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GREEN BOOK EXHIBIT SHARES NC STORIES

Libraries are made up of stories. We line our shelves with stories. We host storytimes. We share stories with each other. We build community around our stories.

It is a real treat and honor when we get to share stories on a larger scale, stories that have been shared across the state because of their historical and cultural significance. For the month of February, the library will be hosting a traveling exhibit that does just that.



"Oasis Spaces: North Carolina Green Book Project, 1933-1966" has been traveling to libraries and museums across North Carolina sharing stories of resilience and survival during the Jim Crow era. The traveling exhibit highlights a travel guide and tool of resistance designed to confront the realities of racial discrimination in the United States known as The Negro Motorist Green Book. Several iterations of the Green Book are on display along with the exhibit to see for yourself.

While Oasis Spaces and travel using the Green Book existed across the country, this exhibit focuses on the stories and places of North Carolina. Eight vibrant panels share images of business owners, travelers, personal memories, and historic and present-day images of North Carolina Green Book sites. There were over 300 listed businesses in North Carolina, including all the normal spots we would go today like restaurants, beauty shops, hotels, and gas stations. This is not only the story of survival but also a story of resilience and resistance. The panels share the story of civil rights, protests, and activism.

The exhibit is on loan from The North Carolina African American Heritage Commission (AAHC), a division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) and will be on display at the Main Library in Newton through February 28. The exhibit is available to the public for free and can be enjoyed during normal business hours of Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm, and Friday through Saturday, 9 am to 6 pm.

The library will also host special programs throughout the month to highlight different stories and experiences from the exhibit.

For children:

Map Challenge Inspired by the Green Book

Thursday, February 9 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Using only paper maps, plan a course from one destination to another while avoiding obstacles.

For teenagers and adults:

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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

4H Informational Meeting

Thursday, February 2 at 4:30 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join Catawba County Extension Office to learn more about the 4H Program and their many fun, educational programs for children and teens. It's never too early to begin planning a summer of learning.



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 4

All library locations

Take Your Child to the Library Day is a chance to participate in fun activities and help your school win books! Each library will have specially designed stations to unleash your creativity, including Dog Man crafts. Each location will offer a chance to win a book of your own.

Fairy Hair Fun

Saturday, February 4 at 10:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Kick off Bring Your Child to the Library Day with fairy hair fun! Learn how easy the magic of hair tinsel is to add to your child's hair. Library fairies will be available for tinsel assistance.

The Sword in the Stone with the Green Room Theatre Traveling Youth

Join us for a FREE all-youth performance of the classic fable *Sword in the Stone* from our friends at the Green Room.

Saturday, February 4 at 11 am

Southwest Branch Library

Saturday, February 4 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Saturday, February 11 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Saturday, February 25 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

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Pre-K Stations

Friday, February 10 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

Experience an engaging learning environment with your little ones! Guide your child through our sensory, craft, and STEAM stations. This program is ideal for children from 2-5 years old.

Perler Bead Club

Friday, February 10 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. Ideal for grades 1 and up.

Collection Spotlight Storytime: Coretta Scott King Award Winners

Thursday, February 16 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

At this special afternoon storytime, we'll be sharing some books that have received the Coretta Scott King Award. This award is intended to encourage the artistic expression of the African American experience via literature and graphic arts, and promote an understanding and appreciation of the black culture.

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, February 18 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.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, February 18

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.

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.

Ready to Learn: Evening Storytime

Monday, February 27 at 6 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for an evening storytime for children and families. We will share songs, stories, and engage in early literacy activities proven to make a difference.



TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

February 7: Paint Night

February 14: Palentine's Day

February 21: Video Games

February 28: Perler Beads

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, February 4 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.

Teen Gaming Day

Saturday, February 4 from 1 - 5 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an afternoon of games on the Nintendo switch and with the option of a Virtual Reality headset for those ages 13 and above who have a signed waiver form.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, February 6 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.

Arctic Escape Room

Friday, February 17 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Stranded in the arctic tundra, your only hope for escape is to decipher the mysterious clues to open the box containing a map, compass, and rations! To register for your 30-minute slot between 2 - 5 pm, please call 828-466-6818.

Basic First Aid for Teens

Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

During this non-certification first aid class, participants will learn how to help in the case of an emergency.

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

ADULTS

Zumba Mondays!

*Mondays, February 6, 13, & 27 at 6 pm
Main Library at Newton*

*Monday, February 20 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library*

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.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays 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.

Stretch for Health

Meditate for Mindfulness

Fridays at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Research has shown that stretching can help improve flexibility, and range of motion of your joints. Combining it with meditation benefits both your emotional well-being and your overall health. Bring a mat or a large towel. Exercise waivers required.

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

February 1 – February 28

Main Library in Newton

On loan from the NC African American Heritage Commission, this exhibit highlights a network of business owners and Green Book sites that allowed African American communities to thrive and created "oasis spaces" for African American travelers. Eight vibrant panels feature images 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, February 1 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

All are welcome to join as we discuss *The Next Ship Home* by Heather Webb. Come for coffee and great conversation, ending with book recommendations!

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, February 1 & 15 at 11:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Led by a certified yoga instructor, 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, Feb. 1 & 15 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.

Family History Detective – Where Were You in 1950?

Thursday, February 2 at 10:30 am

Main Library in Newton

Every ten years another set of Census records is released to the public, following a 72-year restriction on access. In April of 2022, the 1950 Census records were released: this workshop will let you discover what your family was doing in 1950. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

E-reader Tech-pert Help

Friday, February 3 & 17 from 2 - 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Are you struggling to learn the ropes of your new e-reader or tablet? Our library tech experts (tech-perts!) are here to help! Drop in for one-on-one tech help!

Macramé Heart Wall Art

Friday, February 3 at 2 pm

Main Library in Newton

Make an adorable wall hanging with a Valentine flair! All supplies provided. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-9494.

Piano Recital

Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Pianist Joyce O'Neal is returning to the Community Room with selections spanning more than two centuries of piano history. All are welcome.

Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

Wednesday, February 8 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips for creating a resume and completing a job application. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Creative Outlet: Knitters' Circle

Wednesday, February 8 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.

STEAM: Candle Making

Thursday, February 9 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Explore the art and science of candle making. Enjoy blending fragrance and additives using a soy wax base for a take home treat, just in time for Valentine's Day. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.



ACAP-Alzheimer's Disease & Dementias

Thursday, February 9 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's meeting will help you understand Alzheimer's Disease, and other age-related types of dementia.

Craft Supply Swap

Friday & Saturday, February 10 & 11

Main Library at Newton

Albert Einstein said, "Out of clutter, find simplicity." Be like Einstein and clear out your craft closet. Bring your unneeded, new or gently used craft items to trade for craft supplies that you do want.

Lovely Valentine Appetizer Plate

Friday, February 10 at 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

Create a beautiful appetizer plate, suitable for Valentine's Day, with a dash of know-how and creativity. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Green Book VR Experience

Saturday, February 11 from 2 - 5 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 African Americans in the last century. To register for a time slot, please call 828-465-8665.

Yin Yoga

Monday, February 13 at 8 am

Elevate Healing Arts

3314 16th Ave SE, Conover

Try this slowed down yoga class in which you'll be focusing on stretching the connective tissues using supportive props. All postures are done on the floor, targeting the lumbar spine through the knees. Open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). Bring a mat or towel. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Adult Book Club (virtual)

Monday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

February's theme is to read a book by an author new to you. Follow along here (including reading suggestions for the month's theme): www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Interviewing Tips Workshop

Tuesday, February 14 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

Learn tips on how to ACE a job interview! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Adult STEAM: Salad on a Stick

Tuesday, February 14 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Show some love for yourself and loved ones by making healthier meal choices! Create a skewered salad and make some healthy dressing perfect for dipping. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, February 14 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 *Death at La Fenice* by Donna Leon.

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NC Reads *Carolina Built* by Kianna Alexander

Friday, February 17 at 10 am
Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
North Carolina Reads, sponsored by North Carolina Humanities Council, will be providing copies of Kianna Alexander's novel, *Carolina Built*. Copies are available for participants of one of two discussion times. For more information, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group

Saturday, February 18 at 9 am
St. Stephens Branch Library
This group is for anyone that has lost a loved one to suicide. For more information, please call Leisa Bentley at 828-234-5822.

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Main Library at Newton
Join us for a screening and discussion of the Oscar award-winning film *Green Book*, starring Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali. Refreshments provided. Rated PG-13.

Canasta Crew

Monday, February 20 at 10:30 am
At Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Newton
Friendly people wanted for this opportunity to socialize and play a classic card game! No experience necessary, newbies welcome - experienced players encouraged to participate as well. We will be playing Hoyle rules. Bring a partner or we'll match you up. To register, please call 828-465-8665 or join us in person.

Bingo

Thursday, February 9 from 12:30 - 2 pm
200 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609
Join us for bingo and maybe win a prize!
All ages welcome.

Join us at **HICKORY CON**
Saturday, February 18 from 10 am - 5 pm
Hickory Metro Center

Comics. Cosplay. Charismatic friends from the library.



Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, February 20 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library
Join us as we discuss *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

Social Media for Job Search

Tuesday, February 21 at 10 am
Online via WebEx
Learn tips on how to conduct effective job searches on popular social media platforms: facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn! To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Technology Petting Zoo

Tuesday, February 21 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library
Join us to learn how to use various technologies the library has to offer, including our 3D printer, VR Headsets, Chromebooks, and more!

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, February 21 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.

Needle Felting

Thursday, February 23 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a pocket-sized pet. 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, February 23 at 5 pm
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Newton
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about February's selection, *The Scent Keeper* by Erica Bauermeister. Get ahead by checking out March's pick, *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney.

Yoga Nidra

Monday, February 27 at 8 am
Elevate Healing Arts
3314 16th Ave SE, Conover
A form of guided meditation, this class is designed to guide you into a deeply relaxed state of being, essentially letting the body rest while the mind remains awake. Open to anyone 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). Bring a mat or towel. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Market Research with NC LIVE

Tuesday, February 28 at 12 noon
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/MarketingCCLS.

Getting Started with Gmail

Tuesday, February 28 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
New to email? Join us to create an email account using Google's free email service, Gmail. Learn how to send emails, attach files, manage your contacts, and organize your inbox.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room
For the February meeting of the Catawba County Genealogical Society, we will be discussing various genealogical and local history topics. All are welcome to attend.

Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, March 28 at 6 pm
Claremont Branch Library
Join us as we talk about Barbara Kingsolver's latest novel, *Demon Copperhead*, a book many readers and critics chose as their favorite book of 2022. This book club next meets in March.

LIBRARY TO GO



Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, February 12 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.



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