



## *The Friendly News*

### *Summer, 2024*



### *Greetings from the President*

#### **Greetings, Friends**

I hope you have all had an adventurous and/or restful summer, whichever you needed most. As usual, the library provided a fantastic Summer Learning Program for all ages. Children who completed the program celebrated on Friday with an ice cream party, provided by the FOSFTL. Thank you to the Friends volunteers who helped with the party; read all about it inside.

We are working on programs for this year, but we are still in need of a Program Committee Chair. Being head of a committee means you don't have to do everything yourself! Many of the events are already confirmed. We just need a special volunteer to take the wheel. Could that be YOU?

Speaking of steering, our annual strategic planning meeting will be held at the library on August 20 from 5-6:30 p.m. Immediately following that meeting, the Community Relations Committee will meet until 8 p.m. Please join us.

**Cheers, Erica**

#### **FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025**

**August 20th**

**Strategic Planning Meeting** at 5-6:30 in the Community Room, followed by the **Advocacy Committee Meeting** from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

**September 16th**

**SPECIAL EVENT:** members-only **Hickory Art Museum Tour** 2:00 p.m.

**September 17th**

Business Meeting in the Community Room, 6:30 p.m.

**November 12th**

Eighth **Piano Recital** by Joyce O'Neal at 6:30 in the Community Room.

**January 21st**

**Author Event** with award-winning author **Austin Allran**, writer, attorney & elected official.

**May 10th**

2nd Annual **Family Fun Day**, a repeat of our successful 2024 event.

Date to be determined

**Catawba Land Conservancy** program paired with a **members-only tour** of a "green" home.

Date to be determined

Researcher/historian **Jennifer Marquardt**, HACC Murray's Mill Site manager and Collections Assistant will speak on Catawba County history.

Date to be determined

**Tommy Tomlinson** returns to Rehobeth.



## Mark Your Calendar for September 16th

### Our Members-only Private Tour of the Hickory of Art Museum

The Program Committee has arranged another interesting outing for 2024! Like last year, the Hickory Art Museum will open its doors at 2:00 only to us, and Friends will have a special treat. Last year there were many arrangements made for lunch and other auxiliary stops in Hickory and the day was memorable!

Along with the curated *objets d'art* on display, there will be an exhibition of an original and unique artist's works: the multi-media works of **Michael C. Thorpe**.

Thorpe is a former college-basketball-

MVP-turned-textile artist, a combination of skills and insights one isn't likely to encounter again!

In stitching and printed canvas and in playful pencil and stitched drawings, Thorpe explores the visual connections of his background.

Thorpe came to quilting as an artistic vehicle connecting him to his bi-racial background. Quilting is a skill passed on intergenerationally by the matriarchs of Thorpe's family who were part of the quilting community in New England.

Thorpe's subsequent discovery of the Gee's Bend community of African-American women quilters in Alabama offered the artist deeper personal meaning in his chosen medium and a connection to his African-American heritage.



## July Kraft Featured Ice Cream

**Christine Rupolo** is the newest member of our talented Friendly Krafts-for-Kids committee. She certainly engaged the essence of July with the books she chose!

A little scissoring and gluing made an ice cream cone that doesn't melt,—complete with flavors (no boring vanilla here!) and sprinkles.

With four members now, the Krafts committee can cover the year with just a few individual contributions. Thank you, Christine, for proving that “many hands make light work.” Anyone else interested in joining this committee is welcome to contact chair Barbara MacArthur at

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



## August Kraft Invites Kids to Create a Suncatcher

Gerald McDermott recounts the Acoma Pueblo legend of a boy's journey to the sun. “The Boy” of the story is ridiculed by the other boys because he can not identify his father.

According to the legend, the Lord of the Sun shot down the spark of life into the Pueblo, where it reached a young woman and caused her to give birth to an unnamed son, “the Boy.” Upon reaching adolescence, the Boy leaves the Pueblo and asks assistance from a farmer, a sculptress, and finally, an arrowsmith.

The arrowsmith transforms the Boy into an arrow and launches him to the Sun. His father is indeed the Lord of the Sun, and after completing four trials (kivas), the Boy returns to earth with newfound powers.

The Kraft Kit includes all the necessary items to make a Native American suncatcher, with a little glue and perhaps some supervision.

Thanks to **Kathy Bradham** for this month's fine idea—one which acknowledges the links between all cultures.





## Our Annual Social Climaxed the 2023-2024 Season

As you can see from the following pictures, Publix chicken, along with sides and desserts contributed by members, sparked a lively and convivial evening on June 18th.

Thanks are due to the library staff for setting up and preparing the tables for our feast. Several Friends pitched in and performed a speedy clean up after the party was over.

Lisa Yakovenko ordered the chicken and supplied the drinks; Sabine Detzel picked up the chicken in its tempting boxes. What a glorious aroma that fried chicken gives off!

After all had eaten their fill, a short business meeting was held. President Erica Batten thanked the out-going Board Directors and the incoming directors were elected by unanimous vote.

The 2024-25 FOSFTL officers were also approved unanimously, as was the budget. The new directors and officers are listed on the next page of the newsletter.

The 100% approval record reflects well on our members who participated in the planning and nominating process.

One budget item is of particular importance: a major expenditure of FOSFTL funds for the children's area of the library. See Page 4 for details.

### Just a Few Quick Snapshots—Dinner Tasted As Good As It Looks!





### **A Short Report of the Business Meeting**

President Erica Batten screened a presentation summarizing the programs and services the FOSFTL have provided during the 2023-24 year.

**Shelly Orr**, Library Services Manager, told of the success of the Family Fun Day in May which brought 350 people to the library!

FOSFTL's new officers were elected by unanimous vote. They are: **Erica Batten**, President; **Charlene Callahan**, Secretary; and **Joe Lebens**, Treasurer.

New Board of Directors members (also elected by unanimous vote) were: **Sheryl Schuhose**, **Lynne Nelson**, and **Erica Batten** (serving as a tie-breaker).





## A Major Expenditure of FOSFTL Funds Approved



For many years, it has been hoped that a modification of the outside space could be made by the FOSFTL for the library. Much research has been performed and many roadblocks were encountered. However, after a review this past year, it has been determined that hardscape proposals for the library are not feasible. Past fundraising for this project has left funds available for use.

SFT Library has requested the purchase of Kodo Kids Sand & Water Comprehensive kits, Kodo Kids Light Laboratory, Main Street Kiosk, and additional funds for future requests and teen/adult equipment/resources. After review of the proposed budget at the June 18th meeting, the contribution of these requested funds to the SFT Library was approved by unanimous vote.

## Another Super-Successful Summer Learning Program

This year's theme was **"Adventure Begins at Your Library"** and adventure there was! Programs at SFT included Dana Hill's Magic, the Perler Bead Club, STEAM presentations on Solar Science and Stranded at Sea, Simple Survival Skills (Catawba Co. Parks), Shrinky Dinks crafts, the Greenbean Players presenting "Alice in Wonderland," Animal Adventures with the Schiele Museum, the Soap Bubble Circus, and a Star Lab. A STEAM program, Little Adventures, was given for Pre-K ages and there were special events for teens and adults as well.



Shelley Orr, Library Services Manager, reported that 105 adults, 50 teens and 191 kids signed up this year, and they logged more than 20,000 minutes of reading! Our library and FOSFTL are actively combatting the "summer slump," and are making a difference. FOSFTL contributed \$2104 toward the program expenses and provided the Ice Cream Party for all the kids that logged their reading times and achieved their reading goal. Support for next year's programs is included in the 2024-2025 budget.

# Not an Unhappy Face to Be Seen at the Ice Cream Party

On August 2nd, the FOSFTL provided a reward for reading — chocolate, vanilla or strawberry — with all the sprinkles and toppings desired. And as you would expect, **there weren't anything but smiles all around.**

Thanks to our volunteers, the scooping and sprinkling went without a hitch, and each child was offered the opportunity to enter the drawing for the gift baskets loaded with books and treats.

[Charlene Callahan](#) organized the food and prepared the gift baskets. Serving up the good-as-it-gets ice cream were [Pat Elston](#), [Corie Pearson](#), [Evelyn Campbell](#), [Beth DeMauro](#) and [Jordan Allred](#). [Dick Steffens](#) and [Trish Flanagan](#) signed up entries for the basket drawings.

[Melissa Housel](#) supervised the Shrinky Dink Craft table and, as always, we greatly appreciate all the contributions the library staff make to our community.



Volunteer Jordan Allred, age 11, and his Mom



READY



SET



GO





Shrinky Dinks on Demand



Drawing and Sticking



Coloring and Tasting



Baskets & Kids, Both Beautiful





You're never too young or too old for fun – or for ice cream!

Congratulations to all the youngsters who met their goals.

All readers are winners, and lifetime winners at that!

### **Poll Workers Needed for Upcoming Election**

The Catawba County Board of Elections is looking for individuals to be poll workers in the upcoming election especially in the Sherrills Ford Area. Workers are needed for Early Voting (October 17-November 2) and Election Day (November 5). This is a paid position.

There are staggered schedules for Early Voting. On Election Day you must be available to work 13-14 hours without leaving the precinct and for several hours the day before the election. There will be a 2-to-3-hour training session prior to the beginning of voting that you must attend.

Some of the requirements are you should be able to read and write accurately, follow directions, work at a fast pace and lift up to 25 lbs and be proficient in using a computer (using a mouse, data lookup, printing, etc.)

If you are interested in more information, complete an application using the link below or email: [elections@CatawbaCountyNC.gov](mailto:elections@CatawbaCountyNC.gov) Submitted by **Linda Greenwell**

[Election Worker Application](#)





### 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 — Charlene Callahan

Treasurer — Joe Lebens

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — Beth DeMauro

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

#### Board of Directors:

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Sheryl Schuhose

Lynne Nelson

Erica Batten

#### Library Staff:

Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

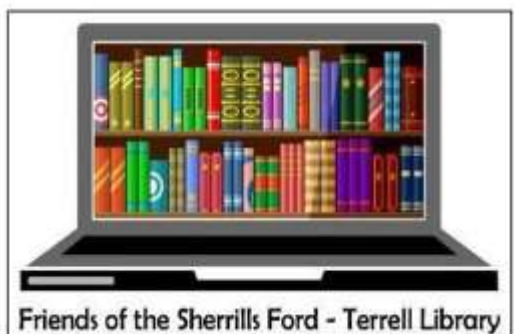
Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak

**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

\*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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **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