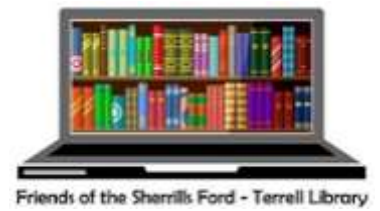




The Friendly News

September, 2024



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends

I am looking forward to a busy and rewarding year serving our library and its goals along with our own. We discussed those at length at our August strategic planning meeting. You should have received a copy of the minutes from that meeting in your email.

An ongoing goal is to engage young people. Depending on your definition of “young,” that could mean anything from infants to early retirees. We are involved in several initiatives that reach school-aged young people, so I thought it would be fun to include some Gen Z slang.

Rizz: charisma; used in the context of flirting.. *Joey has mad rizz.*

The ick: a feeling evoked by off-putting words or actions. *That girl gave me the ick.*

Ate: did well. *Joyce totally ate on the Chopin piece.*

Left no crumbs: continuation of “ate” used for emphasis; a description of a good performance. *Joyce ate and left no crumbs.*

Bussin’: good, especially pertaining to food. *That pizza is straight bussin.’*

Mid: average; unremarkable. *This place is just mid.*

Lock in: focus. *You’re in high school now. Time to lock in.* (excerpted from *Business Insider*)

As a parent of three teens, I can attest that these phrases are valid. Use at your own risk.

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025

September 11th	Newton Library hosts Illustrated History of Chess , with examples from the collection of Joyce O’Neal 6:00 p.m. Joyce hopes to eat well, whatever...
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.



Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

Members-only Invitation

Private Tour of the Hickory Museum of Art from 2-4pm

FEATURING

***Exhibits by Michael C. Thorpe
& Nellie Ashford***

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Join us for lunch beforehand at Gepetto's in Hickory at 12pm.

Please RSVP to Charlene Callahan at charcallct@gmail.com

Members may invite one guest.

Remember to renew your annual membership before Sept 16th.

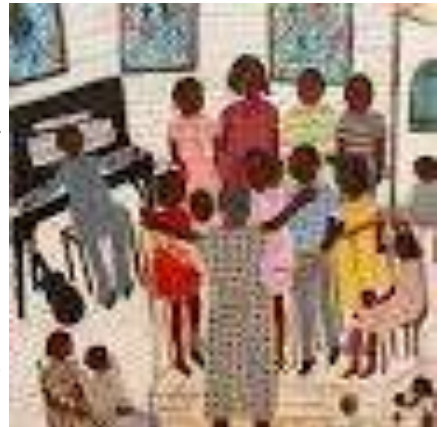
Or you may bring your renewal forms with you on the 16th.

Nellie Ashford: Honoring Women & Children.

Meet Nellie Ashford, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, is a folk artist whose work expresses cultural identity, shared community values and aesthetics. Inspired by the life that surrounds her and memories of her past, Ashford's work tells rich stories of her experiences, ranging from her memories of growing up in the South during the Jim Crow era to depictions of contemporary events. Combining painting and collage, she often celebrates the unsung members of her community: children and teachers, artists, parents, musicians, and religious figures. Although she has enjoyed making art throughout her life,



Nellie Ashford really hit her stride in her 50's. Since then, she has received accolades for exhibitions of her work at the Levine Museum of The New South, the Harvey B. Gantt center for African American Arts and Culture, and The Mint Museum.



Ashford was also awarded a major commission for the new terminal at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.



On Saturday, November 2 from 3 - 5 PM Hickory Museum of Art will hold a Meet the Artist Reception presented in conjunction with this exhibit.



September Krafts-4-Kids

This month's Friendly Kraft whooshes in on noiseless wings just in time for the beginning of fall. Owls, often heard but seldom seen.

From facts to fiction, and on to a 3D image with staring eyes. The latest installment of the "Strange and Wonderful" series is Laurence Pringle's OWLS! This book is an easy-to-read and comprehensive introduction to the different species of owls, many of which are here in Catawba County.

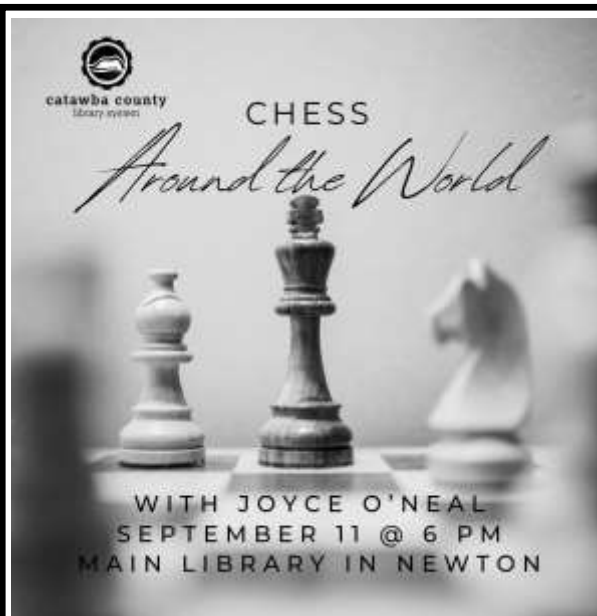
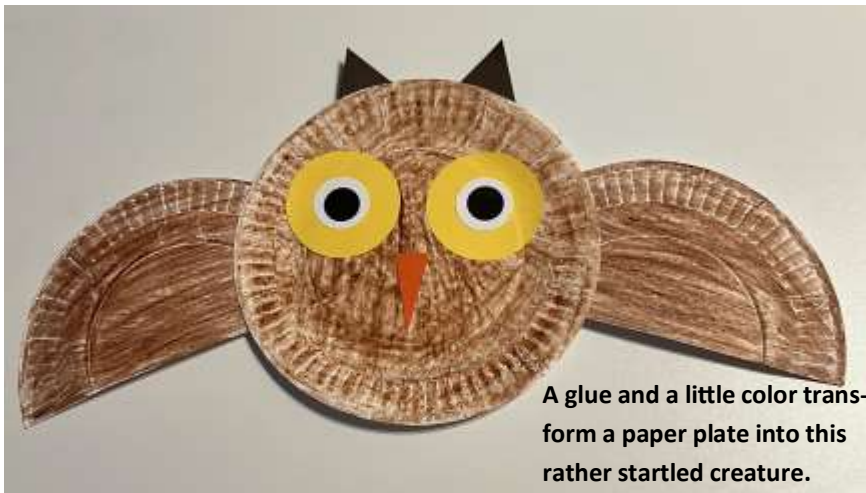
In Good Night Owl, by Greg Pizzoli, Owl tries his best to wrap



up his night and settle in for a long sleep—after moving past a few bumps in the road—in this Geisel Honor-winning, giggle-worthy bedtime story. Will Owl ever get a good night's sleep? He's ready for bed, but as soon as he settles in, he hears something that keeps all children's eyes wide open: a strange noise in the night.

To join the Krafts-4-Kids committee, contact Barbara at

stampinbarb@yahoo.com



Tour the World and Journey Through Time:

1,400+ Years of the World's Most Popular Game

Come to this 6:00 p.m. program and handle pieces of history—from India to Indonesia, from Egypt to Ecuador, from China to Chile to the Czech Republic, from Morocco to Mexico to Mongolia, from Africa to America, from Britain to Bali to the Basque region, from Germany to Japan, from the Isle of Lewis to the isle of Manhattan—while we explore the enormous variety of forms within the game.

Since the invention of chess in India, c.600 A.D., the game and its 32 pieces have changed to adapt to different materials, different cultural expectations, and subtle rule changes. Examples from the world's variety of chess sets will be on display, bringing to life the history of chess.

****Themed sets, folk-lore sets, artisan sets, decorative sets, folk-art sets, souvenir sets, travel sets, mass-produced or one-of-a-kind****

****Sets made of ivory, bone, porcelain, stone, wood, glass, leather, steel, bronze, brass, iron, lead, clay, plastic—and even paper!****

From functional and sturdy—to funky and quirky—vote for your favorite!!

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 Submitted by **Linda Greenwell**

[Election Worker Application](#)



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.



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 — We're looking!!

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

Board of Directors:

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Sheryl Schuhose

Lynne Nelson

Erica Batten

Library Staff:

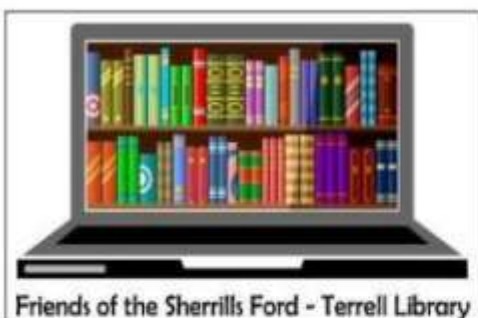
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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



2024 - 2025 Membership Form July 1 – June 30

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  @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 and Catawba 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!
***Please consider submitting your donation for possible Gift Matching, if your Company offers the opportunity.**
****Annual Membership July 1 – June 30.**

- ☐ \$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: _____

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

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 renewal/new members through advertising and staffing event tables with information
- ☐ **Program Committee** partners with the library to generate and implement programs
- ☐ **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** will coordinate the dates for display with each school and the library calendar. The artwork will need to be collected from the school, library display set up and return the artwork to each school at the end.
- ☐ **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