

# Library Connections

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR WELCOME 2023

As we reflect on 2022, the library has continued to Connect, Explore, and Grow with our community, providing award winning services and collections that contribute to **MAKING. LIVING. BETTER.** for everyone in Catawba County. With support from the county, Friends of the Library Groups, community partners, and grant funding, we have been able to do some amazing things!

We have worked with our wonderful partners to address critical challenges to the health and wellbeing of our community while also expanding access to technology. This includes supplying free bags of food and Covid test kits, increasing access to lending laptops and hotspots, and continuing to provide a community navigator to help people access other critical services.

We are also happy to report that library programming exploded in 2022 with great attendance at pre-school storytimes, children's STEAM, teen and adult programs, and the 2022 Summer Reading program. The 2023 Summer Reading theme is All Together Now and we look forward to hosting programs focused on kindness, friendship, and unity.

As we look forward to the coming year, we are super excited about upcoming projects including the Green Book Exhibit at the Main Library in Newton and the launch of Interplay Learning Skilled Trades online learning platform. This will allow people to take free classes to begin learning how to be a plumber, electrician, HVAC repair person, or solar panel installer. This is a great opportunity for new year, new career!

We can't wait to see families connect in our updated children's areas at the St. Stephens and Southwest Branches. We hope to see more teenagers joining us for programs including game nights featuring the new Meta Quest2 VR and Nintendo Switch consoles. We will continue to grow our healthy programming options such as cooking, exercise, and healthy habits classes, and adults can look forward to more popular adult STEAM and crafts in the New Year as we remain committed to lifelong learning for all ages.

My favorite quote from philanthropist Andrew Carnegie states, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert." We are truly fortunate in Catawba County to have such a robust public library system. Thank you to everyone who visited the library, attended a program online or in person, or who used any of our online resources like Hoopla or Libby.

We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to serving you in 2023!

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**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAYS, JANUARY 2 AND 16 TO OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS.**

# CHILDREN

## Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool

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

### Wednesdays at 10 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Main Library in Newton

### Wednesdays at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

### Thursdays at 10 am

Maiden Branch Library  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Southwest Branch Library  
St. Stephens Branch Library

### Fridays at 10 am

Main Library in Newton

## 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

Miércoles a la 10 am

Wednesdays at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Únase a nosotros para hora del cuento bilingüe, canciones, movimiento, aprendizaje y más para preescolares. Join us for bilingual storytime featuring stories, songs, movement, learning and more for preschoolers.



## Dream Readers

Los sábados solo con cita previa

Biblioteca de St. Stephens

*Dream Readers es una programa gratis*

de lectura y aprendizaje para niños de 5 a 10 años. Para información adicional, por favor envíe un correo electrónico:

[dreamreadersprogram@gmail.com](mailto:dreamreadersprogram@gmail.com)

## Dream Readers

Saturdays by appointment

St. Stephens Branch Library

Dream Readers is a reading and learning program for children ages 5 to 10.

For more information, please email:

[dreamreadersprogram@gmail.com](mailto:dreamreadersprogram@gmail.com)

## Ciencia de Invierno Nieve y Slime

Jueves, 5 de enero a las 2 pm

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Únase a nosotros para una tarde de ciencia en acción. Haremos un diario simple para registrar observaciones y aprender sobre las condiciones climáticas necesarias para la nieve. ¡Haremos nieve artificial y limo para llevar a casa! Edades 8-12.

Para participar debe enviar un email a:

[mvmaza@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:mvmaza@catawbacountync.gov)

## Winter STEM: Snow & Slime

Thursday, January 5 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for an afternoon of science in action. We'll make a simple journal to record observations and learn about the weather conditions necessary for snow. We'll make artificial snow and slime to take home! Ages 8-12. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/winter-stem-ccls](http://tinyurl.com/winter-stem-ccls) or call 828-466-8621.

## Pre-K STEAM: Winter

Saturday, January 14 from 9:30 - 11:30 am

Main Library in Newton

Bring your little one(s) and join them in winter-themed activities and experiments. Ideal for ages 2 to 6.

## Family Puzzle Competition

Saturday, January 14 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Does your family like puzzles? Up for some friendly competition? The family who completes their puzzle fastest wins a prize! To register, please call 828-466-5108.

## PAWS To Read

Saturday, January 14 & 28

St. Stephens Branch Library

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



## Arctic Escape

Saturday, January 14 from 2 - 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Gather up to 5 friends to test your skills in solving puzzles, guaranteeing your escape! To register, please call 828-465-8665. Ideal for grades 3 and up.

## Pre-K Play!

Saturday, January 21 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 ideal for children from 2-5 years old.

## Crafternoon for the Birds

Thursday, January 26 from 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Drop in and make something for our feathered friends and to decorate your space.

# TEENS

## Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

{Teen Tuesdays will be on a short break in early January.}

January 24: Learn to make overnight oats as we celebrate National Oatmeal Month  
January 31: Test your Disney movie knowledge with Disney Trivia

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, January 9 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Help plan future teen programs. Tell us what you want to learn, make, and do at your library. January's meeting will include an introduction to our VR headsets and Nintendo Switches in preparation for a February Nintendo Tournament. Bring a friend!

## Perler Bead Club

Friday, January 13 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Make designs (keychains, coasters, artwork) using small beads that are fused together with heat.

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, January 14 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.

## Macramé for Teens

Tuesday, January 31 at 5 pm

Conover Branch Library

Create your own macramé wall hanging with us! To register, please call 828-466-5108.



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

# ADULTS

## Zumba Mondays!

*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).

## 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.

## Techs-pert Help

*Southwest Branch Library*

*Fridays at 11 am*

Did you get an e-reader, tablet, or some other new piece of technology as a gift for the holidays? Are you struggling to learn the ropes of your new device? Our library tech experts (techs-perts!) are here to help! Drop in on any Friday during January between 11 am and 12 pm for one-on-one tech help!

## 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.

## "Navigating Jim Crow: The Green Book and Oasis Spaces in North Carolina" Museum Exhibit

*January 9 – February 28*

*Main Library in Newton*

On loan from the NC African American Heritage Commission, this exhibit highlights a complex statewide network of business owners and Green Book sites that allowed African American communities to thrive, and that created "oasis spaces" for a variety of African American travelers. Eight vibrant panels feature images and the words of business owners, travelers, and historic and present-day images of North Carolina Green Book sites. This exhibit is free and open to the public during library operating hours.

## The Station Book Club

*Wednesday, January 4 at 10 am*

*Conover Branch Library*

All are welcome to join as we discuss *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton. Come for coffee and great conversation, ending with book recommendations!

## Chair Yoga

*Wednesday, January 4 & 18 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.

## Career Center

*Wednesday, January 4 & 18 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 able.

## Job Seeking Boot Camp

*Southwest Branch Library*

Hit the ground running in the new year with this workshop series that will have you ready to ace your next job search.

*Thursday, January 5 at 3 pm:*

*Ferguson's Career Interest Assessment*

Take this free interest assessment to help find the best career paths for you.

*Thursday, January 12 at 3 pm:*

*Online job searching & applications*

Learn the skills you need to navigate online applications and job search sites.

*Tuesday, January 17 at 3 pm:*

*Resume Writing*

Learn some tips and tricks for writing an engaging resume.

*Thursday, January 26 at 3 pm:*

*Interviewing skills*

Last but not least, the interview! Develop the skills to navigate your job interview with confidence and professionalism.

## Gentle Flow Yoga

*Friday, January 6, 13, & 27 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.

## Club de lectura: Un corazón lector

*Domingo, 8 de enero a las 5 pm*

Se reunirá para discutir y conversar acerca del libro *El maestro* por Mario Escobar. La ubicación de las reuniones cambia; por favor, llame al 828.465.8664 para más información.

## Yoga Vinyasa

*Monday, January 9 at 9:30 am*

*Main Library at Newton*

This class features smooth transitions between poses, linked to breath. This class is for all levels of practitioners, from beginner to advanced, open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). Bring a mat or towel.

## Adult Book Club (virtual)

*Monday, January 9 at 6:30 pm*

*Online via Facebook*

January's theme is to read a book that elicits strong emotions. 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

*Tuesday, January 10 from 2 - 7 pm*

*Main Library at Newton*

Visit with federally qualified health insurance navigators who provide information about Legal Aid of North Carolina and affordable health insurance.

## Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members and is open to the public, even if you haven't read the book. Join us for a lively discussion on *When the Stars Go Dark* by Paula McLain.

## Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

*Wednesday, January 11 at 10 am*

*Online via WebEx*

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

## Creative Outlet: Knitters' Circle

*Wednesday, January 11 at 6 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

Bring your current knitting project, or learn to knit at the library. All experience levels are welcome. Supplies provided.

## ACAP-Legal & Financial Documents That Everyone Needs

*Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 pm*

*Main Library in Newton*

All caregivers for an aging parent are invited to join other caregivers at this Adult Caregivers of Aging Parents-Hickory/Foothills Meeting. This month we're learning about advance care planning so that we can be more aware of the advantages, terminology, and necessary documents.

## Cypress Resume Builder

*Saturday, January 14 at 11 am*

*Main Library in Newton*

Need help building your resume? Join us to learn about Cypress Resume Builder, a free online program available through NC LIVE, that offers a basic template to create your resume easily. Each participant will have the opportunity to create and print a copy of their resume. To register, please call 828-465-9494.

## Getting Started with Hoopla & Libby

*Tuesday, January 17 from 12 - 7 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Hoopla and Libby are free, user-friendly ways to find thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks with your library card. Bring your smart phone or internet-enabled device and learn how to download the apps, sign in, and borrow eBooks and eaudiobooks so that you can truly have the library everywhere you are. To schedule an appointment, please call 828-466-6821.

## Yarn Swap

*Tuesday, January 17 from 4 - 6 pm*

*Maiden Branch Library*

Thin out your personal yarn stash and swap it for something that might work better for you! Take what you need for your projects, and donate what you don't want.



### Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, January 17 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.

### Comidas a bajo costo

Martes, 17 de enero a las 6 pm  
Biblioteca de Newton  
Programa presentado en español e inglés  
Aprenderemos a preparar una comida completa a bajo costo usando una receta que use carne, verduras y un postre delicioso pero económico.

### Meals on a Budget

Tuesday, January 17 at 6 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Program presented in English and Spanish  
Stretch your family food budget with a recipe using meat and vegetables with a tasty, inexpensive dessert.

### A Pictorial History of Sherrills Ford

Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm  
Rehobeth United Methodist Church  
Projected photos provided by long-time area residents and their families will be used to discuss the history of the area prior to and after the creation of Lake Norman. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library (snow date Tuesday January 24).



### Expungement Workshop

Thursday, January 19 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. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### Family History Detective – Become a Tombstone Tourist

Thursday, January 19 at 10:30 am  
Main Library in Newton  
This engaging workshop will delve into everything you need to know when you go looking for your ancestor's final resting place. Discover the clues the graves are telling you. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

### Canva for Resumes

Thursday, January 19 at 4 pm  
Online via Zoom and In person at:  
Maiden Branch Library  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Southwest Branch Library  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Stay comfy and warm at home, or join us at one of the participating branches, while learning how to use Canva to make a dynamic resume. To register for this program, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLS-CanvaResume](http://tinyurl.com/CCLS-CanvaResume) or call 828-465-9494.

### Sound Bath Meditation

Monday, January 23 at 9:30 am  
Main Library at Newton  
Experience the incredibly soothing effects of a Sound Bath meditation using crystal singing bowls. Bring a mat or towel.

### St. Stephens Elementary Art Show

Monday, January 23 at 4 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Students from St. Stephens Elementary will exhibit some of their artwork. Celebrate the accomplishments of these young artists and their families.

### Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, January 23 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library  
Join us as we discuss *The Last House on the Street* by Diane Chamberlain. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

### Green Book VR Experience

Tuesday, January 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Experience virtual reality and learn more about the Green Book! Sign up for a time slot to view short VR movies focusing on the Green Book and travel for Black people by calling 828-465-8665.

### Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, January 24 at 6 pm  
Claremont Branch Library  
Join us for our annual BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) discussion, where participants are invited to chat briefly about a book they've enjoyed during the past year.

### Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room  
For the January meeting of the Catawba County Genealogical Society, we will be discussing various genealogical and local history topics. All are welcome to attend.

### DIY Decorative Plate

Wednesday, January 25 at 10 am  
Conover Branch Library  
Join us as we create a decorative plate with your handwriting! Take any lyrics, quotes, affirmations, etc. and make a personalized plate. To register, please call 828-466-5108.

### Interviewing Tips Workshop

Thursday, January 26 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)

### Family History Detective - How to Start?

Thursday, January 26 at 10:30 am  
Main Library in Newton  
Have you considered researching your family history, but don't know where or how to start? This workshop will cover how to overcome different types of barriers to follow the trail of your family history.

### Needle Felting

Thursday, January 26 at 4 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a hedgehog. 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, January 26 at 5 pm  
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Newton  
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about January's pick, *The Final Revival of Opal and Nev* by Dawnie Walton. Get ahead by checking out February's selection, *The Scent Keeper* by Erica Bauermeister.

### Exploring Mindful Eating

Monday, January 30 at 11 am  
Main Library at Newton  
Join us for this fun class with Wellness Dietician Lindsie Miles about reconnecting with your senses to fully enjoy your meals and snacks. To register, please call 828-465-8665.

### Basic Mosaic Art

Tuesday, January 31 at 5 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Are you interested in learning how to create mosaic tile art? Registrants will participate in a hands-on mosaic tile program for beginners. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## LIBRARY TO GO

### Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, January 8 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 which incorporates stories, songs, and sensory play starts at 3 pm.



### Bingo

Thursday, January 12 from 12:30 - 2 pm  
200 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609  
Join us for bingo and maybe win a prize!  
All ages welcome.



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