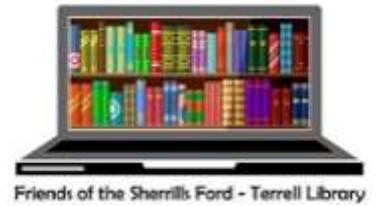




The Friendly News

July, 2022



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

When my family and I first moved to Sherrills Ford almost 17 years ago, we felt a bit isolated. Already we were in a new area of North Carolina, but now we were in an isolated area of Catawba County, miles from the main urban centers and even from the school where Phil and I were teaching at the time. No matter; we were busy starting a family. **Most days, I didn't leave the house, let alone worry about connecting with the larger community.**

But it wasn't long before we sought connections. With young children in tow, the easiest place to meet people, especially other families, was our "little library" just down the road. Sandy, the long-time librarian, hosted a preschool story time that offered a bit of structure to our stay-at-home day. The slightly cramped interior made it easy to keep up with my curious pre-schoolers. And the library's support organization—the Friends of the Library—hosted regular events that added fun and a chance to connect with the community. The fall festival spread on the lawn, the Christmas tree lighting and Santa visit at the gazebo, the summer reading celebrations: those are the events where I met many of you.

Of course, the Friends of the Library had a vision for Sherrills Ford. Perhaps with more clarity than any other community organization, the Friends anticipated the growth that was coming to our corner of Catawba County. Rather than being **an isolated area of Catawba County, Sherrills Ford is really the county's gateway to Lake Norman and greater Charlotte** (and pretty great all by itself). The Friends realized that, as our community grew, we would need an expanded, modern library. The Friends were integral to the process of envisioning, planning, and building the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library that we have today.

The modern building we now enjoy was a forerunner of other growth. It preceded the new fire stations, the Publix shopping center, the many housing developments that now dot the once-rural landscape. Curiously, as Sherrills Ford **continues to grow, the library is becoming more and more "nested" in the new development. It no longer sits alone. As we speak, homes are being built behind and beside it.**

This is truly the vision that the Friends of the Library had long ago: a library accessible by car or by foot; a library **accessible in person and online; a library firmly rooted in history but looking forward to the future. Even the term "little library" has a new meaning!** I, for one, am excited to be a part of what's in store.

It's easy to be excited for the future when the road has been smoothly paved by those who came before you. Our most recent president, Jeanne Lebens, did a phenomenal job guiding the Friends through the challenges of COVID restrictions and making our members' visions become a reality. Thanks to Jeanne and our creative committee members, here are some programs and initiatives we have to look forward to in the near future:

The library's summer learning program closes with an [Ice Cream Social at 4 p.m. August 5](#). Thank you, Charlene Callahan, for heading this up! Please let Charlene know if you can help.

The [Little Free Library](#) project is coming along. The men's club at Rehobeth United Methodist Church has agreed to build the boxes, and we'd like to invite art students from Bandys High School to create the exterior design. We hope to have a box installed at the new Mountain Creek Park soon.

Speaking of which, the Friends is hosting an [informational program all about our community's new park at 7 p.m. August 8 in the Community Room](#) at the library. Registration is capped at 60 people, so sign up today!

In the fall, we will host [storyteller Kyra Freeman for some spooky stories](#), and we've planned a [back-by-popular demand local history program with Robert Eades in January 2023](#).

We are still in need of two volunteers to chair our [holiday events committee](#). These festive folks put on the Santa visit and holiday program in December and assemble gift baskets for local families in need.

We also need a new chairperson for our [second-grade literacy program](#). Barbara Nelson, who has chaired the second-grade program since the "little library" days, is happy to help the new volunteer learn all about it.

Finally, we have our annual [Strategic Planning Meeting set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, August 26](#) in the Community Room. Some of the programs you read about above, along with a few others, including our awesome Friendly Krafts 4 Kids, got their start at the annual strategic planning meeting. Come for the whole time, or just drop in and share your ideas!

Isn't this exciting? The Friends of the Library is such an important part of our community, and I'm honored to be part of the Friends. For those of you I haven't met, I look forward to meeting you. For those I have met, I look forward to getting to know you better. I can't wait to see what all of us can do together!

Cheers, Erica

The Book Sale is Sailing Along!

And featured this month are a TON of books from the Harlequin "Love Inspired" Collection. These, and other inspirational books, are for sale now in our own Book Store, along with thrillers, and history, biography, and all the others you expect.

In addition, we have a new addition: a **THIRD book showcase** to be installed between the other two! So keep those tomes tumbling in—there are never too many and our financial outlook improves with every new box



**If spring is the season of romance, then
summer is the reason to read about it!**



Mountain Creek Park Informational Meeting
Hosted by Friends of the Sherrills Ford Terrell Library

When: Monday, August 8th at 7PM

Where: Sherrills Ford Terrell Library Community Room

The Friends of the Sherrills Ford Terrell Library is hosting an informational meeting about our newest Catawba County Park, Mountain Creek. Park Staff will discuss the variety of amenities and opportunities for the community, and we want everyone in the community to be able to know what those are and how to use them. Join us on August 8th, at 7PM in the community room at Sherrills Ford Terrell Library to hear from the Mountain Creek Park staff about all we can look forward to at the new park. They will also have time for Q&A.

Free tickets for all required (2 tickets max per registrant).

FOSFTL Member Only Priority Admission ticket access begins July 10th, ends on July 13th.

General Admission ticket access for all begins July 14th, ends on August 7th.

For free tickets, visit
<https://introducingmountaincreekpark.eventbrite.com>

Attendance will be capped at 60 people. Wait Listing is enabled. Masks Optional.

Annual June Social and Business Meeting



Starring: Fine Conversation, with
Lots of Laughter and Big Smiles

Also appearing: Great Fried Chicken, Multiple Sides
And Introducing: Delicious Desserts



A guest, Jean Guess, Pamela Eavenson,
Sheryl Schuhose, Todd Eavenson



Fred & Jan Liska,
Jan Harrison



Joanie Gardner, Evelyn Campbell, Pat Elston, Priya Palmer



Linda Greenwell, Jeanne & Joe Lebens



Michele Orr, Cindy Briles



Emily Huling, Ken and Kathy Camarco



Tom & Sabine Detzel,
Cindy Briles,
Ron Underwood (standing)

Those Kute, Klever FOSFTL Krafts-4-Kids Keep Koming!



Sue Green, Charlene Callahan and new member Cindy Briles are tying the summer's kits into the "Oceans of Possibilities" theme of the Summer Learning Program.

Now it's Shark Week at Sherrills Ford Terrell Library! But don't worry, our Origami Bookmark sharks aren't scary. They are to help mark your page with your summer reading.

This kit pairs up with the "Clark the Shark" series of books by Bruce Hale.

For ages 6 and up, the kits require scissors and a glue stick.

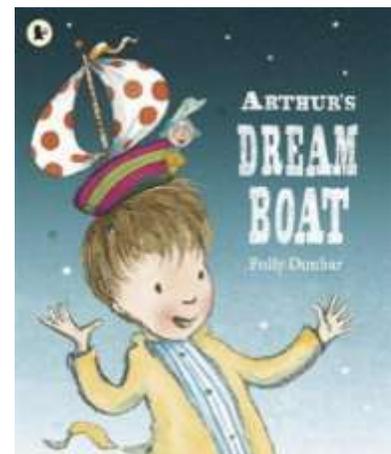
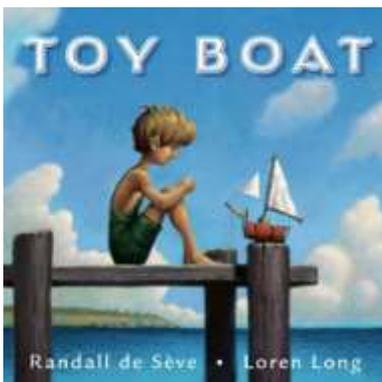


With summer here, and the lake beckoning, the previous Krafts-4-Kids offering was aptly themed around boats.

Toy Boat, by Randall de Sève, is a delightful story about a young boy who makes his own boat out of household materials. The boat seeks adventure and one day, it finds itself floating out alone on the big, open lake. As the toy boat meets larger vessels, the boat realizes it prefers the company of his friend, the boy.

An alternative selection was Arthur's Dream Boat, by Polly Dunbar. This book features a boy who dreams of his own boat and seeks the attention of his busy family to share in his excitement. All kit-linked books are available in print or eBooks with your patron card.

Because the kits have been so popular and have such strong links to influential children's books, the FOSFTL has added this endeavor to our list of permanent, funded projects.



Calling all SUPER SCOOPERS!

Help is needed for the Ice Cream Social that celebrates the conclusion of the summer reading program. We'll be back inside the Community Room this year, and excited to see all the successful Summer Readers!

We're looking for 5-6 volunteers to help scoop ice cream, dish out toppings and clear tables.

Friday August 5th, 3-5 pm
Sherrills Ford Library Community Room



Please contact Charlene Callahan for sign up!
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FOSFTL 2022-2023 Officers:

President: Erica Batten

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Thanks to the Nominating Committee:

Priya Palmer, Sheryl Schuhose, and Linda Greenwell



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://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.

Remember to Smile on FOSFTL When Shopping on Amazon!

The Friends are on the "favorite non-profit" list at Amazon.com, so if you shop on Amazon, we hope you will **SMILE** on us! 1. Log in to your Amazon.com account 2. Go your Account profile, find "Your Amazon Smile" 3. Select "Friends of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library" Next time you shop, use www.smile.amazon.com

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 2022-2023

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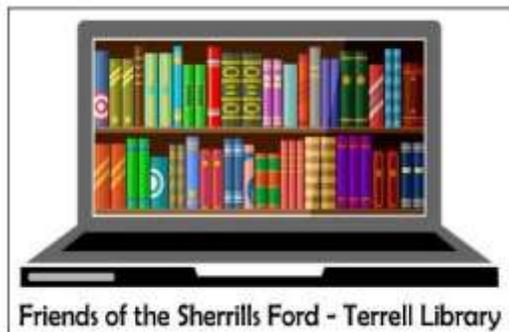
Library Services Manager — Michele Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Alyssa Vang, Keri Flowers

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



2022-2023 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  @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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Renewal – Thank You <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership – Welcome!	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Family Membership Cost <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sponsor Donation <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Patron Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Donation Amount \$ _____ Checks made payable to: Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library
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Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ Zip Code: _____

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
 - Gift Basket Committee helps us assemble gift baskets with others throughout the year

- Holiday and Special Event Support helps with one of our special 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, greets and staffs our event tables

- Program Committee helps generate program ideas and implements those selected

- Refreshment Team organizes and provides refreshments for one of our events

- Roadies Team helps set up and clean up at our events

- Publicity Committee helps us 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 this 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