



The Friendly News
November, 2022



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

Nineteenth-century British educator Charlotte Mason observed, “Everyone likes knowledge best in literary form.” Today, we might substitute the word “narrative” for “literary,” but it’s nevertheless true; we interpret the world through stories. So what a delight it was to explore the spooky with a real-life storyteller in October. If you attended our [Spooky Stories program with Kyra Freeman](#), you were treated to nightmarish tales of cats and mermaids along with a modern twist on the classic hitchhiker ghost yarn. If you missed it, read more about the program on page 2. And be sure to attend our [History of Sherrills Ford-Terrell](#) program in January and our [Normandy Remembers](#) program in March for great real-life stories.

So why do we like stories so much? Of course, they’re easier to remember—and a lot more satisfying—than a random string of facts. It’s also satisfying when you can weave together a narrative of your own: the love story of your life; the story of how you got *here*; the story that makes you laugh uncontrollably, or cry just a little. Our organization is sharing such stories with the community through our [elementary school reading programs](#), (by the way, the first-grade program is looking for more volunteers!), through our support of the library’s literacy programs, and through [Friendly Krafts-4-Kids](#) that encourage kids to read. In October, we launched our [art contest for the Little Free Library box](#) that will be installed at Mountain Creek Park. All these efforts, and more, help us share the gift of stories—of knowledge—with our neighbors.

We also like stories because they have setbacks: conflicts that take creativity, resilience, courage—and, often, friendship—to overcome. We can see ourselves embodied in the noble characters who face these challenges, and we strive to be like them. **The Friends have experienced some challenges this year. We’ve lost members, past and current, who were key to building the organization and the library itself. We mourn the loss of Susan Hunsucker’s husband, Glenn, who died in September; we have also recently learned of the death of longtime member Barbara Turowski. We have had to reconfigure our holiday offerings and continue to shore up membership in the wake of COVID.**

I invite you to be part of *our* story—as a main character, or in a strong supporting role. We will have a regular business meeting in November to share what “chapters” we’ve “written” thus far. Join us, and help shape the story of the Friends.

Cheers, Erica

Kyra Freeman, Storyteller, Led FOSFTL Into The Realm of Scare!!

Halloween came a little early—on the 11th to be exact—when Kyra Freeman brought her story-telling talent to the Community Room. Friends and neighbors were regaled with ghastly, ghostly stories and traditional tales from “olden times.”

The audience responded enthusiastically to **Ms. Freeman’s animated renditions, joining** in the fiendish fun and the spooky spirit of the season.

Ms. Freeman brought some of her published poetry works for sale and signing, in particular Poems of Re-emerging, which was published in 2021 by Redhawk Publications.

She happily chatted with audience members after the program and proved a delightful, and less alarming, guest.



A big thank you to Stephanie Roberts and her Program Committee for their efforts and imagination!!





Our “Before” Box Needs Your Talent

Doesn't our new Free Little Library box just scream for color? For brushstrokes? For lively graphics? It does!!

So gather your ideas and visit the link provided to submit them. Note that the contest deadline is **November 13th**, and we hope that the Free Little Library at Mountain Creek Park will display YOUR talent! Click on <https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/friends-of-the-library> for more info!



Calling all current 9-12 grade students that live within the Bandys HS district: public, private, or homeschooled

ART CONTEST

Paint a Little Free Library Box to be placed at Mountain Creek Park

\$100 CASH PRIZE
Submission due 11/13/22
Project due 1/15/23
All supplies provided

For more information, design requirements, examples, and submission form, visit the link below, and select Friends of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

<https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/friends-of-the-library/>



THANK YOU to the men's group at Rehobeth United Methodist church for their help in constructing our first Little Free Library box. FOSFTL plans more of these services to the community, especially since the housing developments around the library seem to be springing out of the ground!

Mark Your 2023 Calendar for January 17th, when Historian Robert Eades Returns



Back in 2018, BC, (before Covid), a SRO audience crowded the Community Room to be enlightened and entertained by local historian Robert Eades. Thanks to his research devoted to local history, as well as memories and insights shared by longtime residents, we were afforded a glimpse into the Sherrill's Ford and Terrell communities of long ago.

Mr. Eades will this time give an illustrated talk, with an archive of photographs assembled over many years. The program will be held at Rehobeth United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall in order to accommodate as large an audience as possible. Even so, it is certainly advisable to watch for further announcements as to time and tickets.

Three videos covering the first program are available on YouTube. Here are the links:

Part One: https://youtu.be/GjFiu_sEeI0

Part Two: <https://youtu.be/k2HSaPsvqYq>

Part Three: https://youtu.be/RoOqnTtHg_M

What Would You Wish For?

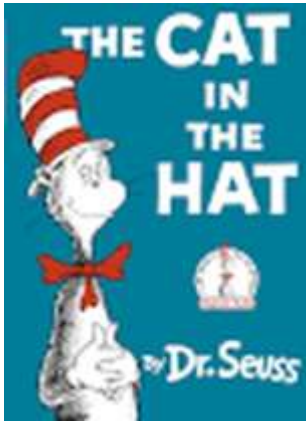
That's the question the First Grade Literacy program readers will be asking the children during the FOSFTL's second book reading this school year.

This wonderful book, written by David Sable and Emma Yarlett, considers wishes and how they have the potential to make the world a better place.



The FOSFTL Literacy Program's goal is to spark a love of reading in each child. In addition to Sherrills Ford Elementary School's four first-grade classrooms, Balls Creek's six first-grade classrooms have been added to the program. 194 young and curious minds are benefiting from our onsite book reading, which also includes a pencil and paper creativity exercise. Students take home their artwork, a colorful bookmark, and a letter to parents about the FOSFTL organization.

If you are interested in volunteering as a reader for this program, please reach out to one of the coordinators: Charlene Callahan at 203-815-3137 or Emily Huling at 704-516-5114.



November Friendly-Krafts-for-Kids Available in the Lobby!

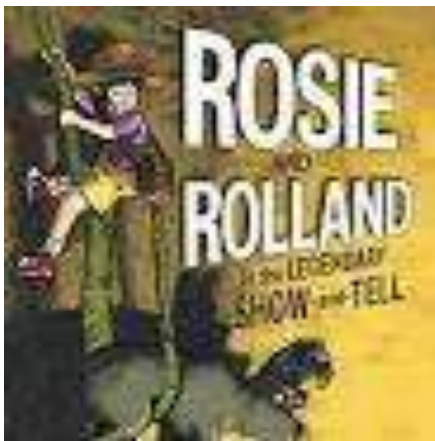
Charlene Callahan and Jaimie Selepec have finished this month's Kraft; which is linked to the perennial favorite, The Cat in the Hat.



Sue Green also reports that "she is designing extra projects for the holiday season, featuring other iconic books by

Dr. Seuss " Those will be given out during December and will be suitable for gift-giving and holiday décor. Be sure to check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FOSFTL> to see when those become available. All books are available in print or Ebook from the Catawba County Library with your patron card. The kits are for ages 6 and up, and require only glue (Elmer's or hot glue), and markers.

If you are interested in helping out with the Krafts-4-Kids Projects, Sue and Charlene and Jaimie would welcome additional members. Contact Sue Green at sgreen5909@aol.com for more information. Thanks to all these creative members!



Tammy Hallman Continues the Second Grade Reading Program

The 2nd grade FOSFL Reading Program has started at Sherrills Ford Elementary with the book, Rosie and Rolland in the Legendary Show-and-Tell, by Jon Berg, being shared with each 2nd grade teacher.

For this first book, the teachers are reading and giving each student the bookmark provided by the Sherrills Ford Branch Library with information regarding the community library.

For the next book to be shared, Cheryl Cole and Tammy Hallman will read it to the students, share an activity related to the book and provide each student with a bookmark for use as they continue their reading experiences.

As plans are made for the FOSFL Reading Program at Catawba Elementary, Tammy will keep us updated. Thanks to all our reading mentors for serving the students in our community!



Get Acquainted with Stephanie Roberts, FOSFTL Program Committee Chair

Stephanie Roberts is a native of the Sherrills Ford area. She has a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and works at Davidson College as a Gift Records Specialist.

A few of her favorite things are: the beach, fall, bird watching, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

She has loved the library since she was a child. She loves being able to access so many places and things through books.

Stephanie doesn't have—and can't have—a favorite book because her favorite “changes all the time.” She loves reading, and books in general.

FOSFTL appreciates her contributions!

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Program Schedule for 2022-2023

November 15, 2022

Business Meeting

January 17, 2023

History of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Program

Robert Eades will again share with us a program on the history of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell community. Join us to learn more about our area's history. Snow Date 1/24/23

January TBD

National Puzzle Day—and Contest!

February 7, 2023

Joyce O'Neal, Piano Recital

February 21, 2023

Business Meeting

March 20, 2023 (Monday)

Normandy Remembers Program

Glennie Sims will join the Friends to share with us a program about the Allies' D-Day assault and remembering the sacrifices made that day for freedom.

April 18, 2023

Business Meeting

April TBD

Local Authors' Program

Come out to meet some of our local authors and hear about their books and writing processes. They will have books for sale and signing opportunities.

May TBD

Collectors' Program

Come out to see some fascinating collections assembled by Friends .and Neighbors

June TBD

Annual Social and Business 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

We also have a presence on the Catawba County Library website, as

<https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/friends-of-the-library>

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

Vice-president: — Lisa Yakovenko

Secretary — Kathy Camarco

Treasurer — Priya Palmer

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — Stephanie Roberts

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

Board of Directors:

Linda Greenwell

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Library Staff:

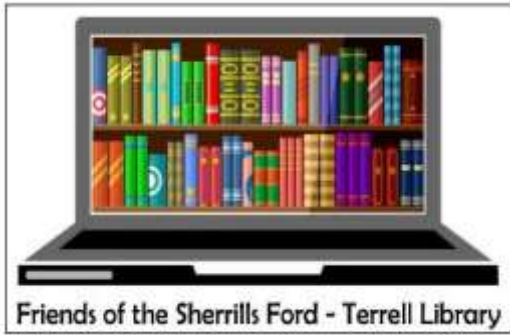
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Keri Flowers, Carolyn Smith

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