

# Library Connections

NOVEMBER 2022



## BOOKMARK CHALLENGE

### WORLDS ENOUGH



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Hickory Public Library and Catawba County Library are teaming up for a bookmark challenge to highlight the diverse and wonderful public libraries located throughout the county. As a Catawba County resident, you can enjoy the benefits of dedicated staff, resources, and services offered at each location.

From Monday, October 17 through Thursday, December 8, families are invited to visit each branch of the Hickory Public Library and the Catawba County Library to receive a special bookmark, and to attend fun and educational programs! Each branch will have a bookmark unique to that location. Once a bookmark from each branch has been collected, families can assemble them in order for a completed work of art from the children's book of poetry, *Worlds Enough*.

Written by local author Scott Owens, illustrated by local artist Missy Cleveland, and published by local publisher Redhawk Publications, *Worlds Enough*, itself is a celebration of kids for kids, presenting poetry in a fun, clever, and colorful way. The bookmark challenge will start and end with events at the Hickory Public Library and the Catawba County Library. In between those two events, be sure to check out the rest of the fantastic programs available across the two systems. More details, along with event calendars, can be found at [www.hickorync.gov/library](http://www.hickorync.gov/library) and [www.catawbacountync.gov/library](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library).

This collaborative partnership between the Hickory Public Library and the Catawba County Library hopes to encourage families to visit all library locations in the county to learn more about and experience the resources and services offered, and celebrate the creativity of local authors, artists, and publishers.



**Ridgeview Branch Library**  
706 1st St SW  
Hickory, NC 28602

**Patrick Beaver Memorial Library**  
375 3rd St NE  
Hickory, NC 28601

**Southwest Branch Library**  
2944 Highway 127 S  
Hickory, NC 28602

**St. Stephens Branch Library**  
3225 Springs Road NE  
Hickory, NC 28601

**Conover Branch Library**  
403 Conover Station SE  
Conover, NC 28613

**Main Library in Newton**  
115 West C Street  
Newton, NC 28658

**Claremont Branch Library**  
3288 East Main Street  
Claremont, NC 28610

**Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library**  
9154 Sherrills Ford Road  
Terrell, NC 28682

**Maiden Branch Library**  
11 South A Avenue  
Maiden, NC 28650

**Library to Go**  
Mobile Library Events:  
[catawbacountync.gov/library](http://catawbacountync.gov/library)



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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 25 TO OBSERVE THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

# CHILDREN

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

Thursdays at 10 am

### Maiden Branch Library

Wednesdays at 11 am

Thursdays at 10 am

### Southwest Branch Library

Wednesdays at 10 am

Thursdays at 10 am

### Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Thursdays at 10 am

### St. Stephens Branch Library

Wednesdays at 10 am

Fridays at 10 am

### Main Library in Newton

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

Miercoles a la 10 am

Wednesdays at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Únase a nosotros para hora del cuento

bilingüe, canciones, movimiento, aprendizaje más para niños hasta 5 años.

Join us for an exciting bilingual storytime featuring stories, songs, movement, learning and more for children up to 5 years of age.

## Saturday Storytime

Saturday, November 5 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.

## Special Storytimes: Car Seat Safety

November 14 & 18 at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

Join Melanie Sigmon from Catawba County EMS to learn about car seat safety at this special storytime. Car seat safety checks available.

## Read to Me: Stories for Seniors

Mondays at 4 pm

Main Library Newton

Grab your favorite children's book and connect through Zoom with seniors residing in Conover Nursing to read aloud.

## Kids Voting

Tuesday, November 1 from 4 - 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Saturday, November 5 from 9:30 - 11:30 am

Southwest Branch Library

Saturday, November 5 from 1 - 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

This drop-in event is designed to give youth a chance to cast their vote in a mock election. Children can learn about the election process during a program presented by 4H that begins an hour after the drop-in voting starts.

## Dino Crafts

Wednesday, November 2 from 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

It's Dinovember and we're starting our month-long celebration with crafts at this drop-in program.

## PAWS To Read

Saturday, November 5 & 12 beginning at 11 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.

## Limitless Theater

Tuesday, November 8 at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

The Green Room Community Theatre is proud to present Limitless Theater: An afternoon of story and song! Limitless Theater provides a delightful theater experience.

## Tales in the Garden: Glow Party

Thursday, November 10 at 5:30 pm

Main Library Newton Garden

As our daylight dwindles, join us in the Newton Garden to share bilingual stories and experiment with light and dark! Families are invited to bring their flashlights, cozy blankets, & favorite glow items!

## Movie Screening

Friday, November 11 at 3 pm

Main Library in Newton

Dinovember celebrations continue with a viewing of Land Before Time: Journey of the Brave. Popcorn provided.

## El club de español para niños: Día nacional de la pupusa

Sábado, 12 de noviembre 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.

## Pre-K Play!

Saturday, November 19 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.

## Dino Discoveries with NC Museum of Natural Sciences

Saturday, November 19 at 11 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, November 19 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Dinosaurs and fossils galore! Dino-fans, join us for an exciting hour of fossils and dinosaur facts with the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science! Space is limited. To register, please call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens, and 828-465-8665 for Newton.

## Dino STEAM Stations

Monday, November 21 at 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Put your observation and engineering skills to the test as you rotate through stations during this drop in program.

# TEENS

## Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

November 1: How to Crochet with Ms. Shelley

November 8: Limitless Theater's performance

November 15: Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

November 22: Game Night

November 29: Holiday Houses

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, November 7 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Help plan future teen programs. November's TAB meeting will be planning events for January and February 2023.

## Perler Bead Club

Thursday, November 10 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join the Perler Beads Club! At this easy craft, you'll make designs using small beads that are fused together with heat. Materials provided.

## Zine Making Party and Book Binding

Friday, November 11 at 12 pm

Maiden Branch Library

Zines are a popular way for people to share their ideas. Learn more about the history of zines and how you can get started on creating your own! Participants will learn the basics of bookbinding to create their own zine! Materials and supplies provided. To register, please call 828-428-2712 or visit [tinyurl.com/ccls-zine](https://tinyurl.com/ccls-zine)

## Life-Sized Five Nights at Freddy's

Friday, November 11 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Can you survive until morning as the security guard at Freddy Fazbear's pizzeria, or will the animatronics reach you before dawn? Flashlight tag meets this wildly popular video game at this fun, wacky program! Pizza will be served! To register, please call 828-466-6818.

## Teen Origami

Friday, November 11 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

November 11 is National Origami Day and we will celebrate with origami paper, books, and video tutorials, while we watch Kubo and the Two Strings as we practice this ancient art of folding paper.

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, November 19 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.

## Board Games & Puzzles

Tuesday, November 22 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for an afternoon of puzzles and board games before the Thanksgiving holidays.

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

# ADULTS

## Zumba Mondays!

*Mondays at 6 pm*  
November 7 at First United Methodist Church in Newton, enter from Ashe Avenue  
Nov 14, 21, & 28 at 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).

## 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.

## Medicare Open Enrollment

*Through December 7 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! To register for an appointment with a SHIP-trained counselor, please call 828-328-2269.

## The Station Book Club

*Wednesday, November 2 at 10 am*  
Conover Branch Library  
All are welcome to join as we discuss *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Come for coffee and great conversation, ending with book recommendations!

## Career Center

*Wednesdays, November 2 & 16 from 1 - 4 pm*  
Main Library at Newton  
A Goodwill 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.

## Comidas saludables: Muchos ingredientes para hacer sopas

*Jueves, 3 de noviembre a las 5 pm*  
Biblioteca de Newton  
Programa presentado en español  
Venga a aprender acerca de cómo preparar una sopa calentita, deliciosa y saludable que le gustará a su familia. Se proporcionarán recetas que no incluyen mucho costo.

## Healthy Eating: The Many Ingredients of Soup

*Thursday, November 3 at 5 pm*  
Main Library in Newton Branch  
Program presented in English and in Spanish  
Learn how to feed a hot nutritional, delicious, and healthy soup that your family will love. All recipes are budget friendly.

## Día de los Muertos

*Tuesday, November 8 at 6 pm*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Guest speaker Elizabeth Sanchez will provide a history of the holiday and explain the symbols and traditions. We'll have a special performance by La Raza Dancers from Challenger Early College, crafts, and coloring sheets. Fun for all ages. For more information, please call 828-466-6823.

## Canva for Small Businesses

*Tuesday, November 8 at 12 pm*  
Online via WebEx  
Join this webinar to get started with Canva, a graphic design platform that you can use to professionalize marketing for your small business! Create social media graphics, presentations, and more. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLSSmallBiz](http://tinyurl.com/CCLSSmallBiz)

## Book Owl Craft

*Tuesday, November 8 at 6 pm*  
Conover Branch Library  
Make cute owl book art, perfect for your fall decorations. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, November 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 *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier.

## Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

*Wednesday, November 9 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)

## Adult STEAM: Basics of Canning Blueberry Jam & Pressure Cooker Safety

*Thursday, November 10 at 1 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
Learn about water bath canning during this hands-on canning and blueberry jam program with Catawba County Cooperative Extension, led by Extension Agent, Tina McGillvan. Participants can also bring in their pressure cookers and have them tested for safety. Space is limited. To register, please call 828-466-6818.

## Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents Family Dynamics in Caregiving

*Thursday, November 10 at 5:30 pm*  
Main Library in Newton  
Caregivers for an aging parent are invited to join other caregivers at this ACAP-Hickory/Foothills meeting, to promote education, support and community. This month we're learning some practical ways to communicate more effectively, express concerns, and more appropriately share the responsibilities of care as a balanced family unit.

## Natural Self Care

*Saturday, November 12 at 9:30 am*  
Main Library in Newton  
Learn about different essential oils and their applications for different purposes. Create one of five roll-on blends to make & take home with you. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

## Granos enteros saludables

*Sábado, 12 de noviembre a las 11 am*  
Biblioteca de St. Stephens  
Presentado en español  
No es difícil agregar diferentes granos integrales en nuestras comidas saludables. En este programa, exploraremos nuevos sabores de granos integrales y encontraremos uno que le guste más. Acompañenos y aprenda de otros granos como arroz integral, avena y quínoa.

## Emergency Preparedness for Adults

*Monday, November 14 at 1 pm*  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Learn how to sign up for Catawba County specific emergency alerts, what to have in an emergency kit, and what to do in an emergency from Frank Ballentine with Catawba County Emergency Services. Not everything we learned in school is still relevant, and everyone will learn something at this free event.

## Common Interview Questions

*Monday, November 14 at 6 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
Thinking of picking up a job before the holidays, or just want to get a leg-up on other applicants? Learn how to prepare for commonly asked interview questions so you can ace your next interview!

## Adult Book Club (virtual)

*Monday, November 14 at 6:30 pm*  
Online via Facebook  
November's theme is to read a mystery and share your experience with us. December's theme is to read a Young Adult book. Follow along here (including reading suggestions for the month's theme): [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub)

## Health Insurance & Legal Aid Navigator

*Monday, November 14 from 2 - 7 pm*  
Southwest Branch Library  
*Tuesday, November 15 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.

## Community Recipe Book

**Tuesday, November 1 - December 20**  
**Conover Branch Library**

Just in time for the holidays, we are putting together a Conover Community Recipe Book and are asking for 1-2 of your favorite recipes that we can copy and insert into our book.



### 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."

### Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, November 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.

### Digital Books Drop-in

Wednesday, November 16 from 10 am - 12 pm  
Conover Branch Library

Having trouble figuring out Libby or Hoopla? Does your device have issues when you're reading e-books or listen to e-audiobooks? Get 1-on-1 help during this drop in program.

### Chair Yoga

Wednesday, November 16 & 30 at 11:30 am  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a class perfect for anyone wanting accessible ways to stretch, relax, and gain the benefits of doing yoga with the added security of using a chair.

### Interviewing Tips Workshop

Thursday, November 17 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)

### Needle Felting

Thursday, November 17 at 4 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a Luna moth. Finger protectors will be available for participants to use. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

### Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, November 17 at 5 pm

*Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Downtown Newton*  
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about November's selection, *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)

### Gentle Flow Yoga

Friday, November 18 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.

### Soapmaking

Friday, November 18 at 3 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the art and science of soapmaking. Enjoy blending fragrance and additives with melt-and-pour soap base for a take home treat, just in time for holiday gift giving. This program is sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

### DIY Hmong Moj Pob (cloth ball)

Saturday, November 19 from 10 am - 12 pm  
Maiden Branch Library

It's almost Hmong New Year! Make a moj pob (cloth ball) for pov pob (ball tossing) just in time to celebrate! To register, please call 828-428-2712 or visit [tinyurl.com/ccls-mojpob](http://tinyurl.com/ccls-mojpob)

### Autumn Wreath Paper Craft

Saturday, November 19 at 11 am  
Main Library in Newton

Join us to make a simple wreath to add a little DIY fun to your fall décor. This activity is geared toward adults but is family-friendly. For more information, please call 828-465-9494.

### Club de lectura: Un corazón lector

Domingo, 20 de noviembre a las 5 pm

Se reunirá para discutir y conversar acerca de la segunda parte del libro *De ninguna parte* de Julia Navarro. La ubicación de las reuniones cambia. Por favor, llame al 828.465.5664 para más información.

### Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, November 21 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *A Woman is No Man* by Etaf Rum. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

If you are interested in a book club for Hmong women, please call 828-428-2712.

### Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room  
Join the Catawba County Genealogical Society for their monthly meeting, followed by an introduction to new local history and genealogy materials available for research in Catawba County. All are welcome to attend.

### Expungement Workshop

Tuesday, November 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)

### Creative Outlet: a Hand Lettered Holiday

Tuesday, November 29 at 3 pm  
Main Library at Newton

For this hands-on workshop, we'll follow up on our past practices to create two gift- or party-ready, hand lettered items. Choose from a personalized notebook, a greeting card, place card stones or a frame-able saying. Supplies provided but feel free to bring your own pens if you have favorites. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

### Macramé Gnomes

Tuesday, November 29 at 6 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us as we use the square knot to create the perfect seasonal gnome decoration. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.



### Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 29 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library

Join us for another fun evening of trivia! Valerie Carpenter (Alexander County FOL President) will host this event guaranteed to test your knowledge. Trivia night will be full of fun-facts, fellowship and festive prizes. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

## LIBRARY TO GO

### The People's Tree Visit

Tuesday, November 8 from 5 - 8 pm  
Downtown Newton

Join us as the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree makes its way from Pisgah Forest to Washington, DC. Well-wishers are invited to sign banners on the side of the truck while it is parked on the A Street side of the 1924 Courthouse Square. Stop by the Library to Go to say hello and enjoy fun activities!

### Bingo

Thursday, November 10 from 12:30 - 2 pm  
200 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609

Join us for books, bingo, and a chance to win prizes! All ages welcome.



### Town of Catawba Veteran's Festival

Saturday, November 12 from 10 am - 4 pm  
100 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609

Join us at the Town of Catawba's 18th Annual Veterans Festival and Parade! Parade starts at 2 pm.

### Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, November 20 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 starts at 3 pm.



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