



## *The Friendly News*

*May, 2025*



### *Greetings from the President*

#### **Greetings, Friends!**

As Sherrills Ford and Terrell develop at a rapid pace, it's hard not to feel nostalgic for days gone by when "Historic Terrell" boasted more than a few historic buildings, including the 1895 Terrell Country Store. The building was dismantled in 2020 ahead of aggressive development that hasn't quite materialized on that particular site. Rumor has it that the façade was preserved and stored and a digital re-creation was made of the interior in the hopes of rebuilding the structure on another site, but thus far that hasn't materialized, either.

Enter Friends member **Susan Hunsucker**, our intrepid Book Bonanza chairwoman who, on a trip to Florida, of all places, found an artistic rendering of the Terrell Store and not only bought it straightaway, but is donating it to the library on behalf of the Friends! All we have to do is have it professionally framed; the membership voted in favor of using some of our budgeted funds to do just that.

Speaking of members voting, this of course happened at the April business meeting, which I was unable to attend. Many, many thanks to Vice President **Lisa Yakovenko** for presiding over the meeting. Our Secretary, **Charlene Callahan**, noted that that, too, was historic.

• **Cheers, Erica**

#### **FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025**

**May 31st**

2nd Annual **Family Fun Day & Summer Learning Kickoff**, a repeat of our successful 2024 event, coinciding with the **SFT Library's "Color Our World"** kickoff. **11 a.m.—2 p.m.**

**June 17th**

**Annual Chicken** (with all the fixin's) **Dinner**, Community Room, **6:30 p.m.**

## Author Tommy Tomlinson Introduced his New Book, Dogland, on April 29th.



Sabine Detzel and Shelly Orr welcome attendees to Rehobeth's Family Life Center. (Thanks also to our partnership with the Catawba Co. Library System for this event.)



(L to R) Steve Johnson of Rehobeth Church, Linda Greenwell, Program Facilitator, and Evelyn Campbell, Student Art Chair, enjoy a quiet moment with Tommy Tomlinson at the members-only meet and greet.

There were no dogs in attendance, but there were plenty of dog lovers who came out on Tuesday evening to **enjoy Tommy Tomlinson's unique** blend of humor and imagination!

The audience enjoyed the background story to his latest book, **subtitled "Passion, Glory and Lots of Slobber at the Westminster Dog Show."** (Yep, this book gets up close and personal!)

Tommy told of his quest to find a AKC show-dog handler with the patience and interest in his mission to share the dog show experience

Spending three years on the road, Tomlinson went behind the scenes at more than one hundred competitions across the country, from Midwestern fairgrounds to Madison Square Garden. Along the way he was licked, sniffed, and rubbed up against by dogs of nearly every size, shape, and breed.

Dogland follows one champion show dog—a Samoyed named Striker—as well as his handler, Laura King, and **Striker's devoted entourage of** breeders and owners as he competes in the 2022 Westminster Dog Show.

**Tomlinson's limitless curiosity** about people and dogs reaches far beyond the show tents and into the ordinary lives of dogs. His book delves into many aspects of our association

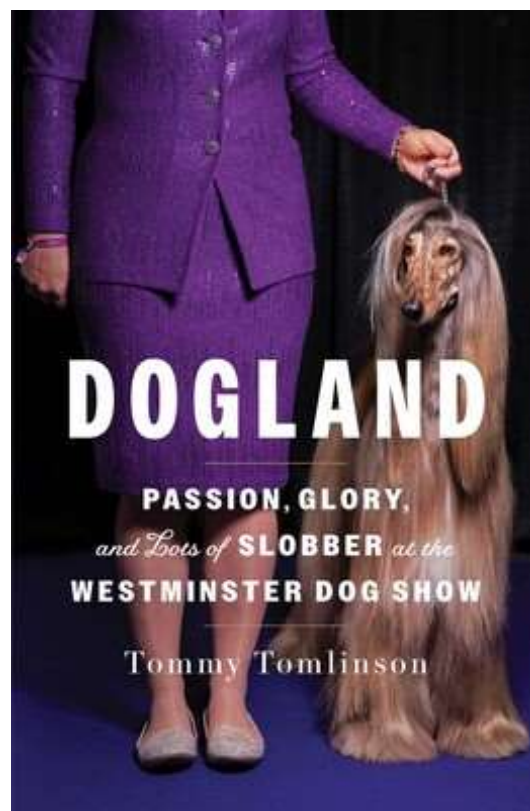
with man's best friends, from experts who have discovered new insights into how dogs and humans formed their bond, (and how that bond has changed over the centuries), to the fascinating origins of different dog breeds. He discussed the elaborate breed standards that determine an ideal show dog and, of primary importance, the happiness of the dog at the shows and at home.



There were plenty of insightful questions from the audience and the program concluded with Tommy autographing his book for fans.



From Striker's official press kit...





## FOSFTL Friendly Crafts-4-Kids Celebrates May Flowers



The April showers must have done the job, as our Kraft for May is a 3D blossom made from a baking cup. It's easy to transform this everyday item with glue, crayons or markers, and scissors (and perhaps a little adult assistance).

Books that link to our fine flower are: The Prickletrims Go Wild, by Marie Dorleans; Just a Worm, by Marie Boyd, Poppy, Buttercup, Bluebell & Dandy, by Fiona Woodcock. These and other books are available at the Catawba County Library system using your library card.

Kits are now available in the lobby.



Thanks to **Christine Rupolo** for this month's bloomin' good idea!

## 2nd Annual Family Fun Day Returns May 31st In Conjunction with the Summer Learning Program Kick-off

Plans are underway for the Family Fun Day, but this year the FOSFTL will combine our popular program with the SFT library's Summer Learning Program Kick-off!

The theme this summer will be "Color Our World," featuring the many colors of the **CIRCUS!** Sign-up for the program will begin on May 21st and the fun will run from the beginning of June until August 8th. FOSFTL will again host the Ice Cream Party for all those youngsters that meet their reading goals.

Indoors on Family Fun Day, the Community Room will again display "100 things you can do at the library" (!! ) and allow participants to enter drawings for gift cards.

Outside, there will again be crafts and games and food trucks and contests and more drawings—and all the other fun things you remember from last year.



**So plan to attend on May 31st, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

## The First Grade Literacy Team Reads to 15 Classrooms—250+ Students!



Emily Huling and Charlene Callahan concluded this year's Literacy Project with a marathon effort! They were welcomed to Sherrills Ford, Catawba and Balls Creek Elementary Schools where they read My Favorite Day, a Little Hippo book.

This is the story of Allison, who has a homework assignment to choose her favorite day of the week. What a challenge it is for her! Is it Friday, when she has pizza? Or Taco Tuesday? **Maybe soccer practice and ice cream on Wednesday?** Allison's solution is to name every day as her favorite—but for different reasons! For her ingenuity, Allison earns an A+. Each of the more than 250 students in the 15 classrooms could relate to the challenge of choosing their favorite day of the week.

The activity created by the FOSFTL Literacy Team required the students to use their newly-acquired writing skills. **After deciding on their favorite day, they wrote down the reason why on a picture frame they created.** It's rewarding to see the progress the students have made during the school year.

Craft materials are supplied by FOSFTL, along with a copy of the book for each classroom. Each student also receives a personal bookmark to remember the team's visit and a letter for adults about FOSFTL's commitment to literacy. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact our Coordinators:

Emily Huling at [sellstrat@aol.com](mailto:sellstrat@aol.com) or Charlene Callahan at [charcallct@gmail.com](mailto:charcallct@gmail.com)



Ms. Baker's class at  
Catawba Elementary.



Ms. Frye's class  
at Catawba  
Elementary



## Art from Balls Creek Elementary School Decorated SFT Library in April

Once again, **Evelyn Campbell** and **Pat Elston** have organized a delightful show, one which brightened up the library walls even on those rainy April afternoons. Thanks to all of the young artists for their unique and sometimes surprising takes on our world. We hope you got a chance to stop in and view the display, and we are already looking forward to next year's crop of aspiring—and inspiring—artists! Thanks also to the library staff members who help install the show.



And more pictures  
of pictures on the  
next page!







## Have You Noticed the “New Look” in Our Front Yard?



That difference is due to a generous volunteer effort by the Lake Norman Garden Club! In partnership with FOSFTL, (supplying the seed money), these energetic ladies weeded and weeded, and planted and planted, and are now watering lots of native North Carolina plants. Especially important are the plants that attract pollinators, like the butterfly shown

on the sign out front. Their next project will be to decorate the electronic sign out front.

**Donna Rowland**, of the Garden Club, was out this past Wednesday, in the heat of the day, taking care of the new plants (and giving the Reading Girl a shower, too!).

And there's more exciting news! According to Shelley Orr, the library has been awarded a bird feeding station that will be installed soon. So check out the new ambiance at SFT Library!



### *Special Request:*

Did you know that the North Carolina Library Systems employ a lobbyist? That might strike you as odd, but legislators have many competing requests to be balanced and for libraries to have their particular issues addressed, their “voices” need to be heard. Lobbyists are those voices for their clients.

Grants that have supported various projects in the past are now unavailable due to cuts in federal funding. The Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library is requesting additional funding from FOSFTL to support lobbying efforts.

The board will vote on the 2025-2026 budget ahead of the annual June meeting, so please contact a board member with comments ASAP.





## 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](mailto: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

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — We're looking!!

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

### Board of Directors:

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Sheryl Schuhose

Lynne Nelson

Erica Batten

### Library Staff:

Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

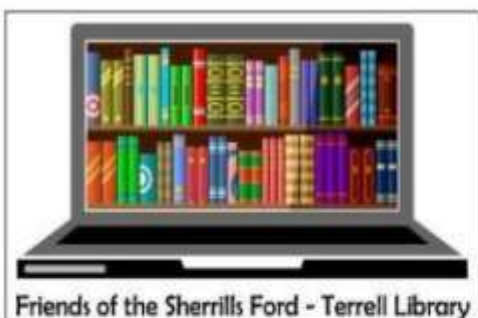
Librarian — Melissa Housel

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



## 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?

• **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.

#### What do we do?

- 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

#### What do you get?

- 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