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HELP US GIVE THANKS RIGHT NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

The Catawba County Library believes that lifelong learning should be accessible to everyone, and we create welcoming environments to ensure that every county resident is at ease in our branches. To help raise the level of comfort, we're bringing back our **Food for Fines** forgiveness program, effective **November 11-30, 2019**.



We're inviting patrons to pay their library-related fines with non-perishable goods. (The exchange rate is **one food item for each dollar in fines** that is owed.) Fines will be waived on any overdue materials that a patron returns, no matter how long the materials have been out. The exception: Donated food *cannot* be used to pay for lost or damaged items.

Our primary hope is to gather plenty of nutrient-rich foods that promote healthy living for both adults and children, a goal that comes through the Catawba County Health Partners' Give Healthy Initiative. Donations will benefit residents served by the food pantries of Catawba County Public Health and Catawba County Social Services.

Acceptable donations should fall within the expiration date indicated on the packaging. Ideal choices include canned meats, soups, canned vegetables and fruits, boxed cereals, grits, dried beans, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, baby food, Jell-O, jams, and small bags of flour or sugar. Ready-to-eat items

and individual servings in pop-top cans are also desirable, along with items that don't require refrigeration or cooking, like peanut butter, crackers, and single-serve fruit cups.

Patrons who don't currently have overdue materials are also encouraged to participate in our food collection efforts, which will help local food pantries build up their stocks for our neighbors in need.

If you have any questions about the Food for Fines program, please call 828.465.8664.

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM FOR THE LIBRARY?

We've begun strategic planning! This initiative gathers lots of information from residents and professionals that will help us create and implement a vision for how the Catawba County Library can better serve our community in the future.

How can we better deliver what people need in terms of early literacy, career training, health and wellness programs, technology assistance, digital resources, lifelong learning, and more?



We're also re-imagining how our spaces can be more useful, relevant, and inviting for people of all ages and interests. And we need your help!

Next month, we'll be hosting community

listening sessions on **Tuesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 12 at 6 pm** at the **Main Library in Newton**. Mark your calendars, and come share your thoughts and hopes for what the library can be!

MAIN IN NEWTON

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Children / Teens / Families

Tiny to Two: Ready to Learn Storytime

Mondays 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.

Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am (no storytime Nov. 27 and 28)

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 at 6:15 pm

Children are invited to read to one of our trained therapy dogs. Call for an appointment.

Manga Drawing & Anime Viewing

Saturday, November 2 at 4:30 pm

Teens 12 to 18 are invited to view anime and get manga drawing tips. Registration required.

Thanksgiving Traditions

Monday, November 4 at 5:30 pm

Presented in Spanish and English

We'll look at how nations around the world celebrate Thanksgiving, with special foods and family traditions. Learn about several of them and share your own Thanksgiving memories. Sample delicious Southern side dishes and get recipe ideas to add to your holiday menu, too.

T-Rex Tea Party

Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 am

You're cordially invited to join us for a dinosaur tea party and story time! We'll enjoy dinosaur-themed stories and songs before moving on to tea and treats, and you can even try your hand at dino-crafts. Fancy dress is optional. No live dinos, please! Ideal for ages 3 to 10, but all are welcome. Registration required.



Dino STEAM

Tuesday, November 12 at 4:30 pm

Create lava and participate in excavation activities as we continue our Dino-ember celebrations!

Dino Crafternoon

Thursday, November 21 from 4-5:30 pm

Make a variety of dinosaur-themed crafts at this drop-in event.

Adults / Career / Tech

Tai Chi

Thursdays at 6 pm (no class Nov. 21 or 28)

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).

Microsoft Word Basics

Monday, November 4 at 5 pm

This workshop helps new users get comfortable with the word processing software. Participants will learn to create, edit, save, and print documents. Registration required.

English as a Second Language Classes

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 5:30 pm (beginner) and 6:30 pm (conversation/intermediate)

Through instruction and conversation, class participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. Registration required.

Microsoft Word Intermediate

Tuesday, November 5 at 5 pm

Learn about the features in Word 2016 that make longer documents easier to read and navigate. Registration required.

WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-up

Wednesday, November 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.

Microsoft Word Advanced

Wednesday, November 6 at 5 pm

This workshop will show you how to use mail merge, add and manipulate images, make comments, and track changes. Basic Word skills required. Registration required.

Grant Writing 101: How to Ask for Funding

Thursday, November 7 at 12 noon

Writing a compelling statement of need is essential to the success of any grant proposal. This workshop will provide a framework to help you effectively tell your story. Registration required.

Gratitude in the Garden

Saturday, November 9 from 9 am-12 noon

Our community garden needs to be prepped for the spring, and we're excited to ask you for help! If you enjoy being outside and working in the soil, we'd be happy to have you join us. We'll be mulching, weeding, and getting our hands dirty to get the space ready for the new year. Call 828.465.8665 to sign up.

Southern Pens Book Club

Saturday, November 9 at 10 am

This month's read is *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede. December's selection will be *My Year with Eleanor: A Memoir* by Noelle Hancock.

Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

Monday, November 11 at 11 am

Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access. Meets each second Monday.

Zumba

Mondays, November 11, 18, and 25 at 6 pm

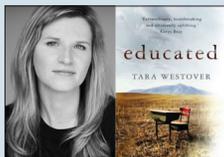
Kick off your week with this dance/movement activity that's too much fun to call exercise. Appropriate for every skill and ability level and open to ages 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18). *Note:* Class will meet at the St. Stephens branch on November 4.

Fill Out Your FAFSA

Tuesday, November 12 at 5:30 pm

Skip Watts from the College Foundation will help students fill out and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online. Attendees should bring their social security number, most recent federal income tax return(s), records of bank accounts and investments (if applicable), records of any untaxed income (if applicable), and their FSA ID and PIN if they've previously applied. Registration required.

EDUCATED Community Read Series



In cooperation with CVCC's community-wide read of Tara Westover's acclaimed memoir, *Educated*, the Library is presenting community-focused programs to inform members and help them make use of available resources.

Educated About...Ruby Ridge

Friday, November 15 at 11 am

In *Educated*, author Tara Westover describes her memories of her father's perspective of the events that transpired in August of 1992 in Naples, Idaho, in which members of the Weaver family were involved in a controversial encounter with members of federal law enforcement. This workshop with CVCC history professor Jeremy Wilson will shed light on what is currently known about the Ruby Ridge incident, its aftermath, and its broader impact.

A Historical Perspective: Ruby Ridge and Extremism

Wednesday, November 20 at 12 noon at CVCC's East Wing Auditorium

Take a closer look at the ways in which the 1992 Ruby Ridge incident contributed to today's era of pervasive conspiracy theories.

Make a Fall Garland

Tuesday, November 19 at 9 am

Get in touch with your thankful and creative sides as we make festive garlands to add fall color and spirit to your home. Supplies provided. Registration required.

Black History Discussion Group

Tuesday, November 19 at 4 pm

We're gathering regularly to discuss various topics of interest about black history. This month, we'll be talking about the Freedmen's Bureau (1865-1877). Bring your curiosity and your understanding – all are welcome. Light refreshments served.

Create a Vinyl Sticker

Tuesday, November 19 at 5 pm

Design your own vinyl sticker using our Silhouette Curio digital cutter. Choose from a variety of fonts, and import your own image using the Silhouette Studio. Stickers can be up to 6" by 6". Registration required.



Advanced Gardener: Produce Storage and Preservation

Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm

Join Dr. George Place, Cooperative Extension director, to learn how to dehydrate, freeze, can, pickle, and ferment some of your favorite items. You can improve food security, eat more produce, and save money through preservation.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Wednesday, November 20 at 10 am

PoCBC meets each third Wednesday at Whisk & Barrel in downtown Newton. November's selection is *The Good House* by Ann Leary. December's pick is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

3-D Basics

Wednesday, November 20 at 4 pm

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

Meditation Group

Friday, November 22 at 11 am

Meditation is the intentional practice of cultivating mindfulness. It's shown to reduce stress, lessen anxiety, lengthen attention span, increase imagination and creativity, reduce chronic pain, and increase patience. This is a chance to experience meditation and learn tips and tricks to help you cultivate mindfulness wherever you go.

Silent Book Club

Friday, November 22 at 12 noon

SBC is a space for introverts to socialize, choose your level of social interaction, meet new friends, and read in companionable silence. Bring your lunch and make some headway in your to-be-read pile!

UnBook Club for Non-Joiners*On hiatus for November*

If you'd like to talk about the books you've been reading, feel free to stop by a Newton service desk and tell our staff members all about them!

CLAREMONT
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Children / Teens / Families**Storytime Ballet: *The Nutcracker****Saturday, November 16 at 1 pm*

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for an interactive experience that shows how stories – including this one about a young girl and a nutcracker brought to life – are told through dance. An activity tied to the ballet will follow. Open to all ages and families.

Adults / Career / Tech**Perennial Seed, Bulb, and Starter Plant Swap***Friday, November 1 at 2 pm*

Join Anelle Ammons from the NC Cooperative Extension for a presentation on how to choose and care for perennials. Bring your perennial seeds, starts, and bulbs for trade. Don't worry if you don't have any plants to trade – all are welcome!

Books Between Friends Book Club*Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm*

Following up on the author's recent visit to Hickory, join us for a discussion of *There There* by Tommy Orange. The award-winning book tells the stories of Native Americans living in Oakland, CA, and their struggles with identity and authenticity. Goodreads calls it "fierce, angry, funny, heartbreaking – Orange's first novel is a wondrous and shattering portrait of an America few of us have ever seen, and it introduces a brilliant new author at the start of a major career." All are invited.

CONOVER
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Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime*Fridays at 10 am (no storytime Nov. 29)*

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, November 16 at 11 am*

Great for beginners, families, and advanced students! Please bring your own mat or towel.

Adults / Career / Tech**Perennial Seed, Bulb, and Starter Plant Swap***Tuesday, November 5 at 6 pm*

Join Anelle Ammons from the NC Cooperative Extension for a presentation on how to choose and care for perennials. Bring your perennial seeds, starts, and bulbs for trade. Don't worry if you don't have any plants to trade – all are welcome!

Technology Tutoring*Wednesday, November 6 from 3-4 pm*

Need help setting up an email? Want to learn how to use ebooks? Can't figure out something on Google? Sign up for a 30-minute one-on-one session to get your technology questions answered! Bring your own device or use one of ours. Registration required.

Craftsman Collaborative: Plant Propagation Basics & Terrariums*Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm*

Each month in the Craftsman Collaborative series, we feature a new artisan to talk about his or her work and walk us through creating our own versions. In November, we'll be discussing plant propagation techniques and creating terrariums. Bring your own glass jar if you'd like, but all supplies will be provided. Registration required. To share your talent with a future class, please contact the branch.

Catawba Valley Writers Club*Tuesday, November 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!

MAIDEN
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Storytime Ballet: *The Nutcracker**Saturday, November 16 at 10 am*

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for an interactive experience that shows how stories – including this one about a young girl and a nutcracker brought to life – are told through dance. An activity tied to the ballet will follow. Open to all ages and families.

STEAM: Balloon Magic*Saturday, November 23 at 11 am*

Balloons are for more than birthday parties! Join us as we explore what makes balloons stretchy, conduct science experiments with them, and create a balloon tower building. Designed for children 6-12, but all are welcome!

**Adults / Career / Tech****Gratitude Journals***Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm*

In this month of Thanksgiving, begin a new practice by keeping a daily gratitude journal. Learn what science says about the benefits of gratitude, and discover tips for getting started. Design/decorate your own journal as you get to know other participants. Snacks and journal materials provided. Registration required.

Educated About...Essential Oils: Fall into Wellness*Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm*

Join us as we share ways to enjoy the season and boost health and wellness using oils! Learn to make a wellness roller and discover how to keep your home clean without harsh chemicals. Registration required.

Cancelled Advanced Gardener: Produce Storage and Propagation

This session – originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm – will not be held. Please attend the session at the Newton Library on Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm.

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL
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Children / Teens / Families**Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am (no storytime Nov. 27 and 28)*

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Tiny to Two: Ready to Learn Storytime*Fridays at 10 am (no storytime Nov. 29)*

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

Yoga For All Ages*Saturday, November 2 at 11:30 am*

Great for beginners, families, and advanced students. Please bring your own towel or mat. Parental signature required for those under 18 years old.

**STEAM Explorers: Unsinkable Ship***Wednesday, November 13 at 4 pm*

Kids 7-13 are invited to learn about science concepts through hands-on experience. Join us this month as we learn about the sinking of the *Titanic* and attempt to engineer our own unsinkable ship.

Storytime Ballet: *The Nutcracker**Saturday, November 16 at 11:30 am*

Join the Hickory Ballet and Performing Arts for an interactive experience that shows how stories – including this one about a young girl and a nutcracker brought to life – are told through dance. An activity tied to the ballet will follow. Open to all ages and families.

Adults / Career / Tech**Tai Chi for Healthy Living***Fridays, November 1, 15, and 22 at 11 am (no class Nov. 8)*

Combining the *Tai Chi for Health* and *A Matter of Balance* principles, this research-based class aims to increase activity levels, enhance fitness, and prevent falls in adults of all ages. It is taught by a certified instructor. Participants are asked to complete a survey and sign a waiver. Come early to your first class to complete the paperwork. For more information and to register, call Neighbors Network at 828.464.1111.

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

Join us for lively discussion of *The Kill Artist* by Daniel Silva. December's discussion will focus on *House of Thieves* by Charles Belfoure.

MedlinePlus*Friday, November 8 at noon with an identical session on Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm*

Learn to navigate the National Institutes of Health's website. Produced by the National Library of Medicine, the world's largest medical library, the site offers information about diseases, conditions, and wellness issues in easy-to-understand language. MedlinePlus offers reliable, up-to-date health information anytime, anywhere, for free.

CVCC Application & FAFSA Informational Session*Monday, November 11 at 4:30 pm*

Learn more about educational and financial aid opportunities at Catawba Valley Community College from one of CVCC's student ambassadors. This application and information session will provide assistance in the FAFSA, Residency Determination Service (RDS), and CVCC application process. Come with questions and get a jumpstart on your educational journey at CVCC.

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library Meeting*Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm*

Help the library fulfill its mission by planning and participating in efforts to raise funds and increase access to high-quality programming and materials. New members are invited to join at any time.

SOUTHWEST

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Children / Teens / Families

Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime

Wednesdays at 10 am and Thursdays at 11 am (no storytime Nov. 27 and 28)

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 with Mini

Tuesdays, November 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.

STEAM: Edible Thanksgiving Science

Monday, November 18 at 5:30 pm
School-age children will have the opportunity to turn cream into butter (perfect for Thanksgiving bread!) and will conduct other holiday-themed science experiments. Designed for ages 7 and up; younger children will need to be assisted by an adult.

Monday Movie Night: Free Birds

Monday, November 25 at 6 pm
Relax before the cooking begins by watching this humorous movie. Two turkeys travel back in time to the first Thanksgiving in order to change the traditional menu and save their kind from being served with a side of cranberry sauce for the holiday! Rated PG.

Adults / Career / Tech

Educated About...Making Goats' Milk Soap

Monday, November 11 at 6 pm
Community soap artisan Renee Biggs will lead a class in making goats' milk soap. Participants will get hands-on experience and learn the essentials of making and molding soap. Class size is limited; registration required.

Mountain View Book Buzz

Tuesday, November 12 at 6 pm
Join us this month for a discussion of *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. December's read is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Catawba Songwriters

Tuesday, November 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.

Workforce Development: Basic Interviewing

Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm
Join us to learn basic interviewing tips and practice your interviewing skills one-on-one!

ST. STEPHENS

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Children / Teens / Families

Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am; Tuesday evenings at 6 pm (no storytime Nov. 27 and 28)

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

Day of the Dead Celebration

Saturday, November 2 at 3 pm
Come celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with us! The Mexican holiday honors family and friends who have passed on. Teens are invited to watch the movie *Coco* while enjoying popcorn and a drink and making a skull craft mask.



National Vanilla Cupcake Day Celebration

Monday, November 11 at 5 pm
Teens, join us to decorate a cupcake in honor of National Vanilla Cupcake Day! Supplies will be provided. Registration required.

National Family Literacy and World Kindness Program

Friday, November 15 at 4 pm
Kindness matters! Teaching children to be kind is as important as teaching math or science. We'll read a story about kindness and make kindness cards to give to someone who could use a little kindness in their life. Light snacks will be served.

STEAM: Library Arcade

Monday, November 18 at 6 pm
Like to play video games? Curious about what makes gadgets tick? In this cool program, students will work with a team to learn the science behind electronic devices while assembling a simple arcade game that can actually be played! Best suited for ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Crafternoons: Create a Bracelet

Thursday, November 21 at 4 pm
Create a beautiful beaded bracelet to give to a friend or keep for yourself. Registration required.



Family Movie at the Library: Toy Story 4

Friday, November 22 at 4 pm
Join us for a fun afternoon as Woody, Buzz, and the rest of the gang take a trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky. Popcorn and a beverage will be served. Rated G.

Adults / Career / Tech

English as a Second Language Classes

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 9 am
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.

Zumba

Monday, November 4 at 6 pm
This dance and movement activity is too much fun to call exercise! Appropriate for every skill and ability level. Open to ages 14 and up. Parental signature required for teens under 18.

St. Stephens Book Club for Adults

Monday, November 11 at 6:30 pm
We're starting a book club and everyone who loves reading is invited! This month, read a book with an orange, red, or yellow cover and come prepared to share what you liked about the book and any other information you learned. Invite a friend, too!

Cypress Resumé

Wednesday, November 13 at 10 am
Do you need a new resumé or an update to your existing one? At this class, you'll learn how to create a professional resumé in three easy steps using software from NCLIVE.

Adult Coloring Club: Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 16 at 2 pm
Color your stress away! We'll provide the coloring sheets, markers, and crayons.

LIBRARY TO GO

Turkey Games

Saturday, November 2 from 2-5 pm at Neill Clark Recreation Center (3404 6th St Dr NW, Hickory)
Explore Library to Go resources and join other families for food, games, and fun. Sponsored by Cornerstone Counseling Center.

Catawba Library to Go Stop

Thursdays, November 7 and 21 from 10 am-6 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church (200 S Main St, Catawba)

Join us in Catawba to check out items, get help with computer and device questions, and much more. Starting on November 7, we'll have storytime at 10:45 am for children of all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Town of Catawba Veterans Festival

Saturday, November 9 from 10 am-2 pm in downtown Catawba
Come by, get a library card, and check out our resources as you and your family enjoy the festival and parade.

Light Up the Town

Saturday, November 16 from 4-7 pm in downtown Newton
Getting in line to take pics with Santa? We'll see you there! We'll also have games, a movie, and more activities for families as we join downtown businesses to light up Newton!

SYSTEMWIDE

Open Enrollment for Medicare

Call for an appointment.
Medicare plans can change each year. During open enrollment, you have the opportunity to change your coverage. Take advantage of a one-on-one consultation with a rep from the Council on Aging to review your needs and select the best Medicare plan for you. Make a reservation for Newton or Sherrills Ford: call 828.328.2269.

Upcoming! Digital Book Club

Thursday, December 19 at noon
Our digital book club, customized for folks who read with the Overdrive and/or Hoopla apps, 'meets' at Club Goodreads [https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/883104-digital-book-club]. Our fourth quarter selection is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. We'll have a closing discussion online on December 19 at noon and announce our next quarterly selection at that time as well.



THANKSGIVING CLOSURES



All library branches will close at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. We hope you enjoy the holiday with your families and friends!



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