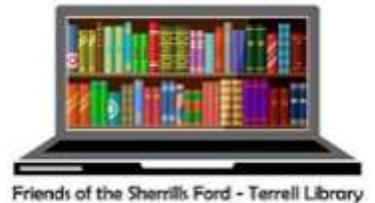




The Friendly News

September, 2022



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

This week I did something I'd never done before: I watched my child board the school bus. Until now, we've home-schooled our kids. But this year, our daughter is taking two classes at Bandys High School. Tuesday was the first day of a new freshman orientation program, so...off she went!

It's that time of year. Summer is winding down and school is getting started again. It's a reminder of what the Friends of the Library is all about: encouraging literacy in our community and promoting educational opportunities that strengthen us all.

We partner with the local schools in many ways. Our longest-running partnership with the schools is the 1st- and 2nd-grade literacy program. For many years, member **Barbara Nelson** has run the 1st-grade program, and now she has officially passed the mantle on to two Friends, **Emily Huling** and **Charlene Callahan**. Thank you, Emily and Charlene, for taking on this important task. And thank you, Barbara, for your years of service. Our next newsletter will feature a story about the literacy program and its history.

Our involvement with the schools also extends to the older kids. Once school begins, we will launch a contest for high school students to create a design for our Little Free Library box to be installed at Mountain Creek Park.

Speaking of which, our program about Sherrills Ford's new county park was a great success (I hate to have missed it!). Read all about it on page 2.

Thanks to the efforts of our members, we continue to fill roles that will ensure our programs are successful. **Jaimie Selepec** will join Friendly Krafts 4 Kids committee. Thanks to **Sue Green** for inviting Jaimie to be a part of the Friends and our fun crafts projects! We regret that Rev. Dana Pate has found it necessary to resign from our Board, but we hope to replace her very soon!

The start of a new school year always makes it feel like the summer flew by—so just imagine how quickly the rest of the year will go. That means it's more urgent than ever that we find some new folks to head up our family holiday program in December. By the way, we already have folks willing to help; we just need a chair (or two!). Could that be **YOU?**

Cheers, Erica



Interested Crowd Welcomes Mountain Creek Park Personnel

The Friends of the Sherrills Ford Terrell Library hosted an informational meeting with the Mountain Creek Park Staff on August 8th, 2022.

Around 25 of our Friends and members of the community came out to hear about the newest park in the Catawba County Parks system, Mountain Creek.

They shared with us the many amenities of the park and gave everyone a chance to ask questions. The program included a slideshow of the amenities, detailed maps with descriptions of the Mountain Creek Park biking and hiking trail system, and park regulations.

Our newest county park covers 606 acres and has 19½ miles of multi-use trails! Add to that, an adventure playground, pickleball courts, a dog park, a fishing pier, canoe/kayak launch sites, picnic shelters. (The recent wet weather has forced the Park to close some trails, so call the office at 828-465-9645 to check the current status before you visit.)

The presenters brought wonderful display boards that highlighted all the different amenities at each of our 4 Catawba County Parks, so you can “Pick Your Park!” It was a lovely evening learning about this beautiful new space in our community.

For more information about the park, you can find them on their website: <https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/parks/> You can also find them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Mountaincreekpark>



Ranger Amy McCauley

Ranger Tommy Morrell not pictured



Rangers Anne Hall and Lori Owenby





Ice Cream Party Caps the Summer Learning Program

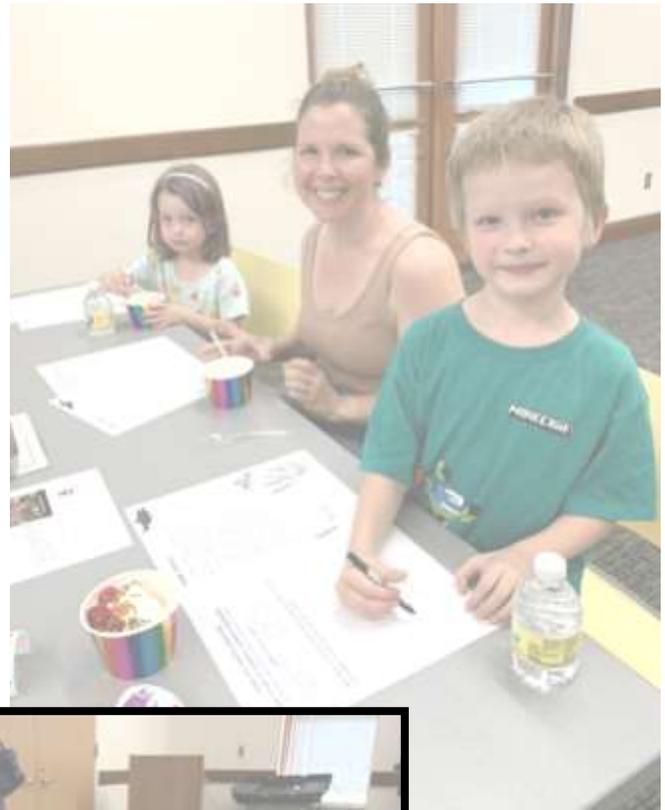


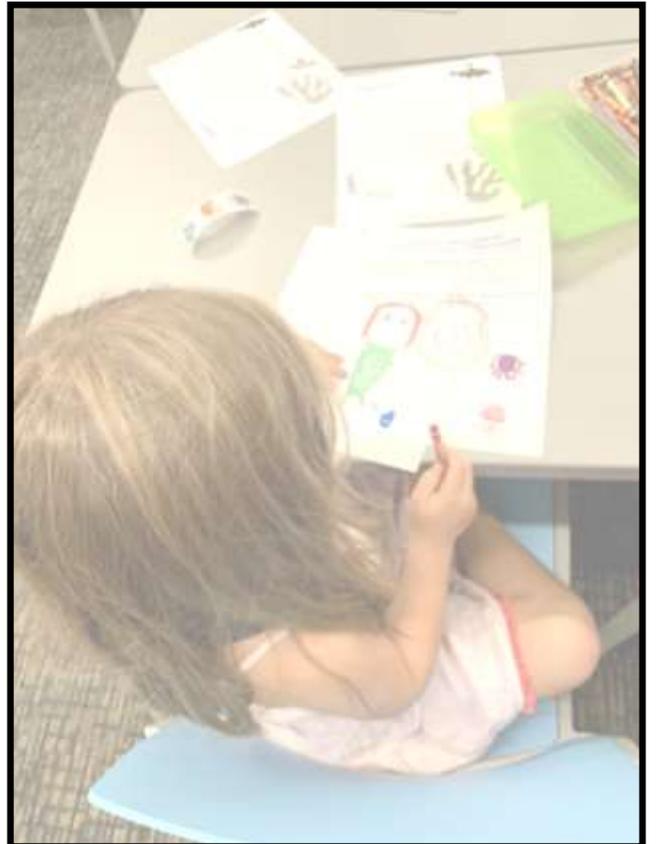
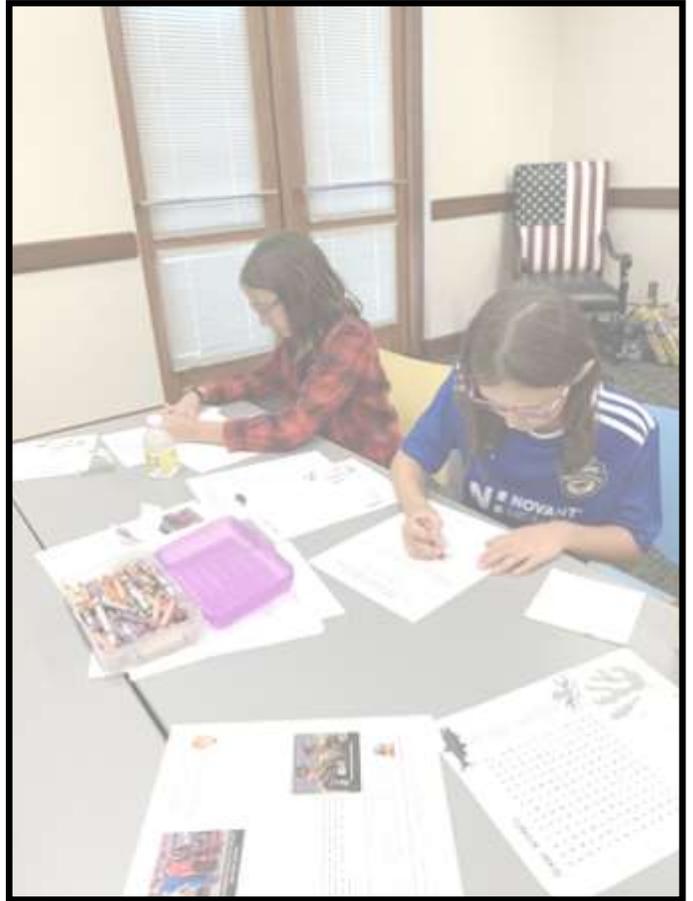
Successful readers and their families were treated to ice cream sundaes (with ALL the toppings), and fun activities on August 5th in the Community Room.

Thanks to our volunteer scoopers: George and Milda Trepina, Corie Pearson, Sue Green, Ellen Dewey and Erica Batten, and to Charlene Callahan for chairing this event.

In addition to the goodies, word-search and coloring pages and crayons were on the tables, ready to go—and the kids went! (as you can see)

In thanks to Martha Nemechek for her generous contribution to the program over the years, the families were asked to write or draw about a favorite activity from the summer reading program. Ellen Dewey will be sending them on to Martha.





Introducing FOSFTL New Board Members:



Patricia Elston

Warren- Husband

Hi!

I am Patricia Elston. My husband and I moved from New York 11 years ago, to be with our children/grandchildren. We are enjoying Lake Norman, many new friends and neighbors and the Carolina blue skies!

My favorite part of the library is being able to check out CDs to use on our road trips back to New York!

I enjoy reading a variety of books so picking just one favorite is difficult for me!

Several books accompany me on our many beach vacations! I enjoy spending time on the beach reading! I am looking forward to serving as a member of the library board!

A Familiar Face, New to the FOSFTL Board

Joan E Gardner, a native of VA, has lived in NC for fifty years, and Sherrills Ford, forty! Her background is in Fine Arts, studying at ODU for a B.F.A. and UNCG for a M.F.A.



She has taught art in the public schools for limited times as well as in the community college system. Some may remember her antique and art shop, Mountain Creek Co-op, that was on NC Hwy 150.

She became a real estate broker twenty-one years ago and still is licensed. Today she is getting back to her original field of Fine Arts and has been exhibiting regionally and in the mid-west. Visit her website if you would like to see some of her work: Joanegardnerartist.com

“My favorite thing about the library is the atmosphere. While books are easier than ever to come by, a place for everyone to come together for purely positive reasons is a rarity. The relative quiet, the welcoming staff, and the abundance of resources make it an irreplaceable community asset. My favorite vacation spot is Lake Norman. I have only been to Rome once, but it would be second.”

Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Ready for the New School Year

To date in 2022, over 450 project kits have left the library! They have been enjoyed by young and old and have been shipped to multiple states!

Our committee has grown to four—Sue Green, Charlene Callahan, Cindy Briles and Jaimie Selepec—and we have just completed a brainstorming session to design and schedule Krafts for the remainder of the year.

Now that school has started again, look for the new projects in the lobby (near the used book sale) around the first of each month.

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.

Recent offerings include:

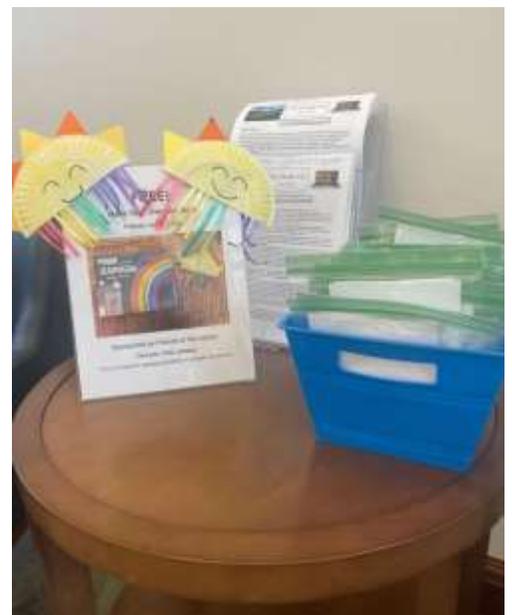
A Mermaid for Nancy; Stubby, the Fearless Squid wind sock (for the Summer Learning theme) and make your own rainbow, for The Rainbow Who Stayed (and we've had the rain to make them, too!).



For ages 6 and up, the kits require crayons or markers and a glue stick or tape. This book is available in print or Ebook from the Catawba County Library with your patron card. Happy Reading!



Available in the library foyer near the used book sale. One per child please.



They are often gone before the newsletter has had time to announce them,

So hurry in!!!

Let's Get Ready for Halloween!

After years of wearing masks, will it seem ordinary???

LET'S GET

SPOOKY

With Storyteller Kyra Freeman

**"SPOOKY STORIES FOR
ADULTS"**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7 PM

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL LIBRARY

Sponsored by Friends of the SFT Library

Required free tickets at

<https://spookystoriesforadults.eventbrite.com>



Tentative Program Schedule: More to be Added as We Proceed into the 2022-23 Year!

Tentative Program Schedule			
2022-2023			
8/21/2022 Draft			
Day	Date	Program/Event	Information
Tues	9/20/2022	Business Meeting	
Tues	10/11/2022	Spooky Stories for Adults	Are you ready to get spooky? The Friends of the Sherrills Ford Terrell Library is hosting storyteller, Kyra Freeman, a member of the Asheville Storytelling Circle and the N.C. Storytelling Guild on October 11th. Kyra will be sharing with us some spooky stories for adults that evening helping us all get ready for the season.
Tues	11/15/2022	Business Meeting	
TBD	December	Santa Event	
Tues	1/17/2022	History of Sherrills Ford Program	Robert Eades will be sharing with us a program on the History of the Sherrills Ford Terrell Community. Join us to learn more about the area's history. Snow Date 1/24/22
Tues	2/21/2022	Business Meeting	
Mon	3/20/2022	Normandy Remembers Program	Glennie Sims will join the Friends to share with us a program about Normandy and remembering the sacrifice made that day for freedom.
Tues	4/18/2022	Business Meeting	
TBD	May	TBD	
Tues	June	Annual Social and Meeting	



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

Officers:

President — Erica Batten

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Treasurer — Priya Palmer

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Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

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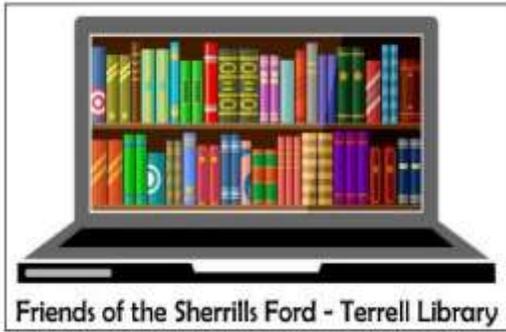
Library Services Manager — Michele Orr

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?	What do we do?	What do you get?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •<u>Support Library Programs</u> such as the Summer Reading Program for adults and children •<u>Provide Community Programs</u> throughout the year that offer broad learning opportunities for all ages •<u>Facilitate Literacy Programs</u> at Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary •<u>Advocate for the Library</u> by offering support and resources to fill needs not covered by their budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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