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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 3-9, 2022 is National Library Week

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...a time to highlight the role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Connect with Your Library."

As National Library Week Honorary Chair Molly Shannon says, "Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other." While it's true libraries connect with individuals on a personal level to meet their needs, the Catawba County Library System also connects with the whole community, leading the way as advocates, educators, and encouragers.

Catawba County Libraries ensure all of our community members have access to expert assistance with information and technology resources. Libraries strengthen our community and foster a passion for discovery, knowledge, and growth. As a trusted space, the library brings people, information, and ideas together - any time and any place - collaboratively addressing critical challenges facing the community by providing equitable access to the tools, resources, and spaces people need to succeed and thrive.

As a library user, you understand the benefits that libraries bring. This year's theme serves as a call to action, an invitation for communities to join, visit, and advocate for libraries. If you love your library, say it loud and proud: vocal community support helps libraries secure much-needed funding and reminds hardworking library staff that their efforts are appreciated. During National Library Week, we encourage you to share the benefits you've experienced at your library with a friend, a neighbor, a colleague, or an elected official. We also encourage you to join us in celebrating the library! Here are a few ways we'll be celebrating:

- Tuesday, April 5: **National Library Workers Day**.
- Wednesday, April 6: **Library Giving Day** and **Friends of the Library Book Sale** opens to supporters.
- Thursday, April 7: **Take Action for Libraries Day** and **Friends of the Library Book Sale** opens to the public.

To kick off National Library Week

we are hosting an author visit and writing workshop with

North Carolina
Poet Laureate,
Jaki Shelton Green
on Saturday,
April 2nd at the
St. Stephens
Branch Library,
starting at 10:30
am! Experience
the magic of
Green's storytelling
and discover your own
storytelling voice.



STORYTIME

Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Main Library in Newton
Wednesdays, April 13, 20, and 27 at 10 am
Fridays, April 22 and 29 at 10 am

Southwest Branch Library
Wednesdays, April 13, 20, and 27 at 11 am
Thursdays, April 14, 21, and 28 at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Wednesdays, April 13, 20, and 27 at 10 am
Thursdays, April 14, 21, and 28 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library
Tuesdays, April 19 and 26 at 6 pm
Thursdays, April 21 and 28 at 10:30 am

Maiden Branch Library
Thursdays, April 14, 21, and 28 at 10 am

Preschool story time with reading readiness. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Mo Willems Storytime & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 2 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library
Join us for a short, but fun-filled outdoor storytime featuring Mo Willems' books! We'll have an egg hunt immediately following. This program is ideal for kids 2-5 years old, but all are welcome.

Kontras Quartet

Wednesday, April 6 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
Join us for a family friendly performance from the Kontras Quartet, inspired by Mo Willem's book, Because. This community event is part of the Western Piedmont Symphony's Chamber Series.



Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, April 7 and 21 at 10:45 am
200 S Main St, Catawba
Visit the Library to Go to check out books, get help with technology questions from 10 am to 2 pm, and enjoy a family storytime at 10:45!

Knuffle Bunny Storytime and Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 9 at 3 pm
St. Stephens Park
Join us at St. Stephens Park to celebrate the work of Mo Willems with an awesome storytime centered around his popular Knuffle Bunny character, followed by an egg hunt in the park!

Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two

Mondays, April 18 and 25 at 10 am
Main Library in Newton
This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners. Playtime follows.

CHILDREN

Crafternoons – Unicorn Day

Friday, April 8 at 4:30 pm
St. Stephens Library
Celebrate this magical day by making your very own unicorn or dragon felt wall hanging! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/stcrafternoons or call 828-466-6821.

Paws to Read

Tuesdays April 12 and 26 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
To help youngsters build confidence in their reading skills the library partners with local certified therapy dogs (and their owners) for regular reading sessions. To schedule a 15-minute session call 828-466-6821.

Earth Day

Friday, April 22 at 3 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Children and families are invited to celebrate Earth Day with an afternoon of STEAM fun! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Pollination Station: Live Butterflies

Friday, April 22 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Visit our live caterpillars as they become butterflies at the library! Learn about the life cycle of butterflies, the importance of pollinators for the environment, and how we can protect and support them. Activities for children learning how pollination works will be available coupled with a small take home goodie to start your very own butterfly garden at home. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Growing in Gratitude

Saturday, April 23 at 10 am
Conover Branch Library
Want to show your teacher how much you care? Create a special flower pot to celebrate the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6). This program is ideal for kids 5-10, but all are welcome. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Japanese Culture Club

Monday April 25 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
This month we'll discover the cherry blossom viewing festival in Japan and you'll have the chance to make your own miniature cherry tree! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/japanclubstst or call 828-466-6821.

Tales in the Garden: All About Insects

Thursday, April 28 at 5 pm
Main Library in Newton
Join us in the Newton garden as we explore insects! We will share bilingual stories, build a bug hotel, sample honey, and learn about bees with the Catawba Valley BeeKeepers. Please bring your own blanket or camp chair.

Thumbelina with the Green Room Theater

Saturday, April 30
Conover Branch Library at 11 am
Main Library in Newton at 3 pm
Join us for a free and fun production of Thumbelina.

TEENS

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, April 4 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Meet with your fellow teens to plan programs for the youth of the St. Stephens Community. For questions, please email tquintos@catawbacountync.gov

Teen STEAM: Paint Marbling Mason Jar Glasses

Tuesday, April 5 at 6 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Join us to create marbled mason jars by experimenting with acrylic paint marbling methods. Wear clothes that could potentially get paint on them. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Teen Tuesdays

Main Library in Newton

Earth Day Inspired Craft
Tuesday, April 5 at 5 pm

Drawing Night - Manga
Tuesday, April 12 at 5 pm

Games – Outdoors (weather permitting)
Tuesday, April 19 at 5 pm

Learn to Make Egg Rolls
Tuesday, April 26 at 5 pm
To register, please call 828-465-8665.

Blackout Poetry

Wednesday, April 20 at 2 pm
Southwest Branch Library
April is National Poetry Month, and teens are invited to discover the poetry in the world around us by creating original pieces of blackout poetry from existing books or newspapers! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.



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

ADULTS

Author Talk and Writing Workshop with

Jaki Shelton Green

Saturday, April 2

Author Talk at 10:30 am

Writing Workshop from 12 pm - 1 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

North Carolina Poet Laureate, Jaki Shelton Green will facilitate a creativity salon focused on What We Keep Keeps Us: Exploring Our Human Museums. As we think of ourselves as our own curators or personal anthropologists, we will explore what's in our human museums and how these primary sources shape our lives, our values, and our creativity.

Workshop participants are invited to bring artifacts, photos, objects, heirlooms, or stories that hold special meaning for them. This session will include a writing exercise and discussion that examines the many narratives, memoirs, stories, poems, novels, and legacies that are hidden in full sight... just waiting to be written.

Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 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).

Meet Libby

Tuesday, April 5 from 1 pm - 3 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

If you haven't used the FREE Libby app yet to borrow digital titles from the library, join us in this drop-in program to learn the basics of Libby!

Resumes 101

Tuesday, April 5 at 2 pm

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

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, April 6 and 20 at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a class friendly for all body types and 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.

Goodwill Career Center

Wednesdays, April 6 & 20 from 1 pm - 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

A career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with resumes, interview practice and other soft skills, online applications, and job search strategies. Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling 828-465-8665 or drop in as you are able.

ESL Class

Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, & 27 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, 6, 13, 20, 27 de abril 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.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28 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. Class on 28th will be outside weather pending. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Common Interview Questions

Monday, April 11 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

"Tell me a little about yourself." "What's your greatest weakness?" "Why are you leaving your current position?" Learn tactics to answer these common interview questions and more at this hands-on workshop! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

St. Stephens Theme-Based Book Club

Monday, April 11 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 the theme is books from the NYT bestsellers list. Patrons can utilize the Facebook group for updates, book lists, and discussion by following this link: www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Senior STEAM Tuesday - Simple Circuits and Flowering Fun

Tuesday, April 12 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we learn about simple circuits and create a floral card that lights up. For more flowering fun we will explore facts about the Calla lily and learn how to harvest and propagate these elegant flowers. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Job Applications

Tuesday, April 12 at 2 pm

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

Center & Venture

Tuesday, April 12 at 3:30 pm

Bakers Mountain Park

Certified trainer and tai chi instructor 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 followed by an hour's hike. You'll find everything you need to improve your sense of wellbeing: stretching, activity, calm, and nature in the company of friends. Suitable for all fitness levels. Waiver required on site or at tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, April 12 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 *When Ghosts Come Home* by Wiley Cash.

Resume Writing

Wednesday, April 13 at 10 am

Southwest Branch Library

Job seekers and resume writers are invited to join us as we help prepare new resumes or spruce up your old one. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Embracing Self Love with Megan Logan

Wednesday, April 13 at 6 pm

Online via Zoom

Megan Logan, author of Self Love Workbook for Women: Release Self-Doubt, Build Self-Compassion, and Embrace Who You Are, will join us for a virtual talk about her book and the wisdom she has gleaned during her 22 years of counseling women and girls as a licensed clinical social worker in Florida. Several copies of her book will be given as door prizes to attendees. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/CatCoLogan

Weaving Workshop

Thursday, April 14 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of weaving as we learn how to create a project on a circular loom. Best suited for teens and adults. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.



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10 AM - 2 PM
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9:30 AM - 1 PM

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Ensaladas y aderezos caseros

Jueves 14 de abril 5:30 pm

Biblioteca de Newton

Si está tratando de comer más saludable, venga a este programa para aprender acerca de diferentes formas de preparar ensaladas y aprenda a cómo hacer aderezos saludables en casa. Program presentado en español e inglés.

Spring Salads and Homemade Salad Dressings

Thursday, April 14 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Are you trying to eat healthier? Join us to learn about different ways to prepare salads and learn how to make healthier salad dressings at home. Program presented in English and Spanish.

Mountain View Book Buzz – Book Club

Monday, March 18 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. All are welcome for lively conversation and lots of fun!

Interviewing Tips

Tuesday, April 19 at 2 pm

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

Popcorn Party!

Tuesday, April 19 from 5 pm to 7 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Come one! Come all! The whole family is invited to a drop-in popcorn party. Stop by between 5 and 7 pm to visit all the popcorn activity stations! Eat freshly popped popcorn from a real popcorn machine! Please call 828-428-2712 if you have any questions.

STEAM: Paint Marbling Wine Glasses

Tuesday, April 19 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us to create marbled wine glasses by experimenting with acrylic paint marbling methods. All materials provided. Wear clothes that could potentially get paint on them. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Intro to Libre Office

Tuesday, April 19 at 6 pm

Online via Zoom

Are you seeking an alternative to Microsoft or Google Suites? Sign up for this introductory overview of Libre Office, a free suite of programs comparable to Microsoft Office. To register, and receive the Zoom link, please visit tinyurl.com/CCLS-Libre

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, April 19 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

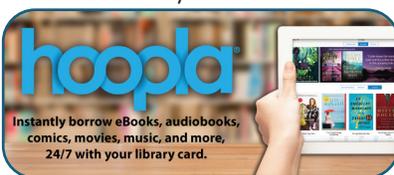
Share your talents while you learn from others. Bring a finished written song or one that's in progress to share with the group. Teens and tweens with musical talents are invited to join.

What's All the Hoopla?

Wednesday, April 20 from 3 pm - 5pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

You may have met Libby, but have you heard the hoopla about Hoopla? Drop in to learn the basics about this FREE app and we'll get you started so you have access to even more digital titles from the library.



Intro to Canva

Thursday, April 21 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us to learn the basics of Canva to create cards, invitations, and more. This program is offered in collaboration with the Council on Aging. To register, please call 828-328-2269.

Capturing Creative Images of Water

Sunday, April 24 at 8 am

Riverbend Park

Take advantage of the early morning light to learn about photographing water and water landscapes. We are pleased to have published photographer and CVCC instructor Joe Young on hand to share his knowledge with us. Get the most out of this workshop with your traditional camera but a cell phone camera can be used. It's also suggested to bring a tripod if you have one available. If you wish, you can submit your best image to Catawba County Parks' Monthly Photo Contest – the theme for April is 'Spring.'

The Walking Dead Virtual Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 26 at 6 pm

Online via Zoom and Kahoot

Are you ready to fight the dead with your knowledge of the dead? Join us for a virtual Walking Dead Trivia Night LIVE via Zoom and Kahoot. Prizes will be given to the winners. To register, and receive the Zoom link, please visit tinyurl.com/WDTrivia



Sort and Filter in Excel

Wednesday, April 27 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Use the sort and filter features in Excel to organize your data so you can find the information you are looking for easily. This program is the last in a four-part series. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-9494.

Credit/Money Management

Thursday, April 28 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

Learn the basics of making a budget, reading your credit report, and what affects your credit rating. This workshop is being offered by NCWorks Catawba and will be led by a HOPE Financial Wellbeing Coach. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, April 28 at 5 pm

Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about April's pick, *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides. May's selection will be *The Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for upcoming meetings at tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake

Book Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Books Between Friends meets every other month. Join us in May, when we'll be discussing *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. The group next meets on Tuesday, May 24 at 6 pm.

LIBRARY TO GO

Library to Go at Plaza Latina

Saturday, April 2 from 10 am – 1 pm

1901 Northwest Blvd, Newton

We're looking forward to sharing resources and activities with families at Plaza Latina. Come out and visit with us!

Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, April 7 and 21 from 10 am – 2 pm

200 S Main St, Catawba

Visit the Library to Go to check out books, get help with technology questions, and enjoy a family storytime at 10:45!



Southwest Car Show

Saturday, April 9 from 9 am – 2 pm

1580 32nd St SW, Hickory

We're taking part in festivities to benefit Southwest Primary and hope you'll join us to see a great car show and learn more about library resources.



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