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Your most important school supply doesn't cost a penny...

Many families have stocked up on pencils, paper, and plenty of school supplies as the school year begins again. To be fully geared for academic success, the most powerful school supply in a student's backpack is a Catawba County Library card.

The library system is an influential educational partner, providing enhanced resources and programming tailored to the needs of students, parents, and educators – supporting the pursuit of education for all ages.

Enhanced Support

Partnering with local school systems, the library boosts the educational capacity in our community by providing increased opportunities for children to develop a joy for reading and master 21st-century skills such as independent problem solving, use of information technology, effective writing and research, information literacy, and critical thinking. The library supports and enriches learning during after-school hours, evenings, weekends, and throughout the summer.



Digital Resources

The library supports reading and learning as pathways to success, thanks to a well-balanced collection of traditional print resources, expansive digital access for students and families, and public computers and internet service. As an added convenience, families may also check out laptops and WiFi hotspots to use at home, gaining easier access to the library's robust online learning resources, including eBooks, eAudio, graphic novels, films, and music through apps like Hoopla and Overdrive, not to mention test preparation courses, language learning, online research tools, and more – all available 24/7.



Every child in North Carolina with a library card has access to the NC Kids Digital Library, a unique platform specifically designed for children that offers nearly 17,000 available titles, including 1,500 titles that feature unlimited copies and can be used simultaneously by any number of students, also available 24/7.

Hands-on Learning

In TechConnect, the library's collaborative workspace, local residents are building their digital literacy and technology skills through computer classes and one-on-one help with 3-D printing and digital cutting. Adults and children alike have sparked an interest in science- and technology-related topics through the library's interactive STEAM programs, all geared toward enhancing interest in and experience with critical skills for growing job markets.



Community Partner

In the role of community facilitator, the library provides career pathways for all ages by offering internships; connecting our community with expert speakers, college preparation resources, and programs; and providing opportunities for volunteering. In the Homework Helper program, high school students seeking service hours are partnered with elementary students needing extra help, providing a free tutoring service to better prepare young learners for long-term academic success.



Libraries are a cornerstone of and partner for our public education system, fostering a learning environment with flexible spaces to promote inquiry, creativity, collaboration, and community – empowering a student's ability to gain new skills and take advantage of life's opportunities.

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Children / Teens / Families

PAWS to Read*Tuesdays from 4-6 pm*

Children are invited to read to trained therapy dogs Nicole, Lexie, or Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

Ready to Learn Storytime*Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

STEAM: Snails, Slugs and Slime!*Tuesday, September 4 at 4 pm*

Children will learn about the differences between snails and slugs and how important their slime is. Kids will then make their own slime to play with!

Family Movie: Early Man*Tuesday, September 11 at 4 pm*

A prehistoric tribe clashes with invaders, leading to an epic soccer match in this new animated feature. Rated PG.

STEAM: Leaf Rubbings and Identification*Tuesday, September 18 at 4 pm*

Children and teens will learn how to identify local leaves and create leaf rubbings to showcase the differences.

Adults / Career / Tech

Crowd Funding for Your Small Business*Tuesday, September 4 from 5:30-7:30 pm*

More opportunities for non-traditional funding for business startup and expansion exist than ever before. Crowd-funding campaigns, in particular, are an important tool for businesses to raise funds. Participants in this seminar will explore the differences and similarities between this new resource and traditional funding. They'll also review crowd-funding websites and prepare a brief presentation suitable for launching a crowd-funding campaign. Presented by The Small Business Center. To register, call 828.327.7000, x4117.

Senior Game Day*Wednesday, September 5 at 10 am*

Join us to play board games, card games, and party games – a great chance to socialize and have some fun. Light refreshments served.

WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-up*Wednesday, September 5 from 10 am-2 pm*

Whether you need to write a resumé from scratch or update the one you already have, book your 30-minute, individual session by calling 828.465.8665.

Excel Basics*Wednesday, September 5 at 11 am*

Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class will teach basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill.

Excel: Formulas and Functions*Thursday, September 6 at 11 am*

Learn to create basic formulas or use already created functions to add numbers together, calculate a mortgage payment, or search for variables. Basic Excel skills required.

The Art of Food*Thursday, September 6 at 6 pm*

Explore easy ways to turn food into works of art. Be prepared to do some tasting too, from a cheese plate created in folk art style to a slice of candy 'sushi.' We'll also learn to make cucumber boats and a cheese ball sculpture.

**Excel: Sort and Filter***Friday, September 7 at 11 am*

Go beyond the basics of sorting your data and learn about all of the filtering options that will enable you to quickly access the information you need.

Southern Pens Book Club*Saturday, September 8 at 10 am*

This month's read is *November Road* by Lou Berney. October's selection will be *The Song Poet: A Memoir of My Father* by Kao Kalia Yang.

English as a Second Language*Mondays, September 10, 17 and 24 at 5:30 pm*

Classes are open to the public. The first two sessions will provide instruction, and the final class will offer a time to practice conversation skills. Reservations are not required, and everyone is welcome.

**Zumba***Mondays, September 10, 17 and 24 at 6 pm*

Kick off the week with this dance and movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for those under 18).

Make the Med Flip: Taco Bar*Wednesday, September 12 at 10 am*

Based on the Mediterranean Way program, this month's workshop invites folks to assemble tasty tacos using Med-friendly ingredients. Registration is strongly suggested; call 828.465.8665.

Introduction to Feng Shui*Thursday, September 13 at 6 pm*

Internationally renowned feng shui master Margaret Selby will share her understanding of the principles of Black Hat feng shui, the ancient Chinese art of harmonizing the function and energy of a person, home, or place of business.

Tinkercad 101*Tuesday, September 18 at 4 pm*

Learn to create 3-D files using Tinkercad, a free online Computer Aided Design (CAD) software. Participants will create a simple object using geometric shapes and letters that can be printed using the 3-D printer.

**Advanced Gardener: Home Food Production & Preservation – The Four Season Strategy***Tuesday, September 18 at 6:30 pm*

Dr. George Place offers helpful tips about homesteading and making sure you have a food supply from your landscape all year long through various preservation methods.

Finding Customers for Your Business*Wednesday, September 19, 11:30 am-1:30 pm*

Market research is not only for startups but for any small business. Developing a focused, effective marketing plan requires up-to-date market analysis. We'll share with you a variety of tools that will give you critical information about your industry and customers. Good data lets you test the feasibility of a new business, find the competition, and identify potential customers interested in your product or service. Presented by The Small Business Center. To register, call 828.327.7000, x4117.

3-D Basics*Thursday, September 20 at 4 pm*

Learn the foundations of 3-D printing: what it is, how it works, and where you can find resources to get, create, and share 3-D printable files.

Low-Cost Marketing for Your Business*Friday, September 21, 11:30 am-1:30 pm*

Marketing a small business is more dynamic and challenging than ever. To stretch your marketing dollars, it's critical to focus on your target markets and identify the smartest strategies. We'll help you discover how to effectively use the many marketing tools available. You'll gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment, and focus on low-cost marketing techniques to promote your business. Presented by The Small Business Center. To register, call 828.327.7000, x4117.

Piece of Cake Book Club*Tuesday, September 25 at 3 pm*

Enjoy reading interesting fiction? Have a sweet tooth? PoCBC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. September's selection is *Micro* by Michael Crichton. October's selection is *The Territory* by Tricia Fields.

"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

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CLAREMONT

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Children / Teens / Families

Rock Out with Hoopla*Thursday, September 20 from 3-5 pm*

Drop in to learn about Hoopla, a free app that lets you download music, ebooks, audiobooks, and movies. Connect your library card and start searching for content to download or stream immediately. Bring your own device for instant access.

Adults / Career / Tech

Books Between Friends Book Club*Tuesday, September 18 at 6 pm*

Join us this month for a lively discussion of *Educated* by Tara Westover. In November, we'll have a BYOB (bring your own book) session, where attendees are invited to speak briefly about a book they've enjoyed this past year.

When Claremont Was Mayberry*Tuesday, September 25 at 6 pm at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (4791 S Depot St)*

Join local historian and author Dr. Gary Freeze as he shares a light-hearted, informative look at the people and events that have shaped the first 125 years of Claremont, NC. This event is a collaborative effort between the Catawba County Library System, the City of Claremont, and the Catawba County Genealogical Society. Light refreshments and live music.

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CONOVER

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Children / Teens / Families

Homework Helpers*Tuesdays from 5-7 pm,**Thursdays from 4-6 pm*

Could your child use a boost in schoolwork? Call 828.466.5108 to set up an appointment for 1-on-1 reading time or Homework Help.



Baby Bounce*Wednesdays at 10 am*

This sweet, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners. Playtime follows.

Ready to Learn Storytime*Fridays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Saturday Storytime*Saturday, September 8 at 11 am*

Join us for a special storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Teen Book Share: Graphic Novels*Friday, September 14 at 4:30 pm*

Join us to share a graphic novel of your choice with the group. Afterwards, we'll make graphic novel buttons!

Yoga for All Ages*Friday, September 21 at 5 pm*

Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel. Come early to check out our selection of yoga books and DVDs.

Adults / Career / Tech**Healthy Living for Busy Moms***Tuesdays, September 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 6 pm*

Is a busy schedule keeping you from optimal health? That ends now! In this 8-week series, we'll address health and wellness topics like nutrition, meal planning, exercise, and stress management. Participants can ask questions, receive peer support, and discover ways to overcome their health barriers from a certified health coach. Call 828.466.5108 to sign up.

Homeschooling 101*Thursday, September 6 at 2 pm*

Bring your questions and voice your concerns in this session that lets you learn everything you need to know about homeschooling, from local homeschooling moms.

Alzheimer's and Dementia: What You Need to Know*Wednesday, September 12 at 11 am*

Learn to recognize the signs of Alzheimer's disease and dementia from Karen Phoenix, family consultant for Project Care. She'll share helpful information on how to navigate these diagnoses.

Catawba Valley Writers Club*Tuesday, September 18 at 6 pm*

Join us for our monthly meeting, as fellow writers discuss, evaluate, and share their works. If you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction, or just take delight in putting words on paper, this group is for you. Expect friendly fellowship and lively literary conversation!

Adult Book Share: Art Books*Saturday, September 22 at 11 am*

Do you like art? Join us to share your favorite art book. We'll discuss what we like or love, and then we'll discover new artists and art styles together! We'll wrap up with a craft – art buttons.



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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime***Thursdays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

STEAM: Apples & Your 5 Senses*Wednesday, September 19 at 4 pm*

Children are invited to learn about different varieties of apples in this fun workshop. They'll use their 5 senses to distinguish among them, and then they'll test their knowledge in a blind taste test.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Resumé Clinic***Wednesday, September 12 from 4-5 pm*

Learn about the free, easy-to-use Cypress Resumé maker offered through NC LIVE. Attendees will be able to set up an account and start building their resumes while at the program. Some laptops will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own laptop or tablet.

The Opioid Crisis in Catawba County*Saturday, September 22 at 11 am*

Lt. Chad Killian of the Catawba County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division will host a discussion about the growing epidemic in our community, county, and across the nation. He'll talk about what law enforcement is doing to combat the problem and what the community can do to help. Information on resources available to the public will be discussed as well.

Advanced Gardener: Home Food Production & Preservation – The Four Season Strategy*Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm*

Dr. George Place of the Catawba County Cooperative Extension offers helpful tips about homesteading and making sure you have a food supply from your landscape all year long through various preservation methods.

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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Baby Bounce*Fridays at 10 am*

This sweet, simple, 30-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for your youngest learners. (Note: On September 28, free play time will be available without a staff-guided program.)

Saturday Ready to Learn Storytime*Saturday, September 1 at 10 am*

Join us for a special weekend storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare preschoolers to learn.

PAWSitive Reading*Thursday, September 6 from 3:30-5:15 pm*

Have a "PAWS"itive reading experience! Come read to a certified therapy dog. Grades K and up. Registration is required. Call or stop by to sign up for a 15-20 minute session.

Pre-K STEAM: Tinker Time*Monday, September 10 at 4 pm*

Children 3-6 are invited for guided play and learning in our Construction Zone. Kids can show off their building skills, play pretend with construction toys, enhance fine motor skills, and much more! Registration recommended.

Student STEAM: 4-H Bright Ideas Club*Tuesday, September 18 at 6 pm*

Join us as we explore the forces and concepts of science and engineering. Each meeting, we'll complete hands-on projects based on the 4-H program guides. Please register to attend. Designed for ages 7-16.

STEAM Explorers: Film Canister Rockets*Wednesday, September 26 at 4 pm*

Kids 7-13 are invited to learn about science concepts and get hands-on experience. This month, we'll explore the science behind film canister rockets. Experiments will be conducted outside, so dress for the weather!

Adults / Career / Tech**Mystery Mavens Book Club***Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 pm*

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members, and the club is open to the public. Join us this month for a lively discussion of *I'll Be Gone in the Dark* by Michelle McNamara. Our October selection will be *Strangers on a Train* by Patricia Highsmith.

Introduction To Novelist Plus*Friday, September 14 at 11 am and Monday, September 17 at 6:30 pm (identical sessions)*

Looking for a new author? Hoping to find a title similar to a favorite read? Join us as we explore Novelist Plus, the library's database that helps readers uncover more of what they like. Participants will learn to find full series lists for popular authors and to locate read-alike recommendations for a favorite author or book.

Making Hmong-style Eggrolls*Saturday, September 22 at 11 am*

Learn to make your own crispy, delicious eggrolls and customize them to your taste using a variety of vegetables. Please register at the library or by calling 828.466.6827.

**Ask A Master Gardener: LIVE!***Tuesday, September 25 from 4:30-7:30 pm*

Catawba County Extension Master Gardeners will be here in person and can help with all of your gardening questions. Bring samples of plants gone wrong if you'd like!

The Three R's of Music*Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm*

The Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library will host an entertaining evening of music for all ages. Join us to explore Rhythm, Repetition & Return – the means by which music makes itself indispensable and unforgettable. Joyce O'Neal will present a lively (and probably loud!) program that will instantly make you much more conscious of the music all around you in grocery stores, movie theaters, and everywhere else.

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Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Baby Bounce*Thursdays at 2 pm*

This sweet, simple, 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners (birth-24 months). Playtime follows.



Paws to Read with Mini

Tuesdays, September 11 and 25 from 4-6 pm
Elementary-aged children are invited to read to Mini, a certified therapy dog. Please sign up for a 15-minute session. Grades K and up.

STEAM: Construction Zone: Marble Runs

Friday, September 21 at 3:30 pm
Elementary-aged children are encouraged to have a fun time exploring our engineering and building sets, sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union. Participants will be challenged to create their own functional marble runs.

**STEAM: Construction Zone: Bridges & Towers**

Saturday, September 22 at 11 am
Toddlers and children are invited for a fun time of building and constructing with our engineering and building sets, sponsored by the Local Government Federal Credit Union. Participants will be challenged to build sturdy, weight-bearing bridges and towers.

Good Neighbor Day Friendship Rocks

Friday, September 28 at 4 pm
In recognition of Good Neighbor Day, we'll paint a rock and give it away! All ages are welcome to participate.

Adults / Career / Tech**One-on-One Technology Tutoring**

Wednesdays, 11 am-3 pm
Bring in your phone, tablet, or laptop – or use one of the library's desktop computers – to get help with technology questions. Register for a 20-minute session by calling 828.466.6818.

Classical Music and Coloring

Tuesday, September 4 at 6 pm and Thursday, September 20 at 4 pm
Bring your own coloring tools or use ours, and enjoy soothing music in honor of Classical Music Month.

Book Club – NEW!

Tuesday, September 11 at 6 pm
Join us for our first meeting as we establish a new book club. We'll make decisions about what to name the club and talk about how we'll organize the group.

Using Google for More than Email

Monday, September 17 at 6 pm
Using a video tutorial, participants will get an overview of Google Drive, whose platform of tools lets you create, organize, and store information. Included are explanations for sorting and viewing files and folders, searching your data, and learning about built-in apps that allow you to create new things: Google docs, slides, sheets, forms, drawings, and maps. Please have a Google email account set up beforehand to participate fully in this session. A library staff member can help you create one in advance.

Musicians and Songwriters

Tuesday, September 18 at 6 pm
Adults and teens are invited to share their musical talents while learning from one another. Bring a finished song or one that's in progress to share with the group.

Fall Candle Wreath Craft Night

Tuesday, September 25 at 6 pm
We'll make a candle wreath with rolled paper flowers in fall colors (intended for decoration using unlit candles!). If you think you can't craft, you'll leave this class with a new skill! Registration is required.

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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Storytime**

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am
Tuesday evenings at 6 pm
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Grandparent's Day Social & Family Tree

Saturday, September 1 at 2 pm
All ages are welcome to join us in a celebration showing grandma and grandpa how special they are. Children will interview their grandparents to document family history and will also make a family tree and enjoy light refreshments.

ViperCard Programming

Monday, September 17 at 6 pm
Participants will get an introduction to ViperCard online software and learn how to create games, cartooning, animation, and interactive art. This introductory-level class uses simple computer programming skills and fits ViperCard's goal of making programming more accessible. Children 8+.

Movies at the Library: Coco

Friday, September 21st at 4 pm
In this animated movie, aspiring musician Miguel – faced with his family's ancestral ban on music – enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer. Enjoy popcorn and a drink. Rated PG.

Vision Boards: Goals for Self-Improvement

Monday, September 24 at 6 pm
Teens, celebrate National Self-Improvement Month by creating a vision board for your future goals. These boards are an amazing tool to help keep you motivated to achieve. All materials will be provided. Please register by calling 828.466.6821.

Crafternoons: Hispanic Heritage

Thursday, September 27 at 4 pm
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (Sep 15-Oct 15) with us! We'll learn about the many contributions that Latino-Americans have made in the United States. We'll also create a make-and-take sombrero as a cultural nod to our Mexican neighbors.

Adults / Career / Tech**Adult Coloring: Fall Pictures**

Saturday, September 8 at 2 pm
Come relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the coloring sheets, music, markers, and crayons. We'll also have card stock on hand if anyone wants to make a Grandparents Day card!

Chair Dancing: Low Impact Exercise

Fridays, September 14, 21, and 28 at 9:30 am
Exercise to the beat on your seat or on your feet! We'll get in shape and increase our energy levels, all at a doable pace. A great low-impact exercise class for adults.

**Cypress Resumé**

Wednesday, September 19 at 10 am
Looking to update your resumé or create one for the first time? This class teaches you the necessary skills using a program available through NCLIVE. The seminar guides you through a three-step process and requires little to no writing. The end result? A high-quality resumé that will stand out to employers.

Gale Forms

Wednesday, September 26 at 10 am
Gale Legal Forms offers lots of resources for do-it-yourselfers to take charge of their legal affairs with confidence. Learn how to access and print legal forms using this valuable online database.

WHAT'S COMING UP?**More Arts**

Arts @ the Library continues with engaging new folk art exhibits at the Main Library in Newton, as well as at the Maiden, Southwest, and St. Stephens branch libraries. Many thanks to the Hickory Museum of Art for loaning us these pieces! These library displays offer a visual preview of the third annual Foothills Folk Art Festival, which is slated to take place Saturday, October 6 from 10 am-4 pm on the Square in downtown Newton. For details, visit www.foothillsfolkartfestival.com.

And don't forget to stop by the Newton Library to check out our fabulous Art-o-Mat, a repurposed cigarette machine that sells small-scale original artworks for \$5 each.

Out and About

The Library hopes to meet you where you are! Look for us at these community events.

- Celebration of Nations
Saturday, September 8 from 10 am-2 pm
Catawba Valley Community College
2550 US Hwy 70 SE, Hickory, NC
- Connect Catawba Resource Forum
Tuesday, September 11 from 8-10 am
Newton Recreation Center
23 S Brady Ave, Newton, NC
Topic: "Setting Up Students for Success"
connectcatawba@catawbacountync.gov
- Bilingual Health and Wellness Fair
Thursday, September 20 from 2-6 pm
Centro Latino
2259 12th Ave NE, Hickory, NC

Author's Visit

The library is delighted to host Lou Berney for a discussion of his latest novel, *November Road*, which "unfolds in the shadow of the assassination of JFK and is a deeply moving love story about people caught in moral dilemmas for which there are no easy answers and who together find hope against all odds."

Berney is the author of three previous novels, *Gutshot Straight*, *Whiplash River*, and multiple prize-winning *The Long and Faraway Gone*. He lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Tuesday, October 16 at 6 pm at the Conover Branch Library

Later This Fall

Our Pop-Up Library – a library on wheels – is chock full of books, audio, technology, special programs, and more. It will soon be on its way to locations throughout the county, so get ready to check it out. It's not your grandma's book mobile! Call us for more info at 828.465.8292.



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