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## **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Announces Free Make A Movie Workshop Series**

*In partnership with the Charlotte Unconventional Film School*

**Charlotte, NC – December 27, 2018** – Charlotte Mecklenburg Library announces a free Make a Movie Workshop series with 10 workshops from Jan. 12, 2019 through May 11, 2019 at various Library locations, in partnership with the Charlotte Unconventional Film School (CUFS). Coordinated by CUFS, the workshops are led by industry experts and will offer participants the chance to learn film and documentary making from start to finish including producing, directing, budgeting, scouting locations, and writing scripts. Held on Saturday afternoons the workshops are free, but all participants must register through [cmlibrary.org/innovation/make-a-movie-workshop](http://cmlibrary.org/innovation/make-a-movie-workshop).

Beginning in 2019, the Library is piloting innovation programs as part of its new Community Media Strategy, intended to provide offerings to the community that are creative, accessible and innovative.

“We’ve developed a strategy of innovation programs where experimentation is encouraged, rewarded, and elevated across the library system. Announcing this first partnership with Charlotte Unconventional Film School is a great launch point for what we will offer the community,” said Seth Ervin, chief innovation officer of Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. “The workshops give our participants the opportunity to engage in learning experiences that we also hope will affect our community through their creations.”

Charlotte Unconventional Film School brings together working professional filmmakers and the men and women who want to learn from them through workshops, organizing events throughout the year. Participants do not need experience to attend, just an interest in movie making. “This partnership with the Library means we can offer our top-notch workshops at no cost to participants. Men and women who want to make movies will improve their skills, knowledge and contacts so they can make the best movies possible,” says Julie McElmurry, executive director for Charlotte Unconventional Film School. “This is a unique opportunity to learn in person from teachers who are true professionals with varied backgrounds and expertise.”

### **Make a Movie Workshop Series are FREE but participants need to register:**

- Jan. 12, 2019 - Secrets to Making a Successful Film presented by Keema Mingo at Hickory Grove Library
- Jan. 19, 2019 - Hands On: Getting your Indie Film Made presented by Joshua Overbay at Hickory Grove Library
- Feb. 2, 2019 - Audio Production for Filmmakers presented by Michael Quigley at West Boulevard Library

- Feb. 16, 2019 - Telling Stories for the Screen presented by Rodney Stringfellow at West Boulevard Library
- March 2, 2019 - Intro to Cinematography for Narrative Filmmaking presented by Chuck Bludsworth at Hickory Grove Library
- March 16, 2019 - Directing presented by Joshua Overbay at West Boulevard Library
- April 13, 2019 - Casting & Location Scouting presented by Chip White, PGA at Hickory Grove Library
- April 27, 2019 - Making a Short Documentary presented by Reuben Bloom and Kathleen Bloom at Plaza Midwood Library
- May 11, 2019 - Brilliance of Bollywood Movies presented by Ananda Mitra, Ph.D. at Beatties Ford Road Regional Library
- May 18, 2019 - The Art of the Interview presented by Mike Collins and Tommy Tomlinson at Beatties Ford Road Regional Library

For more information on innovation programs and the Community Media Strategy from Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, visit [www.cmlibrary.org/innovation](http://www.cmlibrary.org/innovation).

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***About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:***

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America's leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit [cmlibrary.org](http://cmlibrary.org).

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