



The Friendly News

December, 2023



Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

As we move through the holiday season, I am continually reminded of how grateful I am—for family, for food and shelter, and for friends. Our Friends group is mindful of the needs of our community, especially during this season of giving.

I want to let you know how thankful I am to our members who have volunteered to help make the holidays special:

- ◆ **Sabine Detzel** and her niece **Morissa Popwell** are heading up the family Santa event;
- ◆ **Pat Elston** and **Charlene Callahan** are in charge of library decorations;
- ◆ **Barbara MacArthur** is putting together gifts for local families.
- ◆ In addition, **Sue Green** and **Barbara MacArthur** are assembling 120 special Krafts-4-Kids projects for the Santa event.

For the Family Santa Event, we do need a few more helpers. Please let Sabine know if you are available. It's a surefire way to make Santa's "nice" list!!

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2023-2024 *(Not-confirmed in italics)*

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| December 15th | Santa at the library! |
| January 9th: | local history author/historian Richard Eller with members-only meet & greet |
| March 19th: | Catawba Lands Conservancy presentation <i>with members-only tour of "green home"</i> |
| May 11th: | The King Bees : Outdoor concert and family fun day under a tent on the library lawn |



FAMILY HOLIDAY EVENT WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 15

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
Community Room
9154 Sherrills Ford Rd
Terrell, NC 28682

Registration required.

Choose from five 1/2 hour time slots
with Santa beginning at 5pm.

Plus goodies, a book, and activities
at the library.

**[https://familyholidayeventwith
santa2023.eventbrite.com](https://familyholidayeventwithsanta2023.eventbrite.com)**

All events Sponsored by Friends of
the SFT Library are free and open
to the public



We're Getting Ready for Our 2023 Family Holiday Event!

"Just hear those sleighbells jingling, ring-ting-tingling, too! It's lovely weather for a Santa-vent together with you!" Sabine Detzel and her band of Merry Elves are hard at work making the Community Room bright and merry for our annual festivity!

On December 15th Santa will be coming to join us as we celebrate the holiday season. For children aged up to 12, there will be fun and goodies and of course, that de rigueur visit with Jolly Old. The fun will begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Registration on Eventbrite is open now, but filling up fast!

In addition to a take-home goodie bag from Santa, there will be a Reading Corner (to occupy little ones while they wait), a Table of Books to choose from, and a special Kraft-4-Kids Kit. Sue Green and Barbara MacArthur are making 120 kits just for the event.

So mark your calendars and dash away, dash away all to Eventbrite to register!



Whooooo's Ready for December's Friendly Krafts-4-Kids?

Owl Moon, by Jane Yolen, is the linked book for this month's Kraft-4-Kids. A Caldecott Award-winning book, Owl Moon will draw you into a special companionship with humans and nature.

Who's calling in the woods at night? Travel with a little girl and her dad as they walk through the woods in search of a mysterious nighttime bird. What will they see during their search?

Kathy Bradham has assembled a charming Snowy Owl Handprint project. It contains the pattern and directions to create a "snowy" owl using cotton balls and a child's handprints for wings. Supplies needed to complete this craft include scissors, a glue stick, black and orange crayons or markers, white construction paper, cotton balls and the owl template. (Adult supervision may be needed with the use of scissors.)

Print and downloadable copies of Owl Moon are available through the Catawba County Public Libraries.

Look for kits on the foyer table at the beginning of each month.



Everyone's a Winner When There's Good Music



FOSFTL's seventh piano recital with Joyce O'Neal attracted a happy, competitive audience on November 14th. Handmade baskets by Geraldine F. Blevins of Felts Basket Shop, filled with gift cards and goodies, were awarded—you can see some of the winners on this page.

The optional contest was to identify five of the most popular and frequently-heard tunes in music history, (played without comment at the beginning of the program), and there was a lot of busy writing and erasing by listeners.

Last month's newsletter offered hints and there were clues, too, in the program notes. Joyce gave her customary explanations and insights into the selections after the first renditions.

Also included on the program were Rachmaninoff's 18th Variation from "Variations on a Theme of Paganini," Chopin's "Butterfly" Etude and a lively Intermezzo by Brahms. Joyce is already preparing the next recital, and hopes she's made a few new friends for "classical" music!





Lindsay Lewis Receives the 2023 Award for Catawba County's Unsung Hero of the Year.

Lindsay was selected by her peers for Catawba County's 2023 Unsung Hero Award.

As her nominator Kacy stated, "Renowned for her hardworking nature, she has built strong bonds with patrons who genuinely miss her on her days off. Lindsay goes the extra mile, helping patrons with computer-related tasks, sourcing books for those unable to visit, and even learning new languages, such as Polish and Korean, to communicate more effectively."

Congratulations, Lindsay!

Warm the Winter With Homemade Bread...

For those interested in making bread, our own Sherrills Ford-Terrell branch will have a Sourdough Starter and DIY Butter class at 5 p.m. on Dec. 5th.

- Learn the science of the starter,
- How to feed the starter and keep it alive,
- Practice making butter, and
- Take home a starter!



At our November business meeting, it was clear that our members care not only about literacy in our community but also about people who are in need of food, clothing, and basic household supplies. You'll be pleased to know that the Catawba County Library system has partnered with The Corner Table in Newton to provide free food bags, available at the main library in Newton and at the St. Stephens and Conover branches. The main library also has a Community Navigator available evenings and most Saturdays to help people connect to available resources.

Visit www.catawbacountync.gov/library for more information.

...and a Coat:

Several members, and their churches, are supporters of the Clothes Closet of Hopewell Methodist Church on Hopewell Road. There is a sign at the church with information about the Clothes Closet. With the winter weather already here, men's work clothes (shirts and pants) and coat donations are more than welcome!

Location, Location, Location Wanted:



Sheryl Schuhose has a second **Little Free Library** box already built and ready to be painted in the near future.

BUT we have no location for it!

It should be in an area frequented by adults and children year-round, and not too near to a library branch.

Have you an



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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

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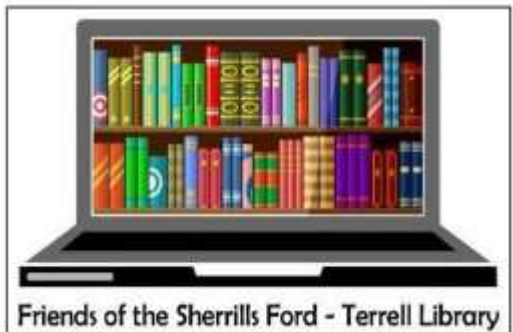
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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

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: "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