

# LIBRARY CONNECTIONS

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## Bridging the Digital Divide with Wi-Fi Hotspots to Go

The Catawba County Library recently received and appropriated grant funding to empower our community by reaching out to those citizens whose lives are negatively impacted by a lack of internet service, technology, and digital literacy. We will help bridge this digital divide by lending Wi-Fi hotspot devices and computer equipment through a project called *Home Free: Internet to Go*.

According to the 2014 American Community Survey, 18% of the citizens of Catawba County surveyed do not have a home computer, and 28% have no internet access or limited internet access via free service provided through their municipalities, businesses, or government entities such as the Public Library. This segment of our population is underserved with the resources necessary to access critical information and social capital.

The need for this project was determined and defined through the Library's Edge Assessment and 2015 Community Needs Analysis which reported that, "because of the increasing array of digital devices and new and varied ways to download and experience digital content, the need for digital literacy and training is even more essential." The European and International Computer Driving License (ECDL) 2009 Digital Literacy Report further supports the importance of digital literacy training, stating that "investment in basic skills, specifically those needed to grow digital literacy is a critical factor in supporting the overall growth of an economy and development of society."

Beginning this Fall, we will provide 40 laptops and 30 Wi-Fi hotspots to be available for

check out with a flexible lending period of two weeks. Each of the Wi-Fi hotspot devices use cellular networks to create a portable, high-speed internet connectivity that can be shared on up to 8 devices, allowing entire families to benefit at once. Given the lending period, this project could effectively reach nearly 800 individuals and families at one time with expanded 24-hour access to the internet at home.

While access to technology is essential, it is equally important to provide digital literacy training. Prior to checking out a laptop and/or hotspot, we'll lead community members through a basic computer and internet resource training session, as well as internet safety. During the 2014-2015 fiscal year we provided 182 technology or career

related workshops reaching over 1,000 patrons. This fiscal year we hired a dedicated Digital Services Librarian which has increased the number of technology workshops and one-on-one sessions with 100% of participants reporting that they

have improved confidence and skills working with technology. It is anticipated that the laptop and hotspot lending program will attract more citizens to workshops because they will be able to practice new skills on equipment in their home and beyond the operating hours of the library.

To maximize our reach and impact, we will collaborate with community based organizations such as the local school systems, Catawba County Partnership for Children, Western Piedmont Council of Governments, Workforce Development, Centro Latino, and Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry to identify and reach out to those who have the most to gain from access.



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## Main in Newton

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## Children / Teens / Family

## Ready to Learn Storytimes

*Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am*

Preschool story time with reading readiness for ages 0-5. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

## Paws to Read

*Tuesdays from 4-6 pm*

School-aged children are encouraged to register for a reading session with Nicole or Zachary, our K-9 reading friends. Each week they visit and enjoy being read to. This program is perfect for dog lovers, reluctant readers and avid readers.



## STEAM Program: Healthy Harvest Treats

*Tuesday, October 4 at 4 pm*

Children are invited to join us as we create some healthy harvest treats. We'll learn about the importance of nutrition and be inspired to create healthy harvest snacks.

## STEAM Program: Labyrinth (PG)

*Tuesday, October 11 @ 4 pm*

Join us for an afternoon of gothic fantasy as we watch the movie *Labyrinth*.

## STEAM Program: National Chocolate Cupcake Day

*Tuesday October 18 at 4 pm*

School-aged children will put their baking skills in action as they measure, stir, pour and bake mini cupcakes and then enjoy their sweet treats! What a way to celebrate Nat'l Chocolate Cupcake Day!

## STEAM Program: Spanish Storytime

*Monday, October 24 at 6 pm*

Caribe y Amigos will be reading stories in Spanish. Children and adults are invited to attend this program.

## Free Comic Book Day &amp; Spooktacular

*Saturday, October 29 from 5-8 pm*

Come see us in front of Big Object Comics Shop in Downtown Newton and get your free comic book!

## Adults / Career / Tech

## Foothills Folk Art Festival at the Library

*Saturday, October 1 (all day)*

Browse our display of folk art from local private collections and try your hand at creating fun traditional arts and crafts.

## Foothills Folk Art Festival Concert at the Library

*Saturday, October 1 at 1:30 pm*

Join us for Mountain Music, Stories and Dance featuring Jeff Robbins as he brings his upbeat and interactive performance of authentic sights and sounds of Appalachian mountain music.



## Advanced Tinkercad: Introduction to Primitive Shapes

*Tuesday, October 4 at 6 pm*

Interested in creating your own 3D designs? Join us as we begin a new series aimed at advancing your skills in computer aided design using Tinkercad, a free online computer aided design app.

## Excel Basics

*Wednesday, October 5 at 1 pm*

Learn the basics of Excel, a spreadsheet program that lets you store, organize, and manipulate data. This class will show you how to insert text and basic functions like AutoSum and AutoFill to help you get started using this robust application.



## Excel: Graphs and Pivot Tables

*Thursday, October 6 at 1 pm*

Learn how to create visual data using graphs and pivot tables in Excel. Basic Excel skills necessary.

## New to Medicare Seminar

*Thursday, October 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm*

Are you, a friend or loved one turning 65? It's important for those becoming eligible for Medicare to get accurate information about coverage options as they approach age 65. Attention to these issues will help you avoid serious and costly problems later. Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Counselors, trained by the NC Department of Insurance, will lead the info session and will be happy to answer your questions.

## Finding Your Customer

*Tuesday, October 11 at 11:30 am*

If you are a new small business owner, or thinking of starting a small business, join Jeff Neuville from the Small Business Center, as he teaches how to research your idea, potential customers, and develop your business & marketing plans.

## DIY Tuesday: Fall Door Hanger

*Tuesday, October 11 at 6 pm*

We'll take a few natural objects and add together some paint and ribbon to make a fun and festive Fall door hanger.

## Advanced Gardener Series: Seed Saving

*Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm*

Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director, to learn how to pick and choose the best seeds for germination for next year's crop.

## Low Cost Marketing for Small Business

*Thursday, October 13 at 11:30 am*

Marketing for the 21st century small business is more challenging than ever. Discover how to most effectively use the marketing tools available. Gain insights to understand and reach your customer, analyze your industry and business environment and focus on low-cost marketing techniques.

## Microsoft Word Basics

*Thursday, October 13 at 4 pm*

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

## Pumpkin Beauty Products

*Thursday, October 13 at 6 pm*

Brandy Burnette will demonstrate how to make natural beauty products with a festive fall twist.

## National Novel Writing Month: Info &amp; Prep

*Friday, October 14 at 11 am*

Want to write a novel? Join us for a National Novel Writing Month planning session. Learn all about it and begin planning your story, plot, and characters so you can hit the ground running for the kickoff, November 1st!

## Microsoft Word: Intermediate

*Friday, October 14 at 1 pm*

Will explore the tools that Microsoft Word has that help you become a more efficient user. We'll take a look at styles, headers & footers, manipulating images and more! Basic Word skills required.



## 3-D Basics

*Tuesday, October 18 at 6 pm*

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

**Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer***Thursday, October 20 at 1 pm*

Learn how to uninstall programs, free up space, and find out what causes a computer to slow down.

**Movie Night: Ghostbusters (PG-13)***Thursday, October 20 at 6 pm*

Come watch the new 2016 *Ghostbusters!*

**Downloading Digital Books***Friday, October 21 at 1 pm*

Learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the North Carolina Digital Library onto your mobile device or laptop.

**Online Travel***Tuesday, October 25 at 1 pm*

Learn how to look for safe online transactions, book flights and lodging, explore destinations, and explore a variety of planning tools.

**Murder Mystery Dinner***Thursday, October 27 at 5:30 pm*

Adults & Teens welcome! Registration required as space is limited.

**Build Your Own Superhero***Saturday, October 29 from 12-4 pm*

We're teaming up with Big Object Comics Shop of Newton again and this session has an epic surprise in store for you! Choose your superpower and create your character – this Superhero belongs to you! Please contact Shelley Orr to reserve your spot at 828-465-9494. For all ages.

**Claremont**  
828.466.6817

**Children / Teens / Families****Student STEAM: Binary Bracelets***Thursday, October 27 from 2-6 pm*

This is a fun little craft that will help teach students binary code by creating a beaded bracelet with a secret code. The beads will represent the 1's and 0's that make up binary code. This is a drop-in event.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Technology Tutoring***Thursday, October 13 and 27*

Call the library to book an hour long session with a librarian to learn new skills and solve your technology problems. You can learn anything from finding and printing recipes online to selling on eBay.

**Conover**  
828.466.5108

**Children / Teens / Families****Baby Bounce***Every Wednesday at 10 am*

This sweet and simple 20-minute storytime features rhymes, bounces, sensory play and singing for our youngest learners. Playtime follows.

**Ready to Learn Preschool Story Time***Friday, October 7, 14, and 28 at 10 am*

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to encourage development of Early Literacy Skills and prepare your preschooler to learn. (No story time on October 21.)

**STEAM Saturday: Paint the Night Sky***Saturday, October 1 at 11 am*

Visiting Librarian, Kim Wetmore, will give you opportunities to learn about the solar system and constellations. Paint and share one constellation and see how it fits into the vast collection of stars over our heads each and every night.

**STEAM Saturday: Binary Bracelets***Saturday, October 15 from 10 am - 1 pm*

This is a fun little craft that will help teach students binary code by creating a beaded bracelet with a secret code. The beads will represent the 1's and 0's that make up binary code. This is a drop-in event.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Technology Tutoring***Wednesday, October 12 from 12-5 pm*

Call the library to book an hour long session with a librarian to learn new skills and solve your technology problems. You can learn anything from finding and printing recipes online to selling on eBay.

**Gmail Set Up***Tuesday, October 18 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm*

Gmail is Google's web based email application. We'll setup your email account and then practice sending and receiving emails while looking at some of the basic functions and settings.

**Maiden**  
828.428.2712

**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn***Thursdays at 9:30 am*

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**STEAM Saturday: Punkin' Chunkin'***Saturday, October 15 at 11 am*

Elementary age children are invited to come and build a small catapult. We'll see who can "chunk" a candy pumpkin the farthest and most accurately. Using kids' engineering and critical thinking skills. Registration is required.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Coffee and Tech: Hoopla***Wednesday, October 5 at 9:30 am*

Come by and get a cup of coffee and learn how to use the Hoopla app on your smart phone or tablet. Hoopla is an app offered by the library to download and borrow up to five titles a month, including movies, ebooks, audiobooks, music, and more for free. Bring your own device.

**Needlecrafters Open House***Tuesday, October 18 from 6-8 pm*

Open house for anyone interested in learning how to crochet or knit. They will have examples of their work and will show everyone how to get started with basic stitching. It's a fun and welcoming environment with a great group of ladies. This program is open to everyone.

**Coffee and Tech: Overdrive***Wednesday, October 19 at 9:30 am*

Come in, get a cup of coffee and learn how to download the Overdrive app that gives you access to the NC Digital Library, a library that consists of 1,000's of ebooks and audiobooks that are free to download and borrow. Bring your own device.

**Advanced Gardener Series: Seed Saving***Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 pm*

Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director, to learn how to pick and choose the best seeds for germination for next year's crop.

**Sherrills Ford-Terrell**  
828.466.6827

**Children / Teens / Family****Baby Bounce – New Schedule***Friday, October 7 & 21 at 10 am**Tuesday, October 11 & 25 at 2 pm*

This sweet & simple 30 minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.

**Ready to Learn Storytime***Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am*

Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

**Pawsitive Reading**

*Thursday, October 6 from 3:30 - 5 pm*  
Call to register: 15-20 minute sessions.  
Have a pawsitive reading experience!  
Come read to certified therapy dogs,  
Maggie and Brandy.

**Mad Candy Science**

*Wednesday, October 5 at 3:30 pm*  
Get in the mood for Halloween by  
exploring the scientific properties of  
candy. Call to register.

**Teens Pumpkin Painting Contest**

*Wednesday, October 26 at 4:00 pm*  
Teens are invited to decorate pumpkins  
with scenes from their favorite book or  
story. Call to register.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Free Online Legal Forms**

*Monday, October 3 at 6:30 pm*  
Come learn how you can access  
thousands of legal forms covering  
hundreds of legal subjects and issues.

**Mystery Mavens Book Club**

*Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm*  
Discussing Dan Brown's, *Lost Symbol*.

**Writing a "Targeted" Resume**

*Saturday, October 8 at 2 pm*  
Learn how to write a resume "targeted" at  
getting a specific job.

**Computer and Tablet Drop-In Sessions**

*Tuesday, October 11 & 18 from 6-7 pm*  
Questions about your computer or  
E-reader? Drop-in for help or call to set up  
a one-on-one appointment anytime.

**Introduction to Twitter**

*Monday, October 24 at 6:30 pm*  
Join the online social networking world  
through Twitter and learn how you can  
read or send your own "tweets".

**Southwest**  
828.466.6818

**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Preschool Story times**

*Wednesdays at 10am/Thursdays at 11am*  
Join in the fun with stories, songs, creative  
movement, craft activities, and more that  
encourage development of Early Literacy  
skills in young children.

**Special Storytime!**

*Wednesday, October 19 at 10 am*  
Join us when the NC School for the Deaf is  
here to sign a story & teach a few words  
of sign language. All ages welcome!

**Make and Take Round Ball Ornaments**

*Thursday, October 20 at 4 pm*  
It only looks complicated! For all ages!

**Adults / Career / Tech****Catawba Crafters**

*Monday Nights at 6 pm*  
Want to learn to crochet or knit, increase  
your skills, or simply chat with other  
crafters?

**Vegetarian Nutrition Seminar**

*Tuesday, October 4 at 6 pm*  
Considering becoming a vegetarian,  
or interested in learning more about  
vegetarian nutrition? Amanda Davis, RD,  
LDN, Ep-C Registered Dietitian & Exercise  
Physiologist will be on hand to lead.

**Self Defense Class**

*Tuesday, October 11 at 6 pm*  
Jeff Lindsay of Iron Spirit Martial Arts will  
be conducting a Self Defense Class in the  
Southwest Branch Library's Auditorium.

**Computer Class Fridays**

*October 7 at 10 am Intro to Excel*  
*October 14 at 10 am Intro to Publisher*  
*October 21 at 10 am Intro to Excel*  
*October 28 at 10 am Intro to Word*

**SongWriter's Clinic and Open Mic Night**

*Tuesday, October 18 at 6 pm*  
Have a song in your heart, or head? Get  
it out and share it! Tips and tricks of  
songwriting to be shared during the hour!

**Adult Coloring Continues!**

Stop by for a quick bit of color and de-  
stressing almost any time! You'll be glad  
you contributed to the masterpiece in  
progress!

**St. Stephens**  
828.466.6821

**Children / Teens / Families****Ready to Learn Preschool Storytimes**

*Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 am*  
*Each Tuesday evening at 6 pm*  
Join in the fun with stories, songs, creative  
movement, craft activities, and more that  
encourage development of Early Literacy  
skills in young children.

**DIY Hacks: Teen Halloween Costumes**

*Thursday, October 6 at 4 pm*  
Want to learn how to make cool and  
inexpensive costumes for Halloween?  
We will demo how to make several  
costumes and you can choose which you  
would like to make and take home. Light  
refreshments will be served.

**4-H National Youth Science Day:****Drone Discovery**

*Thursday, October 13 at 4 pm*  
Love science and fun science activities?  
Experience a hands-on engineering  
design challenge that explores the  
science behind drones and how they are  
being used to solve real world problems.  
You will learn everything from flight  
dynamics and aircraft types, to safety and  
regulations. Call to register.

**Crafternoons: Witches' Hats and Orange Pumpkins**

*Thursday, October 20 at 4 pm*  
Make simple edible witches' hats and  
create a pumpkin decoration to take  
home. All ages welcome.

**Movies at the Library: "Spooky Buddies"**

*Friday, October 21 at 4 pm*  
Enjoy the movie, popcorn and a drink!

**Halloween ComicFest @ the library**

*Saturday, October 29 (all day or until  
comic books are all given away)*  
Halloween Comicfest is an annual event  
where participating comic book shops  
celebrate Halloween by giving away comic  
books absolutely free! This year we are  
partnering with Dugout Cards and Games  
located in Hickory.

**Adults / Career / Tech****Self-Defense for Women**

*Monday, October 3 at 6 pm*  
Ever feel uneasy when you are out alone?  
Karate instructor, Dale Lail, will help  
women learn methods for defending  
themselves in real life situations.

**Periodicals With NC Digital**

*Wednesday, October 5 at 4 pm*  
Learn how to download periodicals using  
NC Digital Library using our Computer Lab.

**History of Post-War St. Stephens**

*Monday, October 24 at 6 pm*  
Local historian and author Gary Freeze  
will present a talk on the history of post-  
war St. Stephens. Dr. Freeze will have the  
third and final volume of *The Catawban*s  
available for purchase and signing.

**Using the Web to Get Things Done**

*Wednesday, October 26 at 4 pm*  
Just in time for the holidays, this special  
class will show you how to get things  
done on the internet. Learn how to shop  
online, find online reviews of products,  
find recipes to fix for the holidays and  
crafts that you might want to try out. Get  
your specific questions answered too!