

# Library Connections

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## EARLY LITERACY READY TO LEARN

As a cornerstone of the library's mission, early literacy is a driving force behind library services, spaces and partnerships, aimed at ensuring our children start school ready to learn and positioned to excel, and to promote caregiver engagement in early literacy learning.

Regularly scheduled programs include our Ready to Learn Storytimes and Pre-K Play. The Ready to Learn: Preschool Storytimes are designed to engage children ages 3-5 through interactive songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories. The Ready to Learn: Tiny to Two Storytimes use interactive songs, rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and stories to engage our youngest learners with their caregivers as they develop foundational early literacy skills. Pre-K Play is a fun, fitness-focused play program where preschoolers have a blast as they explore, exercise, and develop their gross motor skills.

In addition to the library's nearly 30,000 print titles for children age 0-8, Catawba County Library card holders have access to thousands of online resources. Using the Libby app, parents and caregivers can access the statewide NC Kids Digital Library designed just for kids with a vast collection of downloadable e-books and audiobooks. With the Hoopla app, parents can turn on Kids Mode to have access to hundreds of e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, and TV shows for children. The Tumblebooks app connects parents to online storybooks, read alongs, videos, puzzles and games.

Each of our library locations have a designated children's area complete with books, interactive learning toys, and literacy based computers for children. The library has expanded early literacy spaces to include Literacy Trails where families visiting Murray's Mill, Bunker Hill Covered Bridge, St. Stephens Park or Bakers Mountain Park can enjoy nature while they follow along with the pages of a storybook. This year, through a specially funded grant project, the library established an early literacy space at the Cleanwave Laundry in Longview.

The library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading challenge is an incentive-based, early literacy initiative intended to help establish reading together as an important practice for parents of young children. The concept is simple and the rewards are priceless. The goal is for parents to read 1000 books to their newborn, infant or toddler before that child enters kindergarten. And yes, you can and may have to read the same book 100 times! Each time a book is read, children add a sticker to a tracking sheet and each time 100 books are read, children are invited to the library to pick a prize out of the treasure chest. Families are encouraged to register for the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten reading challenge by stopping by their local branch or registering online at the library's homepage. [www.catawbacountync.gov/library](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library)

Parents of children 5 and under are also encouraged to register their child for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This is a free program provided through the Catawba County Partnership for Children which mails an age-appropriate book to children every month until they turn 5 years old. The Catawba County Partnership for Children works to ensure that every child in Catawba County enters kindergarten prepared for lifelong success. They oversee the free NC Pre-K program, serve as a local hub for early childhood services and programs, provide free childcare resources, and free parent education and support. In September 2021, the Children's Resource Center launched the "Our Nest Diaper Pantry," a supplemental diaper supply service for families struggling with diaper needs in Catawba County.

**During the month of October, the Catawba County Library will be hosting a diaper drive to benefit the Our Nest Diaper Pantry. Donations of diapers and pull-ups from newborn to 4t/5t sizes, unopened wipes and diaper cream can be dropped off at any library location.**



at the Children's Resource Center

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# 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.

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Bilingual

Wednesdays at 10am

Miercoles a la 10am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for an exciting bilingual storytime featuring stories, songs, movement, learning and more for children up to 5 years of age. Únase a nosotros para escuchar historias, canciones, movimiento, aprendizaje y más los miércoles por la mañana a las 10 a.m. Nos encantaría ver a sus pequeños en etapa pre-escolar para una hora de cuentos verdaderamente emocionante.

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Fire Safety

Thursday, October 13 at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library

Thursday, October 27 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a special storytime with guest Melanie Sigmon from Catawba County Emergency Medical Services to celebrate Fire Prevention Week.

## Saturday Storytime

Saturday, October 1 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

Come enjoy a special storytime, where we'll have stories, songs, and sensory play! Designed for preschoolers but all are welcome.

## Haunted Building Construction

Thursday, October 6 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

Construct a haunted building using provided materials. We'll display the structures in the youth services area for the rest of October.

## STEAM: Haunted Gingerbread Houses

Friday, October 7 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Feeling spooky? Bring your family to construct a haunted gingerbread house! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## PAWS To Read

Saturday, October 8 & 22 beginning at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Schedule a 20-minute appointment to read with a certified therapy dog in a relaxing setting. To schedule an appointment, please call 828-466-6821.

## El club de español para niños

Saturday, 8 de octubre a las 2 pm

Biblioteca de newton

Programa presentado en español

Este club será para niños que ya hablan español o están en un programa de doble inmersión; disfrutaremos de juegos culturales, haremos manualidades y aprenderemos sobre la cultura de los países hispanohablantes. Programa para niños de 3° a 5° grado. Para obtener más información o registrarse, llame al: 828-465-8664.

## Animal Superstitions

Saturday, October 8 at 5:30 pm

St. Stephens Park

Join Catawba County Park Rangers and library staff at the St. Stephens Park to hear stories of animal superstitions and learn animal facts. Followed by a nighttime walk through the park to look for owls!

## Collection Spotlight Storytime

Monday, October 10 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

This special storytime is ideal for school-aged children. Staff will read selected books by Indigenous Authors in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

## Witch's Brew STEAM

Tuesday, October 11 at 5:30 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Double, double, toil and trouble! Combine ingredients to create a bubbling witch's brew in this hands on STEAM program that combines scientific experimentation with Halloween fun!

## Tales in the Garden: Spooktacular

Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us in the garden as we share bilingual stories and have fun learning about customs associated with Halloween and Day of the Dead. Families are welcome to wear costumes.

## Movie Screening

Friday, October 21 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for a viewing of Hocus Pocus! Amuck! Amuck! Amuck! Popcorn provided.

## Hallow-STEAM

Friday, October 21 at 4 pm

Conover Branch Library

At this Hallow-STEAM program, we'll have table-top punkin' chunkin', a pumpkin observation station, and a station to paint your pumpkin. All supplies will be provided. This program is intended for elementary aged children.

## Conover's Fa-boo-lous Halloween Week

Tuesday, October 25 to Saturday, October 29

Conover Branch Library

Drop in to the Conover Branch Library as we hand out candy to youth wearing costumes. While you're here, take part in our Halloween scavenger hunt!

BOOOOO



# TEENS

## Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

October 4: No Sew Pumpkins

October 11: Rhodes Room Tour

October 18: Game Night

October 25: Bob Ross Birthday Celebration

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, October 3 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Help plan future teen programs. Tell us what you want to learn, make and do at your library.

## Perler Bead Club

Thursday, October 6 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.

## Spooky Special Effects Makeup Workshop

Saturday, October 8 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Join us for an intro workshop into special effects makeup, perfect for this spooky season!

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, October 8 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

## Spirited Away No-Face Plush Making

Friday, October 14 at 3:30 pm

Maiden Branch Library

No-Face is one of the most memorable characters in Studio Ghibli history. Join us in learning basic stitches to create a No-Face plush while watching Spirited Away. To register, please visit: [tinyurl.com/ccls-nofaceplush](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-nofaceplush)

## Anime Hoop Embroidery

Friday, October 21 at 12 noon

Maiden Branch Library

Learn basic stitches to create your own piece of anime hoop art! Materials and supplies will be provided. To register, please visit: [tinyurl.com/ccls-animehoops](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-animehoops)

## Special FX Wound Makeup

Friday, October 21 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Take your Halloween costume to the next level as we learn how to make convincingly gross wounds with makeup! For ages 13-18.

## Teen Halloween Hi-Tech DIY: Sticker Making

Friday, October 28 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn how to make Halloween stickers with the Silhouette Curio for your water bottle, locker door, or mirror. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/ccls-teen-halloween-url](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-teen-halloween-url)

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

# ADULTS

## Zumba Mondays!

*Mondays at 6 pm*  
October 3 & 10 at Main Library at Newton  
October 17, 24 & 31 at First United Methodist Church in Newton, enter from Ashe Avenue  
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).

## Community Navigator

*Thursdays & Fridays from 9 am - 5 pm*  
Main Library in Newton  
Stop in to visit with a Community Navigator for a one-on-one session to get connected with services, resources, and local assistance available in Catawba County. For more information, please call 828-465-9553.

## 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.

## Avoiding Online Scams

*Monday, October 3 at 6 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
Scams are everywhere nowadays, and they're only getting more convincing. This program will equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to spot common signs of scams before you fall victim!

## Houseplant SWAP

*Tuesday, October 4 at 6 pm*  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
If you love houseplants as much as we do, join us for our first houseplant SWAP. You're invited to bring in healthy plants, rooted in dirt or loose cuttings, and be ready to trade. We will also learn how to propagate houseplants and the different methods to ensure it's success.



## The Station Book Club

*Wednesday, October 5 at 10 am*  
Conover Branch Library  
All are welcome to join as we discuss *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia. Come for coffee and great conversation, ending with book recommendations!

## Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

*Wednesday, October 5 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)

## Chair Yoga

*Wednesday, October 5 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, October 5 & 19, 1 - 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.

## Intro to Google Drive

*Thursday, October 6 at 2 pm*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Everyone has heard about the Cloud but what does that mean and how can you make it work for your digital storage needs? Join us for an introduction to using Google Drive for storing and sharing your files. 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.

## Gentle Flow Yoga

*Fridays, October 7 & 14 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.

## Adult Book Club (virtual)

*Monday, October 10 at 6:30 pm*  
Online via Facebook  
October's theme is to read a Science Fiction book and share your experience with us. Follow along here: [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub)

## Flu Shot Clinic for ages 60+

*Monday, October 10 by appointment only*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
*Tuesday, October 11 by appointment only*  
Main Library in Newton  
This Flu Shot Clinic is sponsored by the Council on Aging. Appointments required, please call 828-328-2269 to schedule a time for your flu and/or pneumonia vaccine.

## Adult STEAM: Basic Mosaic Art

*Tuesday, October 11 at 2 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
Are you interested in learning how to create mosaic tile art? Registrants will participate in a hands-on mosaic tiling program for beginners. Space is limited. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.



## Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, October 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 *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich.

## Ensaladas y Aderezos Caseros

*Sábado, 15 de octubre a la 1:30pm*  
Biblioteca de St. Stephens  
Programa presentado en español  
Aprenda a hacer ensaladas y aderezos caseros. Para registrarse, por favor visite [tinyurl.com/ccls-ensaladas](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-ensaladas) o llame al 828-466-6821.

## Spooky Stories for Adults and Mature Teens

*Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm*  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
A curse and a secret, an all-consuming fear, a recurring nightmare, a stranger on a dark road invited in, an old graveyard with a fresh grave, an unnatural rise of flood waters...come and listen to tales told in the spooky spirit of Halloween by storyteller, Kyra Freeman! Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library. To register, please visit [spookystoriesforadults.eventbrite.com](http://spookystoriesforadults.eventbrite.com)



## Needle Felting

*Thursday, October 13 at 4 pm*  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a friendly bat. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents

*Thursday, October 13 at 5:30 pm*  
Main Library in Newton  
If you are a caregiver for an aging parent, you are invited to join other caregivers at this ACAP-Hickory/Foothills Meeting. To promote education, support and community, this month we're learning about Shielding Loved Ones from Scams and Fraud with MPO Josh Null of the Hickory Police Department. We'll cover how not to fall prey to telemarketing scams, fake prescription drugs, government imposters, insurance and investment schemes and grandparent scams.

## Medicare Open Enrollment

*Starting October 15 by appointment*  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Main Library in Newton  
Medicare plans change each year. Do an annual review to make sure the coverage you have is the best one for you! SHIP-trained counselors will be available at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library and the Main Library in Newton. To register for an appointment, please call 828-328-2269.

## Club de lectura: Un corazón lector

*Domingo, 16 de octubre a las 5 pm*  
Se reunirá para discutir y conversar acerca de la primera parte del libro *De ninguna parte* de Julia Navarro. La ubicación de las reuniones cambia. Por favor, llame al 828.465.8664 para más información.

### Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, October 17 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

### Health Insurance & Legal Aid Navigator

Tuesday, October 18 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.

### Home Security Preparedness

October 18 at 4 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Ever wondered how to choose the best security system for your home? This workshop with Catawba County Sheriff's Office Community & Support Officer, Lt. Eric Page will help you assess your needs and make informed decisions about security camera types, placement and lighting options.

### Follow the Yellowed Brick Road!

Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room

This program on maps will show examples of the many different types of maps that can be used in genealogical and local history research. Information on online collections and repositories will be presented as well.

### Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, October 18 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.

### Interviewing Tips Workshop

Thursday, October 20 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)

### Macramé Placemat

Saturday, October 22 at 11 am  
Main Library in Newton

Want to give your dining table a little bohemian flair? Join us to learn how to make a simple macramé placemat. One placemat will be made to take home during this program. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

### Soft Skills in the Workplace

Tuesday, October 25 at 2 pm  
Online via WebEx

In person, Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Learn tips on how to develop soft skills to be an effective worker. This program is being offered virtually through WebEx and hosted in-person at the library. To register for online attendance, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### Creative Outlet: Hand Lettering

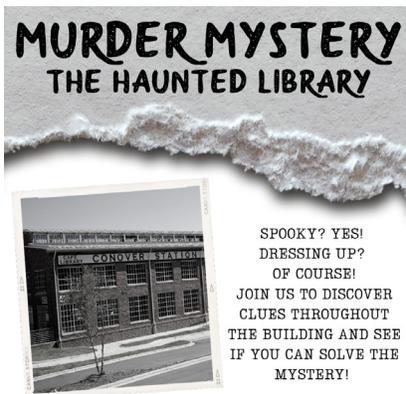
Tuesday, October 25 at 3 pm  
Main Library at Newton

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 call 828-465-8665.

### Murder Mystery: The Haunted Library

Tuesday, October 25 at 6 pm  
Conover Branch Library

Spooky? Yes. Dressing up? Of course. Join us to discover clues throughout the building and see if you can solve the mystery! Refreshments will be provided. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.



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

### Trivia Night

Tuesday, October 25 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an evening of Spooktacular 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, October 27 at 5 pm  
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about October's selection, *The Lies I Tell* by Julie Clark. Get ahead by checking out November's pick, *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Readers are welcome to suggest titles for upcoming meetings at [tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-pieceofcake)

### Walking Dead Trivia

Thursday, October 27 at 6 pm  
Main Library in Newton

Are you ready to fight the dead with your knowledge of zombies? Then join us for a Walking Dead Trivia Night at the Main Library in Newton. While devices will be available, you are welcome to bring your cell phone or technology device to play the game via Kahoot. Dressing as your favorite character or a zombie is encouraged but not required. Any zombies who try to eat the brains of the presenters will be eliminated! Ages 15 and up. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

### Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, November 15 at 6 pm  
Claremont Branch Library

Join us in November when we'll be discussing Shelby Van Pelt's *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, a novel that one reviewer calls "a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope." This book club meets in alternating months.

## LIBRARY TO GO

### Maiden Fall Festival

Saturday, October 1 from 10 am - 4 pm  
207 E Klutz St, Maiden, NC 28650

Join us for fall fun in Maiden! We will have a family storytime at 1pm!

### Claremont Daze

Saturday, October 8 from 10 am - 4 pm  
3288 E. Main S. Claremont, NC 28610

We hope to see you all at the Library to Go as we celebrate our favorite Claremont festival! We will have activities for kids and books for all ages.



### Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, October 16 from 2 pm - 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 which incorporates stories, songs, and sensory play starts at 3 pm.



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