

Library Connections

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY AT YOUR LIBRARY

Part of our mission at the library is providing services and resources to our community, and what better way to do that at this time of year than to make your holiday shopping a little easier? There are several ways to shop at all of our branches so you can be sure to find something for everyone on your list, from stocking stuffers to gift baskets for that special someone!

Our library system is very fortunate to have three Friends groups who are always working to support the library's mission by volunteering and fundraising. All year long the Catawba County Friends, the Claremont Friends, and the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library sponsor on-going book and basket sales. A selection of earbuds, canvas totes, and gently used books is available through the ongoing Friends sales at all library locations and a special selection of holiday baskets has just been put together with books revolving around different themes, small gifts, and treats. What does this mean for you? Easy holiday shopping! You can find something for everyone on your list and most items have a suggested donation amount ranging from \$0.25-\$15.00. Contact your local branch to learn more about the selection they have available.

As a bonus, if you're visiting the Main Library in Newton, you can stop at the Art-o-Mat machine to pick up unique pieces of art, perfectly sized for stocking stuffers. An Art-o-Mat machine is a retired cigarette vending machine that has been converted to vend original artwork from artists all across the country. The current stock of art includes tiny crochet surprises, felted pocket friends, tiny pottery, jewelry, painted art, and more. At only \$5 each, these tiny works of art make a delightful stocking stuffer for the whole family.

The proceeds from these purchases enable our Friends groups to continue to support the library's efforts in providing literacy and lifelong learning programs for the community. It's a win-win-win for you and for your library!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! Consider the Library Endowment - the perfect gift for the person who already has everything! You can make a tax-deductible donation to the Library Endowment in honor of your loved one. The recipient of your gift will receive a personalized acknowledgement with a holiday card, and memorial gifts will be acknowledged to the family. Your contribution to the Library Endowment will last forever and serves to support library services for generations to come. For more information on how to make a donation to the endowment, visit your local library branch or catawbacountync.gov/library and click the "Give Now" button.

We're continuously grateful for your support and the ability to continue providing services and resources to our community. We hope you'll consider your library for your holiday shopping this year.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US HERE AT THE LIBRARY!



TO OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS, THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 23 THROUGH DECEMBER 27 AND DECEMBER 31 THROUGH JANUARY 1. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

STORYTIME

Bilingual Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom
Wednesdays Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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.



Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom
Thursdays Dec 2, 9, 16, 30 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.

Quilt storytime with the HMA
Wednesday, December 1 at 11 am
Hickory Museum of Art on the Salt Block
Inspired by the *Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter* exhibit, we'll be having a special, quilt-themed storytime with our friends at the Hickory Museum of Arts.

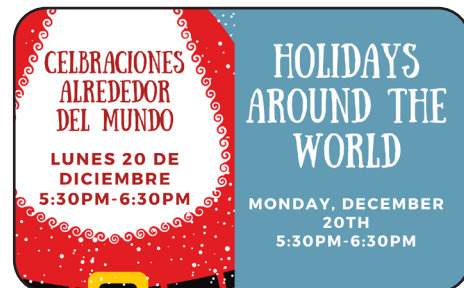
Library to Go at the Town of Catawba
Thursday, December 2 & 16 at 10:45 am
200 S Main St, Catawba
Drop by Reedemer Lutheran Church to visit the Library to Go from 10 am – 2pm and don't miss family storytime at 10:45!

Merry Mall Storytime
December 3, 10, 17 & 30 at 10:30 am
Valley Hills Mall
Join us on the lower level, near the former Sears entrance, for a seasonal storytime complete with songs and crafts guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit! To register, visit tinyurl.com/merrymallstorytime or by calling 828-466-6821.

Santa Storytime
Monday, December 13 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Meet the big guy himself at this special holiday storytime! To register, visit tinyurl.com/santastorytimeest or call 828-466-6821.



Quilt storytime with the HMA
Thursday, December 16 at 4 pm
Hickory Museum of Art on the Salt Block
Inspired by the *Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter* exhibit, we'll be having a special, quilt-themed storytime with our friends at the Hickory Museum of Arts.



Tales in the Garden
Monday, December 20 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
For our final Tales in the Garden of 2021, we will explore holidays around the world. Join us for this in person, bilingual family event. We will share stories in English and Spanish, create crafts from around the world, and have a special visit with Santa himself! Feel free to bring a blanket.

ONLINE PROGRAMS

ESL Class
Wednesday, December 1 & 8 at 6 pm
Practice speaking English with us on Wednesday evenings! This is a one-hour online Zoom conversation to help students gain more confidence in speaking English. Please call 828.465.8664 to register or for more information.

Recognizing Email Scams
Tuesday, December 14 at 1 pm
Scams can happen at any time and email scams can be hard to spot. Learn more about ways to recognize and report scams during this Zoom program. To register, visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-EmailScams or call 828-465-9494.

Chair Yoga
Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 at 11 am
A certified yoga instructor will lead a zoom class designed for body types and skill levels. It is recommended that participants bring their own towel or small blanket to the event. To register, visit tinyurl.com/cclschairyogaprogram or call 828-466-6821.



Health & Wellness Resource of the Month

MedlinePlus: Healthy Recipes – medlineplus.gov/recipes
Staying healthy can be a challenge, but simple lifestyle changes - like eating healthy meals and being active - can help a lot. MedlinePlus: Healthy Recipes shows you how to prepare tasty, healthy meals that help you develop a healthy eating pattern. A healthy eating pattern includes a variety of fruits and vegetables, fat-free or low fat dairy, various protein foods, and oils. Try some new recipes as part of a healthy lifestyle.

LIVE @ the LIBRARY

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!



Holiday Tales and Jingle Bells Interactive Display
December 1-31
Southwest Branch Library
Everyone is welcome to express your creativity throughout the month by visiting our Holiday Tales and Jingle Bells interactive display table. Each week there will be a different activity designed to spark your imaginations and originality!

Chair Yoga
Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 at 11 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
A certified yoga instructor will lead a zoom class designed for 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.

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!

A Very Washi Holiday

*Wednesday, December 1 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton*

This hands-on workshop will show you how to jazz up your holiday game using washi tape – greeting cards, gift tags, candles, advent calendars, gift wrap techniques and more! All supplies are provided. To register, visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Gentle Flow Yoga

*Thursdays, December 2 & 16 at 11 am
Tuesdays, December 7 at 6 pm*

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.

Quilted Star Ornament

Saturday, December 4 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us as we make no sew “quilted” ornaments, inspired by the *Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter* exhibit, using festive fabric scraps. These make great gifts or keep it for your own tree. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Low Tech – Paper Circuits

Saturday, December 4 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

All ages are welcome to this fun, low-tech craft that explores the basics of circuits and how they function using conductive copper tape, paper, LED lights, and a coin-cell battery. All projects are holiday and winter themed. Children under age 10 will need assistance from an older sibling or caregiver.

Drive-through “Santa at the Library”

Sunday, December 5

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Get into the spirit of the season by viewing the decorations and singing along with the carolers on your way to see Santa! Santa and his elves will welcome children aged PreK to Grade 6 with goodies and books. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library. To register and receive your time slot, visit santadrivethruatlibrary.eventbrite.com



Merry Movie Mondays

*Mondays December 6, 13, 20 at 5:30 pm
Southwest Branch Library*

Enjoy a family-friendly holiday film the first three Mondays in December. We'll watch Elf, The Grinch, and Polar Express! Even the biggest Grinches won't be able to resist the holiday spirit!

Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

*Mondays December 6, 13, 20 at 6 pm
Main Library at Newton, Lower Parking Lot*

Kick off your week with a burst of Zumba, a dance and movement class 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). Please check Facebook for possible location adjustments or call 828-465-8665.

Bilingual Christmas Crafting

Monday, December 6 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

In this program we'll learn how to make a small gift box out of wrapping paper, as well as a pom pom picture ornament. This event will be presented in English and Spanish. To register, visit tinyurl.com/christmascrafting or call 828-466-6821.



Center & Venture: Tai Chi & Hike

*Tuesday, December 14 at 3:30 pm
Riverbend Park*

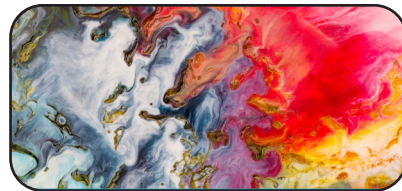
Certified personal trainer and tai chi instructor Dr. George Place will lead us in finding inner peace and outer adventure as we gather at parks around the county for 30 minutes of tai chi movements, followed by an hour hike. You'll find everything you need to improve your sense of well-being: stretching, activity, calm and nature in the company of friends. Waiver required on site or at tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg.

Craftin' Around the Christmas Tree

Tuesday, December 7 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Feeling crafty this holiday season? Join us as we make paper ornaments for your Christmas tree. This is a beginner's level craft for any age!



Paint Pouring Art for Teens

*Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 pm
Maiden Branch Library*

Join us to create abstract art by experimenting with the acrylic paint pouring method. Learn simple techniques for mixing paints for easy flow, and discover how different tools and other useful items can create effects like cells and interesting blended colors. Keep your paintings for yourself or give them as Christmas gifts! Ages 12–18 welcome. All materials provided. To register, visit tinyurl.com/pouringart or call 828-428-2712.

Back to Basics – Microsoft Word

*Wednesday, December 8 at 12 pm
Main Library in Newton*

Need a refresher on Microsoft Word? Want to learn a few tips on creating documents? Join us in the Community Room for this Back to Basics program. If you have questions, please call 828-465-9494.

STEAM: Marshmallow Launcher

*Wednesday, December 8th at 4:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

Join us as we create marshmallow launchers and learn about STEAM concepts. We'll work together to modify our creations to produce the best launch possible. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827

Finals Cafe

*Saturday, Dec 11 from 10 am to 1:30 pm
Southwest Branch Library*

Need a place for some last minute review before exams? Join us for this drop-in event to study in a quiet, relaxing atmosphere with free coffee & snacks, and a therapy dog!

*Saturday, Dec 11th from 10 am to 5 pm
Main Library in Newton*

Need a place for some last minute review before exams? Join us for this drop-in event to study in a quiet, relaxing atmosphere with free coffee & snacks, and a therapy dog!

*Saturday, Dec 11 from 10 am to 5 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library*

Need a place for some last minute review before exams? Join us for this drop-in event to study in a quiet, relaxing atmosphere with free coffee & snacks. For Grades 9-12.

St. Stephens Theme-Based Book Club

Monday, December 13 at 6:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for this monthly in-person event where you can gather with fellow book lovers and discuss books based around a common theme. This month's theme is holiday books, so revisit a favorite or find something new and come share your reading experience with us. Although this is an in-person event, patrons can still utilize the Facebook group for updates, book lists, and ongoing discussion by following this link: [facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub).

Recognizing Email Scams

Tuesday, December 14 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Scams can happen at any time and email scams can be hard to spot. Learn more about ways to recognize and report scams during this tutorial.

Not Your Grandma's Quilt Squares

Tuesday, December 14 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

There's lots of room for creativity and individuality in quilting. Join us to learn how to design a quilt square, inspired by the *Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter* exhibit, that highlights your personal style and favorite things using various levels of technology. For teens, ages 12-18.



Holly Jolly Trivia Night

Tuesday, December 14 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an evening of holiday trivia, games, prizes, and fun! This program is best suited for teens & adults. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6818.



Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members and is open to the public, even if you haven't read the book. Join us for a lively discussion on *Hour of the Witch* by Chris Bohjalian. Our January 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.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, December 16 at 5 pm

Whisk and Barrel in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, we're gathering to chat about December's pick, *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle. January's selection is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for 2022 at tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake.

Elf (the movie) Party

Saturday, December 18 at 11am

Conover Branch Library

Join us as we have an Elf themed Christmas Party full of holiday fun! We will be crafting, eating lots of sugar, and writing letters to Santa. Feel free to come in your ugly Christmas sweaters, Elf costumes, or any other holiday inspired attire. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, December 21 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Come and 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.

Teen New Year's Eve Party

Thursday, December 30 at 3:30 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Come count down to the new year on New Year's Eve!! Teens will enjoy games, festive snacks, and crafts to ring in 2022. Formal attire encouraged! To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6818.



LIBRARY TO GO

Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, December 2 & 16 at 10:45 am

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.

Light Up the Town

Friday, December 3 from 5 to 8 pm

Downtown Newton

Downtown Newton is hosting a holiday celebration that will include a static parade, local music and dance entertainment, snacks, and free pictures with Santa. Visit the Library to Go for fun activities and help us light up the town!



Claremont Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 4 at 3 pm

Downtown Claremont

We're so excited to be part of the annual Claremont Christmas Parade! Don't miss us and all the other wonderful floats that'll be driving by.

Library Outpost: Suds & Stories

Sunday, December 19 from 2 to 5 pm

Clean Wave Laundry, 2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601

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, job applications, or resume questions.



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