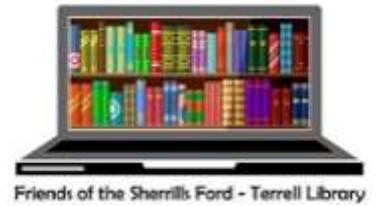




The Friendly News
October, 2022



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

As a teacher, it was sometimes hard to get students as excited as I was about classic literature:

“What do you mean, you didn’t stay up all night to find out what happened to Heathcliff and Cathy? Aren’t you as enamored as I am with the exquisite prose of this classic novel? Don’t you want to spend the entire class period discussing the intricate story structure?!”

“Um...no. We have lives, thank you very much.”

But if there was one type of literature that was sure to capture the attention of reluctant readers, it was the scary story. Teenagers were down for the tales of Edgar Allan Poe, Shirley Jackson--even Shakespeare, as long as it was something murderous like *Macbeth*. I think these tales appeal to teens especially because they are busy trying to figure out what makes people, themselves included, tick—and what might make some of us snap.

Such macabre considerations aside, we all enjoy a good spooky story. That’s why I’m so excited that we have a visit this month from storyteller **Kyra Freeman**. Just in time for Halloween, Freeman will share the scary side of her craft with a program of spooky stories. If you have not yet registered for the event, being held Oct. 11 at the library, do it today! See **page 2** for more details.

Speaking of scary, December is creepily close and we are still looking for help with the holiday programs. More than anything, we need **committee chairpersons**. If you responded to the interest survey we sent out last month, thank you! If not, please email sherrillsfordfol@gmail.com to let us know how you can help.

I would also like to invite you all to attend our next business meeting, scheduled for Nov. 15. At the last meeting, we identified the need for a few volunteers for our membership committee. Our membership is at about half its pre-COVID size, and we just want to make sure folks know about us and all the great things we’re doing. If you would like to help publicize and grow our organization, please reach out to Membership Chair **Sabine Detzel** and join the membership team!

Even if you’re not ready to join a committee, you can still help build awareness of the Friends and all its programs by **LIKING** the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library Facebook page (thanks, Ellen!) and **SHARING** posts. What great Friends you all are!

Cheers, Erica



SFTFOL Welcomes Poet & Storytelling Ace, Kyra Freeman

Kyra Freeman writes poems, tells stories, and dances in her kitchen in Morganton! A former school librarian turned massage therapist, she was raised in Vermont; now she shares her home with family and “infamous pets.” She is a member of the Asheville Storytelling Circle and the NC Storytelling Guild. Her poetry book Poems of Re-emerging was published in 2021 by Redhawk Publications.

We don't know what she has in store for us on October 11th, but it will probably be **hair-raising!!**

To register for the event, go to spookystoriesforadults.eventbrite.com.

**LET'S GET
SPOOKY**

With Storyteller Kyra Freeman

**"SPOOKY STORIES FOR
ADULTS & MATURE TEENS"**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
7 PM**

SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL LIBRARY

Sponsored by Friends of the SFT Library
Required free tickets at
<https://spookystoriesforadults.eventbrite.com>

A History of Our Elementary School Literacy Programs

Our Friends of the Library literacy program has been connecting elementary school students to great books for more than 15 years. With grant funds from the Catawba Valley Community Foundation, the program launched in 2005 for first-graders at Sherrills Ford Elementary School. The next year, more grant funding allowed the program to be extended to second-graders. By 2007, the program expanded again, this time to Catawba Elementary, but without grant money. That's when the Friends of the Library stepped up to provide all of the funding for the program. Since then, the literacy program has been offered to first-and second-graders at Sherrills Ford and Catawba.

All this background information is courtesy of Barbara Nelson, a.k.a. "The Bag Lady." A retired teacher, Barbara was one of the original volunteers with the literacy program. About once a month (more on that later) she would visit a first-grade classroom, armed with a new book. The aim of the program, as Barbara puts it, is to "connect the library, school, and home."

"Each class has the book read aloud to the class as a whole," Barbara said. "Afterwards, each child gets to take the bag with the book, journal, markers, and stuffed animal home to share and read with his or her parent. The next day the bag comes back to school for another child to take home."

Before the volunteers began making their visits each year, the Sherrills Ford branch librarian would visit the schools to tell them about the summer reading program and to teach the children how to get library cards. She would also make bookmarks for each child to keep when they took the bag home. The bookmarks had a list of other library books related to the one they had read.

After the bag had made its rounds to each child's home--which took a month or two--it was time for the volunteers to return with a new book. Soon the children began to anticipate this visit.

"The bag lady is coming!" the children would say as Barbara entered the classroom. "Yes, the bag lady is here!" she replied.

Now Barbara has passed the title of "bag lady" on to new volunteers. Starting this school year, Emily Huling and Charlene Callahan will lead the first-grade program.

"They're both very excited, and I feel very comfortable passing this program on to them," Barbara said.



Former member Vonda Freeman reading to a rapt audience!

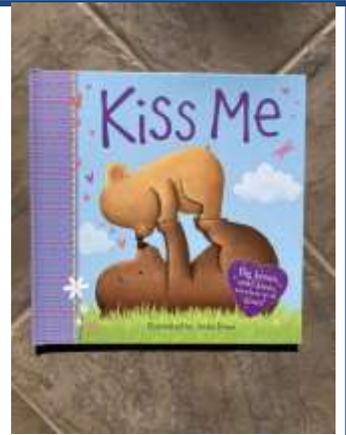
SFTFOL Resumes the First Grade Literacy Program After a 2-year “Pandemic Pause”

Back to School! Co- coordinators, Emily Huling and Charlene Callahan will be headed to Sherrills Ford Elementary School at the end of September and to Catawba Elementary School in October to resume The First Grade Literacy program. They are excited to be invited back into the classroom after a two year pause.



This program strengthens the bond between school, home and the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library with the hopes of sparking a love of reading in each child. During the visit, our volunteers read a story to each class and provide a correlating activity to engage the students with the story. After each visit, a copy of the chosen book is donated to each classroom library and also to the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library. In addition, each child is given a colorful bookmark to remember the book, as well as an accompanying letter to the parents explaining our program.

Our first book is called Kiss Me, by Melanie Joyce. This heartwarming story illustrates the many obstacles young children face and how a gentle kiss can take your worries away. Emily and Charlene plan to visit both schools 4 times this year. This program is funded by the generosity of the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.



Newest Friendly-Krafts-for Kids Arrives in the Lobby Today!



Fall is officially upon us! With fall comes some of the creepy crawlies of Halloween.

Join in the fun by making your very own spiderweb, complete with spider!

This craft pairs with the book The Ghosts Go Haunting, by Helen Ketterman. Read along to see who visits M. T. Tombs Elementary.

This book is available in print or Ebook from the Catawba County Library with your patron card. For ages 6 and up, the kits only require glue (Elmer's or hot glue).

Available **STARTING TODAY** in the library foyer near the SFTFOL Book Sale. One per child, please.

Kudos to **Sue Green** and **Charlene Callahan** and Friends who think up, and then make up the Friendly Krafts for Kids kits. Each one is a **BIG HIT**, and brings non-scary fun!



One of Our New Board Members:

New Board Member Linda Greenwell grew up in Winston Salem and worked in the benefits consulting business until she retired in 2006. She and her husband John enjoy retirement although they both stay busy with many volunteer activities. Linda has served in many capacities in the Friends organization since her retirement including several years as President. She currently serves on the Board of Catawba Valley Community College, the United Arts Council of Catawba County and the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley in addition to the Friends Board. She is also active with the Hickory Museum of Art.



“My first experience on the lake was fishing with my Grandfather in the early 1960s as the lake was filling up. I have been boating on the lake since the 1980s and made Terrell my permanent home in 1995.

“My favorite thing about the Library is that it is the center of this community and it provides so many services to the residents of the area.

“My favorite book is generally the one I am reading. Currently, my favorite author is William Kent Krueger.

“My favorite vacation spot is either an old farm house in Wilkes County that has been in my family for three generations, or Venice, Italy. The farm house is much easier to get to!”

Assuming the Duties of Treasurer:

My name is Priyadarsini Palmer and everyone I meet is fortunate that I ask to be called Priya. Imagine otherwise!

I am a proud mom of a 27-year-old son and a 4-year-old chocolate Lab, love traveling and any cuisine, and enjoy cultural events and places. My favorite vacation spot though will always be where I was born—Penang, Malaysia. It has won 10+ travel awards and is a food mecca! I have also lived in Liberia and Japan. In the U.S., Connecticut was home for most of my life and North Carolina for the last eight years.

I am currently a dedicated full-time volunteer, living out my retirement dream to do just that. Before retirement, I was with Hartford Financial Services Group for my entire professional career. Yes, they were that good to me!

Libraries help build healthy communities and ours is no exception. It and the FOL offer many interesting and rewarding services to the community and I am glad to be part of it. My childhood was all about books and I am back to reading voraciously again. Do I remember the titles of the books? Of course not! What I do remember are the feelings each and every book conjures up. Better entertainment than watching TV!



Grand Opening and Open House at Our Brand-New Fire Station Set for October 15th



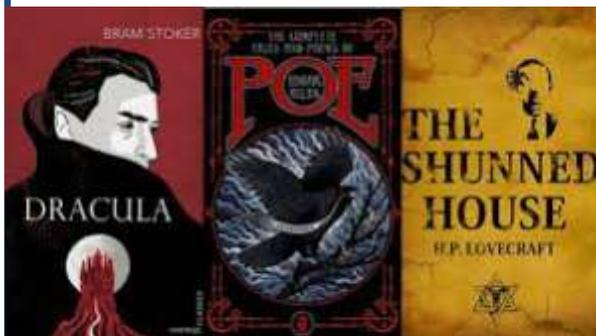
Ray Thomas and **Todd Shores** are eager to show off their TWO new fire engines as well as their “brand-spankin’-new” firehouse—Number 4. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire & Rescue organization—50 years of serving and protecting our community.

The Grand Opening and Open House of Station 4 will be held on October 15th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and everyone is invited to marvel at these high-tech (and high-dollar) vehicles with their related state-of-the-art life-saving equipment. Official tours and demonstrations will be included, and the kids will enjoy a Bounce House and more activities.

So come out to 2080 Molly’s Backbone Road, Sherrills Ford, NC, 28673 and enjoy a

Don’t Hide Under the Covers— The Book Sale is Alive and Well

Your favorite horrifying authors are ready and waiting for a trick-or-treat visit—and you needn’t be stealthy! Come into our non-haunted library and **stock up** with **Bram Stoker**, or **pour** over **Poe**,



even **consort**

for a few hours with **Stephen King!**

The Book Sale is of course the #1 fundraising effort for SFTFOL and always welcomes donations of adult or children’s books. (And no one will bite you on the neck, either...)

Tentative Program Schedule: More to be Added as We Proceed in 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

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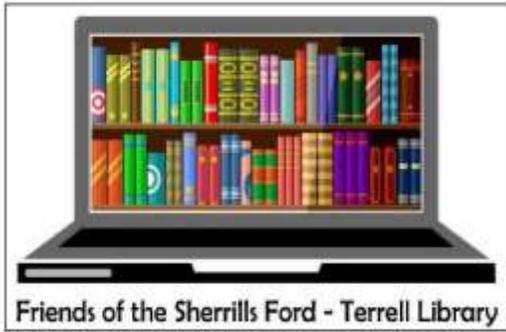
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, 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