



The Friendly News

July, 2023



Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

Picture it: a very talented and competent treasurer, well-versed in bookkeeping programs, attempting to train a very non-number-crunching writer-type in the intricacies of Microsoft Excel.

In other words, our outgoing treasurer, Priya, was trying to train me on a few bookkeeping tasks so that I can help with the transition process. Let's just say we were very lucky to have Priya.

We're also very lucky to have Glenn Madara as our new treasurer. You can read more about Glenn in the pages below.

And you'll find lots about our June member social. If you missed it, I'd like to share with you some of the accomplishments we celebrated from our 2022-2023 year:

- ◆ ·120 pages of newsletters published
- ◆ ·More than 100% increase in social media reach
- ◆ ·Continued support of library staff and programs through funding, special gifts, and volunteering at library events
- ◆ ·Debut of Little Free Library
- ◆ ·Established shared drive for record-keeping
- ◆ ·Hosted or sponsored 10+ public events
- ◆ ·Memorial donations to the Catawba Library Foundation
- ◆ ·Christmas gift bags provided to 14 local families
- ◆ ·\$3,459 raised through gift baskets and book sales
- ◆ ·3 student art shows
- ◆ ·400+ Friendly Kraft kits distributed
- ◆ ·Appearance on *Catawba Chronicles* podcast
- ◆ ·312 first- and second-graders reached through literacy programs
- ◆ ·Increased FOL membership by 71%

Great job, Friends!

Cheers, Erica



Annual June Social Summarizes 2022-2023 Year

Now, did the fried chicken END the old year, or did it kick off the NEW year **with a bang?** (Maybe a crunch....)

Either way, it was a spectacular dinner and the 25 members present enjoyed it immensely. Salads, chicken, veggies, desserts—all were delicious—and as

you can see from the photo of the serving table, we were so eager to **have “firsts”** that the photo had to wait until we were ready to have **“seconds!”** Enjoy the **VERY** candid shots (mostly of people chewing) and start looking forward to next year.



We have so much to be thankful for in 2023—no mandatory social distancing or masks—plus mutual respect and cooperation!





The social was held in an auxiliary room due to the failure of A/C in the community room. A big thanks to Shelley Orr and her staff who saved the day with a screen and computer to display Erica's exemplary PowerPoint slideshow.



Friendly Krafts 4 Kids Makes Hot and Cool Summer Splashes

The Krafts Kommittee started the summer season with a cool splash and a sizzling' hot Kraft this year. Barbara MacArthur transformed a paper plate into a colorful oceanic Green Turtle for June and linked it with three turtle books seen here.

July saw Make-Your-Own-Barbeque Grill kits. This kit is linked to cookbooks for kids, and there are a lot more of them in the library serving up krafty kitchen fun! In addition to the regular June and July Kraft supplies, the committee assembled a basketful of free Scavenger Hunt List kits which were given out at the June 3rd Summer Learning Program kickoff. Each kit contained an indoor and an outdoor list, and once again, there are multiple books in the library with treasure hunt themes. Thanks to Sue Green and her krafty kin!



Spotlight on Glenn Madara, FOSFTL Treasurer

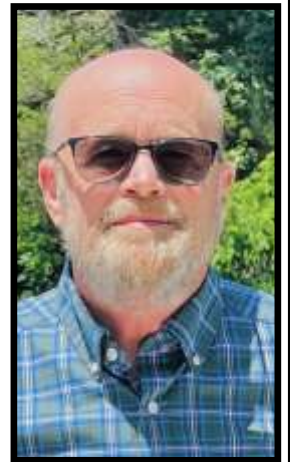
Priya Palmer has handed the financial reins of FOSFTL to Glenn Madara, longtime Friends member. We asked him for his “take” on library matters:

“I was born in 1954 and raised in Queens Village, New York. I have memories of frequent visits to my local library. In 1976 I left my family home for Boston. Three years later my work, international freight forwarding, relocated me to San Francisco.

After marriage and the birth of three children the decision was made to raise the family elsewhere. It was 1991 when we all moved to a home outside of Charlotte.

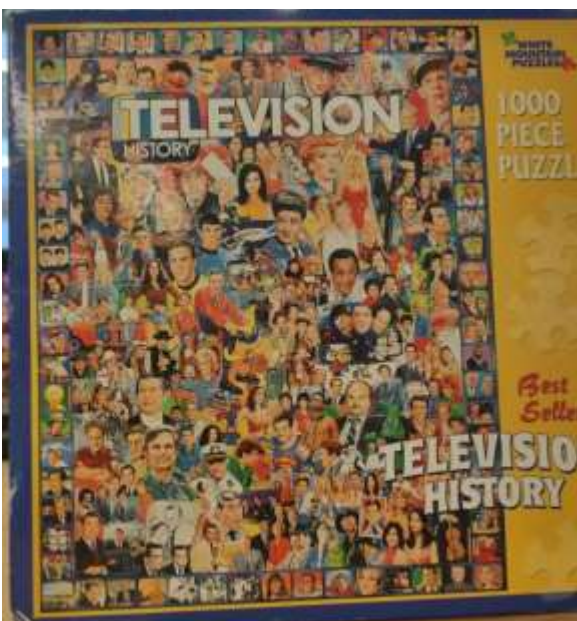
Reading was important and our home was a small library of children’s books. Our ritual was reading stories every night and the children developed proficient reading skills at a young age. Weekly trips were taken to the library and they would pick out new books for their interest and pleasure.

It was in late 2013 that I, by myself, moved to Sherrills Ford and one year later I became a member of the SFFOL and have enjoyed this community since.” And we’re glad he did!



Whoa, these aren’t your Grandma’s puzzles! The FOSFTL introduction of the puzzle exchange has become a permanent addition to the library and the selection is, well,

astounding! Here are just four of the puzzles on offer at the library. Sometimes an idea just finds its time, and this one has! Nothing puzzling about it...





You Can Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram

We currently post pictures and information about our events on both platforms. You do not need a Facebook account to keep current.



<https://www.facebook.com/FOSFTL/>

We are listed on Instagram as: sherrillsfordfol

Search for **Friends of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library** on Facebook and if you're on Instagram, we are **sherrillsfordfol**. Please LIKE and share posts! Feel free to send a message if you would like a photo of you at the library or a Friends Event posted to either site. Ellen Janzen Dewey is the Administrator and initiator of our social media sites.

To see more of what is happening at SFT—by the week—and throughout the Catawba County Library System, visit :

<https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/friends-of-the-library>

OR: Search in your browser for Catawba County Library/This Week @ Your Library.

Newsletter Submissions: Please e-mail **news and photo submissions, and community announcements** to Joyce O'Neal, newsletter editor, by the fourth Tuesday of the month: joyceoneal417@gmail.com .

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library 2023-2024

Officers:

President — Erica Batten

Vice-president: — Lisa Yakovenko

Secretary —Kathy Camarco

Treasurer — Glenn Madara

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — Beth DeMauro

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

Board of Directors:

Linda Greenwell

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Library Staff:

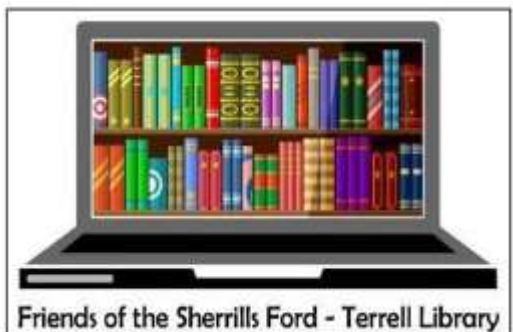
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Keri Flowers, Carolyn Smith

Location: Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library, 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC 28682 Phone: (828) 466-6827



2023-2024 Membership Form

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

Consider following us on Facebook or Instagram to keep current on planned activities <http://www.facebook.com/FOSFTL> or on Instagram @sherrillsfordfol

Who are we?	What do we do?	What do you get?
<p>The Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library is a local non-profit 501(c) (3) organization comprised of members of the community. We are dedicated to supporting the mission of the Catawba County Library System, encouraging reading, expanding literacy, providing cultural opportunities, and inspiring a passion for life-long learning in our community.</p>	<p><u>Support Library Programs</u> such as the Summer Reading Program for adults and children</p> <p><u>Provide Community Programs</u> throughout the year that offer broad learning opportunities for all ages</p> <p><u>Facilitate Literacy Programs</u> at Sherrills Ford, Catawba and Balls Creek Elementary</p> <p><u>Advocate for the Library</u> by offering support and resources to fill needs not covered by their budget</p>	<p>Besides the enjoyment of supporting community literacy initiatives and cultural events, your annual membership includes:</p> <p>"The Friendly News" periodic newsletters which keep you up to date on activities, events, and volunteer opportunities</p> <p>Priority Access to unique, fun, and enriching programs</p> <p>Many opportunities to Get Involved (see other side of this form for a complete list)</p>

How do you sign up? We would love to have you join **"The Friends"** and we can't wait to meet you. Being part of this organization is an excellent way to support your community. Simply choose your donation level and fill out the below information.

- Donations above our annual \$10 Family Membership cost fund the bulk of our programs!
- We intentionally keep our Membership cost low and affordable.
- Revenues from Membership cover roughly 25% of our annual operating budget, so we very much appreciate and rely on donations beyond the basic membership cost.
- While most of our funds are used for our Sherrills Ford-Terrell community, a portion of our donations may be used periodically to support the Catawba County Library Endowment to ensure consistent and critical financial support beyond that provided annually by our state and local governments.

<p>*Annual Renewal – Thank You. *New Membership – Welcome! *Annual Membership July 1 – June 30. Please consider submitting your donation for possible gift matching if your Company offers the opportunity.</p>	<p>\$10 Family Membership Cost* \$50 Sponsor Donation* \$100 Patron Donation* Other Donation Amount \$ _____* Checks made payable to: Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library</p>
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Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)
 Address: _____
 _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
2nd family member information (optional)
 Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ for Updates/Newsletters

You can drop off the membership form and check while at the library or send by mail to:
 FOSFTL 9154 Sherrills Ford Road Terrell, NC 28682

Friends of the Sherrills Ford – Terrell Library (FOSFTL)

If you are interested in any of **the Volunteer Opportunities** below, put a check next to them, and we will get back to you. Teens may be eligible for school volunteer requirements.

- Officer Role** – President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary (2-year term)
 - Nominating Committee to help us recruit talented Officer and Board Members

- Fundraising Committee** to help us create a strategic approach to fundraising
 - Book Bonanza Committee** helps us ensure ongoing supply of books

- Holiday and Special Event Support** helps with our events such as our children’s holiday party

- Literacy Program** supports our program in the First and Second Grades by helping select books, assemble reading packets, or reading in one of our classrooms

- Membership Committee** helps with outreach for members and staffs our event tables

- Program Committee** helps generate program ideas and implements those selected

- Refreshment Team** organizes and provides refreshments for our events

- Roadies Team** helps set up and clean up events

- Publicity Committee** helps coordinate and expand how we publicize our work

- Art Show Committee** sets up displays of school artwork throughout the year

- Little Free Library Committee** helps facilitate a new venture with **Little Free Libraries** throughout our community

- Friendly Krafts 4 Kids Committee** creates, organizes and stocks the “Take and Make” literacy-based kits for younger patrons of the library