

LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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Catawba County
Library System

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828-465-8664



Library News Site

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"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library

Do you have questions about your lawn management? Do you need guidance on how to start a vegetable garden? Would you like suggestions on landscape plants and how to maintain them? In collaboration with the Library, the Catawba County Cooperative Extension Service and Master Gardener volunteers are eager to help you.

Be on the look-out for the 'Ask the Master Gardener' box at the Newton, Southwest, Sherrills Ford-Terrell, and Claremont Libraries. Fill out the question form with your contact info and the question that you have related to landscape and gardening - ornamental horticulture, vegetable gardening, soil testing, disease, insect and weed control, houseplants, etc. You will be contacted in a week or two with the research based information that you need and a recommended solution to any issue. For immediate assistance or to learn about gardening classes, tours, and activities please call the Catawba County Cooperative Extension Service at 828-465-8240.

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Why STEAM?

It's a hot topic—you may have heard of STEM, or STEAM—and why it's important. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math related careers are one of the fastest growing career paths, and we can help prepare our children to excel and stand out in the 21st century workforce with robust and interactive learning opportunities that spark interest and grow empowering skills! The addition of Arts adds an approachable, creative, and open-ended learning aspect that helps capture student interest and make learning even more fun.

Library STEAM programs are designed to support and extend our local educational initiatives to build strong minds and career pathways by engaging students in fun and creative learning opportunities that are "hands-on" and "minds-on".

Look for plenty of great STEAM learning opportunities every month at the library and come power up!



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING + ARTS • MATHEMATICS

Main in Newton

828.465.8665

Children / Teens / Family

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts & stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Paws to Read

Tuesdays from 4 - 6 pm

Children are invited to read to trained therapy dogs, Nicole or Fudge. Please register.

Movie: The Emoji Movie

Tuesday, December 5 at 4 pm

Movie in English with Spanish subtitles

STEAM Program: Holiday Cookie Decoration

Saturday, December 9 at 3 pm

Program presented in Spanish & English. Are you ready for Santa? Come to learn how to best decorate cookies for Santa. English speakers will learn Holiday vocabulary in Spanish.

STEAM Program: Origami Star Ornaments

Tuesday, December 12 at 4 pm

Local artist Sigrid Hice will instruct children aged 7+ on how to create an origami star ornament. Class size limited to 15, please register at the library or call 828-466-8664.



Santa Visit & Holiday Celebration

Monday, December 18th at 5:30 pm

Program in Spanish & English; everyone welcome. Join us to celebrate the Holidays with songs, storytime and crafts. Children of all ages will enjoy a delightful visit from Santa! Don't forget to bring your camera!



Family Movie: The Polar Express

Tuesday, December 19 at 4 pm

Movie in English with Spanish subtitles. All ages will enjoy watching the popular holiday film *The Polar Express*. Snacks and hot chocolate will be served!

Tinkercad Basics: Create a Snowflake

Thursday, December 21 at 11 am

Children aged 8+ are invited to get started making 3D objects using basic shapes in Tinkercad. Join us to make and print a 3D snowflake. Registration is required. Call Shelley Orr at 828-465-9494 to sign up.



Adults / Career / Tech

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Handkerchief Holiday Wall Hanging

Saturday, December 2 at 3 pm

We'll provide all the supplies needed to turn festive fabric squares and placemats into a holiday wall hanging. Registration suggested.

Open Enrollment for Medicare

Tuesday, December 5 from 10 am to 4 pm

Do you have questions about Medicare coverage? Sign up now for a one-on-one consultation to review your needs and select the best plan for you. Call 828-328-2269

Downloading Digital Books

Wednesday, December 6 at 11 am

Learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the North Carolina Digital Library onto your mobile device or laptop.

Windows 10 Tips and Tricks

Thursday, December 7 at 11 am

New to Windows 10? Learn tips and tricks that will help you get comfortable using the new interface. Learn how to customize the new Start Menu, use the Quick Access Menu, have Cortana give you directions, set reminders and much more.

DIY: Mason Jar Lid Ornaments

Thursday, December 7 at 6 pm

Join us to make this Holiday craft as we transform mason jar lids into super-fun holiday ornaments. Registration suggested.

Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (ACA): Learn More and Sign Up

Saturday, December 9 from 9 am-6 pm

Open enrollment is November 1 – December 15. Marsha Armstrong, an enrollment specialist with Catawba Family Care, can help you understand the options. Stop by or Call 828-624-0538 for an appointment.

Create a Vinyl Decal

Monday, December 11 at 6 pm

Design & cut a vinyl sticker using our digital cutter. Choose your font and import an image to create a vinyl decals up to 6" by 6".

Drug Awareness 101: Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms

Monday, December 11 at 6 pm

Come learn how to identify the signs and symptoms of substance abuse at this event led by Renee Moriarty of the Cognitive Connection Corporation. Knowing the early warning signs now could save you a world of heartache later.

3-D Printing Basics

Wednesday, December 13 at 11 am

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

English Conversation: Play Apples to Apples

Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 pm

Join us for a game of Apples to Apples and practice English! English speakers of all levels are invited to come build confidence in speaking and listening skills as we play!

Drug Awareness 102: What Drugs Are People Using These Days?

Tuesday, December 19 at 6 pm

Fore-warned is fore-armed: come learn about the most recent trends in addiction and recovery with Renee Moriarty of Cognitive Connection Corporation.

Retro Game Night

Thursday, December 21 at 6pm

Join us as we enjoy playing board games the retro way – face to face around a table! Bring your own favorites or enjoy a Holiday version of Scrabble!

Piece of Cake Book Club

On break for December

Join us at Marie & Twannette's Bakery in downtown Newton for fun discussion.

January 23, 2018: *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple.

Claremont

828.466.6817

Children / Teens / Family

Christmas Craftiness

Thursday, December 7 at 5 pm

Create unusual and adorable ornaments perfect for your holiday tree, decorating a present, or gifting to your friends. Registration is recommended.

Movie and Craft: How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Saturday, December 23 at 10 am

Celebrate the holiday with the Grinch: create a fabulous Grinch-themed craft, join in the Grinch trivia contest (win a prize!), and relax with some popcorn and the nostalgic, original 1966 animated classic.

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Conover

828.466.5108

Children / Teens / Family

Baby Bounce

Every Wednesday at 10 am

This sweet and simple 20-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play and singing for ages 3-18 months. Playtime follows.

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Every Friday at 10 am

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts & stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Storytime: Meet Jasper the Therapy Dog

Friday, December 8 at 10 am

Join us for an extra special storytime to meet Jasper, a trained therapy Golden Retriever. At 10:30 you can see Jasper in the library.

Teen Poetry Slam

Tuesday, December 5 at 6 pm

Got something to say? Sign up now to share your original poetry with others! Perform 3-minutes of an original poem before an audience. Judges will select a winner! Refreshments will be provided. Register now!

Homework Helpers

Tuesday, December 5 & 12 from 4-7 pm

Call to set up an appointment for 1-on-1 reading time or Homework Help.

Swashbuckling for All Swordplay Demonstration

Saturday, December 9 at 10 am

Crusader Fencing Club will be at the library giving demonstrations in the Olympic sports of foil, epee, and saber fencing. Learn about different weapons and techniques, then take a 'stab' at pinning your opponent!



Christmas Craft: Ornaments

Saturday, December 16 at 11 am

All ages are invited to create unique globe ornaments filled with words from a book. Perfect for decorating a tree, presents, or gifting to your friends. Registration is recommended.

Holiday Movie: It's a Wonderful Life (PG)

Tuesday, December 19 at 5 pm

The 1946 Holiday Classic about a man who thinks his life is worthless until an angel shows him the ripple effect of his everyday kindness. Join us for goodwill, cheer – and popcorn!



Holiday Movie Double Feature:

The Santa Clause (PG) followed by Elf (PG)

Thursday, December 21 at 2 pm

Join us for one or both of these great holiday films. Second movie to begin at 3:15 pm.

Adults / Career / Tech

Gmail Set-Up

Friday, December 1 at 11 am

Are you missing out on the latest happenings with your friends and relatives? We will help you, step by step, learn how to set up an email address with gmail!

Maiden

828.428.2712

Children / Teens / Family

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Thursdays at 10 am

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts & stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Santa Storytime

Thursday, December 14 at 10 am

Santa will be making a special stop at the Maiden Branch Library to join children for storytime! Light refreshments will be served.



STEAM: Christmas Card Paper Circuits

Saturday, December 9 at 11 am

Children ages 7+ are invited to come and learn about making a complete paper circuit and adding in a switch. Participants will dress up a Holiday card with an LED light using simple materials. Class size is limited so please register by calling 828-428-2712

College Financial Aid Workshop

Saturday, December 2 at 11 am

High school students and parents are invited to learn about applying for financial aid for college. Skip Watts, from the College Foundation of NC, will be here to explain the FAFSA form and help guide you through the application process.

Adults / Career / Tech

Holiday Eating with Chronic Conditions

Wednesday, December 6 at 10 am

If you have diabetes, high blood pressure or another chronic condition, the holidays can be a minefield. Come learn tips to help you enjoy some of your favorite holiday foods the healthy way.

Open Enrollment for the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Sign Ups

Tuesday, December 12 from 12-8 pm

Open enrollment is November 1 – December 15. Marsha Armstrong, an enrollment specialist with Catawba Family Care, can help you understand the options. Stop by or call 828-624-0538 for an appointment.

Sherrills Ford-Terrell

828.466.6827

Children / Teens / Family

Baby Bounce

Fridays at 10 am

This sweet and simple 30-minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for your youngest learners.

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Every Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am

(No storytime on December 27 and 28)

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts & stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, December 2 at 10 am

Join us for a special Saturday storytime with songs, sensory play, crafts, & stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Get signed up for our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, learn how to download the 1000 Books app or turn in your record sheet.

Tree Lighting and Santa Visit

Friday, December 8 from 6 – 7:45 pm

Bring your camera and the whole family for a visit with Santa Claus and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate! While you're waiting, help us decorate the tree, make an ornament, sing carols, and enjoy fun activities. Sponsored by Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.



PAWSitive Reading

Will resume in January

STEAM: Tinker Time

Monday, December 4 from 4–5 pm

Join us for guided play and learning in our Construction Zone where children can show off their building skills, play pretend with construction toys, enhance their fine motor skills, and more! Ages 3-6. Registration is recommended.



Student STEAM: 4H Bright Idea—Electricity*Tuesday, December 12 at 6 pm*

Join the Bright Idea Electricity club as we learn about electromagnetic force in electrical circuits by using batteries, wires, and a compass. Registration recommended. Open to ages 7-16.

Canvas Creations for Teens*Wednesday, December 20 at 4 pm*

Need a last minute holiday gift? Join us to create your own unique canvas. Art supplies and snacks will be provided. Registration recommended. Ages 10 and up.

Adults / Career / Tech**Do It Yourself Investing***Friday, December 1 at 10 am*

This free 90-minute introduction to the basics of "Do It Yourself Investing" will explain Index Funds, asset allocation and how to reduce brokerage fees and unnecessary expenses. This is an educational program; no sales or personal financial strategies will be offered.

Mystery Mavens Book Club*Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 pm*

The Mystery Mavens book club welcomes new members each month and is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *Mistletoe Murder and Other Stories* by P. D. James.

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library Holiday Social*Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm*

Members of the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library are celebrating the holidays with a book exchange and social event. Not a member yet? Join that night or drop by the library for a membership form.

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Southwest
828.466.6818

Children / Teens / Family**Ready to Learn Storytimes***Thursday, December 7 and 14 at 11 am*

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

Family Holiday Party*Tuesday, December 12 from 6 – 7 pm*

Bring the whole family as we kick off the holiday season with music, cookies, punch, and a craft for all ages. One lucky winner will also receive a special door prize.

**Paws to Read with Mini
-the blue & brown-eyed pup***Tuesday, December 12 from 4 – 6 pm*

Elementary aged children are invited to read to certified therapy dog, Mini. To reserve your child's appointment come by the library or call 828-466-6818.

Adults / Career / Tech**Holiday Card Making***Tuesday, December 5 from 6—7:30 pm*

Join us for a holiday card making class using iris paper folding techniques. It is easy and fun! You will have a nice card or wall hanging to take home.

Laptop Basics*Friday, December 8 at 11 am*

Learn basic computing skills on a laptop and how to log on to the library's wireless network. Bring your own laptop or use ours.

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St. Stephens
828.466.6821

Children / Teens / Family**Ready to Learn Storytimes***Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 am**Tuesday evenings at 6 pm*

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

Crafternoons @ the Library: Toboggan Christmas Ornaments*Thursday, December 7 @ 4 pm*

Everyone will love making these mini winter hats. They are easy to make and so cute!! Registration is required, please stop by or call 828-466-6821.

Teen DIY Holiday Ornament*Monday, December 11 at 6 pm*

Get in the holiday spirit and decorate your own holiday ornament, with all materials provided and a drawing for two special treats at the end of the program. Registration is required; please stop by or call 828-466-6821.

Visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus*Wednesday, December 13 at 11 am*

Come to the library to visit with Santa and tell him everything on your wish list. Bring your camera or smart phone to take a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**Movies at the Library: Emoji Movie (PG)***Friday, December 15 at 4 pm*

Enjoy the movie, popcorn and a drink – as well as a lot of fun! One lucky movie-goer will win an Emoji Movie Collectible Figure Set.

Adults / Career / Tech**Cool Online Tools***Monday, December 4 at 6 pm*

Interested in learning about resources the library offers online? In this session, we will explore these links on the library's webpage: Chilton's Auto Repair, GFC, Goodreads, and Gale Legal Forms.

**Technology Tutoring Sessions***Wednesday, December 13 10 am to 12 pm*

Do you have questions about your computer, smartphone, or e-Reader? If you do, drop by the library between 10 and 12 to learn a new skill, download an eBook or solve a technology problem.

Adult Coloring Club: Holiday Theme*Saturday, December 16 at 2 pm*

Come relax by coloring your stress away. We will provide the coloring sheets, music and markers or crayons.

Candle Craft*Monday, December 18 at 6 pm*

Join us in making a personalized gift using photos and candles. All materials are supplied. A great idea for a holiday gift. Registration is required to ensure we have enough materials.

