



The Friendly News

August, 2023



Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

Hello from Holden Beach, NC! If you're like me, you relish a vacation not only for a chance to spend time with friends and family, but also to relax with a good book—or five! I hope you have found time this summer to visit with some of your favorite people (including FOSFTL friends, of course), and found time to read, and to refresh yourself ahead of a busy new season.

As you will see in this abbreviated summer edition of *The Friendly News*, our program committee has some exciting things in store this year, with a focus on member-exclusive offerings. Please read more about them below and join us!

By the way, we'll have our annual strategic planning meeting next week, to be held at the library from noon to 3 p.m. on August 8th. . Also, everyone interested in reviving our family holiday event in December is invited to attend an upcoming planning meeting, The holiday committee meetings are TBD, but be on the lookout for updates.

One more thing: on Page 2 you'll see that Brett Smit, an Eagle Scout from Troop 823 here in Sherrills Ford, has installed a flag collection box near our Little Free Library at Mountain Creek Park. To culminate his project, Brett will hold a flag retirement ceremony at the park next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Here's to an exciting 2023-24 season and a safe and happy one, too!

Cheers, Erica



A Retirement Box for American Flags, a New Bench and Flowers

Sheryl Schuhose sent in a picture of the “upgrade” to the FOSFTL Little Free Library box at Mountain Creek Park . Sheryl and Ann McGibbon, and others, continue to tend the bright blue box. **Brett Smit**, a founding member of BSA Troop 823, installed a box for the collection (and proper disposal) of used American flags as part of his Eagle Scout project. He is a junior at Challenger High School and has been in Scouts since first grade! He is also responsible for the addition of the inviting bench, as well as adding flowers, friendly to bees and other pollinators. Doesn't it look great?

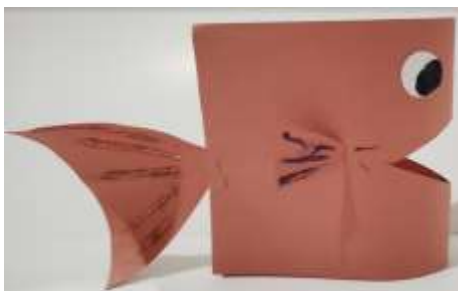
Thank you, Brett!

Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Goes to the Ocean for Summer Fun



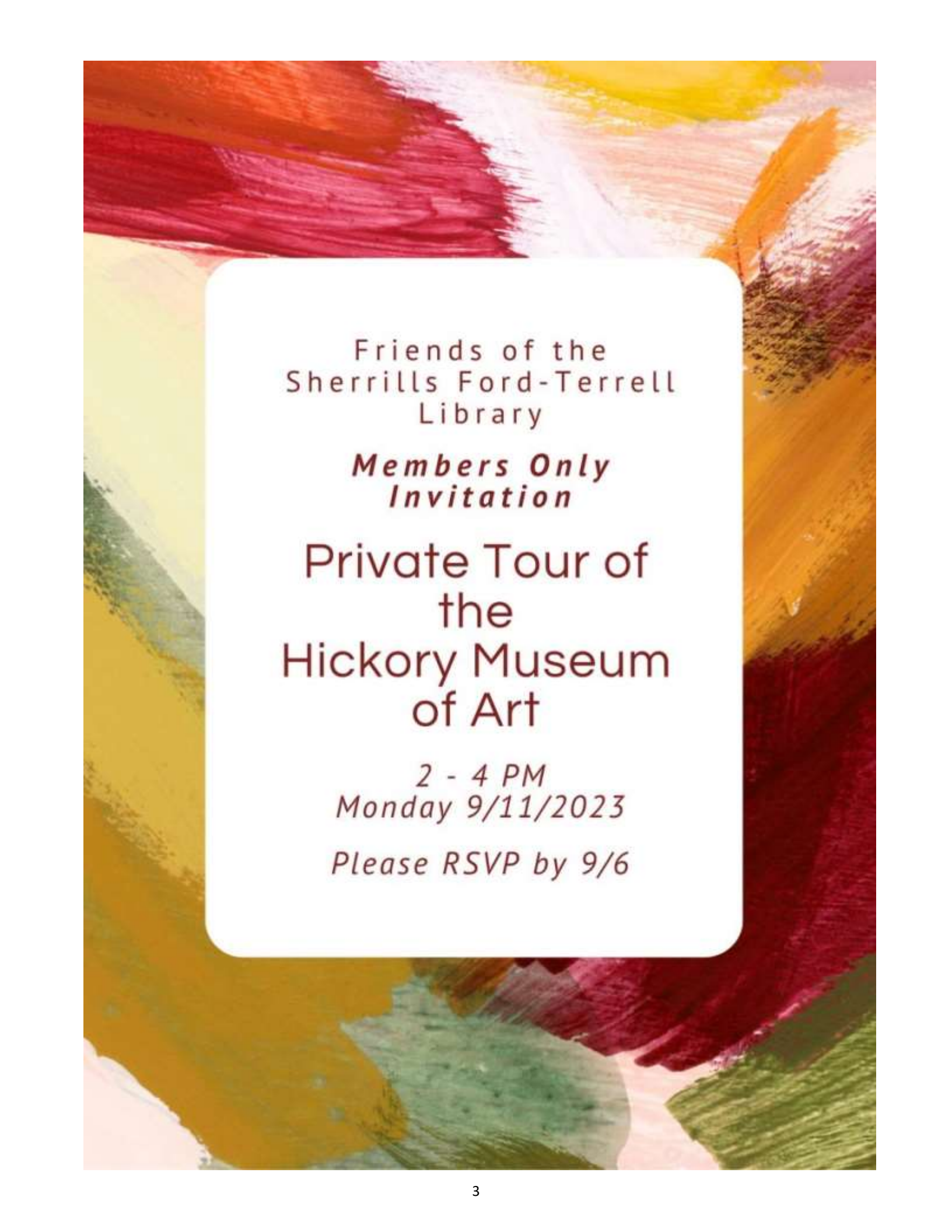
Ocean adventures are forefront with August’s book selections. Swimmy is available in print or Ebook from the Catawba County Library with your patron’s card. Discover 16 sea-going creatures in Giles Andreae’s, Commotion in the Ocean. Count baby coral reef animals with Mariannne Berkes’ Over in the Ocean. Learn relationships matter with Leo Lionni’s Swimmy as he schools his friends through an ocean adventure!

Supplies include paper rectangles. You will need a glitter glue stick (or glitter and glue stick), scissors, a stapler, and a crayon (or marker) to make one fish. (Once the paper craft is completed, a hole can be punched and yarn or a string used to hang the completed fish.) August’s free take-home Krafts 4 Kids activity is now available at the foyer table.



Thank you Kraft Kommittee volunteer Kathy Bradham. Anyone interested in joining this committee is welcome!





Friends of the
Sherrills Ford-Terrell
Library

*Members Only
Invitation*

Private Tour of
the
Hickory Museum
of Art

*2 - 4 PM
Monday 9/11/2023*

Please RSVP by 9/6

**Official 2023-2024 Program Calendar Coming Soon,
But in the Meantime...**

Beth DeMauro and our diligent Membership committee have already scheduled and confirmed two members-only events. The first will be a tour of the **Hickory Museum of Art**, open solely for our members, on September 11th from 2:00 to 4:00.



The second event is a personal **Meet-and-Greet with author Brian Sigmon**, prior to his public reading and discussion event in the Community Room on October 10th. Members will be admitted prior to our public Author's Event (from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.).

So when we remind you that the **\$10.00 dues for 2023-24** are due, we hope you will find that the new perks tempt you to renew! Dues can be left at the front desk at the library, or mailed to FOSFTL, 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC, 28682.

There is still planning to be done, and our **Strategic Planning Meeting** will be held on August 8th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00. Everyone is invited to come and share thoughts and suggestions on FOSFTL's future.

We're over halfway to the December holiday season, and we will soon be announcing a meeting of interested folks for a bit of brainstorming on a **Holiday Program**. Hope you will join us!



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 .

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library 2023-2024

Officers:

President — Erica Batten

Vice-president: — Lisa Yakovenko

Secretary —Kathy Camarco

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Membership — Sabine Detzel

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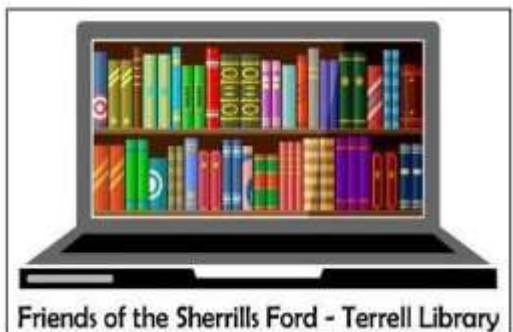
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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



2023-2024 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 on Instagram @sherrillsfordfol

Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

Who are we?	What do we do?	What do you get?
<p>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.</p>	<p><u>Support Library Programs</u> such as the Summer Reading Program for adults and children</p> <p><u>Provide Community Programs</u> throughout the year that offer broad learning opportunities for all ages</p> <p><u>Facilitate Literacy Programs</u> at Sherrills Ford, Catawba and Balls Creek Elementary</p> <p><u>Advocate for the Library</u> by offering support and resources to fill needs not covered by their budget</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Priority Access to unique, fun, and enriching programs</p> <p>Many opportunities to Get Involved (see other side of this form for a complete list)</p>

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.

<p>*Annual Renewal – Thank You. *New Membership – Welcome! *Annual Membership July 1 – June 30. Please consider submitting your donation for possible gift matching if your Company offers the opportunity.</p>	<p>\$10 Family Membership Cost* \$50 Sponsor Donation* \$100 Patron Donation* Other Donation Amount \$ _____* Checks made payable to: Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library</p>
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Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)
 Address: _____
 _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
2nd family member information (optional)
 Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ for Updates/Newsletters

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

- 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 members and staffs our event tables

- Program Committee** helps generate program ideas and implements those selected

- 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** sets up displays of school artwork throughout the year

- 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