The Friendly News

December, 2024

Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

Greetings from the President

Season's Greetings, Friends!

If the library will feel festive this holiday season, it's in no small part because of the Friends of the Library.

The first set of helper elves to add holiday cheer were **Charlene Callahan** and **Pat Elston** decorating the outdoors, followed by a new art exhibit from Sherrills Ford Elementary School students organized by **Evelyn Campbell**.

And thanks to **Sabine Detzel** and her helper elves, the popular holiday family event returns—bigger and better—on December 10th. The event will feature music by students of **Joyce O'Neal** and craft kits from the **Friendly Krafts** committee.

The library staff, which has added new part-time employee **Kelsey Farah-Albertson**, is always on hand to spread the holiday cheer and offer friendly assistance. We will show our appreciation with gift cards from FOSFTL!

Sadly, not all libraries in North Carolina will be ready for the holidays. Our Friends of NC Public Libraries have reached out to some of the areas affected by Hurricane Helene to learn what they need. In particular, the Hot Springs Public Library has asked for donations to help with cleanup and recovery. You can go to www.friendsofhotspringslibrary.org to learn more and make a donation.

Looking forward to the new year, we will plan to have a **program committee meeting** in the small meeting room at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 6. All members are welcome.

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025

December 10th	Annual **Holiday Event with Santa** at the Library. 5:00-8:00 p.m.
January 21st	**Author Event** with award-winning author **Austin Allran,** writer, attorney & elected official.
May 10th	2nd Annual **Family Fun Day**, a repeat of our successful 2024 event.
Date to be determined	**Catawba Land Conservancy** program paired with a **members-only tour** of a "green" home.
Date to be determined	Researcher/historian **Jennifer Marquardt**, HACC Murray's Mill Site manager and Collections Assistant will speak on Catawba County history.
Date to be determined	Celebrated author **Tommy Tomlinson** returns to Rehobeth Church.

FAMILY HOLIDAY EVENT WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 10
STARTING AT 5PM

Required registration opens Nov. 21

Choose from five 1/2 hour time slots with Santa.

.Plus goodies, a book, and activities throughout library.

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

https://libraryfamilyholidaysantaevent2024.eventbrite.com

All events Sponsored by Friends of the SFT Library are free and open to the public, in partnership with the Catawba County Library System

Cheer, For the Holidays are Here!

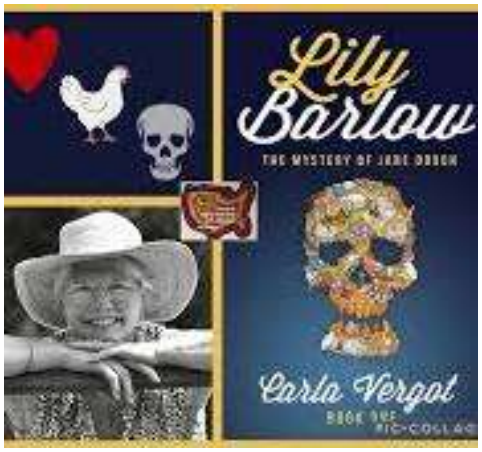
Our Holiday Event will feature fun for kids (newborn to age 12).

- A Visit with Santa (and his happy elves)!
- Ornament decorating: registered children will receive a special ornament at check-in, to be decorated during the event.
- Hot Chocolate & Cookies: Take home delicious hot chocolate package and a bag of cookies to enjoy while assembling your Special Kraft-4-Kids.
- Scholastic Book giveaway: Each registered child will take home an age-appropriate book.
- Music: Enjoy the sounds of the season at the Kawai digital piano.
- Activities for the holiday.

Bring your family and friends for a memorable day filled with cheer, creativity, and seasonal festivity.

Registration on Eventbrite is now open, **so don't delay!**

Meet Popular Mystery Author Carla Vergot



On Tuesday, December 3rd at 6 p.m., Carla Vergot will be at the SF-T Library for a discussion and book signing.

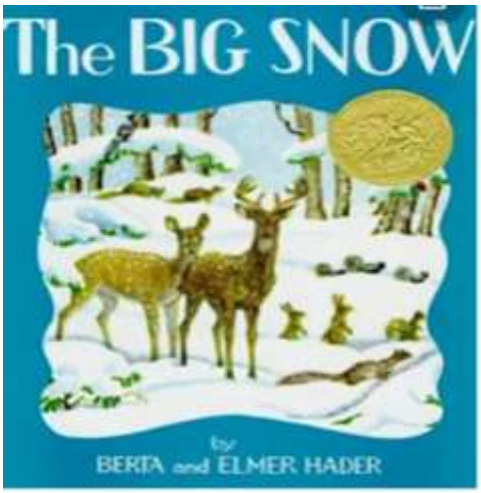
Vergot says, "The series, comprised of equal parts romance, comedy and mystery is fast and flirty. You'll find lots of twists, hilarious characters, and Southern charm."

Copies of the "Lily Barlow" series, now numbering three volumes, will be available for purchase, autographed by the author.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas at the Library!

Sure, that's a cliché, but it's true!! **Charlene Callahan** and **Pat Elston** tamed the reindeer, wreathed the windows, staked out Santa and Frosty; lined up the candy canes—and we're ready to celebrate. (These are daytime pictures, so you'll need to add a little imaginary sparkle.)

December Kraft-4-Kids Begins the Holiday Theme



We may have snow this winter, but we don't expect reindeer—except at the library!

How did the woodland animals prepare for the Big Snow? It may have been hard for them without their good friends. Find the answer to this burning question (before it melts the snow…) in the Caldecott Award-winning book, The Big Snow by Berta and Elmer Hader.

Kathy Bradham has designed a delightful reindeer card—suitable for the holidays of course, needing only a glue stick, black crayon or marker, and scissors. And the touch that makes every card unique is that the outline of the child's handprint forms the reindeer.

Antlers are next; then a red harness and three harness bells are ready to cut out and paste on, leaving only the hooves to be colored black.

Include a greeting for that special someone, and your reindeer will be rarin' to go! (But remember not to let him climb on the roof—that's prohibited by OSHA…)

News Bulletin from Shelley Orr, Library Services Manager:

"The Main Street Kiosk arrived Tuesday the 12th and maintenance immediately assembled it. It's already been a big hit with kids and families that come to Storytime. The Light and Water Tables are also ready to be introduced.

We are so grateful that the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell library were able to provide us with these amazing resources that will enable children to learn through interactive play."

"Colors and CON*trasts*:" The 2024 Recital

Joyce O'Neal presented her eighth public recital in the Community Room on November 12th. The room was full and the program included a Bach Chorale transcription, two Inventions by J.S. Bach and Ulysses S. Kay, and a Chopin Nocturne, followed by a Theme and Variations by Norman Dello Joio. Two descriptive pieces were presented: the Barcarolle (Venice) by Tchaikovsky and the Eclogue (Switzerland) by Franz Liszt. Rachmaninoff's famous G-minor Prelude concluded the program.

Joyce explained the concept of "colors" in piano music and introduced the selections with anecdotes from the lives of their composers.

O'Neal received many compliments, plus flowers from her husband, and plans to sit by the fire a couple of days—then start practicing the 2025 program!

~9000 Early Voters Elected to Buy FOSFTL Books

And they bought lots of them! So, once again, our #1 money-raiser (thanks to Susan Hunsucker's dedication) needs contributions!

CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED!

Mysteries! **DVD's**

Histories! **Who-done-it? Books!**

Current Novels! **Classics!**

Coffee-table Tomes!

Holiday Themes **Travel Themes!**

Graphic Novels!

Cookbooks! **Home Improvement Books!**

Spiritual Themes! **Romance Novels!**

Self-improvement Books! **Teen Themes!**

Fantasy Books!

When you have donations, just bring them in to the lobby and place them in the blue bin!

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 —Charlene Callahan

Treasurer — Joe Lebens

Board of Directors:

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Sheryl Schuhose

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Erica Batten

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — We're looking!!

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

Library Staff:

Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak & Kelsey Farah-Albertson

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

Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

2024 - 2025 Membership Form July 1 – June 30

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 @sherrillsfordfol

Who are we?	What do we do?	What do you get?
•**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.	•Support Library Programs such as the Summer Reading Program for adults and children •Provide Community Programs throughout the year that offer broad learning opportunities for all ages •Facilitate Literacy Programs at Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary •Advocate for the Library by offering support and resources to fill needs not covered by their budget	•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 •**Priority Access** to unique, fun, and enriching programs •Many opportunities to **Get Involved** (see other side of this form for a complete list)

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.

☐ Annual Renewal – Thank You** ☐ New Membership – Welcome! ***Please consider submitting your donation for possible Gift Matching, if your Company offers the opportunity.** ****Annual Membership July 1 – June 30.**	☐ $10 Family Membership Cost ☐ $50 Sponsor Donation* ☐ $100 Patron Donation* ☐ Other Donation Amount $_____* Checks made payable to: **Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library**

Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)

Address: _____

_____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____)_____ E-mail: _____

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

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 renewal/new members through advertising and staffing event tables with information

- ☐ **Program Committee** partners with the library to generate and implement programs

- ☐ **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** will coordinate the dates for display with each school and the library calendar. The artwork will need to be collected from the school, library display set up and return the artwork to each school at the end.

- ☐ **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