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Catawba County Library provides more than just books

By JOHN BAILEY - Hickory Daily Record

NEWTON – There is nothing new about seeing your local library as a source of knowledge. But in recent years libraries have begun shifting their focus to creating new programs to make it so they aren't seen just as a place with books and computers but as an organization proactive in meeting the various needs of its community.

The Catawba County Library is a good example with the numerous free classes it offers related to technology and taking care of household and even small business needs.

Supporting this new drive of community outreach are the various partnerships the library has created, including one with Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) and its Small Business Center.

Jeff Neuville, from CVCC, recently led programs entitled Finding Your Customer and Low Cost Marketing for small business.

"I think we're ramping it up more where it's becoming more regular and doing more things, because for us in general we're ramping up our effort to just have a different mindset, a paradigm shift at the library," Catawba County Library Community Engagement Specialist Paul Foster said.

In the last couple of years, the library has focused on providing classes on resume writing, where to look for jobs, setting up Gmail, learning the basics of 3-D printing and improving computer skills in programs like Microsoft Word and Excel. It even offers a series of gardening classes to teach people how to build and nurture their own gardens, taught by local master gardeners.

"Job development is a big focal point for us, and then we also see hand-in-hand with that is economic development so we're wanting to do things we can to help the local

economy as well," Foster said.

The help can also come in the form of programs to help potential home buyers navigate their way through the process of purchasing a house for the first time.

"We're usually bringing in a professional rep for that kind of thing too, whether it's from a bank or other financing institution," Foster said.

The library is also looking to help underserved populations, specifically in the Hispanic community. There have even been a couple of first-time home buyers' programs held in Spanish.

Another new initiative for the Catawba County Library was becoming an official partner in the national Foundation Center funding information network.

The library is now a resource for authoritative and up-to-date resources for nonprofit management and fundraising including: current print reference directories and resources, books on all facets of nonprofit startup and operation and training

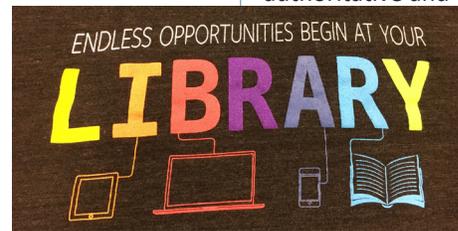
and one-on-one help with grant seeking, according to the library's website.

In the past, people looking to start a new venture and needing a grant would have to go to either Charlotte or Winston-Salem to access Foundation Center resources.

"You're able to go through this process on this website to filter through it all and focus in on granters who can connect with the project you're trying to accomplish," Foster said.

The library also has a partnership with NCworks – a one-stop online resource for job seekers and employers in North Carolina. NC Works recently moved into the Conover Station building and is conveniently located just below the Conover library. Additionally, an NC Works representative works at the Main library in Newton each Wednesday from 10am-2pm.

"We can reach out to all these different people and organizations and resources and channel them through the library in order to reach more people," Foster said.



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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
Call to register: 15-20 minute sessions. Have positive reading experience by reading to certified therapy dogs Nicole and Zachary.

STEAM Program – Day of the Dead / Día de los Muertos

Tuesday, November 1 at 4 pm
Children are invited to join us as we create Day of the Dead crafts and learn about the significance of this Mexican Holiday.

STEAM Program – Three Branches of Government

Tuesday, November 8 at 4 pm
Join us for an afternoon of US government. School aged children will enjoy watching this educational film that explains our constitution and branches of government.

STEAM Program – Recycled Art Day

Tuesday, November 15 at 4 pm
Celebrate “America Recycles Day” by creating art from various recycled materials.

Movie Night – *Finding Dory* (PG)

Monday, November 21 at 6 pm
Celebrate “America Recycles Day” by creating art from various recycled materials.

STEAM Program – Holidays & History Film Series

Tuesday, November 22 at 4 pm
Join us for two short films that explain the true tradition of Thanksgiving and give insight to the lives of Native Americans.

STEAM Program – Holiday Bookmarks

Tuesday, November 29 at 4 pm
Children will enjoy crafting a holiday bookmark. These bookmarks will make great page savers or gifts to give during the holiday season.



Adults / Career / Tech

NC Works Career Center

Every Wednesday from 10 am - 2 pm
Jobs, applications, and resume assistance.

Advanced Gardener Series:

Garden Berries

Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 pm
Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director, to learn about Garden Berries.

Excel Basics

Wednesday, November 2 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: Formulas and Functions

Thursday, November 3 at 4 pm
Formulas and functions are how to make Excel work for you. Learn how 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.

Setting Your Holiday Table

Thursday, November 3 at 6 pm
Get your dining room in the holiday spirit with festive decorating ideas. Learn proper table settings & get fresh ideas for wowing your guests this holiday season.

National Novel Writing Month: Come Write-In

Friday, November 4, 11, 18 at 10 am and 4:30 pm
Join thousands of writers around the world who congregate at “Come Write In” spaces to pursue their creative dreams and write the first draft of a novel. Connect with local writers or enjoy an opportunity to write distraction free.



DIY Tuesday: Vinyl Monograms

Tuesday, November 8 at 6 pm
Design your own vinyl monogram using the Silhouette Curio Digital Cutter. Participants will learn the basics of Silhouette Design Studio and how to adjust fonts to create a custom monogrammed look. Vinyl monograms will be up to 6” by 6”.

Excel: Sort and Filter

Thursday, November 10 at 3 pm
Learn how to organize your data by using the sort and filter options in Excel. Basic Excel skills required.

Healthy, Stress-free Holiday Cooking

Thursday, November 10 at 6 pm
Ann Simmons, FCS Agent, will teach us how to modify our favorite holiday foods to make them healthier and how to safely prepare them ahead of time for healthy and stress free holiday cooking.



Windows 10 Tips and Tricks:

Tuesday, November 15 at 1 pm
New to Windows 10? Learn tips and tricks that will help you get comfortable using the new interface. Learn how to customize the new Start Menu, how to access the Quick Access Menu, and how Cortana can give you directions or set reminders and much more.

Downloading Digital Books

Thursday, November 17 at 1 pm
Learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the North Carolina Digital Library onto your mobile device or laptop.

Guest Speaker from the North Carolina Courts Speakers Bureau

Thursday, November 17 at 6 pm
Learn about how the state judicial system works and why the judicial branch is so important.

Tinkercad: Create A Totem Pole

Saturday, November 26 at 11 am
Create your own totem pole using Tinkercad, a free online computer aid design software (CAD). We'll explore basic shapes and how they can fit together to make a totem that we can print out on our 3D printer. Bring your imagination!



3-D Basics

Tuesday, November 29 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.

Claremont

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Adults / Career / Tech

Technology Tutoring

Thursday, November 3 & 17

Call to book an hour long session with a librarian to learn new skills & solve your technology problems. You can learn anything from finding and printing recipes online, selling on eBay, or downloading movies and books using Hoopla.

Conover

828.466.5108

Children / Teens / Families

Baby Bounce & Ready to Learn Preschool Story Time

November 11, 16, 18, 23, 30 at 10 am

We'll be combining story time programs this month! Storytimes feature rhymes, bounces, sensory play and singing for our youngest learners followed by an activity or playtime. All designed to give your infant or preschooler the best foundation for future learning.

STEAM Saturday: Squishy Circuits

Saturday, November 5 at 11 am

Use conductive and insulating play dough to learn the basics of electrical circuits in a fun, hands-on way. Let your creations come to life as you light them up with LED's or make noises with buzzers.

STEAM Saturday: Makey Makey

Saturday, November 19 at 11 am

With this easy to use electronics board, we will build our own musical instrument out of recycled materials and create the sounds using Scratch, a free computer coding program.

BATTLE - of the - BOOKS 2016

Elementary Battle of the Books Intro

Tuesday, November 29 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Join with other students in grades 4-6 to learn about the competition format and try your skills at a mock battle. You do not need to have read all of the books on the list to participate.

Adults / Career / Tech

Downloading Digital Books

Wednesday, November 9 at 1 pm

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

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device

Saturday, November 12

Call the library to book an appointment to learn a new skill, speed up your device, or solve your technology problems.



Google Maps

Tuesday, November 22 at 5:30 pm

Going somewhere for the holidays? Learn how to use Google Maps to print your directions or send them to your phone.

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: DIY Pizza Dough

Saturday, November 12 at 11 am

In honor of National Pizza Day, elementary age children are invited to learn the science behind Pizza! Kids will make their own ball of dough to take home and watch the science happen! Registration required.

Adults / Career / Tech

College Financial Aid Workshop

Saturday, November 5 at 11 am

Have questions about financial aid for college? Skip Watts, from the College Foundation of NC, will help guide you through the application process. A great opportunity to get questions answered and have a one-on-one discussion with a financial aid professional.

POV Documentary: Of Men and War

Wednesday, November 9 at 4 pm

At a first-of-its-kind PTSD treatment center in California, follow Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families on their paths to recovery, attempting to make peace with their pasts, their loved ones and themselves. This film reminds us that the war does not always end for a soldier just because they return home. This event is in collaboration with POV, PBS' award-winning nonfiction film series.

Coffee and Tech: Online Shopping for the Outdoorsman

Wednesday, November 23 at 9:30 am

Do you have an outdoorsman or lady to buy for this Christmas? Just in time for Black Friday and Cyber Monday, we're offering a little workshop on how to find the best deals on outdoor gear online. We will show you some useful apps and how to use them together to make this holiday season one to remember. Bring your own device.

Sherrills Ford-Terrell

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Children / Teens / Family

Baby Bounce – New Schedule

Tuesdays at 2 pm

Friday November 4 & 18 at 10 am

This sweet and simple 30 min 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, November 3 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.

Teen Robotic Challenge

Tuesday, November 15 at 6 pm

Teens will learn how to program a robot to complete a set of tasks and challenges.

Yello Dyno Safety Class for Children

Wednesday, November 16 at 4 pm

The Yello Dyno will teach your children to recognize deceptive behavior of Tricky People who mean them harm. This is a non-fearful, musically-driven, award winning program sponsored by United Way.



Unusual Pairings Friends for Life – Anti-bullying Workshop

Saturday, November 19 at 2 pm

This elementary age program will encourage and promote acceptance between students of differing cultures, life circumstances and abilities.

Adults / Career / Tech**Introduction to Facebook**

Friday, November 11 at 10 am and
Monday November 21 at 6:30 pm
Learn how to get started on Facebook,
find old friends and make sure your
account is secure.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 pm
Join us in discussion of *Wedding Cake
Murder* by Joanne Fluke

Friends of the Library Present:**Miracle: A Documentary by Richard Eller**

Monday, November 14 at 6:30-8:30 pm
Learn about the polio outbreak of 1944
and how Catawba County was at the
center of the miracle that took place.

Computer and Tablet Drop-In Sessions

Questions about your computer or
E-reader? Drop-in for help. Or call to set
up a one-on-one appointment anytime.

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

Wednesdays at 10 am
Thursdays at 11 am

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

**Horse Training Video Series**

Tuesdays at 4 pm
Have you ever wished that you were
a horse whisperer? The "Reach Out
to Horses" video series teaches
unique, gentle and trust based training
techniques. 11/8 - *Trust Based Leadership*;
11/15 - *Spook Busting Secrets*;
11/22 - *Horse Whispering Defined*

Paper Snowflakes

Thursday, November 17 4 pm
Let's make paper snowflakes together! It
only looks complicated!

Adults / Career / Tech**Do it Yourself Pumpkin Beauty Products**

Wednesday, November 9 at 4 pm
Brandy Burnette will demonstrate how
to make natural beauty products with a
festive fall twist.

Computer Class Fridays at 10 am

November 11 - *Introduction to Excel*
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.
November 18 - *Introduction to Publisher*
Learn how to use this Microsoft Office
tool to create things including flyers, post-
ers and brochures.

Song Writer's Clinic and Open Mic Night

Tuesday, November 15 at 6 pm
Have a song in your heart or head? Get
it out and share with the group! Tips on
songwriting to be shared during the hour!

Adult Coloring Continues!

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



St. Stephens
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Children / Teens / Families**Ready to Learn Preschool Storytimes**

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10 am
Each Tuesday evening at 6 pm

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

Paint by Number

Thursday, November 3 at 4 pm
Teens have you ever wanted to paint a
masterpiece? Now is your chance. Come
create a painting by number. We will have
relaxing music and light refreshments.

STEAM Program: Be Red Cross Ready

Thursday, November 10 at 4 pm
The Blue Ridge - Piedmont Chapter
of the Red Cross will offer a special
disaster-preparedness led by Disaster
Preparedness Specialists. Learn how to
make a plan, create a kit, and how to stay
informed of impending disasters. Children
will receive a Mickey and Friends Disaster
Preparedness Coloring book provided by
collaboration between Disney and Red
Cross. Appropriate for school age children.

Crafternoons: Mosaic Seed Art

Thursday, November 17 at 4 pm
Seeds come in all sorts of interesting
shapes, colors, sizes and smells. Come
and create a marvelous mosaic with these
wonderful gifts from nature. Pre-printed
templates will be provided.

**Movies at the Library: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadow**

Friday, November 18 at 4 pm
Enjoy the movie, popcorn and a drink—as
well as a lot of fun! Rated PG-13

Adults / Career / Tech**Wireless Printing @ the Library**

Wednesday, November 9 at 10 am
Learn how to print from your mobile
device, laptop or even from home.

Banking on Your Success

Monday, November 14 at 6 pm
BB&T will present a program that focuses
on balancing a checkbook, how to set
up a checking account, how to pay bills,
and understanding credit. There will be a
question and answer session at the end.
This program will be presented in Spanish.

Hands Only CPR

Saturday, November 19 at 10 am
Do you know what to do if you see
someone collapse? Melanie Sigmon, EMS
Quality Compliance Coordinator will teach
when and how to perform CPR. This is a
non-certified class for adults.

Adult Coloring Club

Monday, November 21 at 6 pm
Come relax by coloring your stress away.
We will provide coloring sheets, colored
pencils, and snacks.

Google Maps

Wednesday, November 23 at 10 am
Do you hate stopping people on the
street to ask for directions? Do you get
turned around in new cities? Take a class
on Google Maps and head in the right
direction! We'll meet in Computer Lab.

