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INTRODUCING

INTERPLAY SKILL MILL

The Catawba County Library is an excellent resource for job and career development. Beyond one-on-one help from our staff, the library partners with NC Works, CVCC, and local businesses to help people find, apply, and prepare for jobs. In an effort to cultivate work ready skills and enhance career pathways, the library is now offering a new exciting job skills learning opportunity.

Catawba County Library System is providing FREE access to online trainings in the skilled trades through Interplay Learning's Skill Mill, the world's FIRST online, on-demand skilled trades training catalog. This software platform features virtual reality and 3D simulations that develop on-the-job skills quickly and efficiently, building better careers and better lives for the essential skilled trades including plumbing, electrician, HVAC repair, and solar panel installation.

Jumpstart your future today and get registered to use Interplay Learning's Skill Mill to learn a new trade. Simply go to the library's website at www.catawbacountync.gov/library and click on the blue gear labeled Skill Mill.

After registering you will be contacted by a program coordinator who will send you an introduction to the Interplay platform with step by step instructions for how to log in, access, and download course modules.

You will have access to the Skill Mill for four weeks at a time. If no one else is waiting your session may be renewed. If you have to stop in the middle of a program all of your progress will be saved for one year. The 3D simulations can be accessed from anywhere on a computer, however, virtual reality (VR) simulations require a VR headset. If you want to try a VR simulation you need to schedule an appointment with a librarian to use the VR equipment at one of our seven library locations.

The library has computers and Wi-Fi hotspots that you can borrow to complete the Skill Mill training. You can check out technology at any Catawba County Library location. Please note you must be 18 years or older and a Catawba County resident in order to borrow technology items.

Training paths are available for the following industries:

- HVAC -Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning including Cooling Basics, Electricity, and Service Technician
- Commercial HVAC including EPA 608 Prep, Centrifugal Pumps, Rooftops, Chillers, and Safety
- Solar Sales Professional, Solar Maintenance and Diagnostics, and Solar Installer Level 1
- Plumbing including Water Heater Professional, Fixture Maintenance and Troubleshooting, and Pipe Repair Professional
- Electrical including Electrical and Controls, Electrical Installation Prep, Electrical Maintenance and Troubleshooting, and Circuit Labs
- Multi-family Facility Maintenance including Service Manager, Grounds Housekeeping, and HVAC Fundamentals
- Facilities Maintenance including Plumbing, HVAC, EPA 608 Prep, Safety and Electrical
- Appliances including fundamentals, Electrical and Controls, Circuit Labs, Water Heater Professional
- Residential Construction including Landscaping Basics, Framing Floors, Framing Exterior Walls, Windows and Doors, Interior Finishing floors, drywall and trim

Interplay Learning's Skill Mill is accredited with North American Technician Excellence (NATE), the nation's largest non-profit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technicians for over 20 years.

You can also earn continuing education credits certified by International Accreditors of Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP), the leading certification organization for solar energy professionals.

JUMPSTART YOUR FUTURE AT THE LIBRARY!



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.

Ready to Learn: Evening Storytime

Mondays, March 13 & 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.

Storytime at St. Stephens Park

Saturday, March 11 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Dog Park

2247 36th Avenue NE, Hickory

How Do Birds Make Nests? Join us for a visit with friendly Catawba County Park Rangers who will share interesting facts about birds and their nests, followed by a storytime for bird lovers of all ages.

PAWS To Read

Saturdays, March 4 & 25

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



Cuentos en el Huerto/Tales in the Garden:

Last Stop on Market Street

Jueves, 9 de marzo a las 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 pm

Main Library Newton

¡Únase a nosotros para esta aventura familiar en la que exploraremos un autobús de Greenway, escucharemos un cuento y conoceremos a algunos de los personajes de la próxima producción de Green Room! Join us for this special family story time adventure where we will explore a Greenway bus, listen to the award-winning book, and meet some of the characters from the upcoming Green Room production! You do not want to miss the fun!

Perler Bead Club

Friday, March 10 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Love crafts but aren't super crafty? Join the Perler Bead Club! During 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.

Spring Crafternoon

Wednesday, March 15 from 4 - 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Drop in and unleash your creativity while making spring themed crafts.

Thursday Theater Matinee

Thursday, March 16 at 3 pm

Southwest Branch Library

School's out so come get crafty with Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile. Kids will enjoy making a crocodile craft while enjoying this popular book to movie film about a large singing crocodile with an even larger personality.

Pre-K Play!

Saturday, March 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.

Spring STEAM

Thursday, March 23 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Celebrate the arrival of Spring with STEAM activities including bees, butterflies and birds.



TEENS

Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

March 7: No Program

March 14: Perler Beads

March 21: Macramé Plant Hanger & Plant

March 28: Game Night

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, March 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.

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, March 11 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.

Mario Madness

Friday, March 17 at 2 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Start your engines and get ready to race to the finish line in this Mario Kart tournament featuring our new Nintendo Switch consoles! To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Teen Cupcake Wars!

Saturday, March 18 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for this free cupcake decorating challenge for teens grades 6 and up! We'll supply the cupcakes, frosting and extras and you will meet the design challenges, take pictures, and eat the results. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6821.

Teen Game Night

Monday, March 20 at 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 (parental signature required).

Teen Cookie Wars

Friday, March 24 at 4 pm

Conover Branch Library

The mission: create your cookie masterpiece before time runs out. The reward: bragging rights (and more cookies)! All of the sugary supplies will be provided. Sign up as an individual or as a team. To register, please visit the branch or 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.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays at 11 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Enjoy a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class, guided by a certified yoga instructor. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel. 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

Combining stretching with meditation benefits both your emotional well-being and your overall health. Bring a mat or a large towel. Exercise waiver required.

The Station Book Club

Wednesday, March 1 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

All are welcome to join as we discuss *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* by Hank Green. Come for coffee and great conversation, ending with book recommendations!

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, March 1 & 15 at 11:30 am

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Enjoy a yoga class that's friendly for all body types and levels, guided by a certified yoga instructor. This class is perfect for anyone looking to gain the benefits of doing yoga with the added security of using a chair.

Career Center

Wednesdays, March 1 & 15 from 1 - 4 pm

Main Library at Newton

A Goodwill career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with your job-related needs. Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling 828-465-8665 or drop in.

Yin Yoga

Monday, March 6 at 8 am

Elevate Healing Arts

3314 16th Ave SE, Suite 205, Conover

Try this slowed down class in which you'll hold fewer poses for a longer duration, focusing on stretching the connective tissues using supportive props. All postures are done on the floor, targeting the lumbar spine through the knees. Bring a mat or towel. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Introduction: Interplay Learning Skill Mill

Tuesdays, March 7 & 21 at 2 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Introducing an online resource for job seekers interested in skill based trades. Interplay Learning offers free online courses in areas including HVAC, Electrical, Plumbing, Hospitality and more. We will demonstrate how to set up your account and explore the available training options. For more information, please call 828-466-6821.

DIY Scrunchie

Tuesday, March 7 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Make your own super cute throwback hair accessory! Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own fabric (at least 5 inches by 24 inches). To register, please visit the branch or call 828-466-5108.

Macramé Keychain

Tuesday, March 7 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Come and explore the art of macramé as we walk through the making of a simple feather keychain. Beginner friendly. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

Wednesday, March 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, March 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.

ACAP-Thank You for Your Service

Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 pm

Main Library at 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 Veterans Affairs benefits and services.

Dollar Store Menu Hacks

Friday, March 10 at 11 am

Main Library at Newton

Stretching your food budget is a timeworn strategy for making ends meet. Learn how to make some delicious and decent dollar store fare and share any of your own cost-saving tips. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Leaving a Family Legacy-

Bringing Your Ancestors to Life

Monday, March 13 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

What's the difference between genealogy and family history? It's the key to bringing your ancestors to life! This seminar shows you how easy it is to start your family tree and ways to kick your research into high gear.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Oscar Night

Monday, March 13 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Dress to Impress as we roll out the carpet and invite you to join us for a night of Oscar fun and trivia. Valerie Carpenter will be our trivia event host. Light refreshments will be served. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6818.

Adult Book Club (virtual)

Monday, March 13 at 6:30 pm

Online via Facebook

March's theme is to read a book published in 2022. Follow along here (including reading suggestions for the month's theme): www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub

Public Health Listening Sessions

Tuesday, March 14 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

St. Stephens Branch Library

Thursday, March 16 at 6 pm

Main Library in Newton

Monday, March 20 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Catawba County Public Health and LiveWell Catawba are starting the 2023 Community Health Assessment to better understand the needs and priorities of our community, and they need as many ideas as possible. Join us for a community conversation exploring how we define health and how we can work together to improve the health and well-being of our community. These sessions are open to everyone – bring your children, neighbors, and friends!

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, March 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 *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

Interviewing Tips Workshop

Thursday, March 16 at 10 am

Online via WebEx

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

Internet Basics

Thursday, March 16 at 11 am

Main Library in Newton

Join us to learn basic internet terms, navigation of a web browser, and search techniques to find information. This class will also help with finding and evaluating information online. For more information, please call 828-465-9494.

Needle Felting

Thursday, March 16 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

Garden Volunteer Day

Saturday, March 18 from 9 - 11 am
Main Library in Newton

The community garden at the Main Library in Newton is ready to be prepped and planted for the upcoming summer season. If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. To register, please call 828-466-6828.

Yoga Vinyasa

Monday, March 20 at 8 am
At Elevate Healing Arts

3314 16th Ave SE, Suite 205, Conover
This class features smooth transitions between poses, linked to breath. This class is for all levels of practitioners, from beginner to advanced. Bring a mat or towel. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8665.

Canasta Crew

Monday, March 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.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, March 20 at 6 pm
Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

Expungement Workshop

Tuesday, March 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. To register, please visit tinyurl.com/catawbajobs

Hands Only CPR/AED Machine Training

Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Monday, March 27 at 6 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library
Presented by Catawba County Emergency Services, this non-certification class will help participants feel more confident in assisting with an event involving cardiac arrest until first responders arrive.

Murder Mystery

Tuesday, March 21 at 6 pm
Conover Branch Library

Join us as we put our heads together to solve this decades-old cold case! Light refreshments provided. To register, please visit the branch or call 828-466-5108.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, March 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.

New to Medicare

Thursday, March 23 at 1:30 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Presented by Catawba County Council on Aging, this seminar is open to anyone new to Medicare or interested in learning more about Medicare. The seminar will include a question and answer session. To register, please call 828-328-2269.

Author Visit with Austin Allran

Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 pm
Main Library in Newton

Join Catawba County Commissioner Austin Allran for an author discussion and book signing for his debut novel, *The Legend of the Isle of Cats*. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

What is 3D Printing?

Friday, March 24 at 4 pm
Main Library in Newton

Learn more about the 3D printer and software during this info session. This program is open to all ages. For more information, please call 828-465-9494.

Houseplant Swap

Saturday, March 25 at 1 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Come and explore houseplants with fellow enthusiasts at our house plant swap! We encourage bringing a clean cutting, rooted (water/soil), or any house plant you are ready to unload for something new but is not required to join.

Club de lectura: Un corazón lector

Domingo, 26 de marzo a las 5 pm
Se reunirá para discutir y conversar sobre la primera parte del libro *Romper el círculo* por Collin Hoover. La ubicación de las reuniones cambia; por favor, llame al 828.465.8664 para más información.

Getting Started with Google Drive

Tuesday, March 28 at 2 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Learn about Google's cloud-based service Google Drive by creating, sharing, and editing real-time documents, spreadsheets, and more.

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. All are welcome.

Bone Broth 101

Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 pm
St. Stephens Branch Library

Melissa Falcone from True Cut Ranch will teach us how to make almost-free bone broth at home using scraps. For more information, please call 828-466-6821.

Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, March 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.

Family History Detective- Become a Tombstone Tourist

Wednesday, March 29 at 4 pm
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
This engaging workshop will delve into everything you need to know to go looking for your ancestor's final resting place. Discover the clues the graves are telling you.

Healthy Adults Series: Eating on a Budget

Thursday, March 30 at 11 am
Southwest Branch Library
Catawba Valley Medical Center Wellness Dietitian, Lindsie Miles (MS, RDN, LDN) will discuss how healthy eating does not have to break the bank. Join us to learn about eating healthy on a budget from the grocery store and while eating out.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, March 30 at 5 pm
Narrow Coffee & Nosh in Newton
Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about March's pick, *Rock Paper Scissors* by Alice Feeney. We'll also be choosing future Piece of Cake Book Club selections.

LIBRARY TO GO

Crafts and Games

Thursday, March 9 from 12:30 - 2 pm
200 S. Main St, Catawba, NC 28609
Join us to make a craft and play a game of bingo, and maybe win a prize! All ages welcome.

Mural Artist Meet & Greet

Saturday, March 11 from 10 am - 2 pm
Downtown Newton, Yount Park
Meet international muralist, Osiris Rain, as he brings his unique style to Downtown Newton. Stop by the Library to Go for a community art project and individual crafts.

Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, March 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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