

Library Connections

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ENSURING OUR FUTURE WITH YOUR DREAMS, YOUR SUPPORT

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE A LIBRARY CAN BE?

We've begun to envision and design the future of library services in Catawba County!

Local growth and economic trends indicate that library usage will continue to increase, so we're contemplating the best ways to serve county residents, deliver exceptional quality of life, and keep a focus on **making.living.better**.

Our new strategic plan will help us expand library services and create facilities that will anticipate – and respond to – community needs. We're looking at how to bring people together and exploring what residents want for their lives – tailoring our resources and spaces to deliver what matters most.

By hearing and seeing what engages our patrons, we're creating environments that welcome every individual.

Thanks to our strong community connections, we're able to maximize our efforts and create a web of support and success.

This month, we'll be hosting a series of public forums to invite comments from any resident who would like to participate. From there, we'll coordinate a community-centered plan to help us create a future that continues to delight you, your family, and everyone who calls Catawba County home. Please join us!

WILL YOU HELP CREATE A LEGACY?

As we dream of what the library can be for the residents of Catawba County, we're also searching for ways to make lifelong learning a long-term, sustainable prospect. As part of that plan, we've set up a **Library Endowment** to guarantee that what we all cherish as people of curiosity and initiative can live on.

The endowment is a powerful way to nourish community dreams and goals. As a protected fund, it grows each year and ensures that the library will be able to offer free learning opportunities and spaces for all people, now and into the future. Your donation lasts forever because all contributions build on the principal and remain untouched; the interest is reinvested or used to enhance library services. As a result, this sensible, well-managed resource will make sure that the library has the flexibility to continually improve the quality of life for all Catawbans.

While support of the endowment is available at any time, sharing a gift at the end of the year provides advantages: First, it allows you to make a worthwhile, tax-deductible donation before 2019 wraps up. Second, it offers the chance to contribute in someone else's name – a perfect gift for the person who already has everything! (To acknowledge your gift, we'll send a holiday card to your honoree.)

To donate **online**, visit www.catawbacountync.gov/library (click on the *Give Now* image). To donate **by mail**, send gifts to the Catawba County Library Endowment at 115 West C Street, Newton, NC 28658. To donate **in person**, visit any of our seven library locations. For more information, call **828.465.8660**.

We're incredibly thankful for your ongoing support of the library. Happy Holidays from all of us!

PUBLIC FORUMS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 – 5:30 PM
ST. STEPHENS BRANCH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 – 6 PM
MAIN LIBRARY IN NEWTON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 4 PM
SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL BRANCH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 – 6 PM
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Children / Teens / Families

Tiny to Two: Ready to Learn Storytime
Mondays at 10 am (no storytime Dec. 23 or 30)
 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 Dec. 25 or 26 or Jan. 1 or 2)
 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, December 3, 10, and 17 at 6:15 pm
 Children are invited to read to one of our trained therapy dogs. Call for an appointment.

Family Film: The Nightmare Before Christmas
Friday, December 6 at 4 pm
 Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas Town, but his attempts to bring Christmas to his home cause confusion. Rated PG.

Storytime Ballet: The Nutcracker
Saturday, December 7 at 11 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.

Christmas Crafternoon
Monday, December 9 from 4-6 pm
 Drop in to make holiday-themed crafts using materials provided by the library.

Family Film: Elf
Friday, December 13 at 4 pm
 After discovering he's human, Buddy, who was raised as an elf at the North Pole, decides to travel to New York City to locate his real father. Rated PG.

Santa Visit & Holiday Celebration
Monday, December 16 at 5 pm
Presented in English and en español
 Join us to celebrate the holidays with bilingual storytime, crafts, and hot cocoa. Children of all ages will enjoy a delightful visit from Santa, so don't forget to bring your camera! Everyone is welcome!

Friday Film: How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Friday, December 20 at 4 pm
 The Grinch decides to rob Whoville of Christmas – but a dash of kindness from little Cindy Lou Who and her family may be enough to melt his heart. Rated PG.



Anime & Manga Christmas
Monday, December 23 at 5 pm
 Teens are invited to munch on snacks, view Christmas episodes of anime, and draw manga characters in Christmas attire. Registration required.

Friday Film: The Muppet Christmas Carol
Friday, December 27 at 4 pm
 The Muppets' version of the Dickens classic features a miser who's visited by three ghosts. Kermit the Frog stars as the penny-pincher's hardworking, loyal employee. Rated G.

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 and open to ages 14+ (parental signature required for teens under 18).

Tai Chi

Thursdays at 6 pm (no class Dec. 26)

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).



Healthcare Insurance Marketplace Assistance

Appointments available December 2-13

Signing up for health insurance can be a daunting experience, but the insurance-trained assisters from Catawba Family Care are here to help! Bring your pay stubs from last month if possible, as well as the social security numbers of any dependents. Make an individual appointment by calling 828.624.0538.

English as a Second Language Classes

Mondays, December 2 and 9 at 5:30 pm (beginner) and 6:30 pm (conversation/intermediate)

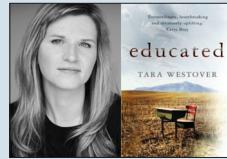
Through instruction and conversation, class participants will gain confidence and skills in speaking, reading, and comprehension. Registration required.

WorkLife Wednesday: Resumé Tune-up

Wednesday, December 4 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.

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.

Home School Panel Discussion

Wednesday, December 4 at noon at CVCC's East Wing Auditorium

Learn from local parents how they ensure that their children get a solid education at home. Then, check out the CVCC library to see the resources available for home-schooling.

Tech Connect Christmas

Thursday, December 5 at 6 pm

We'll make a 3-D-printed cookie cutter that we'll then turn into an ornament using scrapbook paper or a photo that you bring to class. Registration required.

New to Medicare Seminar

Monday, December 9 at 10 am

Are you, a friend, or a loved one about to turn 65?

Everyone becoming eligible for Medicare needs to get accurate information about coverage options they must make as they approach age 65. Attention to these issues can help avoid serious and costly problems later. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) counselors, trained by the NC Dept. of Insurance, will lead the information session and answer questions. A Social Security rep may also be present. Please call the Council on Aging at 828.328.2269 to reserve a seat.



Friends of the Catawba County Library Meeting

Monday, December 9 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.

Meet Libby

Monday, December 9 at 11 am

Libby is a free, user-friendly way to find 1000s of ebooks and audiobooks on the NC Digital Library. Learn how to download the app, sign in, and download a title or two. Bring your own tablet or phone so we can help set it up and have you ready to go by the time you leave.

Downton Abbey Film and Christmas Tea

Tuesday, December 10 at 2:30 pm

Join us to watch the 2019 instant classic film of *Downton Abbey* while we enjoy a British-themed Christmas tea. Learn about the traditions of afternoon tea for those upstairs and down. R.S.V.P. required.

Winter Flower Arranging

Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30 pm

Experienced florist Va Herr will explain and demonstrate the art of making a beautiful winter flower arrangement, including concepts of structure, spacing, and color. One lucky attendee will go home with the floral arrangement created during the session.

Community Listening Sessions: What's Your Dream for the Library?

Tuesday, December 10 and Thursday, December 12 at 6 pm

Help us create and implement a vision for how the Catawba County Library can better serve our community in the future. Share your ideas for improving our spaces, programs, and other resources!

UnBook Club for Non-Joiners

Wednesday, December 11 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. Meets the second Wednesday of each month at Blue Moon Tavern in downtown Newton.

Meditation Group

Friday, December 13 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 through the holidays and beyond.

Southern Pens Book Club

Saturday, December 14 at 10 am

This month's read is *My Year with Eleanor: A Memoir* by Noelle Hancock. January's selection will be *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

Black History Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 17 at 4 pm

We're gathering regularly to discuss various topics of interest about black history. This month, we'll be talking about black history and The New Deal (1933-1936). Bring your curiosity and your understanding – all are welcome. Light refreshments served.

3-D Basics

Tuesday, December 17 at 5 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.

Advanced Gardener Series

The 2019 classes are complete. Please refer to our January 2020 newsletter for details about the new season.

Piece of Cake Book Club

Wednesday, December 18 at 10 am

PoCBC meets each third Wednesday at Whisk & Barrel in downtown Newton. December's pick is *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. January's selection is *The Brave* by Nicholas Evans.

Gift Wrap Like a Pro*Wednesday, December 18 at 5 pm*

This session will show you how to use less paper and get tight corners on your gift packages. Supplies will be provided for each participant to wrap up to two gifts (maximum size of 36" in any direction) that are brought to the program.

Create a Vinyl Sticker*Wednesday, December 18 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.

Tinkercad 101: Build a Snowflake*Thursday, December 19 at 4 pm*

Learn to create 3-D files using free online computer-aided design (CAD) software.

Participants will create a simple snowflake using geometric shapes and letters that can be printed using the 3-D printer. Registration required.

**Silent Book Club***Friday, December 20 at noon*

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

Mid-Century Modern Christmas Tree Craft*Thursday, December 19 at 10 am*

All supplies are provided for participants to make a stylized, frame-able Christmas tree from common household items. Registration required.

CLAREMONT
828.466.6817

Children / Teens / Families**Claremont Christmas Parade***Saturday, December 7 at 3 pm*

Make sure to check out the Library to Go in the Claremont Christmas Parade!

STEAM Stations: Candy Cane Coding*Thursday, December 12 at 4 pm*

Kids will learn coding basics by crafting their name into a festive candy cane using binary coding principals, pipe cleaners, and beads. For ages 5 and up. No experience necessary.

Adults / Career / Tech**Upcoming! Books Between Friends Book Club***Tuesday, January 28 at 6 pm*

Join us in January, when we'll host a BYOB (bring your own book) session and encourage attendees to speak briefly about a book they've enjoyed during the past year. The book club meets in alternating months.



CONOVER
828.466.5108

Children / Teens / Families**Tiny to Two: Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesdays at 10 am (no storytime Dec. 25 or Jan. 1)*

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*Fridays at 10 am (no storytime Dec. 27)*

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

Celebrate the Season with Cookie Decorating*Tuesday, December 3 at 6 pm*

Celebrate the holidays by decorating cookies. Materials will be supplied, but please feel free to bring your own supplies to share. Registration required.

Storytime Ballet: The Nutcracker*Saturday, December 7 at noon*

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.

Craftsman Collaborative: Christmas Origami*Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm*

Share a love of crafting, art, ideas, and talent in the Craftsman Collaborative series. Each month, we'll feature a new artisan to talk about his or her work and walk us through creating our own versions. In December, we'll be making origami Christmas boxes during the family-friendly program. Registration required.

Adults / Career / Tech**Discover Hoopla for the Holidays***Friday, December 6 at 3 pm*

Learn how to download this easy-to-use app to enjoy the season's books, audiobooks, music, and movies from anywhere!

Cypress Resumé*Friday, December 13, at 4 pm*

Do you need to make a new resumé or update your existing one? Using Cypress Resumé, participants will learn to create a professional resumé in three easy steps using software from NC LIVE.

Murder Mystery Party: Who Killed Santa?*Saturday, December 14 at 11 am*

Prepare to be immersed in a dramatic spectacle involving blackmail, backstabbing, and murder! Follow the clues and discover who killed Santa – before it's too late! Open to teens and adults. Registration required.

Catawba Valley Writers Club*Tuesday, December 17 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
828.428.2712

Children / Teens / Families**Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime***Thursdays at 10 am (no storytime Dec. 26)*

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

Holiday Photo Shoot*Tuesday, December 3-Saturday, December 7 during regular library hours*

Is it time for holiday photos? We think so! Join us for this come-as-you-can, self-service photo shoot. We'll provide the backdrop – you bring the family, a camera or phone, and take your own pictures. Available during operating hours except during storytime on December 5.

The Polar Express STEAM and Movie*Saturday, December 14 at 11 am*

Join us for a showing of *The Polar Express* while we make our own electric train and track using magnets and batteries. Refreshments provided.

Adults / Career / Tech**DIY Digital Holiday Photo Cards***Tuesday, December 3 from 5:30-7:30 pm*

Using our holiday backdrop, take photos with your camera or phone and learn how to

turn them into digital holiday cards that can be used for email, social media, or printing. Registration required.

Advanced Gardener Series

The 2019 classes are complete. Please refer to our January 2020 newsletter for details about the new season.

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL
828.466.6827

Children / Teens / Families**Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am (no storytime Dec. 25 or 26 or Jan. 1)*

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

Tiny to Two: Ready to Learn Storytime*Fridays at 10 am (no storytime Dec. 27)*

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

Santa Visit*Friday, December 6 from 5:30-7 pm (weather date: Saturday, December 14 from 4-5:30 pm)*

While waiting to visit with Santa, enjoy a variety of activities, including caroling and decorating the community "Wishing Tree." Families are encouraged to bring their own camera or phone to snap a picture with Santa. Sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.

**Canvas Creations***Monday, December 9 at 5 pm*

Teens, join us to paint a winter-themed canvas. Worried about your artistic abilities? Don't be! Samples and traceable artwork will be offered, and supplies and snacks will be provided – just bring your imagination. Open to 6th graders and up. Registration required.

Student Art Show*Premieres December 16*

Selected students in grades K-2 at Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary Schools have studied the importance of line in art, along with different ways to express line in their own artwork. They've taken special inspiration from Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh. Students in grades 4-6 have explored the use of contrast to create variety and interest in art, taking the Pop Art movement of the 1960s, including Andy Warhol, as inspiration. Discover the wonderful works of art these students have created under the instruction of Ian Powers.

STEAM Explorers: Snow Slime*Wednesday, December 18 at 4 pm*

Kids 7-13 are invited to learn about science concepts through hands-on experiments. Join us this month as we celebrate the winter season by making a special snow slime. Registration required.

Adults / Career / Tech**Mystery Mavens Book Club***Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm*

Join us for a lively discussion of *House of Thieves* by Charles Belfoure. January's discussion will focus on *Sworn to Silence* by Linda Castillo.

Credit and Money Management Workshop*Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30 pm*

Join us to learn about establishing or increasing your credit score, creating a budget, reading a credit report, and correcting errors that may negatively affect your credit rating. This workshop is presented in partnership with Operation HOPE and First Horizon Bank by Rita Purvis, financial well-being coach.

Community Listening Session: What's Your Dream for the Library?*Wednesday, December 11 at 4 pm*

Help us create and implement a vision for how the Catawba County Library can better serve our community in the future. Share your ideas for improving our spaces, programs, and more!

SOUTHWEST
828.466.6818
Children / Teens / Families**Merry Monday Movies***Mondays at 5:30 pm*

Enjoy classic holiday movies for the whole family every Monday night in December.

- December 2 – *Elf* (PG)
- December 9 – *The Santa Clause* (PG)
- December 16 – *The Polar Express* (G)
- December 23 – *It's A Wonderful Life* (PG)

Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime*Wednesdays at 10 am and Thursdays at 11 am (no storytime Dec. 25 or 26 or Jan. 1)*

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

Festive Fridays*Fridays during regular library hours*

Patrons are invited to create easy make-and-take holiday crafts every Friday in December.

STEAM: Christmas Tree Science*Tuesday, December 3 at 5:30 pm*

School-age children will have the chance to learn about the history of the Christmas tree while participating in various activities. Perfect for ages 7 and up; younger children will need to be assisted by an adult.

Storytime Ballet: The Nutcracker*Saturday, December 7 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.

Paws to Read with Mini*Tuesday, December 10 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.

Adults / Career / Tech**DIY Holiday Cards in Microsoft Publisher***Monday, December 2 at 6 pm*

Join us for a basic introduction to Microsoft Publisher, and then use the program to create a holiday card you can send to a loved one!

Mountain View Book Buzz*Tuesday, December 10 at 6 pm*

Join us this month for an engaging discussion of *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd.

Catawba Songwriters*Tuesday, December 17 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.

ST. STEPHENS
828.466.6821
Children / Teens / Families**Preschool: Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am; Tuesday evenings at 6 pm (no storytime Dec. 24, 25, or 26 or Jan. 1)*

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

Storytime Ballet: The Nutcracker*Saturday, December 7 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.

Santa Visits the Library*Thursday, December 12 at 10:30 am (immediately after storytime)*

Santa Claus will come dressed in red with a hearty "ho-ho-ho" to sit with children and listen to their Christmas requests. Parents will be able to snap a photo of their child with Santa. All are welcome to come by and visit.

Teen Holiday Celebration*Saturday, December 14 at 4 pm*

Teens are invited to enjoy refreshments, make a candy cane craft and dance to festive holiday music at our holiday celebration hosted by the St. Stephens Teen Advisory Board. Come and bring a friend!

Crafternoons: Christmas Tree Decorations*Thursday, December 19 at 4 pm*

Create a personalized ornament to give as a Christmas present or keep for your own tree. Make a special keepsake to commemorate baby's first Christmas or honor an anniversary or birthday. Create your own design! A fun family activity to do with children. All supplies are provided, but registration is required.

Family Movie at the Library: Dora and the Lost City of Gold*Friday, December 20 at 4 pm*

Dora, a teenage explorer, leads her friends on an adventure to save her parents and solve the mystery behind a lost city of gold. Popcorn and a beverage will be served. Rated PG.

Adults / Career / Tech**GCFLearnfree.org***Wednesday, December 4 at 10 am*

GCFLearnfree.org offers you the freedom to learn what you want, when you want. It provides totally free online education with more than 190 topics covering everything from Microsoft Excel and social media to graphic design and job skills. If you need to sharpen a skill set, this is the class for you.

English as a Second Language Classes*Saturdays, December 7, 14, and 21 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.

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St. Stephens Book Club for Adults*Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm*

Our newly formed book club is looking for members interested in reading a variety of materials. This month, members should read a book set during the holidays and be prepared to share the story. Bring a friend!

Learn How to Easily Use Online Resources*Wednesday, December 18 at 10 am*

Learn to use the library's online catalog and manage your online account. We'll focus on accessing the many library resources found on our library website, like Gale Legal Forms, NC LIVE, GCFLearnfree.org, and others that patrons would like to explore.

Adult Coloring Club: New Year's Celebrations*Saturday, December 21 at 2 pm*

Color your stress away! We'll provide the coloring sheets, markers, and crayons – you bring the creativity!

LIBRARY TO GO**Catawba Library to Go Stop**

Thursdays, December 5 and 19 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. We'll also have storytime at 10:45 am for children of all ages. We look forward to seeing you there!

Claremont Christmas Parade*Saturday, December 7 at 3 pm*

Check out the Library to Go in the Claremont Christmas Parade!

SYSTEMWIDE**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.

Census 2020

The framers of the US Constitution chose population as the basis for sharing political power, not wealth and not land. Getting an accurate count of the county's population affects our taxes, congressional representation, and funding for hospitals, schools, and roads. Interested in taking a more active role? Visit www.2020census.gov/ jobs to find out about part-time or full time temporary positions in our area.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S CLOSURES**

All library branches will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday.

They will also close at 5 pm on Tuesday, December 31 and remain closed on Wednesday, January 1 for the New Year's holiday.

Enjoy a safe, merry, and relaxing holiday with your families and friends!



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