



The Friendly News

November, 2023



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

We have so much going on right now, I feel like the holidays are already here—and they will be, soon! And we are going to need a volunteer or two to assemble the holiday gift bags for local families in need. Each year, we learn from our local school counselors of families that may need a holiday blessing. Then, we assemble bags of goodies that will make their holidays sparkle. Priya Palmer is willing to give you all the information you need to take on this worthy task. Please contact me or Priya to volunteer.

Don't miss Joyce O'Neal's upcoming piano recital, featuring "The Top Five Musical Hits" and other sure-fire favorites. You can read all about it on Page 2. As if hearing Joyce play isn't prize enough, she's offering actual prizes: baskets with gift cards and other goodies. You won't want to miss this one!

Please remember, our second business meeting of the year will be held November 21st. All members are welcome to come and share ideas.

See, I told you we have a lot going on! Just wait until you read the rest of this newsletter!

Cheers, Erica

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

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| November 14th: | pianist Joyce O'Neal , recital—with prizes! 6:30 p.m. |
| December 15th | Santa at the library! |
| 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 |

Five Prize Baskets for the “Top Five Musical Hits”



Five of the most popular and frequently-heard tunes in music history will be the first offering on **Joyce O’Neal’s 7th piano recital program, November 14th.** By beginning early, at 6:30 p.m., there will be

enough time to present the (short) selections while daring listeners can fill in the blanks for our optional contest. On display will be five prize baskets, three of which are handmade by Geraldine F. Blevins of Felts Basket Shop of McGrady, NC. Each basket is filled

with goodies, including gift cards.



Last month’s newsletter offered hints, but many of you will recognize these “Top Five” even if you can’t identify them by name. There are plenty of clues, too, in the program notes. If you don’t care to participate, don’t worry—there’s plenty of good music to hear, and Joyce will give her customary explanations and insights into

the selections after the first renditions.

Following the “Top Five” will be 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!



All ages are welcome and ears are all that’s required!

Free and open to the public.



Author Brian Sigmon Brings his Stories and Energy Back Home to Sherrills Ford

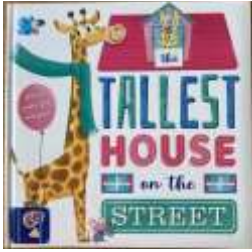
Author Brian Sigmon, who got his library legs here in Sherrills Ford, came home on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. for a delightful evening, with a members-only Meet & Greet before the program. Brian read from his works, reminisced about his childhood and signed copies of his books for an enthralled audience. Sigmon is the author of [ARCHIMEDES](#), a gripping sci-fi adventure, as well as [MESSIAHBOT](#), a novella about AI, consciousness and God. This event was the first of the season and more events are currently in the planning stages for a successful season!



Please enjoy the following photos from an enjoyable evening!



Sherrills Ford Elementary Welcomes the SFTFOL Readers



The First Grade Literacy team rolled into action this month at Sherrills Ford Elementary School with a classic tale of the “one who doesn’t fit in,” and doesn’t fit, literally! In our first book of the year, “[The Tallest House on the Street](#),” by Stephanie Moss, we find a giraffe who is looking for a new home, closer to her friends. She struggles to find one tall enough—until her friends come to her aid. What would we do without our Friends?



On each visit, our volunteers go into the classroom to read a chosen book with the class. After reading and engaging the students with the story, the children had fun completing an activity related to the book—a paper-bag giraffe hand puppet! At the conclusion of the visit, a copy of the book was donated to each first grade classroom and each student received a personal bookmark to remember our visit.



Emily Huling, Beth DeMauro, Milda Trepina





Second-grade Reading Volunteers Visit Sherrills Ford Elementary

Cheryl Cole and Barbara MacArthur, volunteers of FOSFTL, visited Sherrills Ford Elementary on October 26th. These ladies read the book entitled Something Shiny, Something Round, by Julie Goulis and John Ferguson. This school year there are five second-grade classrooms/teachers and currently 86 second-graders at SFE. The teacher combined students together from three of the classrooms for a reading presented by Cheryl Cole, while the other two classes were read to by Barbara MacArthur.

This story book is about using one's imagination to lead to extraordinary adventures. A boy and his friends find a hubcap buried in the snow and dream up all sorts of wild and creative journeys centering on this ordinary object. The story itself ignites a time of sharing and conversation that is so important to a child's life.

Each classroom received the gift of the book to expand their classroom library and to promote the love for reading. Each student was given a bookmark with a picture of the book and information about our Sherrills Ford Branch Library.

Catawba Elementary is also participating in the reading program this school year. A date is being decided upon and our readers will be scheduled for a day later in November. Thanks to all the FOSFTL Volunteer Readers!

Tammy Hallman, Chair, 2nd grade Reading Program

Exciting Changes Coming to Library Programing



The big news at the library this month is that you will no longer see print editions of newspapers on display. Instead, the library is going digital! A newspaper streaming service called NewsBank will allow library patrons to access hundreds of newspapers, including full-color editions of The Charlotte Observer and the Hickory Daily Record, along with national and foreign - language papers. What's more, NewsBank offers read-aloud features and a citation tool. Using a library card, patrons can access NewsBank from the library or on their own devices. Try it out for yourself! Go to www.catawbacountync.gov/library and click on Read Newspapers Online. Library staff are also ready to help.

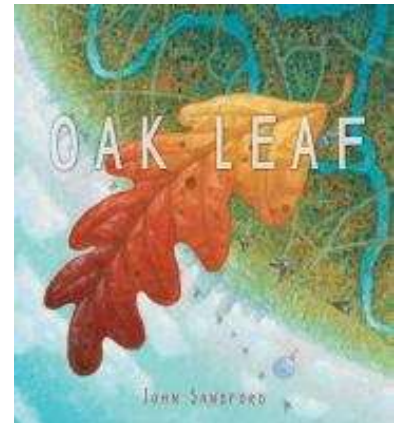
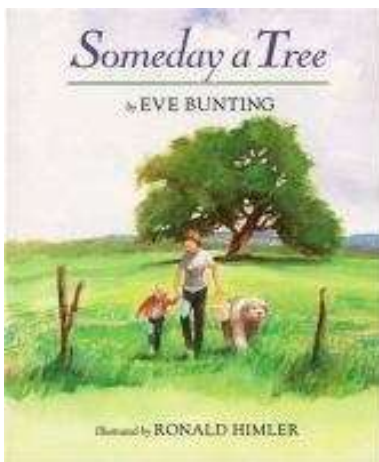
November Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Salutes the Sturdy Oak

From Sue Greene comes this information on the latest Krafts-4-Kits:

In November, the Krafts-4-Kids project is a tribute to oak trees. The take-home project is a hand-print acorn to cut out and decorate. This is an easy kit that can be completed by all ages, (maybe with a little assistance). Trace your hand, date the back, and save it in a scrapbook so that in a few years, you can look back and see how much you've grown! Supplies needed are scissors, pencil, black marker, glue stick, and a pink pencil or crayon.

Books to accompany this Kraft are Someday a Tree, by Eve Bunting, and Oak Leaf, by John Sandford. Both are available through the Catawba County Library system with your patron card.

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



A Luggage Drive for Children in Foster Care



During the month of November, the library will host a suitcase drive to benefit children in foster care. Due to lack of resources, unexpected moves, and the need to quickly gather all of their belongings for transport, garbage bags have become the unofficial suitcase for children in foster care. Imagine the confusion and

embarrassment of carrying everything you own in a garbage bag, while everything in your life is drastically changing. The library seeks to help provide dignity and an easy way to keep belongings together through a suitcase drive. All Catawba County library locations will be collecting new or gently used suitcases, duffel bags, or toiletry bags this month. Donated items will be given to local children in foster care through Family Builders of Catawba Valley, part of Catawba County Social Services. For more information about Family Builders of Catawba Valley, visit www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/social-services/family-builder.

FOSFTL Book Sale News— a Timely Update from Susan Hunsucker



Beginning Monday, Nov. 6, Christmas-themed books and DVDs for both children and adults will be available for sale. The price, as always, is \$1.00 for adult hardcovers and \$.50 **for paperbacks. Children's books are \$.25.** All DVDs are \$1.00. And, as always, the condition is Rated G: Good to Great.

Any VC Andrews fans? You will find an entire shelf (30!) of paperbacks.

Another generous patron recently donated 2+ shelves of Nora Roberts paperbacks. Fewer than a dozen remain. More Nora Roberts (JD Robb) **may soon be available. So check the shelves often! And we get “coffee table” books on all subjects donated, too, just right for gifts.**

You will also find a good selection of DVDs for adults.. DVDs for children, however, are never on the shelf more than a few days.

Keep in mind that books for adults and children, especially, are always needed. Condition and age are so important!!! Donated books should be in good-to-like-new condition and, with the exception of Classics, not old and yellowed. Hardcover books should have their covers (dust jackets). Patrons want to read the inside cover description to see what the book is about (and whether or not they have read it already!). Rarely is a book lacking a dust jacket available at our book sale.

PLEASE do not donate college textbooks, Readers Digest Condensed Books, almanacs, instruction manuals, books that smell (cigarettes), are moldy or dirty, or that have been mistaken for a chew toy by the puppy! Yes, all of these have been donated and have to be recycled or trashed.

The Friends' ongoing Book Sale is a win-win-win! Our community has a convenient place to donate the books they no longer need or want, the sale has a good selection of books for purchase, and the money **generated from the sale is used to aid in financing children's and adult programs and activities, as well as items needed by our branch library that might not be in its budget.** (BTW, this is now the sole FOSFTL fund raiser.)

Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!

Mark your calendar for December 15th.

Meet Santa at the Sherrills Ford – Terrell Library **Friday, December 15,**
from 5 pm – 8 pm.

For children aged up to 12.



Priority registration for members of the Friends of the Sherrills Ford – Terrell Library will open for the first two weeks of sign-up.

If you are not a member, **you can join the “Friends” for \$10 per family membership.**
(See Membership at the end of this Newsletter).

Open registration will follow thereafter.

Members: Be on the lookout for Registration.

Sponsored by The Friends of the Sherrills Ford – Terrell Library

Location, Location, Location Wanted:



Sheryl Schuhose has a second **Little Free Library** box already built and ready to be painted in the near future.

BUT we have no location for it!

It should be in an area frequented by adults and children year-round, and not too near to a library branch.

Have you an



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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:

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Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Library Staff:

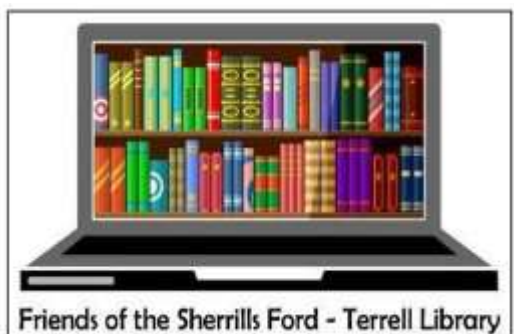
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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

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, Catawba and Balls Creek 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.

*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.

\$10 Family Membership Cost*

\$50 Sponsor Donation*

\$100 Patron Donation*

Other Donation Amount \$ _____ *

Checks made payable to: Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

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