

# Library Connections

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## IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Filling an expressed need in the community to learn more of the full story of our history as a nation, and as a local community, the Black History Discussion Group began in February 2019 as a film and discussion series called Movies That Matter. After a particularly lively discussion among the attendees, all agreed that one month was not enough time to cover all of Black history in America and so the idea of a monthly program with different topics in Black history began. The discussion group welcomes new members.

For three years, the monthly gathering has discussed topics that include: Linda Brown and the landmark Supreme Court decision of Brown vs. Board of Education, the life of Henry McNeal Turner, the Amistad rebellion, the New Deal (1933-1936), the Freedmen's Bureau (1865-1877), the intersection of Black history and health, the 1964 Ridgeview football team known as the Untouchables, African Americans in aviation and space history, Belmont, NC artist Juan Logan, Black history and education, the Tuskegee Airmen, the life of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Black poets, and African American food culture.

The group has been a catalyst for learning about and using library resources. When the monthly gathering included the topic of Family History for African Americans, the group was introduced to the resources housed in the Rhodes Room, the library's local history and genealogy department. Family history and genealogy for African Americans present a unique set of challenges, making the resources available through the Rhodes Room exponentially more useful for families tracing their African American ancestors.

These resources can be found online and in print, and have been curated by Alex Floyd, Local History Librarian. Alex himself is a resource, helping guide patrons through generations of family lineage and records. Online resources include: AncestryLibrary.com, Heritage Quest Online, FamilySearch.org,

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (four NC Chapters - Piedmont Triad, NC Triangle Region, Sandhills, and Charlotte), RootsWeb.com, The Digital Library on American Slavery, and Documenting the American South. Databases, records, and family research guides can be found within these websites. In-house and print resources include: collections of African American newspapers, North Carolina Emancipation records, vital and marriage records of freed persons of color, slave records for Catawba and surrounding counties, and histories of Black families and African Americans in North Carolina.

In celebration of Black History Month, the library will partner with the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Catawba Valley Community College to recognize the accomplishments and work of the 2022 CVCC Multicultural Series Community Leader Award recipients for the February discussion. This award is presented during the college's Black History Month Celebration. The celebration has been held annually since 2003 and hosts a different theme each year. This year's celebration has a theme of Committing to Unity: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity. Each of the award recipients has shown commitment to unity through their work in the community.

### JOIN US!

Thursday  
February 17, 2022  
at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton  
Community Room

# STORYTIME

**Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom**  
Thursdays Feb 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 10 am  
Join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime with singing, reading and lots of fun. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbatchursdaystorytime](https://tinyurl.com/catawbatchursdaystorytime) or the library.



**Library to Go at the Town of Catawba**  
Thursday, February 3 & 17 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!

# CHILDREN

**Chinese New Year STEAM**  
Friday, February 4 at 4:30 pm  
St. Stephens Library  
Join us as we make an awesome paper lantern and origami tiger to celebrate the Chinese New Year. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/steam-stst](https://tinyurl.com/steam-stst) or call 828-466-6821.

**Take Your Child to the Library Day**  
Saturday, February 5

9 am - 6 pm at  
Main Library in Newton  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
St. Stephens Branch Library

9 am - 2 pm at  
Claremont Branch Library  
Conover Branch Library  
Maiden Branch Library  
Southwest Branch Library

We're celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day with crafts! Drop in join in on the fun!

**STEAM: Circuit Valentine's Day Cards**  
Thursday, February 10 at 4:30 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Join us as we learn about circuits and electricity while creating fun Valentine's Day cards that will be sure to brighten someone's day. Best suited for grades 3 and up. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

**Valentine's Crafting**  
Friday, February 11 at 4:30 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Celebrate Valentine's Day with us as we learn how to make a special valentine's card and a cool heart suncatcher. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/valentinecraftingstst](https://tinyurl.com/valentinecraftingstst) or call 828-466-6821.



**Valentine's STEAM**  
Saturday, February 12 at 11 am  
Conover Branch Library  
This STEAM program for elementary aged kids will allow them to do a hands-on experiment with a Valentine's theme. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

**Doodling with Mo Willems and Me**  
Tuesday, February 22 at 6 pm  
Online via Zoom  
Join us as we complete a Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems episode to celebrate the opening of the *Elephant & Piggie* in "WE ARE ART!" - A Mo Willems Exhibition at the Hickory Museum of Art. Show off your doodles and share which Mo Willems book is your favorite! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CatCoDoodle](https://tinyurl.com/CatCoDoodle)

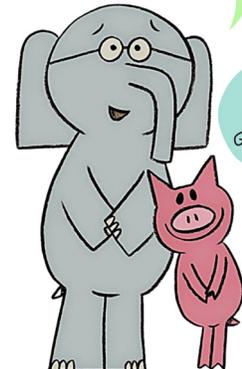
**Elephant and Piggie Program**  
Saturday, February 26

10 am - 12 noon at  
Conover Branch Library

2 - 4 pm at  
Main Library in Newton

Drop in to make a craft and meet popular book characters, Elephant & Piggie! Make sure to bring your camera for photo opportunities with the characters, and even have a chance to win a prize!

Hey Piggie, did you know we get to hang out at the library on February 26th?



That's great Gerald!

# TEENS

**Teen Tuesdays**  
Main Library in Newton

Tuesday, February 1 at 5 pm  
Craft: Air Plants

Tuesday February 8 at 5 pm  
Anime and Manga Night: Join us for a delayed celebration of the Lunar New Year with discussion of Fruits Basket and Chinese Zodiac.

Tuesday February 15 & 22 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. Teen Advisory Council will also be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

**Virtual Teen Pet Show and Tell**  
Tuesday, February 15 at 5 pm  
Online via Zoom  
Animal-lovers have one thing in common-they can't stop talking about their pets! It doesn't matter if you have dogs, cats, lizards, horses, mice, or fish, we want to see them. Introduce your pets, tell stories about them, and show us any tricks they can do. Teens without pets are invited to join the fun without worrying about allergies! All registrants will receive a photo keychain (carry your pet with you!) to be picked up at your home library branch. Door prizes will be given to one or two of the Zoom attendees. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CatCoPetShow](https://tinyurl.com/CatCoPetShow)

**Teen Advisory Council**  
Tuesday, February 22 at 5 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Do you want your voice heard when it comes to programs and materials for teens? Join the Teen Advisory Council. Meetings will be held at 5 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month. For more information, please visit the library or call 828-465-8668.



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

# ADULTS

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!

## Health & Wellness Resource of the Month

National Center for Complementary & Integrative Health  
[nccih.nih.gov](http://nccih.nih.gov)

Hippocrates (of oath fame) is credited with saying, "Let thy food be thy medicine and thy medicine be thy food," which given commercial trends of the past several decades, is making a lot of sense to a lot of people. This website helps us be well-informed consumers when we're deciding whether to try a traditional, ancient or more modern approach to our medical care.

## Blind Date with a Book

February 1-28

Southwest Branch Library  
Main Library in Newton

Need to find your new favorite book? Let the literary matchmakers at the Southwest Branch set you up on a blind date in this interactive display throughout the month of February. Who knows—you might just find The One!

## Basic Pottery Class

Tuesday, February 1 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Local potter Leslie J. Srail will take us through the basics of creating our own unique handmade pottery piece. All materials are provided and participants will receive their finished pieces once they are fired in the kiln! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.



## Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, Feb 2 & 16 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a class friendly for all body types and skill levels. This class is perfect for anyone looking for accessible ways to stretch, relax, and gain the benefits of doing yoga with the added security of using a chair. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## ESL Class

Wednesday, Feb 2, 9, 16, & 23 at 6 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. Please call 828.465.8664 to register or for more information.

## Clase de inglés

Miércoles 2, 9, 16 y 23 de febrero de 6 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 deseen ganar más confianza al hablar inglés. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, llame al : 828-465-8664.



## Eat This, Not That with Renee Green

Monday, February 7 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.

## Gentle Flow Yoga

Thursdays, Feb 3, 10, 17, & 24 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, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, Feb 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 6 pm

Main Library at Newton

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).

## Market Research with NC LIVE

Tuesday, February 8 at 12 pm  
Online webinar

NC LIVE is a free resource available through the North Carolina Library system, with access to tools and databases that can help start-ups and existing small businesses. This seminar introduces participants to NC LIVE and demonstrates how they can use various databases to research their business. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLSMARKETING](http://tinyurl.com/CCLSMARKETING)

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, February 8 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 *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larsen. Our March book discussion will focus on *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab.

## Super Cute Valentine's Gifts

Friday, February 11 at 1 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us to create adorable Valentine's (or Galentine's) gifts for the special someone's in your life. Personalized chocolates and re-purposed flower vases with homemade paper flowers will make gifts suitable for teens or adults. Crafts are family-friendly. All materials provided. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.



## St. Stephens Theme-Based Book Club

Monday, February 14 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. The theme for February is romance novels, so reread a favorite or find something new and come share your reading experience with us.

### Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, February 15 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.



### Basics of Going Virtual

Thursday, February 17 at 3 pm  
St. Stephens 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, attendee, and how you can set up your own meetings. This program is offered in collaboration with the Council on Aging. To register, please call 828-328-2269.

### Health & Wellness Apps: Choosing Wisely

Thursday, February 17 at 5 pm  
Online via Zoom

Learn the ins and outs of some of the most popular health & wellness apps, as well as some that are free to use. We'll discuss the science that supports their use and how to choose the apps that are right for you. To register, and receive the zoom link, please visit [tinyurl.com/ccls-HealthApps](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-HealthApps)

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### Did You Know?

You can now borrow books from our **Library Pick Up Locker** at CleanWave Laundry in Long View!



### Mountain View Book Buzz Book Club

Monday, February 21 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. All are welcome for lively conversation and lots of fun!

### Social Media Q&A

Tuesday, February 22 at 3 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Social media is a great way to connect with friends and family who live far away, but can also be confusing and hard to maneuver. Bring your questions and if you want, your own device such as a laptop or cell phone, to this session focused on making social media easier to use. This program is offered in collaboration with the Council on Aging. To register, please call 828-328-2269.

### Bad Art Night

Tuesday, February 22 at 6 pm  
Conover Branch Library

Want to paint, color, or just put glitter on things? Want to make something artistic without the pressure of being "good"? Join us as we make all kinds of art really, really bad!



### Formulas and Functions in Excel

Wednesday, February 23 at 5 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Join us to learn how to make Excel do the work for you by using commonly accessed formulas and functions. This program is part two in a four-part series. Attendance at all sessions is suggested but not required. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

### DIY Macramé Market Bags

Thursday, February 24 at 4 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of macramé as we learn how to create a market bag. Best suited for teens and adults. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.



### Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, February 24 at 5 pm  
Main Library at Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about February's selection, *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. March's pick is *Of Women and Salt* by Gabriela Garcia. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for 2022 at [tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake)

### Books Between Friends Book Club

Claremont Branch Library

Books Between Friends meets every other month. Join us in March, when we'll be discussing *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

## LIBRARY TO GO

### Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, Feb 3 & 17 at 10 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, February 20 from 2 - 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! Check out books, enjoy activities, and get help with tech or job hunting.



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