

# Library Connections

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## SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD TO AN AWARD-WINNING LIBRARY

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, a time for libraries to invite everyone to enjoy access to library resources and programs. If you have a Catawba County Library card, you're probably already aware of all of our wonderful resources, but did you know it also gives you bragging rights!?

Catawba County Library has continued to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of the community, and this past year, the Catawba County Library has won several awards recognizing innovative and empowering services including:

### National Association of Counties Awards:

- **Hmong Keeb Kwm:** The Hmong Heritage Project - awarded Best in Category, the Catawba County Library worked with the Hmong community, the Historical Association, and Digital Heritage NC to collect, curate, and preserve a digital collection of the twentieth-century history of Hmong migration and community-building within the region. The digital collection can be found here: [www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/hmong-keeb-kwm](http://www.digitalnc.org/exhibits/hmong-keeb-kwm)
- **Community Navigators** - recognizing the Catawba County Library's development of a navigator role to assist residents one-on-one with identifying and locating resources for a variety of needs.
- **Wi-Fi for All** - recognizing the Catawba County Library's community Wi-Fi program, and the lending of Wi-Fi hot spots, tablets, and laptops that helps provide broadband access to residents.

### NC Association of County Commissioners Award:

- **WiFi for ALL** - 2022 Civic Excellence in Innovation Award.

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ODPHP Award:

- **Healthy People 2030 Champion Program** - recognizing the Catawba County Library's commitment to eliminating health disparities and improving the health and well-being of the community.

These award-winning projects were made possible through grant funding, and this past year, the Catawba County Library has been awarded several new grants to continue expanding library services. Here is a list of current and upcoming grant-funded projects:

### State Library of North Carolina Grants\*:

\*Federal funding provided through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and administered by the State Library of North Carolina.

- **Spaces for Success:** Adapting Technologies - to update conference and study room technology with video conferencing equipment to meet the community's needs for virtual education, health care, and employment interactions.
- **Laundry Literacy** - to make high quality reading materials and interactive early literacy manipulatives more accessible in the community through laundromat partners.
- **Library Locker** - to expand library services to a previously underserved area by providing a self-service locker system allowing library patrons to browse, check out, or pick up materials placed on hold from the library's online catalog without having to travel out of the community.
- **Power of Play** - to create an interactive, early literacy space at the Southwest Branch Library (coming soon).

### Kenneth K. Millholland and Suzanne G. Millholland Endowment Fund Grant:

- **Early Literacy Destination** - to assist with creating an interactive, early literacy space at the St. Stephens Branch Library (coming soon).

We are proud to empower lives and build community as a part of this award-winning library system. We invite you to join us by getting your library card today.

**To sign up for a library card or to learn more about your award-winning library's resources and programs, please visit the library or [www.catawbacountync.gov/library](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library)**

**NO INTERNET? SLOW INTERNET?  
WE NEED TO KNOW.**

**Take the 5 minute #NCBroadband Survey at [ncbroadband.gov/survey](http://ncbroadband.gov/survey) or text "internet" to 919-750-0553 to get your community better connected.**

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 TO OBSERVE THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.**

# CHILDREN

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

### Maiden Branch Library

Thursdays at 10 am

### Southwest Branch Library

Wednesdays at 11 am

Thursdays at 10 am

### Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Wednesdays at 10 am

Thursdays at 10 am

### St. Stephens Branch Library

Thursdays at 10 am

### Main Library in Newton

Wednesdays at 10 am

Fridays 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.

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two

Mondays 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.

## Saturday Storytime

Saturday, September 3 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

Enjoy a special storytime, where we'll have stories, songs, and sensory play! This program is designed for preschoolers, but all are welcome.

## Autumn Crafts

Thursday, September 8 from 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Get ready for fall with some autumn-themed crafts at this drop in program.

## PAWS To Read

Saturday, Sept. 10 beginning at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Schedule a 20-minute appointment to read with a certified therapy dog in a relaxing setting. Practice reading aloud to a patient pup who will love the sound of your voice and the story you choose. To schedule an appointment, please call 828-466-6821.

## MineCRAFTS

Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Combine your science and art skills to create some mine-blowing crafts. This program is best suited for school aged students ages 7 and up.



## Play, Design & Code Retro Arcade Games

Wednesday, September 14 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Celebrate National Coding Week with us! Play fun arcade games, design your own sprites, and learn the basics of coding your own game with MakeCode Arcade. Recommended for grades 2+. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

## Talk Like a Pirate Day

Monday, September 19 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Yar! Ahoy, me hearties! Let's celebrate the nefarious deeds of pirates of the past with pirate talk and pirate themed activities for ages 6 to 11. Dress like a pirate and prepare to make yer own espada ropera sword from newspaper and duct tape. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

## Pre-K Play!

Saturday, September 24 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Join us for fun, fitness-focused play with music, games, and an obstacle course! Kids will have a blast as they explore, exercise, and develop motor skills. This program is designed for preschoolers, but older children are welcome.

## DIY Kinetic Sand

Thursday, September 29 at 4:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Do you love kinetic sand as much as we do? Join us as we learn how to make it ourselves. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## Tales in the Garden: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Thursday, September 29 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for an evening of stories in English & Spanish, with crafts and special entertainment by Traditional and Modern Raza Dance Troops! Participants will also take part in adding to a permanent garden art installation. Families do not want to miss this fun evening!

# TEENS

## Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

September 6: Origami

September 13: Downtown Newton Walk

September 20: Taste different varieties of apples and make an apple treat or two

September 27: Game Night

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Saturday, September 3 at 3:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

St. Stephens Teen Advisory Board will meet to plan teen programs for October, November, and December.

## DIY Paper Seed Sheet

Saturday, September 10 at 11 am

Maiden Branch Library

Learn the basics of making recycled paper for writing and drawing, or a seed sheet! Perfect for gift giving or fall planting! Grades 6 - 12.



## Tournament of the Pixels

Saturday, September 10 from 12 - 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join the St. Stephens Teen Advisory Board to hang out for an afternoon of board games, card games, computer games, or your own handheld video games (Nintendo Switch, DS, Gameboy)! Compete in a Wii Mario Kart tournament starting at 2 pm. Snacks will be provided. Grades 7-12. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

## Perler Bead Club

Thursday, September 15 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Love crafts but aren't super crafty? Join the Perler Beads Club! At this easy craft, you'll make designs (keychains, coasters, artwork) using small beads that are fused together with heat. Templates and materials provided.

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, September 17 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Are you curious about Dungeons and Dragons but never had an opportunity to play? Discover your inner warrior and join us in this epic adventure.

## Manga Collage Bookmarks

Tuesday, September 20 at 3:30 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Can't find a bookmark that speaks to your love for manga? Create your own manga bookmark collage! Materials and supplies included. Grades 9-12.

## Teen Book Tasting

Thursday, September 29 at 4 pm

Conover Branch Library

Enjoy getting to know some Juvenile and Young Adult fiction books! The book tasting will allow you to sample different titles and get recommendations from both a librarian and your peers. Light snacks will be provided—just bring your hunger for reading!



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

# ADULTS

## Zumba LIVE with Honey & Jossiah

*Mondays 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).

## Just Walk!

*Fridays at 4 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Join us for a fun indoor walk. Enjoy music, moves and smiles—this is more fun than anyone should have on a fitness walk! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

Fitness waiver required.

## Community Garden Volunteer

*Saturdays, Sept. 3 & 17 from 9 - 11 am*

*Main Library in Newton*

If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. To register, please call 828-466-6828.

## The Station Book Club

*Wednesday, September 7 at 10 am*

*Conover Branch Library*

All are welcome to join as we discuss *Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty. Don't worry if you haven't read it yet—we will also do a book-share at the end with other recommended reads!



## Chair Yoga

*Wednesdays, Sept. 7 & 21 at 11:30 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.

## Career Center

*Wednesdays, Sept. 7 & 21 from 1 - 4 pm*

*Main Library at Newton*

A career specialist from Goodwill Industries 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.

## Interviewing Tips Workshop

*Thursday, September 8 at 10 am*

*Online via WebEx*

Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview! To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

## Cut the Cord on Cable

*Thursday, September 8 at 2 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Learn tips and tricks to reduce your cable bill or switch to streaming services for your entertainment purposes. Everyone is invited to bring their cable bill! While all are welcome, this program is in collaboration with the Council on Aging and registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 828-328-2269.



## Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents

*Thursday, September 8 at 5:30 pm*

*Main Library at Newton*

Are you the caregiver of an aging parent or loved one? If so, you are invited to join other caregivers at this ACAP-Hickory/Foothills Meeting. ACAP (Adult Children of Aging Parents) promotes education, support and community as we care for our aging loved ones and ourselves. This month we're learning about Medicare and SHIP: The 'Must Knows' presented by Vickie Blevins, SHIP trainer. No need to RSVP - just show up and bring a friend!

## Gentle Flow Yoga

*Fridays, Sept. 9, 16, 23 & 30 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.

## Encore: Downton's New Era: Tea & Trivia

*Saturday, September 10 at 11 am*

*Main Library at Newton*

Join us for a very short trivia game followed by a screening of a new favorite, *Downton Abbey: a New Era*. Enjoy an "Elevenses" tea during the game and if you wish, popcorn during the film. Take home some recipes appropriate for High Tea, Afternoon Tea or Cream Tea. Trivia team names welcome but not necessary. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

## Club the lectura: Un corazón lector

*Domingo, 11 de septiembre a las 5 pm*

Se reunirá para discutir y conversar acerca de la segunda parte del libro "*El Comensal*" de Gabriela Ybarra. La ubicación de las reuniones cambia. Por favor, llame al 828.465.5664 para más información.

## Adult Book Club (virtual)

*Monday, September 12 at 6:30 pm*

*Online via Facebook*

September's theme is to read a book set before you were born and share your reading experience with us. Follow along here for updates, book lists, and meetings: [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub)

## Adult STEAM: Digital Resources:

**Libby & Hoopla**

*Tuesday, September 13 at 2 pm*

*Southwest Branch Library*

What is an E-book? What is an E-Audiobook? This digital learning class will feature our free and convenient digital apps, Libby & HOOPLA.

Participants will learn how to set up accounts using their library card, pin number and email address, unlocking a whole world of e-books, e-audiobooks, and more. Be sure and bring your smart phone, laptop or tablet for one-on-one help!

## Perennial Plant Exchange

*Tuesday, September 13 at 6 pm*

*Conover Branch Library*

Join the library for a brief presentation on how to choose and care for perennials. Bring your perennial seeds, starts, and bulbs for trade. Don't worry if you don't have any plants to trade, all are welcome!

## Reunión informativa de programas 4-H

*Martes, 13 de septiembre 6 - 7 pm*

*Biblioteca de Newton*

Programa presentado en español. Venga a aprender acerca de los diferentes Club 4-H, un programa con la Oficina de Extensión Cooperativa para niños de 5-18 años que ofrece clubes y actividades de diferentes temas a muy bajo costo.

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, September 13 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 *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson.

## Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

*Wednesday, September 14 at 10 am*

*Online via WebEx*

Learn tips for creating a resume and completing a job application. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

## Market Research with NC LIVE

*Thursday, September 15 at 12 pm*

*Online via Zoom*

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 conduct research on their industry, competitors and identify potential customers. 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/CCLSMktg](http://tinyurl.com/CCLSMktg)

## Mountain View Book Buzz

*Monday, September 19 at 6 pm*

*Southwest Branch Library*

Join us as we discuss *Code Name Hélène* by Ariel Lawhon. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!





**Health Insurance & Legal Aid Navigator**  
 Tuesday, September 20 from 2 - 7 pm  
 Main Library at Newton  
 Stop in to visit with federally qualified health insurance navigators who provide information about Legal Aid of North Carolina FREE legal services and unbiased help finding quality affordable health insurance. The navigators offer experienced counsel when applying for medical and mental health insurance through the marketplace.gov official government website. They can explain options and assist consumers with estimating their income for the year ahead to see if they qualify for tax credits and/or cost sharing reductions.

**Catawba Songwriters**  
 Tuesday, September 20 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.



**Expungement Workshop**  
 Wednesday, September 21 at 10 am  
 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)

**Needle Felting**  
 Thursday, September 22 at 4 pm  
 Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
 Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create an owl ornament. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

**Digital Resources: Libby & Hoopla**  
 Monday, September 26 at 6 pm  
 Southwest Branch Library  
 This digital learning class will feature our free and convenient digital apps, Libby & HOOPLA. Participants will learn how to set up accounts using their library card, pin number and email address, unlocking a whole world of e-books, e-audiobooks, and more!

**Credit/Money Management**  
 Tuesday, September 27 at 10 am  
 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](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

**Creative Outlet: Hand Lettering**  
 Tuesday, September 27 at 3 pm  
 Main Library at Newton  
 Hand lettering is a visual art form that focuses on drawing and illustrating letterforms by hand. For this hands-on workshop, we'll follow up on last month's workshop with a new lesson and then put what we've learned into practice. Supplies provided but feel free to bring your own pens if you have favorites. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.



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

**Books Between Friends Book Club**  
 Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm  
 Claremont Branch Library  
 Join us for a discussion of the novel *Lessons in Chemistry*, the blockbuster debut by Bonnie Garmus. Everyone is welcome.

**Creative Writers Club**  
 Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm  
 Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
 Discover your inner creative writer and a collaborative work space to write, share ideas, and provide feedback on each other's work. Materials will be provided, but you're free to bring devices if that is preferred. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

**Trivia Night**  
 Tuesday, September 27 at 6 pm  
 Southwest Branch Library  
 Join us for an evening of trivia! Valerie Carpenter (Alexander County FOL President) will host this program guaranteed to test your knowledge. Trivia night will be full of facts, fun and festive prizes. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

**Piece of Cake Book Club**  
 Thursday, September 29 at 5 pm  
 Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton  
 Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about September's pick, *Learning to Speak Southern* by Lindsey Rogers Cook. Get ahead by checking out October's selection, *The Lies I Tell* by Julie Clark. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for upcoming meetings at [tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake)

## LIBRARY TO GO

**Check out and Storytime: Catawba**  
 Thursday, Sept. 1 & 15 from 10 am - 2 pm  
 200 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609  
 Visit our mobile library to check out our rotating selection of books, learn about our electronic resources, or receive technology help. Our family storytime filled with stories, songs, crafts, and sensory play starts at 10:45 am!

**Public Health Farmers Market**  
 Thursday, September 8 from 10 am - 1 pm  
 3070 11th Ave. Dr. SE, Hickory, NC 28602  
 The Library to Go will be bringing the party to the farmers market with music, games, and books for all ages.



**Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories**  
 Sunday, September 11 from 2 - 5 pm  
 2720 2nd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601  
 Check out books, use our wi-fi hotspot, or get some one-on-one help with your device. Our family storytime filled with stories, songs, and sensory play starts at 3 pm.

**Hispanic Heritage Festival**  
 Sunday, September 18 from 4 - 7 pm  
 246 Union Square NW, Hickory, NC 28601  
 Join us at this fun free event for all ages celebrating Hispanic heritage! There will be music, dancing, food, games, face painting, and more! Visit the Library to Go for books and children's activities!



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