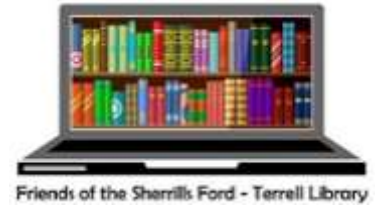




The Friendly News
September, 2023



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

I'm so excited to kick off the new program year with a members-only tour at the Hickory Museum of Art. Much thanks to our new program committee chair, **Beth DeMauro**, along with **Linda Greenwell**, **Charlene Callahan**, and **Ellen Dewey**, for making this possible. I hope to see you there on Sept. 11.

We will also have **our first business meeting of the fiscal year at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19** at the library. We've had lots of members renew since July, and we've also had a few new members. Please join us for the meeting and get to know our new members while greeting old friends.

A big goal for this fall is to revive our family holiday event (read: Santa visit) at the library in December. Thanks to **Sabine Detzel** for stepping up to lead this committee. Get in touch with Sabine (who is also our membership chairperson) to get involved and bring some Friends-style holiday cheer to the library.

Read about all the other exciting things coming up in the pages below!

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2023-2024

- September 11th, 2-4 p.m. Members-only Private Tour of **Hickory Museum of Art**
RSVP by September 6
- October 10th: author **Brian Sigmon** meet & greet prior to public program, 7-9 p.m.
- November 14th: pianist **Joyce O'Neal**, recital—with a contest! 6:30 p.m.
- January 9th: author/historian **Dr. Gary Freeze** and private meet & greet with **Carolyn Agosta**, regarding their research into camp meeting histories.
- March 19th: **Catawba Lands Conservancy** presentation with members-only tour of "green home"
- May 11th, **The King Bees:** Outdoor concert and family fun day under a tent on the library lawn



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*Members Only
Invitation*

Private Tour of
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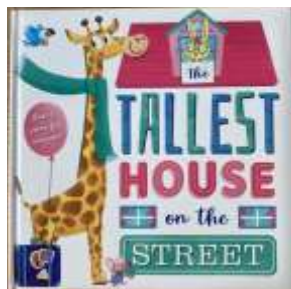
2 - 4 PM
Monday 9/11/2023

Please RSVP by 9/6



Ben Venom's Bang Your Head

The Elementary-school Reading Team Adds a Third School



The First Grade Literacy team is ready for action! We are excited to add a third school to our rotation. This year will be reading with first graders at Sherrills Ford, Balls Creek and Catawba Elementary schools. We plan to visit these 3 schools four times this year and bring the joy of reading to over 200 students. We will be reading at Balls Creek at the end of September and with the other two schools in October.

On each visit, our volunteers go into the classroom to read a chosen book with the class. After reading and engaging the students with the story, the children will have fun completing an activity related to the book. At the conclusion of the visit, a copy of the book will be donated to each first grade classroom and each student will receive a personal bookmark to remember our visit.

In our first book of the year, [The Tallest House on the Street](#) by Stephanie Moss, we find a giraffe who is looking for a new home, closer to her friends. She struggles to find one tall enough—until her friends come to her aid. What would we do without our friends?

If you are interested in volunteering to read, please contact :

Emily Huling sellstrat@aol.com OR

Charlene Callahan charcallct@gmail.com



Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Begins Its Second Year

One of the most popular FOSFTL programs is a constant challenge to the Krafts Kommittee, but they never seem to be at a loss! This month's offering is certainly timely—the hay is being baled, the soybeans are ready to harvest, and apples are abundant!



Barbara MacArthur cooked up the latest kraft—a do-it-yourself apple, complete with its own worm! The books linked to this kraft are both entertaining and educational. [The Apple Orchard Riddle](#) features a trip to a farm (ecology); [What's an Apple?](#) looks at the apple up close and personal (imagination). [Red Panda's Candy Apples](#) puts him in a sticky situation (social relations), and [Apples to Oregon](#) goes back to the time of the Oregon Trail (history).

Joining Sue Green, Barbara MacArthur, and Kathy Bradham on the FOSFTL Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Kommittee is a new volunteer—Joanne Sobolewski. Her help is certainly welcome!

Be sure to look for the latest kraft kit around the first of each month in the lobby near the FOSFTL Book Sale.

Report from the August 8th Strategic Planning Meeting

The annual strategic planning meeting convened on August 8 to discuss long-term issues and goals for the Friends of the Library.

One of the agenda items was [joining the Friends of North Carolina Libraries](#), a statewide network of local FOL organizations. Membership would give us access to resources for various library programs along with awareness of current issues affecting libraries. The organization also gives awards and grants to Friends organizations for specific initiatives. The yearly membership is \$35. We will vote on joining at our September business meeting.



Next we talked about forming an advocacy committee, as presented at our April business meeting when Lynda Reynolds from the Friends of North Carolina Libraries joined us. Currently, Emily Huling is working on forming such a committee, which will be called the Community Relations Committee. Members will work to build awareness of the FOL and the library within the committee, will advocate for funding and other support from local and state government, and will foster relationships with other local organizations. In case you missed it, an email about the [Community Relations Committee](#) went out on August 21.

One of the ideas shared at the planning meeting was assembling [birthday cake kits](#) for folks in the community. If you like this idea, consider joining the program committee or the community relations committee and make it happen!

We also discussed several [new program ideas](#), which were then shared with the Program Committee. Examples include developing an adult literacy program in the form of a community read or classics book club. We also talked about ideas that could double as publicity for the FOSFTL, such as distributing tote bags with our organization name printed on them.

Finally, we talked about the [budget](#), specifically how our funds are distributed among various accounts to maximize interest, and how we will renew efforts to build an outdoor gathering space at our library. More on that at the September business meeting.



And who **doesn't** need a birthday cake????



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:

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Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Library Staff:

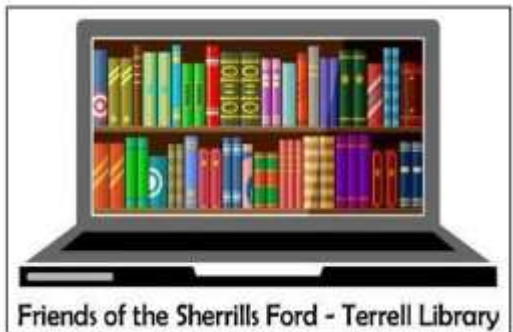
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak, 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

Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

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