



The Friendly News

March, 2024



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends!

At our recent business meeting, the conversation turned to our desire to see younger adults—men and women—become members of the organization. While we will have to do the legwork to cultivate new members, generational trends may be on our side.

According to recent articles in both *The Atlantic* (thank you, Jeanne!) and smaller outlets, millennials and Gen Z, a.k.a. “Zoomers,” are just as—if not slightly more—likely to be library patrons. One poll found that 54% of this cohort had visited their local library in 2022 compared with 45% of Gen X and 43% of Baby Boomers. Here are some possible reasons for that:

- Libraries are an oasis where you’re not hounded by ads or other commercial bids;
- Despite being tech natives, Zoomers and millennials still prefer books in print;
- Libraries are a preferred way to discover new books;
- Libraries offer many amenities besides books, such as work space, cultural experiences, and social opportunities;
- For the most part, libraries are free!

The takeaway for us is that we don’t need to convince younger folks of the value of libraries. But we do need to: 1) find them and 2) have conversations that shift the understanding of a library: it’s not a just place you patronize; it’s a place you help create.

By the way, our organization will be looking to fill some important roles for the next fiscal year beginning in July. If you know some young people who would like to serve as: **secretary, vice president, program committee chair, board member, or 2nd grade literacy chair**, please start having these conversations with them. Or, if you’re ready to “help create” our library as an active volunteer, please step up and represent the older generations.

Together, we can continue to support our library and the vitality of libraries everywhere.

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2023-2024

March 26th:	Local author/historian Richard Eller with members-only meet & greet
April 10th	Legislative Day for the District , at Newton Library, 10:00-2:00
April 16th	Business meeting at 6:30 in the Community Room
May 11th:	The King Bees : Outdoor concert and family fun day under a tent on the library lawn

***Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library
Presents Local History Author:***



Richard Eller
***Prohibition in Catawba
County and Western
North Carolina***

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024
7-9 PM**

**Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library
Community Room
9154 Sherrills Ford Rd
Terrell, NC 28682**



**Moonshine still being destroyed
in Davie County, 1912
*From Davie County Public
Library***

***This program is free and open to
the public, held in partnership with
the Catawba County Library
System.***

***FOSFTL is a non-profit
organization dedicated to literacy
and life-long opportunities for our
community.***

**Current 2023-2024 FOSFTL organization members are invited to a
meet and greet with the author at 6:30**

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.

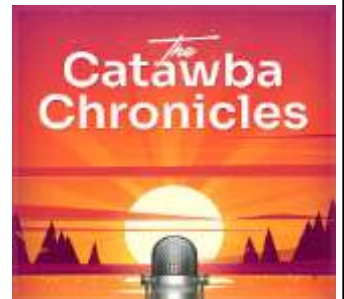
His recent works include Hickory Then & Now, Hickory: A Complete History, and a documentary film and book about the 1964 Ridgeview High School Panthers football team entitled Untouchable: The Perfect Season of the 1964 Ridgeview High Panthers. With his wife, Claudia Ward, he has just completed a book 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.



Shelley Orr, Library Services Manager, Featured on

"The Catawba Chronicles" with Oliver Connor

Entitled "Shelley Orr: Cultivating Connections and Growth at Catawba County Libraries," the February program highlighted the continuing contributions of Shelley and our other dedicated staff members.



"In the heart of Catawba County lies a library network that has transformed from traditional book-lending facilities to vibrant community hubs under the stewardship of Shelley Orr, the library services manager. Orr's journey from an anthropological and library science background to her current role is a story of passion and dedication. It's a tale of how libraries can grow into places where education, culture, and community intertwine to create a dynamic environment for learning and connection.

"One of the most captivating elements of Catawba County's libraries is the community garden initiative, particularly at the Newton Library. This garden project is not just about cultivating plants; it's about nurturing connections. With a mix of local volunteers, including the Girl Scouts and the Good Earth Club, the garden donates its yield to local charities. It is a testament to Orr's innovative approach to community engagement, where everyone can contribute and belong regardless of their gardening expertise." To access the entire program, go to:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/54im7Cpxt29CGKg2sg1RDI?si=hfd7jceLSpgAO5tDupO9ag>



These mugs might give you a brand-new perspective with your morning coffee!



Art Work from Bandys High School: Talent + Imagination

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library sponsored another Scholastic Art Show at the SFT Library. Bandys High School students displayed their art work during February.

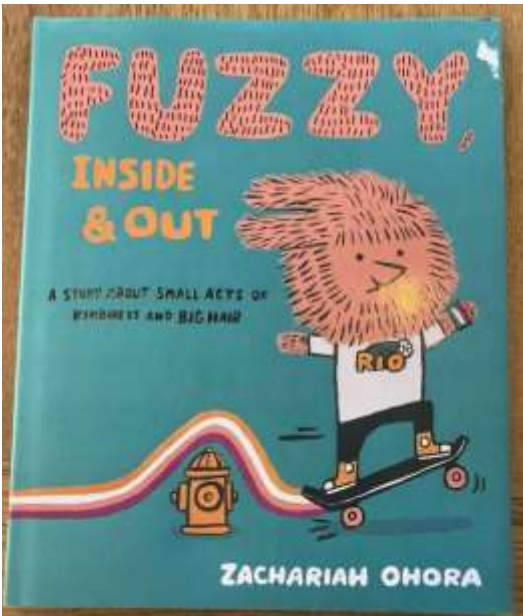


This year, in addition to the artwork from grades 9 through 12, the teachers added 3-D work (pottery/clay) from some of the advanced students in grades 10, 11, and 12. Area students are fortunate to have two exceptional Art teachers at Bandys: **Marcie Foster & Amy Hammer-Scronce**.

Thank you to Friends member **Evelyn Campbell**, our art show committee chair, to member **Pat Elston**, and to the Catawba County Library System **staff at the SFT Branch** for the display.







Fuzzy Inside & Out – A Story About Small Acts of Kindness and BIG HAIR

was the book the First Grade Literacy volunteers read to 225 students in fifteen elementary classrooms (Sherrills Ford, Catawba and Ball's Creek) during February. It was a hit as big as Fuzzy's hair!! Fuzzy gets help from his friends Elise, Norm the hippo, and Little Fuzzy (his caterpillar friend) when he finds himself stuck in a bin of feather dusters.

After the book was read, the students created their own Fuzzy picture and named an act of kindness they would do in the future. They had a great time.

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

Our enthusiastic team of reading volunteers welcomes newcomer **Catherine “Cat” Webb**. Cat's son Walker is a first grader at SFES and her daughter is four years old. Cat brings a lot of reading experience to our team! If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact our coordinators:

Emily Huling at sellstrat@aol.com or
Charlene Callahan at charcallct@gmail.com

Cat Webb holds up Fuzzy, and some of the children display their “plate people.”



Local Elementary School Librarians Tour Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch

Librarian **Melissa Housel** gave an informative personalized tour of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library's services to two school librarians/media specialists on Friday, February 23rd.

Lara Vanderpool from Sherrills Ford Elementary School and **Kelsey Broome** from Catawba Elementary School were joined by **Emily Huling**, who is part of the FOL First Grade Literacy team, to learn how our public library services and information can complement their school curriculum and increase accessibility to materials.

Conversation flowed among the three librarians as to the challenges and opportunities in getting students familiar with the library. An ongoing initiative is to provide library cards to students (with parental permission) to access resources online or in person. The effort is going very well. Kelsey arrived with a handful of requests.

Some of the other ways our library supports our schools include: pulling requested materials for easy pickup; offering extended loan periods to teachers; hosting a table or speaking at the school to promote library services; reading to groups at the school; offering display space for students' artwork or 3D projects; judging speech, spelling, and robotics competitions; and providing advance notice of library activities and programs, including the valuable Summer Learning programs.

Kelsey and Lara were thrilled to learn about all these library offerings and look forward to working with Melissa to further support their students' learning.



Emily, Kelsey, Lara and Melissa

March Friendly-Krafts-4-Kids

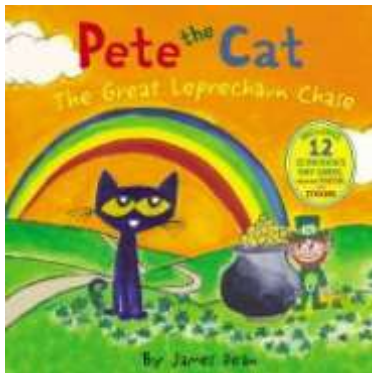
Looks for Gold at the End of the Rainbow



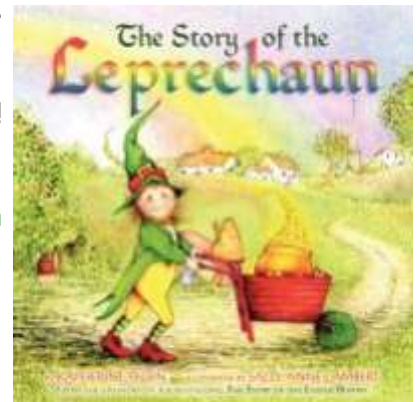
Come and find your pot of gold! Make a window display of YOUR pot-of-gold at the end of the rainbow. Sue Green, chair of the Krafts committee, has assembled the March Friendly Krafts-4-Kids project kit, which features the holiday of the month, St. Patrick's Day.

The Pot-of-gold Kit pairs perfectly with any leprechaun-themed book, such as Pete the Cat and the Great Leprechaun Chase by James Dean, or The Story of the Leprechaun by Katherine Brown Tegen. Both are available at the library with your patron card.

This Kraft is for all ages and just requires glue (or tape) and scissors. Optional glitter can be added to the pot (which makes your Kraft-gold glow in the sunlight!). The kits are available in the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library lobby and will be arriving there just in time to get March up and running!



Further good news for our Krafts Committee: Christine Rupelo and Brian Karimian have joined Sue Green and Joanne Sobolewski to dream up future kits. Thank you to all of these Friends!



Legislative Day at the Newton Library--An Invitation to All Friends to Support Our Libraries and Library Access

On Wednesday, April 10th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Newton Library will be hosting a special event entitled "Legislative Day in the District." Shelley Orr and her compatriots "extend a warm invitation to our valued Friends' members to join us for this meaningful occasion."



The event aims to bring together our state legislators, county and municipal leaders, as well as key community stakeholders and partners. It provides an opportunity for library supporters to express gratitude for their leadership and support of the community, to celebrate successful library-community collaborations, and to showcase some of the latest initiatives aimed at community building.

The Library officials would love to have Friends' members present. By participating, you will contribute to the narrative that underscores the importance of continued innovation, enabling the library to connect with the community in new and impactful ways. Our Friends' advocacy plays a key role in empowering our citizens and contributing to the growth of our communities as preferred destinations for learning, living, working, and playing.

Shelley adds, "We look forward to your participation and appreciate your continued support. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions."



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

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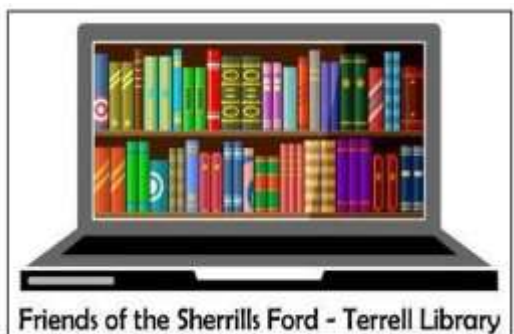
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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