to those they are grateful for—whether friends, family, or community members. We will provide the stationery and even mail it for you!

## **Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossia**

*Mondays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6 pm*

*Outside the Catawba County Museum of History, 30 N College Ave, Newton*

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).



## **Open Enrollment for Medicare**

*Main Library in Newton*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Medicare plans can change each year. Take advantage of a one-on-one consultation with a representative from the Council on Aging to review your needs and select the best Medicare plan for you. To make a reservation for Newton or Sherrills Ford-Terrell, call the Council on Aging at 828-328-2269.

## **Technology Tutoring: BYOD**

*Wednesdays and Thursdays in November from Noon – 2 pm*

*Conover Branch Library*

BYOD - Bring your own device (phone, tablet, or laptop) and get your technology questions answered! Please bring any relevant usernames and passwords.

## **Chair Yoga**

*Wednesday, November 3 at 4 pm*

*Wednesday, November 10 at 10 am*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

A certified yoga instructor will lead a class designed for all body types and skill levels. It is recommended that participants bring their own towel or small blanket to the event. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

## **Restorative Yoga**

*Thursday, November 4 at 11 am*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly restorative yoga class perfect for anyone looking for yoga for stress and anxiety relief. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## **Cell Phone Workshop**

*Friday, November 5 at 11 am*

*Main Library in Newton*

Cell phones can be confusing but Tech Connect is here to help! Bring your device and questions for this hour-long workshop. Android and iPhone users are welcome!

## **The Art of Tying Knots**

*Saturday, November 6 at 11 am*

*Conover Branch Library*

Explore the textile art of macramé, as we learn how to create a chic market bag. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-5108. Materials for this program were generously donated by Ravenox.

## **St. Stephens Theme-Based Book Club**

*Monday, November 8 at 6:30 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Gather with fellow book lovers and discuss books based around a common theme. This month the theme is books with food on the cover. Although this is an in-person event, patrons can still utilize the Facebook group for updates, book lists, and ongoing discussion by visiting [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub/).



## **Downloading Digital Books**

*Tuesday, November 9 at 1 pm*

*Conover Branch Library*

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

## **Teen Game Night**

*Tuesday, November 9 at 6 pm*

*Main Library at Newton*

Hang out and play games as we celebrate International Games Week! We'll have some games set out for you to play or you can bring your own handheld device for cooperative play.

## **Mystery Mavens Book Club**

*Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Join us for a lively discussion on *Bitter Blood* by Jerry Bledsoe. Our December book discussion will focus on *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. The book club will meet in-person at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library. New members are always welcome.

## **Gentle Flow Yoga**

*Thursday, November 11 at 11 am*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## **Dinovember: Hatching Dinosaur Eggs**

*Thursday, November 11 at 4 pm*

*Southwest Branch Library*

Celebrate Dinovember by hatching dinosaur eggs in this exciting STEAM program for elementary students. Learn about the different species of dinosaurs and leave with a dino of your very own! To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

## **Local Author-Illustrator Visit**

*Saturday, November 13 at 11 am*

*Main Library at Newton*

Visit with local author and artist, Tonja Smith, as she shares about her newly published children's book, *Bailey, Bleecker and Banjo: Linville Gorge*. She'll read the story to us, talk about and answer questions regarding how she created the book. Then we'll make a cute dog bookmark to take home.

## **How Do I Eat This?**

*Monday, November 15 at 11 am*

*Main Library at Newton*

The Cooperative Extension Family & Consumer Sciences Agent will share a presentation about the origin, history, availability, preparation and health benefits of some of the odd-looking fruits and vegetables you might see at the grocery store. Have a taste or just observe – your choice! To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/ccls-WeirdFood](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-WeirdFood), or call 828-465-8665.

## **The Art of Eggrolls: How to Make Healthy Hmong Eggrolls**

*Monday, November 15 at 6 pm*

*Southwest Branch Library*

Hmong eggrolls are so crispy and delicious. It's hard to eat just one! Learn how to make your own authentic eggroll. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

### STEAM: Making a Fossil for Kids

Tuesday, November 16 at 6 pm  
Maiden Branch Library

Calling all dinosaur lovers! Here's an up-close opportunity to see real fossils dating back millions of years while learning how to make your very own imprint dinosaur fossils. To register, visit the library or call 828-428-2712.

### Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, November 16 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 and tweens with musical talents are invited to join the group.



### Black History Discussion Group

Wednesday, November 17 at 4 pm  
Newton Library Local History Room

Family history and genealogy for African Americans present a unique set of challenges. Local genealogist, Alex Floyd, will share with us a range of resources that he uses to help people follow their histories and learn about their ancestors.

### Create Holiday Cards with Canva

Thursday, November 18 at 4 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us for a tutorial on how to make your own holiday cards using Canva and Publisher. We'll show you how to use card templates and how you can print your creations at the library.

### Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, November 18 at 5 pm  
Whisk and Barrel in Downtown Newton

We're gathering to chat about November's pick, The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. December's selection is In Five Years by Rebecca Serle. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for 2022 at [tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake).

### An Outlander Celebration with Diana Gabaldon

Monday, November 22 at 7 pm  
Main Library at Newton

Diana Gabaldon's bestselling Outlander saga is finally back with the ninth book in the series, Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone, and we can't let a milestone like this pass without a huge celebration! Join us while we participate in a special virtual event celebrating all things Outlander and launching the new novel. At her one and only book event, Diana will discuss Go Tell the Bees, the Starz TV show, and so much more, in conversation with Maureen Lee Lenker from Entertainment Weekly. The author will also answer readers' burning questions.



### The Self Care Project

Tuesday, November 23 at 1 pm  
Main Library in Newton

This month learn what research has shown about the effects of gratitude on our lives. We'll explore different methods of acting on gratitude and implement a personalized plan to increase wellness. To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/ccls-SelfCare](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-SelfCare).

### Merry Movie Mondays

Monday, November 29 at 3:30 pm & 5:30 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Stop by the Southwest Branch on Mondays to enjoy a family-friendly holiday film. We'll kick off the series on November 29 with Home Alone at 3:30 pm & Home Alone 2 at 5:30 pm and continue in December with Elf, The Grinch, and Polar Express. Even the biggest Grinches won't be able to resist the holiday spirit!



### Japanese Culture Club

Monday, November 29 at 6:30 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library

Introducing a family-friendly event where each month we'll explore the amazing world of Japanese culture through origami, calligraphy, games, and more! Join us as we learn about Japanese gardens and make our own miniature rock garden. All ages welcome, but children younger than 8 may need adult assistance with some activities. To register, visit the library or [tinyurl.com/japanclubst](https://tinyurl.com/japanclubst).

### Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike

Tuesday, November 30 at 3:30 pm  
Baker's Mountain Park

Certified personal trainer and tai chi instructor Dr. George Place will lead us in finding inner peace and outer adventure as we gather at parks around the county for 30 minutes of tai chi movements, followed by an hour's hike. Waiver required on site or at [tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg).

## LIBRARY TO GO

### Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, Nov. 4 & 18 from 10 am - 2 pm  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, ECLA

200 S Main St, Catawba  
Visit the Library to Go to check out books, get help with tech questions, and enjoy a family storytime at 10:45

### Veterans Festival & Parade

Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 am - 4 pm  
Downtown Catawba

Catawba is hosting the 17th Annual Veterans Festival and we're taking part to share activities, books, and programs with everyone who comes out. Come see us!



### Conover Holiday Market

Saturday, November 20 from 10 am - 2 pm  
Conover Post Office

The Library to Go is joining the seasonal market at Conover and we can't wait to talk with you about programs and books and resources. Come by and check out the wonderful vendors who will be there and get some books, too!

### Library Outpost: Suds & Stories

Sunday, November 21 from 2 - 5 pm  
2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory

We're looking forward to seeing you in Long View at Clean Wave Laundry! Stop by and check out books, enjoy activities, and get help with your tech and job app or resume questions.

### Light the Night Christmas Parade

Saturday, November 27 at 5:30 pm  
Downtown Maiden

Maiden is hosting a night time Christmas parade! Come see all the wonderful floats, including the Library to Go!



### A Small Town Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 28 at 6 pm  
Downtown Catawba

Catawba will be hosting a tree lighting! There will be free carriage rides, photos with Santa, choirs, and more fun. Join us for activities and visit the businesses in downtown Catawba as well!



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