



*The Friendly News*  
*June, 2024*



Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

*Greetings from the President*

**Greetings, Friends**  
We have wrapped up another successful year supporting our library and promoting literacy in our community. In this month’s edition, you can see some great examples of everything we’ve been doing.  
We will also highlight the year’s activities at our upcoming annual meeting. And, as usual, we will elect new officers and board members.  
I sincerely hope to see you there. Please bring a dish to share, and be ready to celebrate!  
**Cheers, Erica**

On July 1, 1731, Benjamin Franklin and nine friends paid forty shillings each to found The Library Company, the first lending library in the American colonies. Franklin served as director until 1734.

The first public library supported by taxes and “open to all and free of charge” was the Peterborough Town Library of Peterborough, New Hampshire. Its doors opened in 1833.

The first tax-supported free library in North Carolina was the Durham Public Library, est. 1897. As of 2023, there are 14,645,402 print books in circulation. Electronic materials usage was 19,194,319; total collection usage was 55,042,902. So in 2023, per capita usage of the public libraries’ collections was 5.14! (There are now over 500 Little Free Library boxes in North Carolina, too.)

**Famous Quotes About Libraries**

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.” Albert Einstein

“When in doubt, go to the library.” J.K. Rowling

“I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.” Laura Bush

“Libraries are full of ideas—perhaps the most dangerous and powerful of all weapons.” Sarah J. Maas

“Cutting libraries during a recession is like cutting hospitals during a plague.” Eleanor Crumblehulme

“Whatever the cost of libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

Walter Cronkite”

“Google can bring you 100,000 answers; a librarian can bring you the right one.” Neil Gaiman

**FOSFTL Calendar for 2023-2024**

June 18th **Summer Potluck and Annual Meeting** at 6:30 in the Community Room

June 3rd Don’t forget to sign up for the **Summer Learning Program!**



**MEMBERS OF FRIENDS OF  
SFT LIBRARY ARE INVITED TO**

# **SUMMER POTLUCK**

**&**

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 18, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**SHERRILLS FORD-  
TERRELL LIBRARY**

- Fried Chicken and Drinks Provided
- Please Bring a Side or Dessert



## FOSFTL First Fantastic Family Fun Day = Expectations Exceeded!

What a wonderful day we had on May 11th! The weather was made-to-order and there was a plenitude of activities and displays—indoors and outdoors—and fun for kids of all ages.

As well as entertainment, the day showcased library services that are often surprising to those who think of libraries as just “big book collections.” FOSFTL thanks everyone who helped to make the day a success!



And there are so many people in that category!



To start with, the tents from Cooke Rentals came on Friday and Beth DeMauro, Emily Huling, and Lisa Yakovenko got those tents off the ground.

Headlining the show were **The King Bees**, featuring **Rob** and **Peggy Baskerville**, whose music everyone enjoyed.

Food and drink, and ice cream in all of its variations, were available from **CC's Café**,

**Monster Ice Cream**, **Chikas Tikas**, and **Glizzies by the Lake**



**Scouts of America** set up a model campsite that showcased the joys of scouting. Thanks to **Troops 823 & 1823**, led by **Phil Batten, Scoutmaster**.



Scouts participating at the campsite were:

**Wesley Batten**,  
**Evan Pomar**,  
**Sedona Martin**  
**Connor Martin**,  
**Tyler Loyer**, and  
**Maddie Ireland**.



Local author **Jenny Poelman** was on hand with copies of her most recent publications, allowing all to see the lady behind the letters.



**Dee Estes** painted faces and demonstrated her balloon-making skills.

**Emily Huling** and **Lisa Yakovenko** handled the advocacy table, a.k.a., “100 Things to Do at the Library.”

**George Trepina, Linda Cooper** and **Samuel Golden** looked after the crafts table.

**Evelyn Campbell, Ellen Dewey, Sabine Detzel, and Beth DeMauro** signed up new FOSFTL members.



**Keri Valach** and **Allie Howard**, Bandys High School students, took care of the library/ Summer Reading Program table.

**Joanie Gardner** was the “beekeeper” for The King Bees.



FOSFTL volunteers, led by **Beth DeMauro**, have spent months planning the big day. Thank you to:

**Evelyn Campbell, Linda Cooper,**  
**Sabine Detzel, Ellen Dewey,**  
**Pat Elston, DeeDee Estes,**  
**Joanie Gardner, Samuel Golden,**  
**Emily Huling,**  
**George and Milda Trepina,**  
**Cat Webb, & Lisa Yakovenko!**



Making Mother's Day Cards



## Winners Drawn for \$50 Gift Certificates

During Family Fun day, dozens of families stopped by the library meeting room to see numerous library items on display and answer the question, “What three things can you borrow from the library besides books?” We had 41 entries. Congratulations to our winners: **Liam Reed, Diana Gomez, and Cindy Egan.**



Their entry forms listed these surprising items that the library can supply: 3D printer, Cricut maker machine, corn hole game, pickleball and croquet equipment, American Girl dolls and online newspapers.

Heartfelt thanks to our two generous sponsors who donated \$50.00 gift certificates to be awarded to three lucky winners. They are **Little Mountain Farm & Cattle Co.** and **Lakeside Farmer’s Market**, both located in Sherrills Ford. We appreciate your support!

The gift certificates were picked up by the winners at the library desk. Beth DeMauro sent handwritten thank you notes from FOSFTL to each sponsor.

**Cat Webb**, THANK YOU, for getting these sponsors for us. It’s wonderful to feel business community support, and a good start to more advocacy initiatives in our 2024-25 year!

## This Winner Doesn’t Have to Wait Until Halloween!



The magic number was 300 and **Reese Gomez** came closest to the number. In fact, Reese couldn’t have guessed any closer—his guess was 300!

Congratulations to Reese, and we hope he has a REALLY BIG SWEET-TOOTH!

These pictures are of the exhibits inside the Community Room. A big thank you to **Shelley Orr, Melissa Housel, Lindsay Lewis, Courtney Loftin, Carolyn Smith, and Jenny Gerami-Markham** for their enthusiasm and dedication in making the Family Fun Day a success.



Just a few of the many interesting and unusual items that the library loans.







Feel free to go to the library and ask for any of these wonderful items!

## Frogs Are the June Krafts-4-Kids Theme



If you live near a creek, or near the lake, you must be familiar with that deep-throated song at dusk—the bullfrogs getting warmed up for the night! (And sometimes it sounds as though they are repeatedly “cranking their engines” before they can get them started.)

**Barbara MacArthur**

chose several amphibian-themed books to pair with the happy frog in the kit. A little scissoring and gluing will bring him to life!

Our krafty FOSFTL members

always have a surprising idea! Anyone interested in joining this committee is welcome to contact Barbara at

[stampinbarb@yahoo.com](mailto:stampinbarb@yahoo.com)

### Tammy Hallman Summarizes the 2nd Grade Reading Program

“The 2nd Grade Reading Program for this school year marked another year of success, with classrooms at both Catawba Elementary and Sherrills Ford Elementary participating. Volunteers from FOSFTL enjoyed reading with the students, engaging in discussions, and listening intently to questions and comments. A love of reading is something that is so very easy to share with others. In a recent book I read, this phrase was written: ‘Turn someone into a reader and you turn the world around.’ I believe this to be part of our purpose in reading to our community’s students.

For the 2023-24 school year, volunteers read to a total of 140 students. At the completion of each reading, the students received a bookmark and the classrooms received three books for their classroom libraries. I want to thank **Cheryl Cole**, **Barbara MacArthur**, **Beth DeMauro** and **Shelley Orr** for saying, ‘Yes, I am available. When do you need me?’”





### 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:**

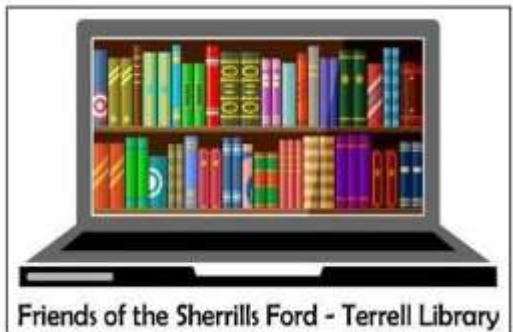
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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 Li-</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