

*David Moxley, Chairman of Board  
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Ricky Oliver, Commissioner  
Tim Parks, Commissioner*



*Ed Powell, County Attorney  
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Tanya Gentry, Clerk to the Board*

## **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **January 31, 2025**

#### ***Charters of Freedom***

Grading will begin February 10 for the construction of the Charters of Freedom. They will be located in the courtyard at the Courthouse on the corner of Hwy 601 (State Street) and Main Street. The Charters include the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Civil Rights. There are opportunities for donations to keep the Charters advancing in other locations throughout the country. There will also be a pedestal for the Sanctity of Life Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners. This pedestal will be built on the existing concrete where the flagpole previously was. The cost for the additional pedestal is approximately \$13,000-\$14,000, however a group of citizens have stated they have raised some funds for this purpose.

#### ***FEMA***

As of January 27, 2025, over \$63,000 has been awarded in Individual Assistance from FEMA to residents in Yadkin County. Twenty-six applicants have been eligible for housing assistance and/or other needs assistance. Over 10 households have checked into hotels through the TSA program. Exhibit A contains information about FEMA's response to Hurricane Helene in North Carolina.

#### ***Vacancy Report***

There are 15 vacancies this week. Human Services has 6 vacancies, all in the Social Services Division. The Sheriff's Office has 3 positions vacant, Emergency Services has 3 vacancies, Animal Shelter has 1 vacancy as well as Finance and the Tax Assessor's Office. Twelve of these positions have been vacant over 30 days, with 6 of them being in Human Services. Six of these positions (3 in Human Services, 2 in Emergency Services and 1 in Tax) have been vacant over 100 days. Two of these 6 positions have been vacant over 225 days.

#### ***Mountain Valley Hospice***

Mountain Valley Hospice has submitted their request to extend their Ambulance Franchise Agreement with the County. They applied for their Franchise several years ago to transport hospice patients to and from the SECU Hospice Home in Yadkinville.

## **Libraries**

The Northwestern Regional Library System operates 4 library branches in Yadkin County (Boonville, East Bend, Jonesville and Yadkinville). Exhibit B contains a usage report for the branches during FY2023-2024.

## **Leading Your Board**

Vice-Chairman Zachary, Commissioner Collins and I attended the NCACC's Leading Your Board training for new Board Chairs and Vice-Chairs. Chairman Moxley had planned to attend, but had a death in the family and was unable to attend. It was a very good training and the afternoon portion was dedicated to internal and external communications.

## **Upcoming Dates**

**February 3 at 5pm** Special Called Meeting – Closed Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter. Dinner will be provided.

**April 14 at 5pm** a joint Board meeting will be held with the Board of Education and the Surry Community College Board of Trustees. Dinner will be provided.

The School of Government has several webinars coming up that you may be interested in. Please let Tanya know if you are interested in any of these or any other training.

February 7: Top 10 Primer: Managing Conflict Online

March 5: Top 10 Primer: Tools for a Successful Strategic Plan Online

March 19: In the Hot Seat: Leading Through Public Scrutiny in Chapel Hill

April 2: Fiduciary Responsibilities of Local Elected Officials Online



# North Carolina Helene Response By The Numbers

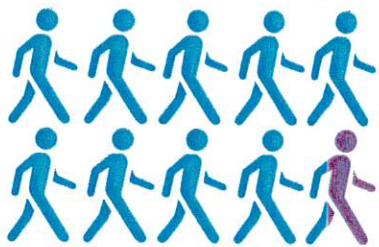
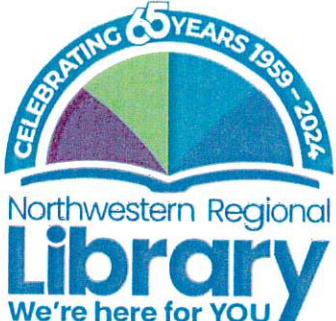
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# Yadkin County Branches

## FY 23-24

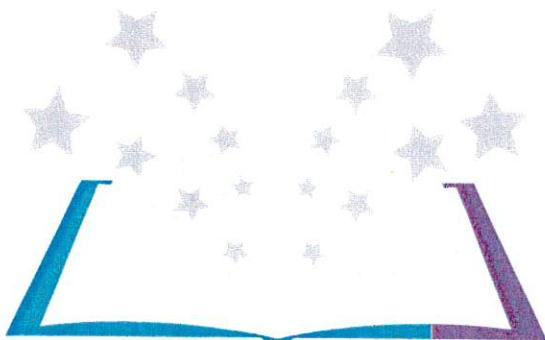
Boonville, East Bend, Jonesville, & Yadkinville



### Library Visits

**↑6.89%**

Visits are counted daily with how many people come into the library during open hours.  
FY 23-24 usage counts were 52,264



### Circulation

**↑2.87%**

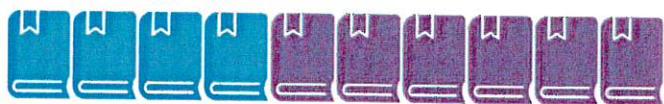
The NC Cardinal consortium offers 8.1 million items in the catalog for all patrons to borrow.  
FY 23-24 circulation counts were 96,858



### Wi-Fi Use

**↑54.71%**

Each branch has free Wi-Fi available inside and outside the library.  
FY 23-24 usage counts were 27,114



### Programs

**↑64.12%**

A wide variety of programs are offered at each branch for all ages.  
1,108 were offered in FY 23-24



### Attendance

**↑40.81%**

Attendance of patrons to programs offered by the branch libraries.  
FY 23-24 attendance was 27,069