

# Library Connections

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## MARCH IS

# NATIONAL READING MONTH

Every month is **READING** month at the library but we're celebrating a little extra in March!

March is National Reading Month, for all ages, and we're taking this opportunity to highlight a cornerstone of the library's mission, early childhood literacy. Recent studies indicate that now more than ever, we need to redouble our focus on early learning development for our youngest community members.

A baby's brain is built not born - the first 2000 days of a child's life is a critical period in brain development, a child's earliest experiences shape their brain's architecture, affecting how biological systems develop and impacting their cognitive, social and emotional skills for the rest of their life. As their first teachers, parents, grandparents, childcare providers, and preschool teachers can use five simple Every Child Ready to Read (ECRR) practices—talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing—to develop language and pre-reading skills in children from birth to age five.

**“Children are a product of their environment. The more that we can stimulate them and play with them and read to them and love them — that's what it's going to take.”**  
- Sean Deoni, PhD

The libraries' ECRR-focused storytimes, whether in the library, virtually, or through outreach, encourage fun in learning and provide examples for caregivers on how to nurture pre-reading skills at home. The library is also able to offer a monthly activity calendar of talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing for you to share with your child.

Families are invited to participate in the library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program that encourages families to read together. This simple program (read a book, any book with your child, with the goal of reading 1,000 before kindergarten), celebrates each 100 books read with a prize from the library! The library can also connect families with children under five to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, sponsored by the Catawba County Partnership for Children, ensuring every child has access to books regardless of income. Each

month, Imagination Library mails a high quality, age appropriate book to all registered children, addressed to them, at no cost to the child's family.

Through community partnerships, the library is able to share early literacy tools, storytimes, and collaborative programs outside of the library. The library is currently creating a family literacy center\* at CleanWave Laundry in Longview. This space will be designed to encourage parents and caregivers to practice the 5 key principles of the Every Child Ready to Read program with resources to prompt singing, talking, reading, writing, and playing. This space will include a child-size reading bench with book bins, a reading carpet, a magnetic whiteboard with gears and letters, a pretend play washer/dryer, and interactive learning toys. The Library to Go librarian can use this space to host story time programs and other programs geared toward elementary age students. Stop by Sunday, March 20th from 2 - 5 pm to join us in celebrating this new space.

In March, the library also celebrates the National Education Association (NEA)'s Read Across America, the nation's largest celebration of reading. This year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources that are about everyone, for everyone, with special celebrations of reading on March 2nd.

With so much to celebrate this month, the library will be hosting several special storytimes at the library, Town of Catawba, CleanWave Laundry, and the St. Stephens Park! We also have special visitors, Elephant & Piggie, coming to the library! Elephant & Piggie are in town for the Hickory Museum of Art's Elephant & Piggie in "WE ARE ART!" - A Mo Willems Exhibition.

We can't wait to see you at one of these events!

**Every child is born to read.**  
**Together, we can help them**  
**SING, TALK, READ, WRITE, PLAY**  
**EVERYDAY!**

\*Purchased with grant funds from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered by the State Library of North Carolina, (LS-249980-OLS-21).

# STORYTIME

## Live Preschool Storytime via Zoom

*Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 10 am*  
Join us for a live, interactive preschool storytime with singing, reading and lots of fun. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbathurs-daystorytime](http://tinyurl.com/catawbathurs-daystorytime) or your library.

## Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

*Thursday, March 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!

## Saturday Storytime

*Saturday, March 5 at 11 am*  
Conover Branch Library  
Enjoy stories, songs, and sensory play! This program is designed for preschoolers, but all are welcome. Please register by visiting the library or calling 828-466-5108.

## Family Storytime

*Thursday, March 10 at 4 pm*  
Main Library in Newton  
Join us for a special storytime and rainbow-inspired interactive stations. We will feature the book *The Tallest Leprechaun*.

## Sunny Spring Storytime

*Saturday, March 12 at 3 pm*  
St. Stephens Park  
Celebrate spring with your library during this monthly outdoor storytime at St. Stephens Park! We'll have fun stories, songs, and crafts! This month's theme is Lucky Leprechauns. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/springstorytimesccls](http://tinyurl.com/springstorytimesccls) or call 828-466-6821.



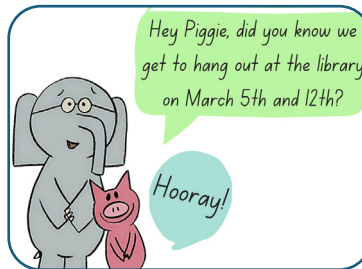
# CHILDREN

## Elephant and Piggie Program

*Saturday, March 5*  
Maiden Branch Library  
10 am - 12 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
2 - 4 pm

*Saturday, March 12*  
Southwest Branch Library  
10 am - 12 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
2 - 4 pm

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.



## Fun with Elephant & Piggie and Dirt

*Saturday, March 12 from 10 am - 2 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
Come meet Elephant & Piggie when they visit the library! We will have fun activities and crafts, including a take-home planting project, to celebrate the visit!

## Paws to Read

*Tuesdays March 15 & 29 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 reading session, please call 828-466-6821.

## Under the Stars – Mo Willems STEAM program

*Tuesday, March 22 at 5:30 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
Children and families are invited to our Mo Willems stary night of STEAM activities. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

## STEAM: Build a Musical Instrument Challenge

*Tuesday, March 22 at 6 pm*  
Maiden Branch Library  
Design, build, and test your very own musical instrument. What sounds does it make? Can you change the sounds by changing the design? Choose from a variety of materials including shoeboxes, cardboard, cans, rubber bands, beads, straws, balloons, water bottles, and many other things. Tools for decorating your instrument will be available. This event was created for children aged 7-12, but all ages are welcome. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CatColnstrument](http://tinyurl.com/CatColnstrument) or call 828-428-2712.

## Japanese Culture Club

*Monday, March 28 at 6:30 pm*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Discover Kendama, a popular game in Japan, by creating your own kendama and engaging in a friendly test of skill. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/japanclubstst](http://tinyurl.com/japanclubstst) or call 828-466-6821.

## Tales in the Garden: Full STEAM Ahead-Transportation

*Thursday, March 31 at 5 pm*  
Main Library in Newton  
Join us in the garden as we explore all things transportation! We will share bilingual stories featuring Mo Willems' Don't Let Pigeon Drive the Bus, explore a Greenway bus, build wooden school bus book ends, and experiment with cars.

## STEAM: Circuit Bugs

*Friday, March 11 at 4 pm*  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Join us as we learn about circuits and electricity while we create a light-up bug. Best suited for grades 3 and up. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## Crafternoons – St. Patrick's Day Crafts

*Friday, March 11 at 4:30 pm*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Put on your green and come celebrate this festive day by making a mini leprechaun garden and coffee filter rainbow! All participants wearing green clothing or accessories will receive a special surprise! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/stcrafternoons](http://tinyurl.com/stcrafternoons) or call 828-466-6821.

# TEENS

## Teen Tuesdays

Main Library in Newton  
*Tuesday, March 1 at 5 pm*  
Teen Movie Night  
*Tuesday, March 8 at 5 pm*  
Craft: Macrame Rainbow  
*Tuesday, March 15 at 5 pm*  
Manga/Anime Trivia Night  
*Tuesday March 22 at 5 pm*  
Game Night  
*Tuesday, March 29 at 5 pm*  
Teen Advisory Council Meeting

## TAB Meeting

*Monday, March 7 at 6 pm*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Join your fellow teens as they plan events and activities for teens in the community.

## Mario Madness!

*Friday, March 11 at 2 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.  
*Tuesday, March 22 at 6 pm*  
Conover Branch Library  
To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

Start your engines and get ready for a Mario Kart Wii tournament at the library! Teens are invited to race to the finish to win prizes and, of course, bragging rights!



## Teens Women's History Month Celebration

*Saturday, March 19 from 10 am - 5:45 pm*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Join us as we celebrate Women's History Month with movie showings (PG/PG-13), snacks, and the chance to create your own bookmark to commemorate the important contributions made by women. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/StStWHM](http://tinyurl.com/StStWHM) or call 828-466-6821.

## Needle Felting for Teens

*Thursday, March 24 at 4 pm*  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Learn the textile art of needle felting as we create decorative Easter Eggs. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

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

# ADULTS

## March is National Reading Month!

### Health & Wellness Resource of the Month

Office on Women's Health

[www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov)

Many aspects of health are the same for men and women -- good nutrition is important for everyone. However, there are some health issues that primarily affect women -- and this website is a go-to source for critical women's health issues from A (autoimmune disorders) to Y (yeast), providing education for health care professionals as well as consumers.

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, March 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 a great yet easy way to stretch, relax, and gain the benefits of doing yoga without ever having to leave a chair. To register, please call 828-466-6827 or visit the branch.

### ESL Class

Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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, 23 y 30 de marzo de 6 pm

En línea por Zoom

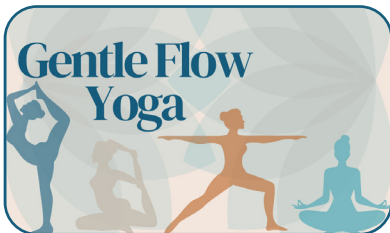
¡Practique inglés con nosotros los miércoles por la tarde! Esta es una conversación de una hora (por Zoom) para estudiantes que desean ganar más confianza al hablar inglés. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, llame al : 828-465-8664.

### Gentle Flow Yoga

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 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.



### Learning Libby with the Experts

Thursday, March 3 at 11:30 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

If you haven't used the FREE Libby app yet to borrow digital titles from the library, join us as we learn the basics of Libby! Basics will be followed by all of our favorite tips & tricks for more experienced users. To register, please visit [bit.ly/catawbatrain](http://bit.ly/catawbatrain) or call 828-466-6821.



### Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

Mondays, March 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).

### Canva for Small Businesses

Tuesday, March 8 at 12 pm

Online Webinar

Canva is a graphic design platform, used to create social media graphics, presentations, and more. Whether you're a digital marketing whiz that wants to create more engaging content or you just want to jazz up a flyer for your next event, Canva can help professionalize your marketing. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLSCanva](http://tinyurl.com/CCLSCanva)

### Resumes 101

Tuesday, March 8 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](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### Senior STEAM Tuesday - Phone Photos and Framing Fun

Tuesday, March 8 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

You took photos with your phone...now what? Join us as we discover ways to manage, edit, and print photos from your phone. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

### Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, March 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 Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Our April book discussion will focus on *When Ghosts Come Home* by Wiley Cash.

### DIY Macramé Wall Hanging

Thursday, March 10 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

### Houseplant Exchange

Saturday, March 12 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Join the library and the NC Cooperative Extension for a presentation on how to choose and care for houseplants, and the benefits they provide. Bring your pest-free houseplants for trade, potted or bare root. All are welcome!

### Pi Party!

Monday, March 14 at 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

Have fun with us as we celebrate everyone's favorite irrational, irascible number, 3.14... Play pi games, create a custom pie bar, make pi art, and win a prize if you can recite the most correct pi digits!

### Common Interview Questions

Monday, March 14 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, March 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 titles based around a common theme. This month the theme is read a book with a woman as the main character, so reread a favorite or find something new and come share your reading experience with us. Patrons can utilize the Facebook group for updates, book lists, and discussion by following this link: [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub)

### Job Applications

Tuesday, March 15 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](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### Canva for the Classroom

Tuesday, March 15 at 5 pm

Online via Zoom

In person - Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Are you an educator in schools, daycares, or homeschools needing design resources? This webinar is for you! This program will cover some of what you can create using Canva for your classroom. This program is not only for educators, all are welcome! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLSCanvaClass](http://tinyurl.com/CCLSCanvaClass)

### Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, March 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.

### Resume Writing

Wednesday, March 16 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.

### Early Literacy for Caregivers

Wednesday, March 16 at 11 am  
Online via Zoom

Overwhelmed by the thought of helping your little one learn to read? Have you forgotten more songs and finger plays than you remember? Aren't sure what a finger play is? This is the Zoom for you! Library staff will share tips, tricks, and resources in this virtual workshop designed for caregivers. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCL-EarlyLit](http://tinyurl.com/CCL-EarlyLit)

### Hands Only CPR

Saturday, March 19 at 11 am  
Conover Branch Library

A 30-minute training teaching hands-only technique for CPR. Participants learn how to check for consciousness, call 911 (or the local emergency number), and give continuous chest compressions. CPR training certification is not provided through this course.

### Eat This, Not That

Monday, March 21 at 11 am  
Main Library in Newton

Inspired by the book series and the blog, we're taking a look at restaurant entrees and grocery store choices. This workshop will open your eyes to getting great flavor without sabotaging your health.

### Senior Bingo

Monday, March 21 at 2 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

You're invited to Senior Bingo, a free event for those 60+. Prizes will be awarded. This program is offered in collaboration with the Council on Aging, and sponsored by Carolina Caring. To register, please call 828-328-2269.

### Mountain View Book Club – Book Club

Monday, March 21 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by ML Stedman. All are welcome for lively conversation and lots of fun!

### Interviewing Tips

Tuesday, March 22 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](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### Center & Venture

Tuesday, March 22 at 3:30 pm  
Riverbend Park

Certified 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 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](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-CenterVenture-reg)



### Book Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, March 22 at 6 pm  
Claremont Branch Library

Join us for a discussion of historical fiction bestseller *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. All are welcome to attend.

### Needle Felting

Tuesday, March 22 at 6 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn the textile art of needle felting as we create decorative Easter Eggs. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use. To register, visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

### Graphs and Pivot Tables in Excel

Wednesday, March 23 at 5 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Make your Excel workbook stand out by using graphs and pivot tables to visually represent your data. This program is part three in a four-part series. Attendance at all sessions is not required. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

### How to Avoid Email and Phone Scams

Thursday, March 24 at 11 am  
St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us to learn tips and tricks to recognizing and reporting email scams, and ways to handle phone scams and robo calls. This program is offered in collaboration with the Council on Aging. To register, please call 828-328-2269.

### Expungement Workshop

Tuesday, March 29 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](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### National Take a Walk in the Park Day

Wednesday, March 30 at 11 am & 3:30 pm  
11:00 am at Conover City Park  
3:30 pm at Heritage Greenway Trailhead in Newton

Walking in nature has physical, mental, emotional and spiritual benefits. Bring a friend with you and it has social benefits too. For these walks with library staff, book talk is welcome but optional.

### Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, March 31 at 5 pm  
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton

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

## LIBRARY TO GO

### Library to Go at the Town of Catawba

Thursday, March 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!

### Opening Celebration! Sunday, March 20 from 2 - 5 pm Clean Wave Laundry

Join us for the opening of the family literacy center and experience interactive learning through hands-on play.

### Library Outpost: Suds & Stories

Sunday, March 20 from 2 - 5 pm  
Clean Wave Laundry, 2720 2nd Ave NW,  
Hickory, NC 28601

Check out books, enjoy activities, and get help with technology or job hunting.



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