

# Library Connections

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## CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF BUILDING COMMUNITY



The story of the **Catawba County Library** began with the dedication and vision of community members who understood what a public library could mean for the future of our county. Leading the way was the library's first librarian, Miss Challie Brandon Hall, along with Newton's Unit 16 of the American Legion Auxiliary. After four years of determined fundraising, and a countywide book drive, the library officially opened its doors on March 20, 1936. The rest, as they say, is history.

Over the past 90 years, the library has grown in size, collections, and services. Today, we proudly serve the community through seven locations and one Library to Go mobile unit. Last year, patrons visited more than 260,000 times and checked out materials over 617,000 times, from novels and eBooks to cornhole sets.

This month, we are celebrating 90 years of building community, and you are invited to join the celebration. Please see inside for details about birthday events taking place at each of our locations. We can't wait to celebrate with you.

As we honor our history, we also look to the future with the same foresight and vision shown by Miss Hall and the American Legion Auxiliary. To help ensure vibrant library services and welcoming spaces for generations to come, we invite you to support the Catawba County Library Endowment Fund, managed by the North Carolina Community Foundation. For more information, please visit [catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/contribute](http://catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/contribute)

With a donation of **\$19.36** or more, you will receive a commemorative 90th Birthday tote bag. With a donation of **\$90** or more, you will receive a commemorative tote bag filled with library goodies.

Thank you for being part of our story, and our future.

## CELEBRATE WITH US!

### Children

- March 10 at 1 pm **Southwest Branch**
- March 26 at 4 pm **Main Library in Newton**
- March 28 from 11 am - 2 pm **Claremont Branch**

### Adults

- March 3 at 6 pm **Conover Branch**
- March 7 at 1 pm **Main Library in Newton**
- March 17 at 2 pm **Southwest Branch**
- March 17 at 5 pm **Maiden Branch**
- March 23 at 6 pm **Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch**
- March 30 from 12 - 8 pm **St. Stephens Branch**

# CHILDREN 0-5

**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool**  
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**

Join us for rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.

**Mondays at 10 am**

Main Library in Newton

**Fridays at 10 am**

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library



**Pre-K STEAM**

Children and their grownups are invited to explore interactive play stations to build confidence in learning.

**Mondays, March 2 & 16 at 1 pm**

Southwest Branch Library

**Wednesdays, March 11 & 25 at 2 pm**

St. Stephens Branch Library



# CHILDREN 6-11

**PAWS to Read**

**Tuesdays, March 3, 10, & 17**

St. Stephens Branch Library

**Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30 pm**

Conover Branch Library

Encourage your young reader through reading with a certified therapy dog. To schedule an appointment, please call 828-466-6821 for St. Stephens and 828-466-5108 for Conover.



**Homeschool Hangout**

**Thursday, March 5 at 11 am**

Conover Branch Library

Meet other homeschoolers while enjoying an activity and coloring pages.

**American Sign Language for Beginners**

**Thursday, March 5 at 4:30 pm**

St. Stephens Branch Library

Families are invited to explore beginner sign language together in a welcoming, supportive environment!



**STEAM: Leprechaun Trap**

**Friday, March 6 at 4 pm**

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Design a trap to catch a mischievous leprechaun.



**Family Literacy Day: Decodable Books**

**Saturday, March 7 at 10 am**

Main Library in Newton

Learn about our new and growing collection of decodable books.

**Homeschool STEAM:**

**Turning 90 Trunk Tales**

**Tuesday, March 10 at 1 pm**

Southwest Branch Library

Step back in time as we celebrate the library's 90th birthday with hands-on activities to discover what life was like nearly a century ago.

**Limitless Theatre**

**Tuesday, March 10 at 4:30 pm**

Conover Branch Library

**Tuesday, March 24 at 4:30 pm**

Main Library in Newton

Join us for an exceptional theatrical performance.

**Lego Club**

**Friday, March 13 at 10 am**

Maiden Branch Library

Build, make, and play as we explore our creativity through Lego with free play and a challenge to create something out of green bricks.

**Magic Fizzy Art**

**Thursday, March 19 at 4:30 pm**

St. Stephens Branch Library

Unleash your child's creativity with a magical, messy art potion that blends chemistry and imagination.

**Storytime at the Park**

**Saturday, March 21 at 2 pm**

St. Stephens Park

Explore birds and their nests with a park ranger, and enjoy bird-themed stories with a librarian.



**LEGO Challenge**

**Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm**

Conover Branch Library

Join us for a fun, creative building session, working together to create structures based on exciting prompts.

**Shrinky Dinks**

**Thursday, March 26 at 4 pm**

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

Create your own designs and turn them into charms and keychains.

**LEGO Challenge: Birthday Bonanza!**

**Thursday, March 26 at 4 pm**

Main Library in Newton

Celebrate the library's 90th birthday with a LEGO building challenge!

**Birthday Bunnypalooza!**

**Saturday, March 28 from 11 am - 2 pm**

Claremont Branch Library

Celebrate Easter with fun-filled games, crafts, and activities. Double the fun with cake and ice cream in honor of the library's 90th birthday, and the City of Claremont's Easter Egg Hunt!

# TEENS 12-18

## Print Making with the Hickory Museum of Art

Monday, March 9 at 5 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Learn the art of print making with The Hickory Museum of Art.



## Book Club Internacional

Monday, March 9 at 5 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Explore the world with other teens through authors born outside of the US. March's book is *Furia*, by Yamile Saied Mendez. Light refreshments provided.

## Mario Madness

Monday, March 16 at 3 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Start your engines and get ready for our annual Mario Kart tournament on our Nintendo Switch consoles! Bring your A-game and be sure to avoid those banana peels!



## Teen Open Studio

Thursday, March 19 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Whatever your creative outlet - writing, art, or something else entirely - we know you'll enjoy this opportunity to create in a laid-back, welcoming studio atmosphere.

## DIY Flower Bracelet

Friday, March 27 at 4 pm  
Maiden Branch Library  
Celebrate the return of spring by learning how to make a macramé flower bracelet!

# ADULTS

## Zumba Mondays!

Mondays at 6 pm  
March 2 at FUMC Newton  
March 9, 16, 23 & 30 at Main Library in Newton  
Enjoy a dance and movement class that's too much fun to call exercise.

## NC Works

Wednesdays from 1:30 - 4:30 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Get individualized help finding work and connecting to resources.

## Mindful Movement

Wednesdays & Fridays at 3 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Low impact exercise and gentle stretching for adults of all ages.

## Coffee and Tech for Vets

Monday, March 2 at 9 am  
Main Library in Newton  
Veterans, drop in for free coffee and friendly tech help. Stick around to connect with fellow vets.

## Bullet Journaling 101

Monday, March 2 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Learn the basics of bullet journaling - this month's focus will be on monthly meal planning.

## Library Birthday Celebration:

**Cross Stitch Bookmarks**  
Tuesday, March 3 at 6 pm  
Conover Branch Library  
Celebrate the library's 90th birthday by learning how to cross-stitch and creating a handmade bookmark.

## Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, March 4 & 18 at 11:30 am  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a gentle flow chair yoga class.

## Career Center

Wednesday, March 4 from 1 - 4 pm  
Southwest Branch Library  
A Goodwill career specialist will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with job-related needs.

## The Library's Birthday Toast

Saturday, March 7 at 1 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
To celebrate the Library's 90th, learn how to design and cut custom, book-themed stencils using the Silhouette cutting machine, and then use those stencils to etch your own personalized wineglass!



## Adult Board Game Afternoon

Saturday, March 7 at 2 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Learn how to play fun games while meeting new people! Games include Uzzle, Gentle Rain, Rummikub, Ticket to Ride, and many more.

## Business Basics for Artists & Crafters

Tuesdays, March 10 & 24 at 12 noon  
Main Library in Newton  
This six-part series is for anyone who is starting an arts business.  
March 10: *Write a Business Plan*  
March 24: *Financing Your Arts & Crafts Business*



## Monarch Butterflies 101

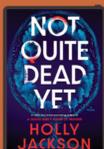
Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Discover how monarch butterflies live, feed, and migrate - and learn why they are important pollinators for our native plants, with our friends at the Lake Norman Garden Club!

## MARCH BOOK CLUBS



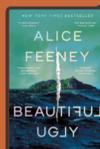
**Mystery Mavens**  
Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch  
*Death at the Sign of the Rook*  
by Kate Atkinson

**Mountain View Book Club**  
Monday, March 16 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch  
*Atmosphere*  
by Taylor Jenkins Reid



**Shelf-Care Book Club**  
Monday, March 16 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch  
*Not Quite Dead Yet*  
by Holly Jackson

**Newton Book Club**  
Thursday, March 19 at 5 pm  
Carpe Crustum  
*Beautiful Ugly*  
by Alice Feeney



**Books Between Friends**  
Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm  
Claremont Branch  
*The Correspondent*  
by Virginia Evans



Please visit or call the library to register.

### Social Media for Job Search

Thursday, March 12 at 2 pm  
Southwest Branch Library  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Learn tips on how to utilize social media for your job search. Presented by NC Works via Zoom.

### Adult Children of Aging Parents: Legal and Financial Documents

Thursday, March 12 at 5:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Learn about the advanced care documents that ensures one's wishes regarding care, medical intervention, and finances are carried out, regardless of the person's ability to make decisions for themselves.

### Gentle Flow Yoga

Friday, March 13, 20, & 27 at 11 am  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
A certified yoga instructor will lead us through a beginner-friendly, gentle flow yoga class.

### Be a Hero this March

Friday, March 13 from 11 am - 2:30 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
The Big Red Bus (OneBlood) will be rolling in for a community blood drive. Donors will receive a free St. Patty's Day t-shirt and a gift card as a thank you for helping save lives.

### Garden Volunteer Days

Saturdays, March 14 & 21 from 9 - 11 am  
Main Library in Newton  
We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist with tasks such as weeding, mulching, and planting in the community garden. Whether you're an expert or just starting out, all ages and experience levels are welcome.



### Qi Gong

Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 am  
Main Library in Newton  
Involving gentle movements, controlled breath patterns, and focused attention, Qi Gong can be practiced seated or otherwise – a great practice for those new to movement.

### Wycinanki Art

Monday, March 16 at 6 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Explore the history of Poland's traditional paper-cutting art and create a decorative art piece inspired by intricate folk designs.



### Turning 90: A 1930s Celebration

Tuesday, March 17 at 2 pm  
Southwest Branch Library  
The library is turning 90! Travel back to the 1930s and join us for a stylish birthday bash. Dig out your fun hats, gloves, suspenders, and ties, and celebrate with cake, trivia, and music!

### Happy 90th Birthday to the Library

Tuesday, March 17 at 5 pm  
Maiden Branch Library  
Families are invited to join us to customize their very own library tote bag and decorate a cupcake.

### Got Resume Builder at Long View

Wednesday, March 18 at 2 pm  
Long View Town Hall  
Create or build the resume you need!

### More in My Basket

Thursday, March 19 at 12 pm & 6 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Learn how to do more with your food money: creating a food budget, planning and resources, and strategies to make your money go further. Register by March 14.



### Needle Felting

Thursday, March 19 at 4 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
Explore the textile art of needle felting as we create a rain cloud.



### Backyard Chickens for Beginners

Thursday, March 19 at 6 pm  
Claremont Branch Library  
Join us as Melissa and Rocco from True Cut Ranch guide us through the basics of raising backyard chickens.

### Library Lovers Trivia

Monday, March 23 at 6 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
We're celebrating our birthday the best way we know how—by putting your knowledge to the test!

### Oscar Night Trivia

Monday, March 23 at 6 pm  
Southwest Branch Library  
Enjoy light refreshments at this red carpet event while you test your knowledge on all things Oscars.

### Plant Exchange

Monday, March 23 at 6 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Learn about house plant care from a NC CoOp Extension Horticulture Agent, and swap plants and seeds.

### Resumes and Applications

Tuesday, March 24 at 2 pm  
Main Library in Newton  
Learn tips on building your resume and filling out applications online.

### Artificial Intelligence: Tips and Tricks

Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm  
Online via Zoom  
In person at Main Library in Newton  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
Southwest Branch Library  
Join us in person or online to learn some tips and tricks on using AI. To register for the Zoom link, please visit [tinyurl.com/CCLSAITIPS](https://tinyurl.com/CCLSAITIPS)

### Catawba County Genealogical Society

Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm  
Main Library in Newton, Rhodes Room  
Check out new local history and genealogy materials available for research during this month's meeting.

### Marbling for Beginners

Wednesday, March 25 at 6 pm  
HMA at Valley Hills Mall  
Learn how to make a marbling solution and use specialized marbling tools to create traditional marble patterns on drawing paper and on wooden eggs.



### Celebrating 90 Years of Reading

Monday, March 30 from 12 - 8 pm  
St. Stephens Branch Library  
The library is turning 90 this March! Celebrate with us by playing Plinko for prizes, and enjoying family-friendly party games and a sweet treat.

**CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE CALENDAR TO SEE WHERE THE LIBRARY TO GO WILL BE!**



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