

# Library Connections

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## Have You Seen the Power in 1000 Books?

### THE PROGRAM

Parents and caregivers are invited to participate in the Library's **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** challenge and give their little ones a powerful learning advantage.

Most of a baby's important brain development happens in the first 2000 days of life. The 1000 Books program is incentive-based and encourages reading with your child. Your shared reading experience promotes bonding, establishes strong literacy skills, and helps your child gain the confidence necessary to become a strong reader. It also invites parents to sing, talk, read, write, and play with their children by sharing songs and rhymes.

The concept is simple. Read a book to your newborn, infant, or toddler with a goal of completing 1000 books before your child starts kindergarten. If you read one book each day, you will have read 365 books in a year. At that rate, you will have completed 1000 books in three years. Since most children start kindergarten at the age of 5, you have more time than you might imagine to reach your goal.

### THE STEPS

To help families establish reading together as an important activity and to introduce children to a greater variety of reading materials, the Library has mapped out an easy process:

- Sign up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at your local library.



- Pick up our starter kit, which includes everything you need: reading logs, stickers, book suggestions, program guidelines, tips for effective reading and developmental characteristics for babies and toddlers.
- Read often to your child (*yes, you can repeat books*).
- Keep track of the number of books you read together, either on our printed logs or online using the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten app, available on iTunes or Google Play.
- Join us at the library for Ready to Learn Storytime sessions and include those books on your reading log.
- Take advantage of great digital resources for children's books and music, like **TumbleBooks**, **NC Kids**, the **NC Digital Library**, and **Hoopla**. They're all free and available online 24/7!
- After each 100 books you read, bring your reading log to the library for recognition and a prize. You'll also pick up your reading log for the next 100 books.
- When you've completed all 1000 books, bring in your reading log for a grand prize and a certificate of achievement.
- Continue the routine of reading!

### THE FEEDBACK

When surveyed, **100%** of respondents said they have a better understanding of the value of reading with their children. **97%** said they spend more time now reading with their children.



We look forward to working with you and your child!

## MAIN IN NEWTON

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## Children / Teens / Families

**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool**

*Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am*  
Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

**PAWS to Read**

*Tuesdays from 4-6 pm*

Children are invited to read to one of our trained therapy dogs, including Fudge. Call to make an appointment.

**Step Team**

*Saturday, February 2 at 12 noon*

Challenger Early College High School's Step Team will perform and talk with the audience about their process and the history of step dancing.

**Chocolate: The Food of the Gods**

*Saturday, February 2 at 1 pm*

*Presented in Spanish and English*

Learn how the 'Food of the Gods' spiritual beverage of ancient Mexico became today's chocolate, found worldwide in all kinds of shapes and flavors. We'll learn the history and sample different kinds of chocolate.

**Chinese New Year**

*Tuesday, February 5 at 4 pm*

Children will learn about the Chinese New Year, be taught how to write a few Chinese characters, and sample a traditional treat.

**STEAM: Candy Hearts**

*Tuesday, February 12 at 4 pm*

Children will use candy hearts in a variety of engineering challenges.

**Sleeping Beauty**

*Saturday, February 16 at 12 noon*

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for a special presentation of *Sleeping Beauty*. Learn elements of storytelling through dance and movement during this interactive performance. Perfect for all ages and families. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**STEAM: Hot Chocolate**

*Tuesday, February 26 at 4 pm*

Children will develop and test a hypothesis for two experiments involving hot chocolate.

## Adults / Career / Tech

**Zumba**

*Mondays at 6 pm*

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

**English as a Second Language Classes**

*Mondays at 6:30 and Thursdays at 5:30 pm*

ESL classes are terrific resources for people whose native language is not English. Through instruction and conversation, participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. For details, call the library at 828.465.8665.

**Tai Chi**

*Thursdays at 4 pm*

This graceful martial art has been shown to reduce stress and anxiety while increasing flexibility and balance. Suitable for all fitness levels, open to ages 14 and up (parental signature required for teens under 18).

**Groundhog Day Redux**

*Friday, February 1, all day*

Get ready for Groundhog Day by catching part (or all) of the classic Bill Murray film on Groundhog Day Eve outside the computer lab.

**Excel Basics**

*Monday, February 4 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.

**DIY Valentine Pom Pom Bouquet**

*Tuesday, February 5 at 2 pm*

For your special someone or for yourself, come learn how to create a cheerful 'floral' arrangement at minimum expense. All supplies are provided. Please call 828.465.8665 to register; class size is limited to ten.

**WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-Up**

*Wednesday, February 6 from 10 am-2 pm*

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

**Excel: Formulas and Functions**

*Wednesday, February 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.

**Black History Month: Movies That Matter**

*Wednesdays in February at 4 pm*

Honor our history and heritage each week in February with a memorable movie that commemorates Black History Month. During the fourth weekly movie, Associate Professor of History Dr. Veronica McComb of Lenoir-Rhyne University will join us for a discussion and conversation about the movies and the issues they address.

- Feb 6 – *The Legend: The Bessie Coleman Story* (108 min)
- Feb 13 – *The Tuskegee Airmen* (60 min)
- Feb 20 – *Race* (135 min)
- Feb 27 – *More Than a Month* (60 min)

**Excel: Macros**

*Thursday, February 7 at 11 am*

Understanding how macros work can lead you to automating actions so you can get your job done quickly. This class will show you how to record and run a macro and how to create a Quick Access button. Basic Excel skills required.

**Dreamland Community Read Series**

In cooperation with CVCC's community-wide read of Sam Quinones' critically acclaimed *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*, the Library is presenting community-focused programs to inform members and help them make use of available resources.

**Dreamland Resources in Catawba County**

*Saturday, February 9 at 10 am*

This session with Candice Moore of The Cognitive Connection will explain a number of local resources available to help address opiate use disorder, including any requirements they may have, how to qualify for treatment, and many recovery resources.

**Dreamland Book Talk**

*Saturday, February 23 at 2 pm*

Share your thoughts about the book and about the solutions needed in Catawba County. Coffee and refreshments served.

**Southern Pens Book Club**

*Saturday, February 9 at 10 am*

This month's read is *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann. March's selection is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

**Python: Class 1**

*Wednesday, February 13 at 11 am*

Python, a general purpose computer programming language, is easy to learn, open source, and works across multiple platforms. Class 1 will cover variables, expressions, and data types. Intermediate computer skills required.

**UnBook Club for Non-Joiners**

*Wednesday, February 13 at 4 pm*

Finally, a book club for people who don't want to read what everyone else is reading, don't want to make a commitment each month, and who definitely want food and drink options. Come to this meeting to tell others about the books you've been reading and possibly get reading suggestions from others. UnBook Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Blue Moon Tavern in downtown Newton.

**Windows 10 Tips and Tricks**

*Thursday, February 14 at 11 am*

New to Windows 10? This workshop will offer tips to help you get comfortable using the interface. Learn to customize the Start Menu, access the Quick Access Menu, and get Cortana to give you directions, set reminders, and much more.

**3-D Basics**

*Monday, February 18 at 11 am*

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.

**Python: Class 2**

*Wednesday, February 20 at 11 am*

Python, a general purpose computer programming language, is easy to learn, open source, and works across multiple platforms. Class 2 will cover format operators, input, and conditions. Intermediate computer skills required.

**Microsoft Word Basics**

*Thursday, February 21 at 11 am*

This workshop is intended to help new users get comfortable with the word processing software. Participants will learn to create, edit, save, and print documents.

**Piece of Cake Book Club**

*Tuesday, February 26 at 3 pm*

PoCBC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Whisk & Barrel in downtown Newton. February's pick is *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. March's selection is *Vox* by Christina Dalcher.

**Arts @ the Library: Exhibit Opening**

*Tuesday, February 26 at 5:30 pm*

This month, we're celebrating the future of art in Newton with budding artists from South Newton Elementary School. Stop by for the unveiling of an exhibit that students have been working on for the past many weeks.

**Adult STEAM: Succulents and 3-D Printing**

*Thursday, February 28 at 5 pm*

Join us as we talk about the 3-D printing process and watch a planting container be printed. Anelle Ammons from the Catawba County Extension Services will help us plant succulents in pots created on the 3-D printer. Please call 828.465.8665 to register.

**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

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## Adults / Career / Tech

**Upcoming: Books Between Friends Book Club**  
Tuesday, March 26 at 6 pm

This book club meets in alternating months, so get a jump on March's read, the award-winning *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

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**CONOVER**  
828.466.5108

## Children / Teens / Families

**Ready to Learn Storytime: Tiny to Two**  
Wednesdays at 10 am

A sweet, 20-minute storytime featuring rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing. Playtime follows. Ideal for newborns to age 2, but all are welcome.

**Homework Helpers**

Thursdays from 4:30-5 pm  
Set up a weekly appointment for 1-on-1 reading time or homework help by calling 828.466.5108.

**Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool**  
Fridays at 10 am

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

**Yoga for All Ages**

Saturday, February 2 at 11 am

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.

**Happy Hearts Valentine's Party**

Saturday, February 2 at 12 noon

Hickory-Western Piedmont Macaroni Kid with Stretch-n-Grow of the Foothills is hosting a party for ages 3-8 (siblings welcome)! Kids will learn how to keep their hearts happy through creative movement, music, and an active storytime. Enjoy a valentine craft, snacks, and gift card giveaway! Sign up at [hickory.macaronikid.com](http://hickory.macaronikid.com) or call 828.466.5108.

**Introduction to Elementary Battle of the Books**

Tuesday, February 5 at 6 pm

Join other students to learn the competition format and try your skills in a mock battle. You don't need to be on a team or have read all of the listed books to participate. All students 4th-6th grades, including home-schooled students, are invited to participate.

**STEAM Station: Legopalooza**

Saturday, February 9 at 11 am

STEAM Station is a time to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math in fun, hands-on-activities. Each month, we'll have highlighted themes and projects. This month, we'll be exploring Legos. Join us to create, experiment, and tinker! Recommended for ages 5 and up, but all are welcome.

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## Adults / Career / Tech

**Altered Books**

Tuesday, February 19 at 6 pm

Create your own altered book by using your arts-and-crafts skills to change old books into something new through collage, paint, and more. All materials supplied. Feel free to bring any decorations, photos, etc. that you may want to use in your project.

**Catawba Valley Writers Club**

Tuesday, February 19 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 conversation!

**MAIDEN**  
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**Backyard Chickens 101**

Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm

Are you thinking of starting a backyard flock? Do you have questions or concerns regarding the chickens that you currently have? Lauren Greene, Area Specialized Agent for Western NC Poultry, and Glenn Detweiler, Livestock Agent for Catawba County, will be covering topics such as biosecurity, establishing a backyard flock, safe handling of eggs, and local laws and ordinances. Bring your questions!

**Lock Your Meds**

Wednesday, February 6 at 5 pm

Be part of the solution to the opiate crisis by finding out how and why to keep certain legitimate prescriptions safely locked away and by learning what to do with leftover pills to prevent them from falling into the wrong hands. Several lockboxes and cabinet locks will be given away. An Operation Medication Dropbox will also be available for disposal of old or leftover medicines – no questions asked.

**Advanced Gardener: Lawn Management Bootcamp**

Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 pm

Dr. Adam Smith, Catawba County Cooperative Extension turf and weed management specialist, will share tips and information about fertilizing, mowing, seeding, and pest management in your lawn.

**SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL**  
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**Student STEAM: 4-H Bright Ideas Club**

Monday, February 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: Valentine's Day Slime**

Wednesday, February 20 at 4 pm

Kids ages 7-13 are invited to our STEAM Explorers program where we'll learn about science concepts and conduct related experiments. This month, we'll make slime. Registration required.

## Adults / Career / Tech

**Lock Your Meds**

Monday, February 4 at 6 pm

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**Mystery Mavens Book Club**

Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm

The Mystery Mavens Book Club welcomes new members and is open to the public. Join us for a lively discussion of *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny. Our March book discussion will focus on *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

**Musical Variety Show**

Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm (snow date is Thursday, February 21 at 7 pm)

The public is invited to participate in and attend this family-friendly event. Enjoy the talents of solo and group instrumental and choral adult amateurs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library. Light refreshments will be served.

**The Power of Positive Parenting**

Monday, February 11 at 6 pm

There's no single right way to be a parent, but parents can make their jobs easier by developing positive, loving relationships with their children through encouragement, attention, and good communication. This seminar provides practical tips for managing common parenting challenges. Taught by the Catawba County Parent Support Team.

**Our Health: A Community Listening Session**

Tuesday, February 12 from 6-7:30 pm

LiveWell Catawba wants to hear what impacts your health and wellness and what health looks like where you live, work, play, and worship. Join us to share your thoughts, ideas, and experiences. The info from all sessions will be compiled and included in the county's 2019 community health assessment.

**Raising Confident, Competent Children***Monday, February 18 at 6 pm*

Children are more likely to be confident, to succeed at school, and to get along well with others when they develop certain life skills. This seminar will give parents ideas on how to help children become self-confident and capable people. Taught by the Catawba County Parent Support Team.

**Raising Resilient Children***Monday, February 25 at 6 pm*

One of parenthood's most important tasks is helping children learn to deal with their emotions. This seminar provides ideas for teaching kids how to bounce back after day-to-day disappointments or struggles. Taught by the Catawba County Parent Support Team.

**Health First: Health Check***Tuesday, February 26 from 4-6 pm*

Helpful nurses from Catawba Valley Medical Center's Health First office will check your vitals, and you can ask questions to keep yourself running like a well-oiled machine.

**Fundamentals of Nutrition***Tuesday, February 26 at 6 pm*

Each month of this series, we'll feature a new subject related to the basics of nutrition. This month, we'll explore how proper digestion is the basis for all healthy functions in the body, what can go wrong, and why stomach acid is not the enemy.

**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

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**SOUTHWEST**  
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Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

**Sleeping Beauty***Saturday, February 1 at 10 am*

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**STEAM: Chain Reactions & Contraptions***Tuesday, February 5 at 5:30 pm*

School-aged children will enjoy learning about inventors, including Rube Goldberg, and they'll create their own chain reaction contraptions!

**Paws to Read with Mini***Tuesdays, February 12 and 26 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.

**Saturday Morning Movie: Alpha***Saturday, February 23 at 11 am*

In the prehistoric past, a young man labors to get back home after being separated from his tribe during a hunt. He finds an equally lost wolf buddy and starts a friendship that will change civilization. PG-13.

**STEAM: Peanut Butter and George***Wednesday, February 27 at 2 pm*

In celebration of Black History Month, participants will learn about the life of George Washington Carver and his incredible discoveries. STEAM activities will include peanuts and sweet potatoes! Ideal for homeschool families, but all are invited!

**Adults / Career / Tech****Catawba Valley Health Check-Up***Monday, February 11 from 4-6 pm*

Patrons are welcome to take advantage of a free health check-up provided by Catawba Valley Medical Center. This free check-up brings awareness to being healthy and reminds everyone of National Heart Month.

**Heart Healthy***Monday, February 11 at 6 pm*

Celebrate National Heart Month and join us as we start the new year with healthy food suggestions. We'll be making simple salads and dressings that are healthy for your heart and very budget friendly. Participants will enjoy samples and take-home recipes.

**Mountain View Book Buzz***Tuesday, February 12 at 6 pm*

Join us this month for a discussion of *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. March's read is *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.

**Catawba Songwriters***Tuesday, February 19 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.

**Computer Class: Update Your Resumé***Wednesday, February 20 at 4 pm*

Do you want to create your first resumé? Do you need help sprucing up your current one? Then this class is for you! You will learn how to create a simple resumé or update the one you currently have. Registration is requested.

**"Ask a Master Gardener" @ the Library**

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**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Storytime: Preschool***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am; Tuesday evenings at 6 pm*

Songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn. Ideal for children 3-5, but all are welcome.

**Crafternoons: Aromatherapy – Love Potions***Thursday, February 14 at 4 pm*

Combine your favorites from our selection of scents! These love potions can be personalized for your valentine or yourself. Adult assistance is required for kids 8 and under. Please register in advance; supplies are limited.

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**Movie: The House with a Clock in its Walls***Friday, February 22 at 4 pm*

Bring the family to relax, watch a movie, and enjoy popcorn and drink. Rated PG.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Pinnacle Staffing Job Fair***Fridays, February 1 and 15 from 2-4 pm*

Need a job? Come meet Pinnacle reps who will share details about certain jobs that require no experience and offer free training for new employees. Fill out an application to be considered for a full-time permanent job on all shifts. For details, call 828.466.6821.

**English as a Second Language Classes***Saturdays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 9 am*

ESL classes are terrific resources for people whose native language is not English. Through instruction and conversation, participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. For details, call the library at 828.466.6821 or Centro Latino at 828.330.0477.

**Pinterest***Wednesday, February 6 at 10 am*

Are you interested in crafts, hairstyles, fashion, or recipes? You can find these and many other subjects of interest online on Pinterest. Learn how to set up an account, and then you can start creating your very own vision boards!

**Adult Coloring Club: Valentine's Day***Saturday, February 9 at 2 pm*

Come relax by coloring your stress away. We'll provide the themed coloring sheets, markers, and crayons to help you get started.

**Health First: Health Check***Thursday, February 14 from 3-5 pm*

Helpful nurses from Catawba Valley Medical Center's Health First office will check your vitals, and you can ask questions to keep yourself running like a well-oiled machine.

**Family Builders Information Meeting***Saturday, February 23 from 9-10:30 am*

Catawba County Social Services will present information about the Foster Adoption program, including the process to become a licensed resource family and an overview of the requirements. You can learn about the program without any obligation.

**SYSTEMWIDE**

**Upcoming: Digital Book Club***Thursday, March 21 at 12 noon*

This is our first-ever digital book club meeting, customized for folks who read with Overdrive and/or Hoopla apps. Share your thoughts on the Catawba County Digital Book Club Facebook page, Instagram, Goodreads, and/or Twitter. Digital Book Club 'meets' quarterly on Facebook Live and in continual asynchronous social media. Our first selection is *No Good Asking* by Fran Kimmel. We'll have a closing discussion online on March 21 at noon and announce our next quarterly selection at that time.

**Census 2020 Employment**

Help Catawba County get counted! Apply for local census jobs at [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs), or ask for information at any library location. You're also invited to drop by our recruitment session.

- Main Library, Newton – February 4, 2-5 pm

**Tax Counseling for Seniors**

AARP Tax-Aide, with the IRS, offers free tax preparation for federal and state income taxes beginning this month and through mid-April.

Appointments are required. Call 828.358.4669 for all locations. Schedulers are available Mon-Fri 9 am-1 pm. Please be patient when you call, and do not leave a message.

- Main Library, Newton – Tue mornings
- Patrick Beaver Library – Thu mornings
- West Hickory Senior Center – Fri mornings



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