



## *The Friendly News*

*May, 2024*



### **Greetings from the President**

#### Greetings, Friends

As we round out our program year, I want to take a bit of space to say “thank you” to all of our members who have made Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library an indispensable part of our library and our community! From the Book Bonanza to the Little Free Library boxes, student art exhibits, holiday and regular programs, school literacy, crafts, publicity and our new advocacy endeavors, we are connecting people with the library, literacy, and each other. What a joy to work with such a team!

I also want to thank our volunteers who work more “behind-the-scenes.” While they may not interact directly with folks outside our membership, their work is important and appreciated. I’m talking about you, board members, officers, membership and newsletter stars. Thank you.

We look forward to another busy year, with ambitious goals and a budget to match. Please be on the lookout (in your email inbox) for a final draft of our proposed 2024-2025 budget. While discussion on the budget is now closed, we will vote on it at our Annual Social/Meeting in June, so please make plans to attend. See you soon!

Cheers, Erica

#### **FOSFTL Calendar for 2023-2024**

- May 11th: **Family Fun Day with The King Bees:** Outdoor concert, games, activities—and just plain fun—for the whole family under a tent on the library lawn
- June 18th **Annual FOSFTL Social and Supper** at 6:30 — Save the date!



# FAMILY FUN DAY

## ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES:

- Live music featuring the King Bees
- Food trucks
- Outdoor Games
- Crafts
- and much more

**MAY  
11**

**Sherrills Ford Library Branch**

**9154 Sherrills Ford Road  
Terrell, NC 28682**

**11 AM-  
4 PM**



**catawba county**  
library system



# Family Fun Day on May 11th is Coming Soon! Save the Date!

The result of months of planning by Beth DeMauro and the Program Committee, plus volunteers and the library staff, are soon to be enjoyed by everyone as the Family Fun Day commences! This you don't want to miss!

Join us for **FAMILY FUN DAY** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, **RAIN or SHINE!**

Bring your own lawn chair and revel in the music of **The King Bees**, under the big tent from 2-4 p.m.

Food by:

**Chikas Ticas**,

**Blizzies by the Lake**, and

**CC's Café.**

There will also be:

**Scavenger Hunt**

**Mother's Day Gift Crafts**

**Corn Hole**

**Face Painting and Balloon Art with Dee Estes**

**Gigantic Bubble Making**

**Croquet**

**Free Membership Contest:**

**"100 Things To Do at the Library**

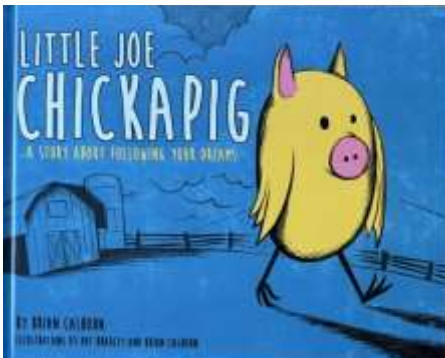
**Summer Reading Program sign-up**

**Local authors**

**and more**

**for the young and young-at-heart, ages 1 to 99.**





## First Grade Literacy Team Concludes the School Year

Emily Huling reports that “none of us involved with the First Grade Literacy program – teachers, students, and volunteers – can believe that we have read our final book of the school year!

Heartfelt thanks to Sherrills Ford Elementary School, Balls Creek Elementary, and Catawba Elementary for allowing us to share our love of reading to inspire early readers to read, learn, and be creative.

Our volunteers deserve a huge shoutout. **Beth DeMauro, Milda Trepina, George Trepina, Catherine “Cat” Webb, Erica Batten, Charlene Callahan, and Emily Huling.** Thank you for bringing your passion to every classroom and to each child. We engaged with 245 students in fifteen classrooms four times this school year!

**Little Joe Chickapig: A Story About Following Your Dreams** was our final book, read in April. The activity that accompanied the book was for the students to write their dreams on clouds and draw a picture surrounding them. A sample of the activity is projected on a screen. From shooting three pointers to being an archeologist, each student had a moment to imagine their future. It was fun to see how their writing and spelling skills have improved throughout the year. A copy of the book is donated to each classroom and each student receives a personal bookmark to remember our visit.

If you're interested in learning more about the Friends of the Library literacy programs, please contact:

Emily Huling at [sellstrat@aol.com](mailto:sellstrat@aol.com) or

Charlene Callahan at [charcallct@gmail.com](mailto:charcallct@gmail.com)



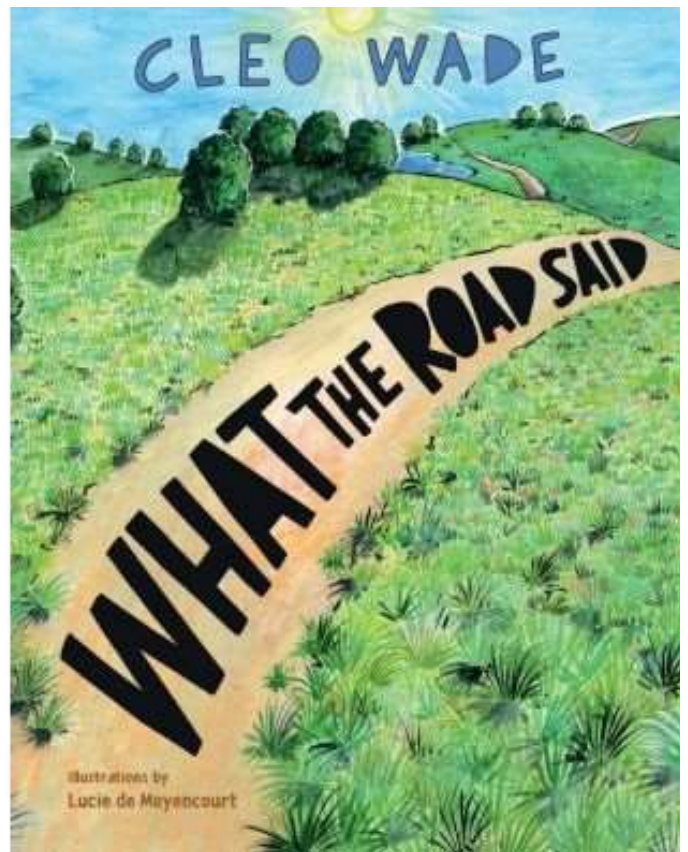
## One Last Book for the Second Graders This Year

Tammy Hallman reports that the Second Grade Literacy volunteers visited Catawba Elementary on March 4. The best-selling book, **What the Road Said**, by Cleo Wade, was shared.

This is a story which encourages kindness and curiosity. It emphasizes the need to keep trying and to never give up as we make decisions.

The volunteers read to a total of 50 students in three second grade classes at Catawba Elementary.

After the story was read and students discussed the book, a bookmark and the book were given to each classroom.







## May Flowers Have Arrived and Friendly-Krafts-4-Kids Offers a DIY Bouquet

The cute flower—with its own vase—that you see in the picture is available in the lobby “right about” now! And not only are there plenty of examples outside, there are plenty of “just-write-about” examples in the library. Pick out your book and you’ll find everything needed to make the flower, its petals and vase included in the kit. A little scissoring and gluing will get it going.

The wonderful thing about flowers, and the books about flowers, is they interest people of all ages, people of all occupations, people of all areas. Here in the country, we have our own flower beds, others’ flower gardens to look at as we drive by, and in the big cities there are flower stands and flower shops in every community. Even the state of North Carolina cultivates flowers beside the interstate highways. You just can’t get too much beauty!

Thanks to **Barbara MacArthur** for this month’s bright and cheerful idea. Anyone interested in joining this committee is welcome to contact Barbara at [stampinbarb@yahoo.com](mailto:stampinbarb@yahoo.com)



## The Newton Library Introduces “Oasis Spaces”

The telephone booth may have gone the way of the dinosaur, but the “office booth” is its direct descendant! Late last year, the Catawba County Library System finished the installation of five state-of-the-art “Oasis Spaces” at the Main Library in Newton. Thanks to a federal grant and the NC Dept. of Library Services and Cultural Resources , these specialized soundproof office spaces, complete with high-quality video conferencing technology, are available for the community to use for private and virtual meeting needs. Library Director Siobhan Loendorf “has been thrilled to hear how helpful these spaces have been for community members.”

There are two single booths, with access to laptop computers with teleconferencing capabilities, and three double booths, each equipped with a computer, camera and microphone to facilitate seamless teleconferencing.

Oasis Spaces join current meeting and study room spaces located at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell, St. Stephens, and Southwest Branch Libraries.

The library is also partnering with Kintegra Behavioral Health to promote the Oasis Spaces for use in telehealth visits.



## FOSFTL Recognizes Our Stupendous Library Staff

Library Services Manager Shelley Orr sent FOSFTL members a picture of Kacy Steiger, Library Services Specialist, holding the generous basket that the Friends donated in recognition of National Library Week's Library Workers Day.



(Ms. Dolly Parton added her two-dimensional thanks to those dedicated "Information Mavens," too!)

They help us 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 20/21st century modernity.

So a big shout-out to:

**Shelley Orr, Melissa Housel,  
Kacy Steiger, Lindsay Lewis,  
Katherine Sisak, & Carolyn Smith.**

## Little Free Library at Murray's Mill Being Frequented

Sheryl Schuhose forwarded this welcome report that she received from Christine R. Posted on Facebook was the following:

"Hiking at Murray's Mill Historic District, we found an amazing father and son picking out books from the Little Free Library across from the General Store. Fantastic variety of children's books. (And books for grown ups.) Thanks to Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library for this Little Free Library.

Love the paint job!"



It's wonderful to see the LFL being enjoyed!



## Legislative Day Hosted by the Catawba County Library System

Emily Huling and Erica Batten attended the “Legislative Day in the District,” hosted by the library system, on April 10th. Held at the main library in Newton, the event showcased the library’s programs and resources, many of which are available on rotation or loan to all members. An example is the children’s STEM toys — a lighted table with transparencies of animals and plants to explore, a wind tunnel, and a robot bee that teaches simple programming. Emily and Erica got to check out these toys for themselves. What’s more, the STEM toys will be on rotation at our branch in May, just in time for Family Fun Day. If you haven’t been to the Newton branch, go! Not only is it a beautiful facility, but it has several resources that make it a community destination. System director Siobhan Loendorf was recently awarded a state Library Services and Technology grant toward the purchase of five tiny meeting rooms (featured on Page 6). These are quiet single- and double-occupancy spaces where patrons can work, tutor, attend a Zoom meeting, have a telehealth session, or just enjoy some quiet. Each has a computer, a monitor, and a camera. Loendorf said the pods have about 40 decibel sound attenuation. “So you can hear the fire alarm go off, but you can’t really hear the buzz of people talking outside the booth.” The library also has a digital makerspace with a 3D printer, a seed library, and the indispensable history archives.

### Large-Format Printer Brings the Solar Eclipse Indoors

Erica Batten used the large-format printer (donated by FOSFTL) to make this creative display.

She attached it to a posterboard and used it as a photo prop for an eclipse viewing and listening party. Erica works for the Metrolina Association for the Blind, which hosted an Eclipse Party on April 8th at the Eastway Recreation Center in Charlotte. That poster brought the eclipse much closer to earth!







### 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:**

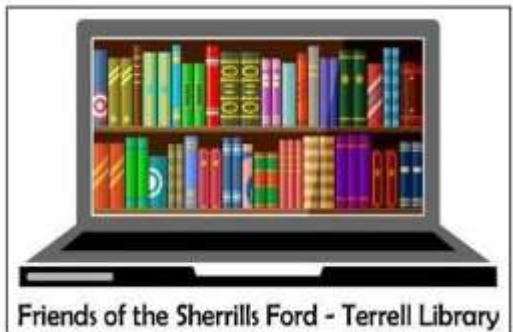
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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?	What do we do?	What do you get?
<p><b>The Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library</b> 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: <b>"The Friendly News"</b> periodic newsletters which keep you up to date on activities, events, and volunteer opportunities</p> <p><b>Priority Access</b> to unique, fun, and enriching programs</p> <p>Many opportunities to <b>Get Involved</b> (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!  <b>*Annual Membership July 1 – June 30.</b>          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 \$ _____*  <b>Checks made payable to:</b> Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library</p>
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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