



## ***The Friendly News***

*January, 2024*



### ***Greetings from the President***

#### **Greetings and Happy New Year!**

Before we look forward to what's in store for 2024, let's take a moment to reflect on what a spectacular ending we had to 2023. We were able to resume the Santa event at the library, thanks to many Christmas helpers. Our elves included Santa's assistant along with several Friends volunteers who donned the adorable costumes hand-made by former member Mary Young. You can read all about the event in the pages below.

Our holiday cheer extended to local elementary schools, where we provided gift cards and books to several families in need.

We decorated the library's exterior and even gave Amazon gift cards to the library staff. Way to go, elves!

January is equally action-packed, and you can read below about exciting news from our art displays to the Little Free Library and more.

Our featured program is a history presentation on prohibition from CVCC history professor **Richard Eller**. Let me put in a personal "plug" for this presenter. While I haven't met Mr. Eller myself, my older son was enrolled in his American history class this past semester and thoroughly enjoyed the course. Please be sure to come early (6:30 p.m.) on January 9 for a members-only meet-and-greet with Professor Eller.

**Cheers, Erica**

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

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| January 9th:    | Local author/historian <b>Richard Eller</b> with members-only meet & greet                  |
| January 18-29th | Second Annual Social Media <b>Puzzle Contest</b>  |
| February 20th   | Business meeting at 6:30 in the Community Room  |
| March 19th:     | <b>Catawba Lands Conservancy</b> presentation <i>with members-only tour of "green home"</i> |
| May 11th:       | <b>The King Bees:</b> Outdoor concert and family fun day under a tent on the library lawn   |



## Professor Richard Eller Discusses Catawba County's Role in Prohibition:

### A Local Aspect of "The Roaring Twenties"

January 9th, 6:30 meet-&-greet

Catawba County Museum of History's Historian in Residence and Catawba Community College history professor Richard Eller will speak about his latest book, in progress, on prohibition, focusing on Catawba County and western North Carolina.

We will again have a special pre-event meet-and-greet for members only at 6:30, followed by the public program from 7-9 Jan. 9 at the library.

Finding a way to involve people in a good story about the past to help them navigate their future is what drives Richard Eller as an historian, a teacher and a writer. His work includes the history of Piedmont Airlines, the Miracle of Hickory about the 1944 polio epidemic, and a volume on the western North Carolina furniture industry. Professor Eller has also written articles about local subjects for Foothills Digest, the Hickory Daily Record, and Focus.

His recent works include Hickory Then & Now, Hickory: A Complete History, and a documentary film and book about the 1964 Ridgeview High School Panthers football team entitled Untouchable: The Perfect Season of the 1964 Ridgeview High Panthers.

With his wife, Claudia Ward, he has just completed a book on a Hickory couple, and is working on a triple biography of Civil War generals with his daughter, Suzanne Mayo. He also serves as Executive Director of Redhawk Publications, a CVCC initiative that brings regional and national authors to a reading audience. He has several more projects in the works, too many to mention, but approaches life much like Gutzon Borglum, engaging in "six wars at a time." He is also a grandfather of four (his best accomplishments), Ian, Piper, Eli, and Charlie.

**January at the Library** is all about refreshing yourself with healthy habits for the new year. We offer:

- ◇ Gentle Flow Yoga at 11 a.m. January 5, 12, and 26;
- ◇ Chair Yoga at 11:30 a.m. January 17 and 31.
- ◇ At 4:30 p.m. January 16, learn to make non-alcoholic mocktails and healthy refreshers to boost your daily fluid intake.
- ◇ Feed your daily reading habit with a tutorial on using Libby and Hoopla to access thousands of ebooks and digital audiobooks. Bring your own tablet or phone to the tutorial at 2 p.m. January 23.

## Announcing our Second Annual Social Media Puzzle Contest!

Need an incentive to open that puzzle you just received for Christmas (or last year...or years ago)? Need a puzzle for the winter blahs, and the early sunsets? Well, then this might be the perfect time to stop puzzling over what to do—and do a puzzle!

The details are below, and remember, the SFT Library has an ongoing Puzzle Exchange with a WIDE variety of challenges to choose from.



## SOCIAL MEDIA PUZZLE CONTEST FOR ADULTS

*Sponsored by Friends of the Sherrills  
Ford-Terrell Library*

From January 18 to National Puzzle Day on  
January 29, post a photo of your completed jigsaw  
puzzle to:

**Facebook.com/FOSFTL**

OR

Instagram post share or tag with us:  
**sherrillsfordfol**

The winner's name will be randomly drawn from  
all entries on January 30.

A specially themed gift awaits the winner!

**Happy Puzzling!**

To learn more about our non-profit, pick up a  
membership form in the foyer



## Gift Bags for Local Families: A FOSFTL Holiday Tradition

Barbara MacArthur reports that she delivered gift bags with \$50 Food Lion gift certificates, as well as books, to the counselors at Sherrills Ford Elementary, Catawba Elementary, and Balls Creek Elementary for families in need. Gift cards ensure that each family can purchase items they use and need, and nothing goes is wasted.

Shelley Orr helped order the books through Scholastic and we thank her for taking the time to help with this annual gesture of goodwill.

**Thanks to Food Lion's contributing \$10 toward each gift card, the effort came in under budget!** We hope all of these families had their holiday made a little more festive!

### Little Free Library Box Installed at Murray's Mill

Sheryl Schuhose reports that the director at Murray's Mill, Jennifer Marquardt, has welcomed the installation of our second Little Free Library Box at the historic site. You can see from the sign next to the box that there is plenty of time each day for people to access the LFL.

Navelis Castillo, who also painted the first box at Mountain Creek Park, is to be complimented on another bright and cheerful design.

The bedrock at the Mill is close to the surface, so possible locations were limited. But a good location was found for the box and there should be lots of interest, with people visiting the Mill and shopping at

WAITING FOR MORE PICTURES  
OF BOX



# It's Not Too Late to Visit the \_\_\_\_\_ Art Exhibit

Evelyn Campbell and \_\_\_\_\_ arranged for



## The FOSFTL Holiday Event Review: Better than Ever!



Thanks to so many volunteers, we had a lively and satisfying evening with Santa and his helpers.

Sabine Detzel was the commander-in-chief for our celebration (aided by husband Tom). She took charge from the first and made executive decisions that streamlined the effort. A special thanks to them!

**When the lights and decorations come out of the shed, it's time for the holiday celebration!**

Pat Elston and Charlene Callahan retrieved the stored items and decorated the outside of the library, which without stepladders was a little more challenging this year!

Ellen Dewey set up the Eventbrite sessions for the pre-registration and publicized far and wide on all the Social Media sites she utilizes. This was a ton of technical work that would make a lot of us cringe!

Shelley Orr and Siobhan Loendorf ordered all the Scholastic books for our table—we are lucky to have these two elves-in-disguise. All the children got to pick out an age-appropriate book to take home. Shelley also photocopied the coloring pages and helped with printing out tickets for the pre-registration to run smoothly.

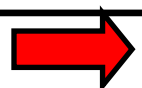
Sue Green, Barbara MacArthur and Kathy Bradham created (and donated) the special Friendly Krafts-4-Kids that the children took home.

**Joyce O'Neal and Charlene Callahan intended to read "Twas the night before Christmas," but this idea was countermanded by the audience, who chose "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas!" (Probably a better pick, as the poem was probably going to stall at "threw up the sash." Think about it.)**

On the following pages, you'll see:

- ♦ Pat Elston and Ellen Dewey at the welcome table,
- ♦ Beth DeMauro helping out at the Christmas ornament tree;
- ♦ Emily Huling and Christine Rupolo being helpful Elves with ornaments and coloring;
- ♦ Trish Flanagan and Dick Steffens manning the book tables with Lisa Yakovenko helping out;
- ♦ Hallie Chitworth in her brand-new official cute-as-a-button Chief Elf costume;
- ♦ Marissa Popwell and Tom Detzel with Santa;
- ♦ Christine Rupolo and Becky DeMauro tending the coloring table;
- ♦ Joyce O'Neal reading—well, you know—in her fireplace dress, with Charlene Callahan's help;
- ♦ Erica Batten supervising the take-home crafts;
- ♦ Not pictured (maybe they were just moving too fast...) are Sabine Detzel and Sheryl Schuhose.

**A Holly, Jolly Holiday at the Library Photo Tour:**





Right down Santa Claus Lane...



Vixen & Blitzen  
pullin' on the reins...

Sleigh that's filled...



Oh, what a beautiful sight!

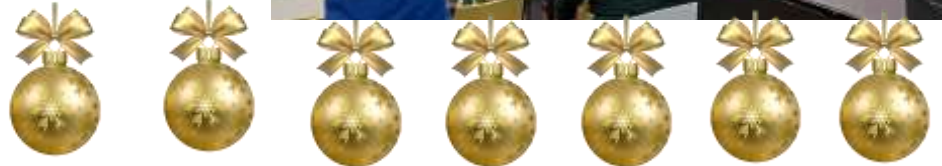




Decorate  
the Library  
Tree with  
your own  
customized  
ornament!



Christine Rupolo and Bucky Bemauro



Select a Friendly  
Kraft to take home...



Erica Batten





'Twas the night before...  
a Hippopotamus?????



Oh, what a difficult choice!







Bells are ringing, children singing, all is merry and bright; so hang your stockings and flash a grin, 'cause **Santa Claus** came that night! HO HO HO





## First Grade Literacy Volunteers Read to 15 Classrooms in December

Emily Huling and Charlene Callahan report that they “don’t know who’s having more fun—our volunteer team or the students!”

What Sounds Fun To You? is the book the First Grade Literacy volunteers read to FIFTEEN classrooms at Sherrills Ford Elementary School, Balls Creek Elementary School, and Catawba Elementary School in December.

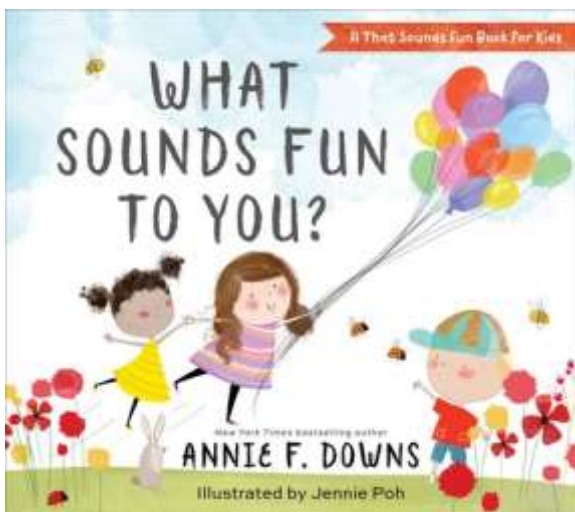
The adorable and engaged students sit on a colorful floor mat and after the reading, they go back to their desks and complete the activity.

This time, no surprise, the activity is asking, “What Sounds Fun To You?” After they wrote their personal answer on small paper balloons, they glued them to their own drawings and have a delightful piece of artwork to take home.

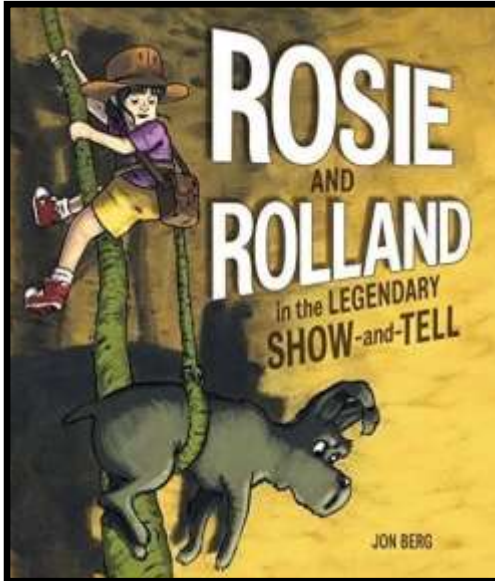
In addition, a copy of the book is donated to each classroom and each student receives a personal bookmark to remember our visit.

If you are interested in volunteering to read, please contact our coordinators:

Emily Huling [sellstrat@aol.com](mailto:sellstrat@aol.com) or  
Charlene Callahan [charcallct@gmail.com](mailto:charcallct@gmail.com)



## Second Grade Literacy Volunteers Visit Catawba Elementary



Editor's note: another hippopotamus????

The FOSFTL Second Grade Literacy team visited Catawba Elementary 2nd Graders on Monday, November 27.

The book entitled Rosie and Rolland in the LEGENDARY SHOW-and-Tell, by Jon Burg, was read and discussed with the students.

This adventure begins when Rosie is finally picked for Show-and-tell at school. She worries that she will have nothing special to share—until she and her canine companion, Rolland, discover a strange map.

They follow it from its starting point in her adventurer grandfather's study through to a mysterious jungle kingdom, where a secret pyramid houses a monkey

king. In his hands is the perfect item to bring to show-and-tell, IF Rosie can defend it from bully Freddy Jones.

This classically told adventure story is full of peril, excitement, plot twists and turns. It ends on a heartwarming note, with Rosie gaining appreciation for her grandpa's adventure-filled past along with deeper confidence in herself.

As always, the students liked having visitors read to them. The teachers were also very excited and appreciated the gift of the chosen book and the bookmarks that each student received.



Mrs. , Tamm Hallman, Mrs.







### 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:

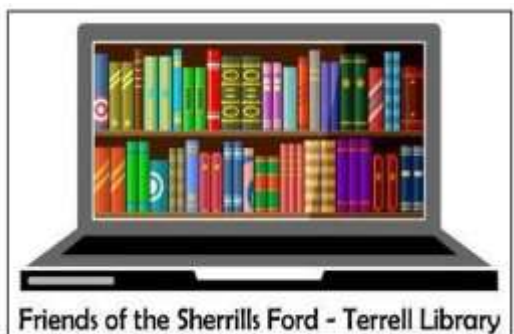
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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

#### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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