



The Friendly News
April, 2024



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends

On April 16, we will have the last regular business meeting of our fiscal year. The main topic of interest will be budget requests for the upcoming year. In addition to regular committee operations budgets, there has been a lot of buzz about how to best use our accumulated funds. At our last business meeting we considered library requests for early literacy equipment as well as the Friends' longtime efforts to install an outdoor space at our branch.

The board and I are meeting prior to the April business meeting to discuss options, and we will also meet with county officials to learn details about outdoor project plans. In other words, the April meeting will be chock-full of information that you won't want to miss. We value your input on our budget, our mission, and our initiatives, so please join us at the library on April 16.

THEN, after a very businesslike April, it will be time to celebrate spring, our lovely library, and the reason we're Friends in the first place: community. Save the date for the family fun day on May 11. Our program committee and library staff have been working on it all year, so please come to enjoy outdoor live music and fun!

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2023-2024

- 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: **Family Fun Day with The King Bees**: Outdoor concert and fun for the whole family under a tent on the library lawn
- June 18th **Annual FOSFTL social** at 6:30 — Save the date!



FOSFTL Welcomed Professor Richard Eller, Previewing his Forthcoming Book, About Prohibition in Catawba County

Nothing prohibited a good turnout for historian Richard Eller’s presentation in the Community Room on March 26th! He gave a fascinating account of how Hickory grew from a frontier tavern into a city, highlighting the role that alcohol consumption played—no small part!

Thanks to the happy occurrence of Win Batten enrolling in Professor Eller’s CVCC course, we folks at the edge of the county got the chance to enjoy Mr. Eller’s enthusiasm and expertise. Accompanying him was his daughter and co-author, Suzanne Mayo, who discussed the role of Hickory’s Harper House—and its speakeasy

on the third floor. Eller’s wife, Claudia Ward, has also co-authored volumes with him and was with us on Tuesday evening.

Due to the efforts of Eller and other local authors, CVCC is one of only three community colleges in the nation that can boast of its own publishing firm, Redhawk Publications. Volumes of non-fiction, poetry and fiction are offered, many authored by “furrin” authors (not from Catawba County)!

Mr. Eller also linked the moonshine history of our county to the establishment of



Hickory Motor Speedway, a major link in the development of NASCAR. Though Wilkesboro Speedway was first, HMS bills itself “the birthplace of NASCAR.” His extensive curiosity about local history has led to the chronicling of the 1944 polio epidemic, the history of the furniture industry in western NC, Piedmont Airlines, the years of the Soapbox Derby in Hickory, and detailed histories of both Newton and Hickory. He says that everyone has a story, and preserving stories makes history. His documentation of our county will preserve the histories we treasure.

Professor Eller’s books are available online at Redhawk Publications and Amazon.



Win Batten introduced our speaker with obvious delight.



Ms. Mayo and Professor Eller
“at the head of the class.”



Suzanne Mayo shares Mr. Eller’s interests and enthusiasm.



Not a lot of books left at the end of the program!



April Friendly-Krafts-4-Kids Has Bunnies, of Course—Lots of Them!

April's friendly free take-home Krafts 4 Kids activity is now available at the foyer table.

Trixie is excited to take her special, one-of-a-kind friend, Knuffle Bunny, to school with her to show her friends. Uh-oh! There's a BIG problem. There's a mix-up involving Knuffle Bunny! Find out what happens to Knuffle Bunny by reading Mo Willems' Caldecott Award

book, [Knuffle Bunny Too](#). You can find a copy through Catawba Public Libraries.

This project is for ages 4-7 years. Supplies include a paper bag, cotton ball, facial pieces patterns (nose, ears, eyes, cheeks, and tummy), and white ears patterns. You will need a pair of scissors and a glue stick. Adult supervision may be necessary for cutting pieces.

Thank you, craft committee volunteer Kathy Bradham. Anyone interested in joining this committee is welcome to contact us.



Alex Floyd, Local Historian, Featured on "The Catawba Chronicles" with Oliver Connor

Entitled "Uncovering the Layers of Catawba County's Past (with the Power of Historical Research), with Alex Floyd," the March program highlighted the Newton Library's Rhodes Room.

A native of Raleigh turned Catawba County's devoted chronicler, Alex Floyd offers us a unique glimpse into the essence of local history through his work at the Rhodes Room. Floyd's series, [The Catawbans](#), provides a narrative bridge connecting the county's agricultural roots and industrial prowess to its current identity—a community rich in culture and heritage.

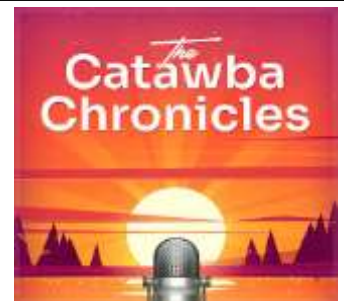
Hickory's vibrant downtown, its furniture crafting and railroad commerce laid the foundation for the success of Hickory. Floyd uncovers the indispensable role of community-based libraries and their custodians in preserving our collective history.

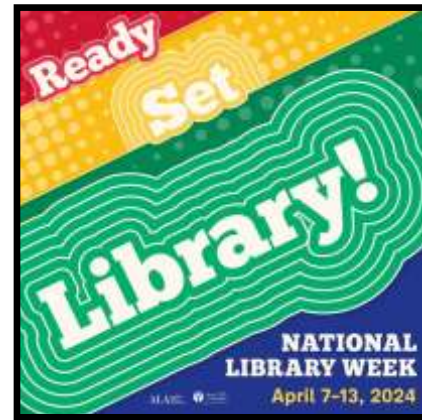
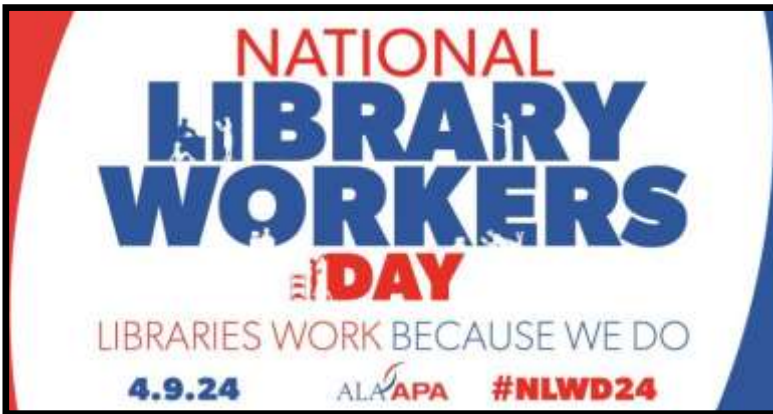
The Evelyn D. Rhodes Room has an extensive collection of maps and newspapers, carefully preserved on microfilm. From genealogy to researching local landmarks and historical events, the Room helps individuals solve family mysteries and explore local legends.

Join Floyd in this fascinating episode of "The Catawba Chronicles" where Oliver Connor celebrates the individuals who keep the flame of our collective memory burning brightly.

To access the entire program, go to: www.catawbachronicles.com

You can find this interview and many others of interest.





Please Give a Special Thanks to the SFT Staff On April 9th

We know all their faces—those smiling faces that are eager to help, happy to solve the latest problem, available on rainy, snowy, cold days—just downright ugly days. And they know how to do so many technical, electronic and digital things, like computers and projectors and eReaders and laptops and copy/fax machines and, of course, old-fashioned books. They are always patient with those of us still challenged by 21st century modernity (and some 20th century, too!) If you are in the library between April 7th and 13th, please take an extra second to thank them: **Shelley Orr, Melissa Housel, Kacy Steiger, Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak, and Carolyn Smith.**

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

Secretary —Kathy Camarco

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Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

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Jeanne Lebens

Library Staff:

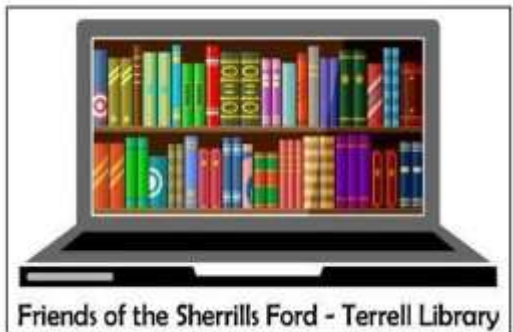
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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?	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 Li-</p>
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Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)
 Address: _____
 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