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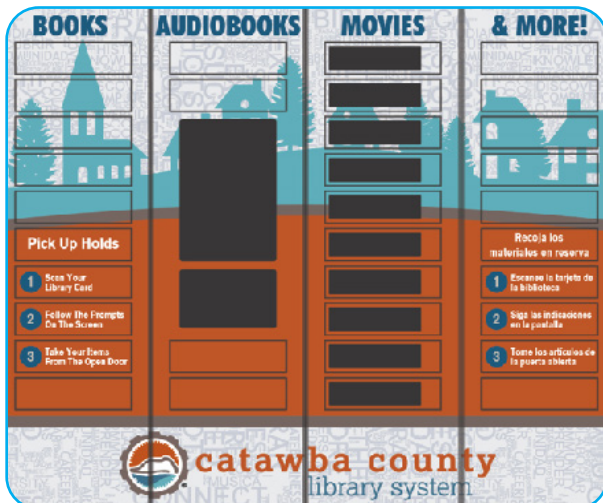
RIBBON CUTTING-LIBRARY LOCKER

HELP US CELEBRATE!

We are so excited to announce the Catawba County Library is putting the finishing touches on our **LIBRARY PICK UP LOCKER!** The locker is located at **CLEANWAVE LAUNDRY HICKORY** in **LONG VIEW**, allowing us to expand our services all across the county! We would love for you to celebrate with us and experience the full effect the pick up locker and our partnership with Cleanwave Laundry is making in the Longview community!

JANUARY 10TH at 10 AM
CLEANWAVE LAUNDRY HICKORY
2720 2nd Ave NW
Hickory, NC 28601

Providing convenient, free access to empowering library resources seven days a week, this new self-service locker system will allow people to browse a selection of books to check out or pick up books placed on hold from the library's online catalog. The system has a total of 34 lockers that can hold multiple books, audiobooks, or DVDs. Ten of the lockers will have a clear window where people can browse and check out specially selected bundles of items. All of these resources are available for free with a Catawba County **LIBRARY CARD**, available at any location or online at www.catawbacountync.gov/library.



*photo rendering: Catawba County Library Pick Up Locker

The library locker is the newest resource available in Long View thanks to the ongoing partnership with the owners of Cleanwave Laundry. Along with the library locker, CleanWave Laundry generously provides free Wi-Fi, charging stations, a small collection of children's books, several tables and seating areas during their regular operating hours.

CLEANWAVE LAUNDRY HICKORY - OPERATING HOURS
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY: 8 AM TO 8 PM
FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY: 7 AM TO 9 PM

The library will also provide two laptop computers that can be borrowed from Cleanwave staff for use inside the laundromat. This centralized location is also a monthly stop for the **LIBRARY TO GO** mobile unit, working to connect people to empowering library services. These include story times, STEAM, health and wellness, technology, and workforce development programs. This month the Library to Go will be at Cleanwave Laundry on Monday, January 10th for the ribbon cutting event and on Sunday, January 16th from 2-5 pm for its monthly stop.

The Library Locker furthers the library's mission to **CONNECT, EXPLORE, AND GROW** by bringing library services and resources outside the walls of the traditional library to meet our community where they are. Having this locker will allow children and families to more easily access high quality reading materials and participate in reading programs, including the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and Summer Reading programs. The Librarian from the Library to Go will provide expert help with technology, resumes, applications and job searches, building people's confidence to pursue their goals.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US AT CLEANWAVE LAUNDRY AT 10 AM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10TH, AS WE LAUNCH THIS EXCITING NEW LIBRARY SERVICE IN THE LONGVIEW COMMUNITY!

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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS.
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 17 IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY.

STORYTIME

Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom

Thursdays Jan 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 10 am
Join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime with singing, reading and lots of fun. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbathursdaystorytime or the library.

Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, January 6 & 20 at 10:45 am
200 S Main St, Catawba
Visit the Library to Go to check out books, get help with tech questions from 10 am - 2 pm, and enjoy a family storytime at 10:45!

Quilt Storytime with the HMA

Thursday, January 6 at 4 pm
Friday, January 21 at 11 am
Hickory Museum of Art, SALT Block
Inspired by The Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter, we'll be having a special storytime with our friends at the Hickory Museum of Art.



Snow Sisters Storytime

Saturday, January 15 at 3 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Anna and Elsa present a magical winter storytime! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/snowsistersstorytime or call 828-466-6821.

Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, January 26 at 11 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
A fun live event for the little ones presented in both English and Spanish! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/bilingualstorytimestst

CHILDREN

Winter Wonderland STEAM

Friday, January 7 at 4:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us for a fun seasonal program where we'll learn how to make a snowstorm in a jar as well as awesome paper snowflakes! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/wintersteamcccls or call 828-466-6821.

Titanic Sink or Float (Full STEAM Ahead)

Tuesday, January 11 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Kids will engineer a boat using simple materials and then test its abilities to stay afloat ensuring designated passengers remain safe. This is a STEAM program for elementary students. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Science with Christmas Leftovers

Thursday, January 13 at 4:30 pm
Main Library in Newton
We'll be conducting a few experiments with peppermints and poinsettia leaves in this program for 2nd to 5th graders.



STEAM: Marble Run

Wednesday, January 19 at 4:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Join us as we discover how to make a marble run from simple household items. Best suited for ages 5-14. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Japanese Culture Club – Japanese Zodiac

Monday, January 31 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Since it's The Year of the Tiger, we'll learn how to write tiger in Japanese and make a tiger-themed craft. All ages welcome! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/japanclubstst or call 828-466-6821.

TEENS

Teen Tuesdays at the Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, January 4 at 5 pm
Journaling has many benefits for all ages and a new year is a great time to start a healthy new habit. Teens are invited to decorate a journal and pick up a sheet of journal prompts.

Tuesday January 11 at 5 pm
2021 in Review! We'll talk about the top rated anime, manga, books, movies and music from 2021 according to the experts and share our personal favorites from last year.

Tuesday January 18 & 25 at 5 pm
Get your game on! We'll have games for you to try or you can bring your own handheld device for cooperative play.

TAB Meeting

Monday, January 10 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
St. Stephens Teen Advisory Board members will meet in-person to plan upcoming teen programs for the library. For more information, please call 828-466-6821.



Teen Advisory Council

Tuesday, January 25 at 5 pm
Main Library in Newton
Do you want your voice heard when it comes to programs and materials for teens? Apply to join the Teen Advisory Council. Meetings will be held at 5 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Applications are available at the Youth Services desk. For more information, visit the Newton library or call 828 465 8668.

Teen Life-Sized Clue

Tuesday, January 25 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Join us as we play a life-sized version of the Clue board game! Winners of each round will be entered into a prize drawing. Bring your friends and detective hats!

ADULTS

One-On-One Tech Help

January 1-31
Main Library in Newton
Did you know if you need help or have questions about technology, you can set up a one-on-one appointment with our Tech Connect Librarian? For more information or to set up an appointment, please call 828-465-9494.



Community Virtual Quilt Project

January 1-31
St. Stephens Branch Library
Let's build a virtual quilt together! Inspired by the *Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter exhibit*, you are invited to create your own quilt square. Send a picture to nmorse@catawbacountylibrary.gov
Quilt squares can be created at home, or at the St. Stephens Branch Library quilt creation table open all month long.

Zoom Room

January 1-31
St. Stephens Branch Library
Have a big job interview, or important telehealth visit coming up and need a place with reliable high-speed internet, a webcam, microphone, and privacy? St. Stephen's Branch Library is now offering reservations for our Zoom Room to help with issues like these. To reserve a time, please email Nicole at nmorse@catawbacountync.gov or call 828-466-6821.

***EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE ARE BEING OFFERED AS ONLINE PROGRAMS.**

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!

Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, January 3, 10, 24 & 31 at 6 pm
Main Library in 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.

Resumes 101

Wednesday, January 5 at 10 am
Online via WebEx

Learn tips to create a resume that will get you the interview in this virtual workshop from our friends at NCWorks Catawba. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Gentle Flow Yoga

Thursdays, January 6, 13, & 20 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.

Flashback Friday Trivia

Friday, January 7 & 21 at 10:30 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us for a trivia trip down memory lane as we tackle trivia questions related to history, popular culture, and famous personalities from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. Compete for prizes and enjoy coffee and doughnuts in this fun competition for adults who love trivia.

The Art & Craft of Quiltmaking: Jenny Perry

Saturday, January 8 at 10 am
Online via Zoom
In person at the Main Library in Newton
In person at the Maiden Branch Library
Join us for a presentation about the creation of art quilts with master textile artist, Jenny Perry from Swannanoa, NC. She'll show and tell us about her art quilt journey. Register at tinyurl.com/ccls-JennyPerry to receive the Zoom link or come to the Newton Library auditorium to watch on our large screen.



DIY Personalized Coasters

Saturday, January 8 at 11 am
Conover Branch Library
Create your own set of personalized coasters with the library! All supplies will be provided, or bring your own photos. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

St. Stephens Theme-Based Book Club

Monday, January 10 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Join us in-person to gather with fellow book lovers and discuss books based around a common theme. This month, we're reading books set during winter so reread a favorite or find something new and come share your reading experience with us. Make sure to join the Facebook group for updates, book lists, and discussion by following this link: www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Interviewing Tips

Tuesday, January 11 at 2pm
Online via WebEx
Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview in this virtual workshop from our friends at NCWorks Catawba. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs



Build Your Own Website

Tuesday, January 11 at 5 pm
Online via Zoom
Either for business or pleasure, starting a website isn't as complicated as one might think. Join us via Zoom to learn basic methods of building a functional site for your business, blog, or hobby. This class will explore WordPress as a website option. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-Website or call 828-465-9494.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, January 11 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 *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Our February book discussion will focus on *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen.

Clase de inglés

Miércoles 12, 19, 26 de enero de 6 - 7 pm
En línea por Zoom
¡Practique inglés con nosotros los miércoles por la tarde! Esta es una conversación de una hora (por Zoom) para estudiantes que desean ganar más confianza al hablar inglés. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, llame al : 828-465-8664.

ESL Class

Wednesday, Jan 12, 19, 26 from 6 - 7 pm
Online via Zoom
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. For more information or to register, please call 828.465.8664.

DIY Macramé Plant Hangers

Thursday, January 13 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the textile art of macramé as we learn how to create a plant hanger. Best suited for teens and adults. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.



Self Care Project: Mindfulness for Stress Reduction

Thursday, January 13 at 5:30 pm
Online via Zoom
With a fresh start for the new year, we'll be learning about using mindfulness to lessen the stress in our lives. We welcome certified personal trainer George Place to share with us his knowledge of techniques to increase mindfulness and decrease the harmful effects of stress. Register at tinyurl.com/ccls-SelfCare to get the Zoom link.

Eat This, Not That with Renee Green

Tuesday, January 18 at 11 am
Main Library at Newton
Inspired by the book series and the blog, we'll be taking a look at restaurant entrees and grocery store choices. With so many options available, it's not easy to stay informed, but this class will open your eyes to getting great flavor without excess fat and calories.

Popcorn Party!

Tuesday, January 18 from 5 to 7 pm
Maiden Branch Library
The whole family is invited to a drop-in popcorn party to celebrate National Popcorn Day. Drop in between 5 and 7 pm to visit all the popcorn activity stations! Learn cool facts about popcorn, play popcorn toss, make popcorn kernel rain sticks, and make an edible popcorn and seed garland for birds. And you guessed it! Eat freshly popped popcorn from a real popcorn machine! Please call 828-428-2712 if you have any questions.



Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, January 18 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Share your talents and 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.

Yoga for Everyone

Wednesdays, January 19 & 26 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly yoga class. Please bring a yoga mat or towel, as well as a small blanket. To register, visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Expungement Workshop

Wednesday, January 19 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

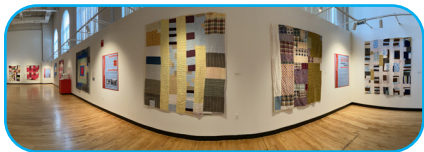
Do you or someone you know qualify for expungement? Learn what you need to know about having charges removed from criminal records in this virtual workshop from NCWorks Catawba. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Black History Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 19 at 4 pm

Hickory Museum of Art, Coe Gallery

We're discussing quilts and textile arts in African American history this month while surrounded by *The Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter* exhibit. After a brief introduction from HMA's Education Manager, Ginny Zellmer, we'll discuss the impacts that quilts and textile arts have had at different times in history.



Social Media Q&A

Thursday, January 20 at 11 am

St. Stephen's Public Library

Social Media is a great way to connect with family and friends that live far away but can also be confusing and hard to maneuver. If you have your own device, such as a laptop or cell phone, please feel free to bring them. To register, please call the Council on Aging at 828-328-2269.

History and Mystery: Art Quilts, Yesterday and Today

Thursday, January 20 at 1 pm

Hickory Museum of Art, Salt Block

You are invited to visit the Hickory Museum of Art's *The Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter* exhibit and then join us in the museum classroom for a presentation by Penland School of Craft's Textile Studio Coordinator Danielle Lasker. Topics covered include the history of traditional and modern quilt making as well as contemporary approaches to quilt construction. Arrive early to visit the exhibit.

Mountain View Book Buzz – Book Club

Monday, January 24 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

We are excited to start our book club again!! Everyone welcome! This month's book selection is *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes.

Basics of Going Virtual

Tuesday, January 25 at 1 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Many fun and interesting programs are offered via Zoom but using it isn't always easy. Join us for a tutorial on signing up for, logging into, and joining meetings on Zoom. We will look at the various settings available to you as a presenter and attendee and how you can set up your own meetings. To register, please call the Council on Aging at 828-328-2269.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, January 25 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. The book is an inspiring story of a teenage girl growing up in a rural Nigerian village who longs to get an education so she can break the chains of poverty and a culture that has very limited expectations for women. New members welcome!

STEAM: Paint Pouring Art

Tuesday, January 25 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Create eye-catching abstract art by experimenting with acrylic paint pouring methods. Learn about color theory, simple techniques for mixing paints for easy flow, and discovering tools to create cool effects. Best suited for teens and adults. All materials provided. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

No Sew Quilted Snow Person

Tuesday, January 25 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we make a no sew quilted snow person. This program is inspired by the *Improvisational Quilts of Susana Allen Hunter* exhibit featured at the HMA. Susana Allen Hunter used scraps of fabric in her creations, and we will too. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.



Conditional Formatting in Excel

Wednesday, January 26 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Expand your knowledge in the first class of this four-part Excel series. In Conditional Formatting, participants will learn how to use text and cell appearance to improve their ability to find and organize data. Basic Excel knowledge is suggested. For more information or to sign up for this class, please call 828-465-9494.

Job Applications

Thursday, January 27 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to complete a job application that will get you the interview in this virtual workshop from our friends at NCWorks Catawba. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, January 27 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

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

LIBRARY TO GO

Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, January 6 and 20 at 10:45 am

200 S Main St, Catawba

Visit the Library to Go to check out books, get help with tech questions from 10 am - 2 pm, and enjoy a family storytime at 10:45!



Library Outpost: Suds & Stories

Sunday, January 16 from 2 - 5 pm

Clean Wave Laundry, 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.



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