

# Library Connections

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## MORE TO THE STORY NLW CELEBRATES LIBRARIES

Catawba County Library System encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week (NLW), where we take time to highlight the role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "There's More to the Story," and will take place April 23-29.

Most know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture and large print books to audiobooks and ebooks, but there's so much more to the story of libraries.

Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, lectures, and more. The Catawba County Library offers a wide array of programs, classes and resources, including laptops and hotspots, but many people are surprised to hear that we also have American Girl dolls, Zumba workout kits, yoga blocks as well as Pickleball, croquet, and corn hole sets.

Libraries also play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, resources, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. Catawba County Libraries are constantly evolving to support the community with services such as technology workshops and one-on-one sessions, career resources and workshops, and new online training software for people wanting to work in the trades.

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners will make an official proclamation on Monday, April 17th, declaring National Library Week as a time to celebrate our nation's libraries as accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals.

Help us celebrate National Library Week by visiting with us during the week of April 23-29. Follow the library on Facebook and Instagram, along with the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek to join the online celebration.

But "there's even more to the story" and this National library Week we want to shine a spotlight on resources and services that everyone may not know about. Here is a list of things for which the library is proud to say,

### "Yes, we have that!"

**Early Literacy** - new & engaging early literacy spaces, Ready to Learn Storytimes, Pre-K Play, Ready to Learn storytime bags, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, early literacy toys, STEAM activities, AWE computers, books, audiobooks, animated or talking picture books, and e-books..

**Health & Wellness** - community garden, Zumba, Yoga, Stretch and Meditation, healthy eating classes, non-certification CPR, First Aid, and AED machine trainings through Catawba Catawba County Emergency Services, and bags of non-perishable food for local families with food insecurity through The Corner Table.

**Meeting and Study/Work Spaces** - meeting rooms available for non-profit educational, civic, cultural and other charitable community uses and smaller study rooms and work spaces, available for school work, student study groups, working remote, and small meetings. These spaces are outfitted with private and safe video-conferencing software and technology.

**Technology** - expert help from library staff, classes on technology and tech tools, one-on-one sessions by appointment, STEAM classes, 3D printing, digital cutting, public computers, faxing, scanning, and even chromebooks and Wi-Fi hotspots to check out for use at home.

**Workforce Development** - Skill Mill (an interactive computer program that teaches users the basics of plumbing, electrician, HVAC repair, and solar installation), VR headsets allowing for virtual on-the-job experience, career-focused workshops through NCWorks Catawba, one-on-one sessions for resume building, and public computers for completing job applications.



**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 7 THROUGH APRIL 8 TO OBSERVE THE EASTER HOLIDAY.**

# 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

## Dream Readers Program

Los sábados solo con cita previa  
Saturdays by appointment  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
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  
Dream Readers is a buddy reading program for children ages 5 to 10. For more information, please email: dreamreadersprogram@gmail.com



## PAWS To Read

### Saturday, April 1

Main Library in Newton

### Saturdays, April 1 & 22

St. Stephens Branch Library

### Saturday, April 15

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Watch your child's confidence grow by reading for 15 minutes with a certified therapy dog. To schedule an appointment, please call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens, 828-466-6827 for Sherrills Ford-Terrell, or 828-465-8665 for Newton.

## Printmaking with Hickory Museum of Art

Tuesday, April 11 at 3 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a hands-on experience with the Hickory Museum of Art. Learn about printmaking techniques and the Charles White Exhibit featuring one of the most important African American artists of the 20th century. You'll make your own print and create your own work of art. This program is ideal for elementary-aged students grades 2-5.

## Hour of Code: Super Slimer

Wednesday, April 12 at 4:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Make your own game where the hero is a friendly slime blob that has to bounce through levels collecting coins and avoiding baddies.

## Tales in the Garden: Books & Blooms

Thursday, April 13 at 5:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join us for this fun-filled family event for the whole community. We will listen to bilingual stories, make crafts and learn about Hmong culture. The evening includes a performance from the Challenger Hmong Dance Troop.

## Ident-A-Kid

Friday, April 14 from 10 am to 12 noon

Main Library in Newton

Catawba County Sheriff's Office is offering a free identification service for children of all ages. The process takes approximately 5 minutes per child.

## Perler Bead Club

Friday, April 14 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. This program is ideal for grades 1 and up.

## Pre-K Play!

Saturday, April 22 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.

## STEAM: Dance Bots

Thursday, April 27 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Join us as we learn about circuits to create a dance bot out of household materials. Grades K-6 with parental participation. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.

## Spelling Bee

Saturday, April 29 at 10 am

Conover Branch Library

How well can you S-P-E-L-L? Do you think you can W-I-N? Join us for a spelling bee intended for elementary age kids. Light refreshments and a prize will be provided courtesy of HomeSliced. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-5108.

## 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.

## Storytime & Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1 at 11 am

Conover Branch Library

Enjoy a short, but fun-filled Spring storytime! We'll have an egg hunt immediately following. This program is ideal for kids 2-5 years old.

## NC SciFest Storytime

Thursday, April 13 at 10 am

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn about cause/effect as we read books about rainbows and make fizzy rainbows with vinegar and baking soda. Come for the science and stay for the prizes & swag giveaways for the first 50 kids.

# TEENS

## Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 5 pm

Main Library in Newton

April 4: Celebrate National Poetry Month – create your own poem

April 11: Meet an Outreach Librarian and learn about the Library to Go

April 18: Hour of Code

April 25: Game Night

## Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

Monday, April 3 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.



## Teen Gaming Night

Monday, April 3 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 who have a signed waiver form.

## Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday, April 15 at 1 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Discover your inner warrior (or bard or cleric or druid or rogue or wizard) and join us in this epic adventure!

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

# ADULTS

## Annual Customer Service Survey

We want to hear from you!

Complete our survey for a chance to win a swag bag!

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/library23](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/library23)

### 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.

### Intro to SkillMill

*Tuesday, April 4 at 6 pm*

*Online via Zoom*

Are you ready to learn more about SkillMill, an online resource for job seekers interested in skill-based trades? Join us via Zoom and learn how to set up your account and explore the available training options. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLS-SkillMill](http://tinyurl.com/CCLS-SkillMill)

### The Station Book Club

*Wednesday, April 5 at 10 am*

*Conover Branch Library*

All are welcome to join as we discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. Come for coffee and great conversation, ending with book recommendations!

### Chair Yoga

*Wednesdays, April 5 & 19 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 to gain the benefits of doing yoga with the added security of using a chair.

### Career Center

*Wednesdays, April 5 & 19 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. Want to get your resume on Indeed or LinkedIn? This is your perfect opportunity! Reserve a 30-minute appointment by calling 828-465-8665 or drop in as you are able.

### Yin Yoga

*Monday, April 10 at 11 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.

### Adult Book Club (virtual)

*Monday, April 10 at 6:30 pm*

*Online via Facebook*

April's theme is to read a book that is the first in a series. Follow along here including reading suggestions for the month's theme): [www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/St.StephensBookClub)

### Resumes & Job Applications Workshop

*Tuesday, April 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](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### Sourdough Starter

*Tuesday, April 11 at 3:30 pm*

*Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library*

In partnership with Catawba County's Cooperative Extension, we invite you to explore the science of a sourdough bread starter! We'll learn how to feed a sourdough starter, keep it alive, recipes using the discard, and take home a starter to continue future breadmaking endeavors. To register, please visit the library or call 828-466-6827.



### Mystery Mavens Book Club

*Tuesday, April 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 *All the Lonely People* by Mike Gayle.

### Canva for Small Business

*Thursday, April 13 at 12 noon*

*Online via Microsoft Teams*

Canva is a graphic design platform, used to create social media graphics, presentations, and more which you can use for your small business. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLS-Canva](http://tinyurl.com/CCLS-Canva)

### Cutting the Cord

*Thursday, April 13 at 2 pm*

*St. Stephens Branch Library*

Are you ready to stop paying high prices for cable that goes up every year? Learn about available options for and what technology you'll need to cut the cord. Learn about the Affordable Connectivity Program and how to apply for a \$30 discount on your internet.

### ACAP-Medication Strategies

*Thursday, April 13 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 adult children learn specific and practical tips to effectively manage an aging parent's medications.

### Yoga in the Park

*Friday, April 14 at 11 am*

*Mountain Creek Park*

A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, outside gentle yoga class at Mountain Creek Park. Perfect for those not only looking to stretch and relax, but to also enjoy nature at Catawba County's newest park. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or towel as well as a small blanket.

### Poetry Party

*Friday, April 14 from 3 - 5 pm*

*Southwest Branch Library*

Celebrate National Poetry Month with our poetry extravaganza, featuring blackout poetry, an open mic, creative writing space, fresh coffee, and more! This party will delight poetry lovers young and old. Bring a favorite poem to share!

### Garden Volunteer Day

*Saturday, April 15 from 9 - 11 am*

*Main Library in Newton*

The community garden at the Main Library in Newton is in need of volunteers to help weeding, mulching, and planting. 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 for Myofascial Release

*Monday, April 17 at 11 am*

*Elevate Healing Arts*

*3314 16th Ave SE, Suite 205, Conover*

This is a mostly floor-based class in which poses will focus on trigger points (knots) in our muscle tissues throughout the body. By holding these poses we can improve circulation and release the trigger point along with any painful sensations it was causing. Bring your mat or use those available at the studio. Register by visiting the Library or calling 828-465-8665.

### Printmaking with Hickory Museum of Art

Monday, April 17 at 4 pm

St. Stephens Branch Library

Join us for a hands-on experience with the Hickory Museum of Art. Learn about Charles White, one of the most important and influential African American artists of the 20th century, and his exhibit at the HMA. Get to know more about printmaking techniques and try your hand at creating your own artistic piece, open to adults of all skill levels. All supplies are included.

### Trivia Night

Monday, April 17 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us for an evening of 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 822-466-6818.

### Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, April 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.

### Inspiration Surrounds Us

Wednesday, April 19 from 6 - 7:30 pm

Main Library in Newton

Join local author Scott Owens for a writing workshop "Inspiration Surrounds Us: How to Have Enough to Write About for at Least 4 Lifetimes." Owens is an award-winning poet and instructor of English, literature, and creative writing, with 16 published books and more than 1400 published poems. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8664.

### Interviewing Tips Workshop

Thursday, April 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)

### Needle Felting

Thursday, April 20 at 4 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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

### Interactive Poetry Display

April 1 - 30

Main Library in Newton

Check out the poetry display showcasing recorded poems from Discovery and Newton-Conover High School students.



### Gentle Flow Yoga

Fridays, April 21 & 28 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.

### Mountain View Book Buzz

Monday, April 24 at 6 pm

Southwest Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *The Golden Couple* by Greer Hendricks. All are welcome for lively conversations and lots of fun!

### Credit & Money Management

Tuesday, April 25 at 2 pm

Online via WebEx

St. Stephens Branch Library

Learn the basics of making a budget, reading a credit report, and what affects your credit rating. Workshop led by a HOPE Financial Wellbeing Coach. This program will be presented online via WebEx and in person at the St. Stephens Branch Library. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/catawbajobs](http://tinyurl.com/catawbajobs)

### House Plant Exchange

Tuesday, April 25 at 6 pm

Conover Branch Library

Learn about houseplants from the staff of Blooms Garden Center! Bring your pest-free, potted, or bare root houseplants for trade following the presentation. Don't worry if you don't have any houseplants to trade, all are welcome!



### Paper Flowers

Tuesday, April 25 at 6 pm

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Celebrate Spring by learning how to make large scale paper flowers using simple folding, gluing, and cutting techniques.

### What is ChatGPT?

Tuesday, April 25 at 6 pm

Online via Zoom

Southwest Branch Library

Join us to learn more about the new chatbot, ChatGPT, its capabilities and uses. This program will be presented online via Zoom and in person at the Southwest Branch Library. To register, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLS-chatgpt](http://tinyurl.com/CCLS-chatgpt) or call 828-466-6818.

### Leaving a Family Legacy: Bringing Your Ancestors to Life

Wednesday, April 26 at 2 pm

Claremont 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. Everyone's family has fascinating stories; you just need to know where to look!

### The Thing with Feathers Art Project

Wednesday, April 26 at 4 pm

Main Library in Newton

Celebrate National Poetry Month by making an original art print inspired by one of Emily Dickinson's most famous poems. Using various surfaces, feathers and acrylic paint we will experiment until we achieve a print that suits our mind's eye. All supplies provided. To register, please visit the library or call 828-465-8664.

### Piece of Cake Book Club

Thursday, April 27 at 5 pm

Narrow Coffee & Nosh

Selecting a diverse range of works and authors, join us to chat about our April's pick, *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghy. Get ahead with May's selection, *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed.

### Books Between Friends Book Club

Tuesday, May 23 at 6 pm

Claremont Branch Library

Join us as we discuss *So Long, Chester Wheeler* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. This book club meets next in May. Newcomers are welcome.

## LIBRARY TO GO

### Claremont Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1 from 10 am - 1 pm

Claremont City Park

3430 E Main St, Claremont, NC 28610

Join us at Claremont City Park for food, inflatables, Easter Bunny pictures, and a petting zoo! Be sure to stop by the Library to Go for crafts, storytime, and books!



### Clean Wave Laundry Suds & Stories

Sunday, April 16 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 3pm.



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