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Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library 7th Annual Community Read

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Newton, NC – The Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library are sponsoring their 7th Annual Community Read with the book, *Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace*, by Anne Lamott. This book of essays talks about everyday life events, how they affect us, and how we react to them.

The public is invited to attend a presentation and discussion on Monday, March 20th at 6:30 pm at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library. The discussion will focus on four essays - Ladders, Forgiven, Barn Raising and 'Joice. Dr. Tony Abbott will lead the discussion and provide biographical material on the author.

Author Anne Lamott writes nonfiction that is largely autobiographical. Marked by their self-deprecating humor and openness, Lamott's writings cover such subjects as alcoholism, single-motherhood, depression and Christianity. "I try to write the books I would love to come upon, that are honest, concerned with real lives, human hearts, spiritual transformation, families, secrets, wonder, craziness—and that can make me laugh. When I am reading a book like this, I feel rich and profoundly relieved to be in the presence of someone who will share the truth with me, and throw the lights on a little, and I try to write these kinds of books. Books, for me, are medicine.", Lamott said in an interview.

Dr. Tony Abbott is the winner of the 2015 NC Award for Literature from the State of North Carolina. Abbott is the author of seven books of poetry, two novels and four books of literary criticism. He joined the English department at Davidson College in 1964, became a full professor in 1979, and was named Charles A. Dana Professor of English in 1990. He served as Chair of the Department from 1989 to 1996. Even though he has retired, he continues to teach classes at Davidson. His first book of poetry, *The Girl in the Yellow Raincoat* received a Pulitzer nomination.

The Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library is located at 9154 Sherrills Ford Rd., Terrell, NC 28682.

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About: *The Catawba County Library is our community's place to connect, explore, and grow. We empower lives and build our community by bringing people, information, and ideas together. The library, headquartered in Newton, serves the community with seven locations throughout the county and is a year-round, integral provider of early literacy and lifelong learning resources and programming. The library also provides a full complement of computer and digital services, classes, and support to bridge the digital divide, empower job seekers, and enhance community quality of life and economic health.*

