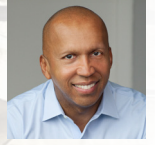


“The true measure of our character is how we treat the poor, the disfavored, the accused, the incarcerated, and the condemned.”

Bryan Stevenson  
*Just Mercy*

# Just Mercy

## A Community Read



This community-wide read of Bryan Stevenson's profound book explores the concept of mercy within the criminal justice system.

### CVCC, EAST WING AUDITORIUM

#### **Criminal Justice System Reform**

Wednesday, January 31, 12 noon

Criminal justice reformer and researcher Dr. Melissa Neal discusses how using a racial equity lens can lead to more effective criminal justice solutions and better outcomes.

### CATAWBA COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY, NEWTON

#### **Why Eyewitnesses Get it Wrong**

Wednesday, January 17, 3 pm

A viewing of a TED Talk from a forensic psychologist who studies memory related to crime, followed by discussion.

#### **How False Confessions Happen**

Tuesday, January 30, 6 pm

A viewing of a TED Talk, followed by discussion.

#### **Justice doesn't happen. People make justice happen.**

Tuesday, February 6, 6 pm

A talk about the role we play in how justice is determined.

#### **Companion Read: *Orange is the New Black***

Tuesday, February 13, 6 pm

Join us to discuss our companion read, made popular by the award-winning Netflix series of the same name.

#### **A Prosecutor's Vision for a Better Justice System**

Tuesday, February 20, 6 pm

A viewing of a TED Talk, followed by a discussion led by Prof. Ronald Wright of Wake Forest University Law School.

#### **In Pursuit of Justice: the Greg Taylor Story**

Thursday, February 22, 5:30 pm

A screening of the film about a NC man's wrongful murder conviction, followed by a discussion with the film's producer.

#### **Just Mercy Performance Reading**

Monday, March 5, 10 am

CVCC's Play Production class performs pieces from the book.

#### **The Presumption of Innocence**

Tuesday, March 6, 6 pm

A viewing of a TED Talk, followed by a discussion led by an ACLU attorney of the Charlotte region.

#### **After Innocence**

Thursday, March 8, 6 pm

This gripping documentary explores the impacts of seven criminal convictions since overturned by DNA evidence.

### ST. STEPHENS BRANCH

#### **Eyewitness Identification: The System with Joe Berlinger**

Saturday, February 24, 2 pm

This episode explores how the system is grappling with emerging insights into eyewitness science.

### SHERILLS FORD-TERRELL BRANCH

#### **Guardian ad Litem Panel Discussion**

Monday, February 26, 6:30 pm

Learn more about the child victim advocacy program with panel guests Sydney Smith, district administrator; Karen Harrington, director of Catawba County DSS; Superior Court Judge Gregory Hayes, and others.

### SOUTHWEST BRANCH

#### **Why Eyewitnesses Get It Wrong**

Tuesday, February 27, 6 pm

### CONOVER BRANCH

#### **After Innocence**

Tuesday, February 20, 6 pm

### CLAREMONT BRANCH

#### **After Innocence**

Saturday, February 24, 10 am

### MAIDEN BRANCH

#### **Prosecutorial Misconduct: The System with Joe Berlinger**

Tuesday, February 20, 6 pm

This episode explores how issues in law enforcement and prosecution can impact justice outcomes.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ANTHONY RAY HINTON

Tuesday, March 20, 11 am, CVCC's Tarleton Center

Tuesday, March 20, 6 pm, 1924 Courthouse, Newton

Hear from the client of Bryan Stevenson who was exonerated after spending 30 years on Alabama's death row. Reception to follow at the County History Museum.

