



The Friendly News

October, 2023



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

The program year is off to a great start. We kicked things off with a members-only guided tour of the Hickory Museum of Art. If you were unable to join us, I encourage you to pay a visit to the museum while the unique and inspiring current exhibits are still there. You can get a peek in the photos below.

We also held our first business meeting of the fiscal year in September. Lots of things are happening! We've added a **new community relations committee** and we're reviving the **family holiday event** at the library. Please talk with **Emily Huling** and **Sabine Detzel** about these opportunities. We are in need of a volunteer to head up the **holiday gift bag program** that provides special gifts for families in need in our community. Contact me ASAP if you would like to help.

Speaking of opportunities, we have several great programs in the works, including a piano recital/contest (with prizes) from our very own newsletter curator, **Joyce O'Neal**, coming up in November. Also in November, we'll become an official member of the **Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries**. We voted to join at the business meeting, and membership for 2024 opens next month. Please visit foncpl.org/group to see a list of all the membership perks.

Speaking of membership perks, we have more members-only events coming up, so be on the lookout for those as the year progresses. Thank you all for helping us help our library and community gifts for families in need. Contact me ASAP if you would like to help.

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2023-2024 (Not-confirmed in italics)

- October 10th: author **Brian Sigmon** and members-only meet & greet prior to public program, 7-9 p.m.
- November 14th: pianist **Joyce O'Neal**, recital—with prizes! 6:30 p.m.
- January 9th: *author/historian **Dr. Gary Freeze** and private meet & greet with **Carolyn Agosta**, regarding their research into camp meeting histories.*
- March 19th: **Catawba Lands Conservancy** presentation *with members-only tour of "green home"*
- May 11th: **The King Bees**: Outdoor concert and family fun day under a tent on the library lawn

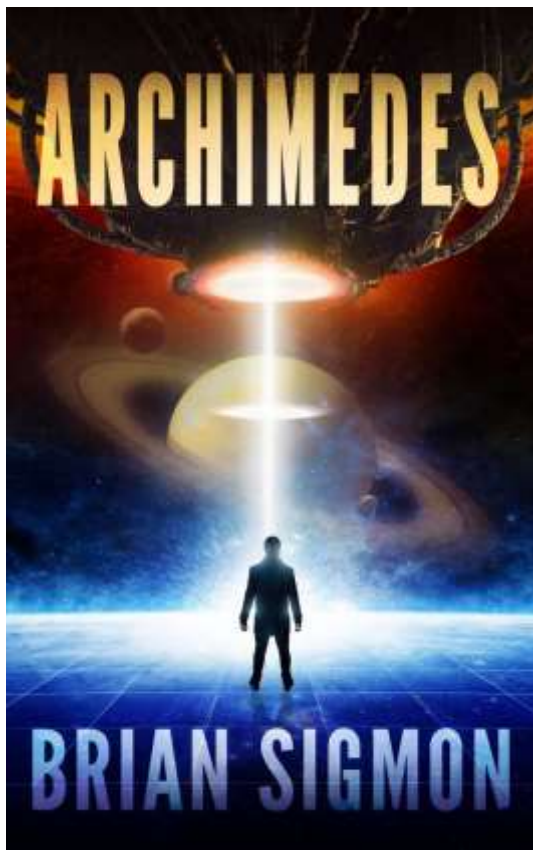
Author Returns to Boyhood Hometown Library

Author Brian Sigmon, who got his library legs here in Sherrills Ford, comes home on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. for a public reading, book sale and signing. Sigmon is the author of Archimedes a gripping sci-fi adventure, as well as Messiahbot a novella about AI, consciousness, and God.

Brian describes himself as a space adventure daydreamer who decided to start writing his stories down. He loves to read and write fast-paced, entertaining sci-fi **that grips you from the first page and doesn't let up.** He holds a Ph.D. in religion and serves on the advisory board of AI Theology, a group dedicated to exploring the intersection of science, technology, and spirituality.

Brian is a book editor, woodworker, sports fan, armchair futurist, and kids' soccer coach. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

There will be a members-only meet and greet for Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library at 6:15 p.m., preceding the public event. Please inquire if you are unsure about your membership status. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing literacy and life-long learning opportunities for our community. Annual family memberships are only \$10; you can pick up a form in the library lobby. Or you can download and print one at <https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/friends-of-the-library/>



Check out Amazon for Brian's books—in Kindle as well as paperback.

He will be signing copies for us at the event!!



A novella about AI, consciousness, and God

A wonderfully imaginative and exciting tale with well drawn characters."

"Star Wars meets Dragon Ball with a touch of cyber-punk."

"It was fun and so action packed that I didn't want to put it down."

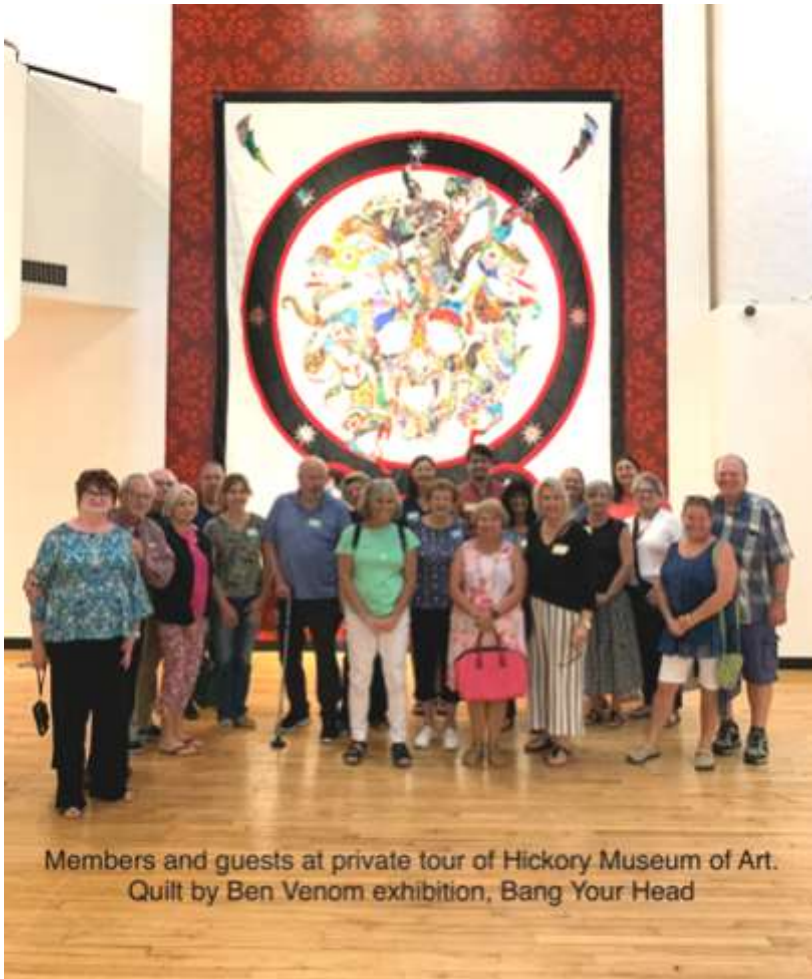
"An amazing story with thrilling action throughout."

Hickory Museum of Art Welcomes FOSFTL Members

So who's glad to be a member of Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library??

We are!!

What a wonderful afternoon we had on September 11. Charlene Callahan, our event coordinator, organized the car pools, made reservations for those that wished to socialize for lunch at Geppeto's in Hickory, and kept track of the RSVPs for the fabulous private tour of Hickory Museum of Art. Linda Greenwell, also a member of HMA, coordinated with the museum's Executive Director, Clarissa Starnes, for the tour which



Members and guests at private tour of Hickory Museum of Art. Quilt by Ben Venom exhibition, Bang Your Head

was filled to its maximum of 25 participants.

If you haven't visited HMA recently, you will thoroughly enjoy the new exhibitions. If you haven't had a chance yet to visit, by all means GO!

More details can be found at: <https://www.hickoryart.org/>

If you are on Facebook, please like/follow us, and if you were a tour participant, tag yourself in the lunch and tour photos. Find us on Facebook as Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library



Members and guests enjoying lunch at Geppeto's, Hickory





Spacious and inviting: visit Hickory Museum of Art's website to browse some of the extraordinary works that have been displayed there:

<https://www.hickoryart.org/>



To enjoy the next members-only program, download the membership form at <https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/friends-of-the-library/>

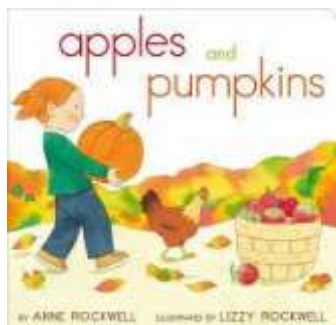


Linda Greenwell Director
 Evelyn Campbell Schools Art Shows
 Erica Batten President
 Charlene Callahan Tour Coordinator
 Ellen Dewey Publicity
 Sheryl Schuhose Little Free Library
 Sabine Detzel Membership
 Lisa Yakovenko Vice President

Clarissa Starnes, HMA Executive Director, explains the fine art aspects of the one-of-a-kind custom tattoo designs by Phinthone Senesombath. Ping's Studio and Bang Your Head are two of the must-see current exhibitions at the HMA.



Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Begins Its Second Year



Joanne Sobolewski has already placed the October Kraft Kit in the lobby, and we know they will disappear fast. October is of course Halloween month, and this Kraft offers a solid connection between the activity and the book—bookmarks! One is a friendly ghost and the other a jack-o-lantern.

Each free kit has directions and supplies. All that is needed is a magic marker or Sharpie, some Elmer's glue or a glue stick, and they are ready to mark your place in some wonderful October books:

Apples and Pumpkins by Anna Rockwell

The Secret Halloween Costume by Sophie Vaillancourt

My First Trick or Treat by Ideals Children's Books

Downloadable ebooks: Disney's My First Halloween Storybook

The Square Pumpkin series by Joe Troiano

Be sure to look for the latest kraft kit around the first of each month in the lobby near the FOSFTL Book Sale.



FOSFTL Book Sale—Shelves Need Occupants!

Apparently there are unlimited opportunities for new houses/apartments/condos in Sherrills Ford-Terrell.

Same for our Book Bonanza! Susan Hunsucker is hard at work getting donations ready, but they fly off the shelves.

If you enjoyed reading it, someone else will, too!

Children's books are especially needed and appreciated. Currently, the book sale is FOSFTL's only fundraiser and we can't make financial advances without YOUR book donations. So clean out those shelves and restock them from OUR shelves. FOSFTL will fill its coffers as buyers empty the shelves.





Listen Up: Hints for the Piano Recital Contest

You know those tunes that as soon as you hear them, you think, “I know that tune!”? Five of the most popular and frequently-heard tunes in music history will be the first offering on Joyce O’Neal’s piano recital program, November 14th. The first is a perfect example of the signature form of the Classical Period, but was written for the fortepiano rather than our modern instrument. The next was an instant hit as soon as it was published, but was given its famous nickname years after the composer’s death. The third selection was **NOT** written by Bugs Bunny, no matter what anyone says. The fourth entered folklore in America when it was connected with the bathroom instructions on trains!! The fifth was the work of an American composer forgotten after his style passed out of fashion, but who received revived interest when a blockbuster film used five of his melodies. A little bit of research on Google and YouTube might give you a head-start on the answers.

Don’t despair—the program notes will offer ample clues and after the five are played, Joyce will give her customary explanations and info about the pieces.

The other pieces on the program will be fully identified—**Rachmaninoff’s 18th Variation from “Variations on a Theme of Paganini,” Chopin’s Butterfly Etude** and a lively Intermezzo by Brahms especially suited to a library—think Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde!

Those titles sound serious and heavy, but all the works on this program are **particularly engaging**. All ages are welcome and ears are all that’s required!

Coming Attractions in November:

A recurring news article featuring SFT Library programs and projects of particular interest to our readers;

A feature article on the First- and Second-grade Literacy Program;

More details on the Holiday Committee’s preparation for the Big Event;

A reminder for the November 14th piano recital contest, where winners will receive baskets, handmade by Geraldine F. Blevins of Felts Basket Shop, filled with scrumptious treats and gift cards .



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

Treasurer — Glenn Madara

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — Beth DeMauro

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

Board of Directors:

Linda Greenwell

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Library Staff:

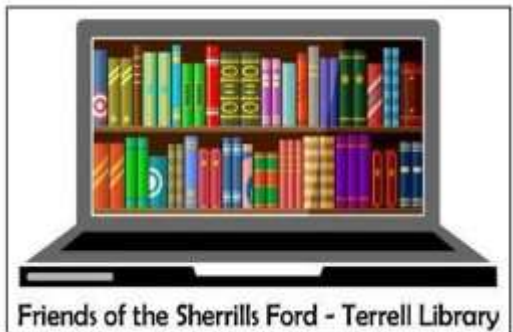
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak, 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