



The Friendly News

February, 2024



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends!

I hope you all have weathered January well. Like the beloved groundhog of February fame, it seems we are all looking for glimpses of spring, whether it's the ladybug Kraft Kit (see page 5) or the colorful student art currently adorning our airy library (see page 4).

We still have some winter business to attend to, though. Namely, our upcoming business meeting on February 20. Please join us to discuss budget matters and hear updates from our committees. Please note: we will meet in the children's area of the library, NOT in the community room.

Great news! As we welcome spring, one of its first opportunities is the rescheduled history program that was so unceremoniously thwarted by our harsh winter winds in January. Richard Eller will join us for a program on Prohibition on March 26! Until then, make like the groundhog and keep your head up!

Cheers, Erica

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

February 20th	Business meeting at 6:30 in the Children's Area of the library
March 19th:	Catawba Lands Conservancy presentation <i>with members-only tour of "green home"</i>
March 26th:	Local author/historian Richard Eller with members-only meet & greet
May 11th:	The King Bees: Outdoor concert and family fun day under a tent on the library lawn

The Winning Puzzler Has Been Drawn...*drumroll...* And It's Emily LaMantia!



Ellen Dewey, FOSFTL social media chair, presents the prize basket to our Puzzle Contest winner **Emily LaMantia**. Her name was drawn from 30 people who posted a recently-completed puzzle to our Facebook page. Emily won a basket, (beautifully wrapped by **Angela Chitwood** and her daughter, **Hallie**), containing an assortment of teas, cocoas, a cup, a tea ball, a Publix gift certificate, and a 1000-piece puzzle. Many thanks to Ellen for her hours of attention to the contest details!

A photo of Emily's completed puzzle. Puzzle photos were posted to our Facebook page in order to enter the contest.



Our library has **dozens of puzzles** available for you to exchange for one you've already mastered. The staff curates and arranges the display of puzzles and there are plenty of choices! From classic art masterpieces and landscapes to popular culture. A big round of applause, please, for our hard-working library staff!

Emily is also a new Friends member! We welcome her and hope she has many hours of enjoyment with the goodies in her basket.



Kacy Steiger, Library Services Specialist, poses with the Puzzle Contest winner.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

VOTE INFORMED IN THE MARCH 5 PRIMARY

**REHOBETH UMC
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6-8 PM**

9297 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell
Family Life Center

*All Candidates for local and state offices representing
Catawba County who have primary challenges
have been invited
Nonpartisan.*

Presented by

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
OF CATAWBA VALLEY
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Lively Pictures Enliven Our Environs

Thanks to the Second-, Fifth-, and Sixth-graders at Sherrills Ford Elementary, we had an extensive array of both figural and abstract works to enjoy during December. Evelyn Campbell and Pat Elston arranged for the display with Megan Maltby, the art teacher at the school, and installed the exhibit.





The February Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Basket is Already Filled and in the Lobby

Joanne Sobolewski is to be heartily thanked for ushering in the month of hearts and love with a precious feline valentine.

(Maybe that should be a felinentine?) This Kraft Kit features a theme that can be found in a myriad of

children's and adult's books—that of our endless striving for affection and acceptance.

Bee My Valentine, by Miriam Cohen, finds the first-graders excited about the cards they will receive. This book is part of the “We Love First Grade” series, featuring social and emotional

learning. If you remember a time when the cards were passed out and you didn't receive one from your favorite classmate, you will empathize with the characters of the story.

Many other Valentine books are readily available—come into the library and have a look!



Ladybugs Took the Stage in January

Ladybugs are a beautiful and helpful addition to our gardens, where they feast on aphids and other harmful garden pests. Even though January is not a ladybug-friendly month, [Barbara MacArthur](#) featured the little creatures as her Kraft Kit subject.

The many children's books starring the ladybug include those in the picture. One series, by Julia Donaldson, begins with What the Ladybug Heard. This story about Ladybug overhearing a plan by Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len to steal the farmer's prize cow may qualify as a child's first mystery story. It was the winner of the 2011 Bank Street “Best Children's Book of the Year” and it was followed by What the Ladybug Heard Next and What the Ladybug Heard at the Zoo. Other Ladybug books are also popular, so Barbara designed a three dimensional ladybug to remind children that spring is on the way, and that insects are ecologically indispensable. Of course, those January Kraft Kits have long since flitted away just like their real counterparts!

Help Wanted: Another Two Hands For Krafts-4-Kids

We need a friend of the library to help with the Friendly Krafts 4 Kids. This committee is currently designing and packaging the Kraft Kits that are available to our pre-school and kindergarten-age patrons once a month in the lobby of the library.

1) What would I have to do?

Design a project kit for 35 to 40 children once every four months. Send description and photos of your kit to the newsletter editor and the social media chair.

2) How much time would this take?

On average, most project kits take three to four hours to assemble and package. Therefore, your time commitment for a year is ONLY 10 or 12 hours.



3) How much would I have to spend?

Nothing, our committee is funded by the FOL. Receipts for supplies can be submitted for reimbursement or you can donate your personal funds to the cause. On average, the cost per month for the 35-40 kits is less than \$10 for supplies.

4) But I'm not a crafty person, how can I do this?

Many ideas for literacy based Kraft projects are on the internet. Pinterest is an excellent source of ideas.

5) How do I volunteer?

Contact Sue Green at sgreen5909@aol.com.

To date this committee has completed over 1200 project kits for the children of the library. Please consider donating your time.

Just a few examples of the over 1200 kits we have made since the project's inception!

February at Your Library

- ◇ Gentle Flow Yoga at 11 a.m. February 2nd & 9th;
- ◇ **Take Your Child to the Library Day**, all day on Saturday, February 3rd;
- ◇ Perler Bead Club at 4 p.m. February 9th;
- ◇ Mystery Mavens Book Club at 6:30 p.m. February 13th
- ◇ PAWS to Read with a certified therapy dog, February 24th (call for appointment);
- ◇ Dungeons and Dragons Club at 1 p.m. February 3rd.

There's plenty more going on within the Catawba Co. Library System! Click here for more information:

<https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/>

The Little Free Library Project Now Numbers Two!

Our two Little Free Libraries are up and running! The first one has been open at Mountain Creek Park for almost a year and the second one opened at Murray's Mill in December, both with books for adults and children. Our goal is to encourage and promote literacy in our community by making books available to more people outside the main libraries.

The boxes were built and donated by the **wonderful Rehobeth UMC Men** and painted by an awesome local student **artist, Nayelis Castillo**. Please come and visit the Little Free Library Boxes and enjoy the books; please return or replace them so others can enjoy them as well. We are also happy to accept book donations from the community. We thank the **Smyrna Church** on Sherrills Ford Road for **donating 15 boxes of children's and adult books**, enabling us to restock the libraries as needed for a good while!

Thank you all for the support which enabled us to complete this Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library project.

The Little Free Library Committee of Jeanne Lebens, Ann McGibben, Christine Rupolo and Sheryl Schuhose



**Professor Richard Eller Discusses Catawba County's Role in Prohibition:
A Local Aspect of "The Roaring Twenties"
March 26, 6:30 meet-&-greet**

Catawba County Museum of History's Historian in Residence and Catawba Valley Community College history professor Richard Eller will speak about his latest book in progress, on the era of prohibition, focusing particularly 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, March 26th 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 a grandfather of four (his "best accomplishments"): Ian, Piper, Eli, and Charlie.

Our Library System Receives Awards

The Catawba County Library has received four awards from the North Carolina Public Library Director Association:

- ♦ one each for the renovations at the Southwest Branch and the St. Stephens Branch;
- ♦ one for the "Tales in the Garden" bilingual story times; and
- ♦ the Ryan Dowd and Mental Health First Aid Award for staff training and solutions surrounding patrons with mental health, homelessness, and drug addiction.

Please congratulate our library staff on this recognition and on their continued commitment to providing resources and fostering literacy in our community



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:

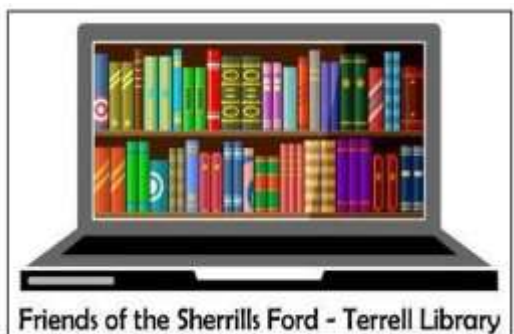
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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 Li-

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