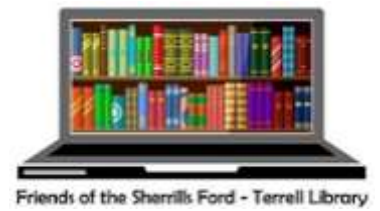




The Friendly News

October, 2024



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends

Our year has gotten off to a promising start. As you will read in the pages below, we were treated to a special members-only tour of the Hickory Museum of Art and its current exhibits. The very next day we held our first business meeting of the year, where we received updates from the library and our committee chairs. One fact that Shelley shared is too good not to pass along: the library circulated more than 500,000 items last year! Isn't that incredible? Of course, our efforts as supporters and promoters of the library have played no small part in that circulation. To wit, please read below about the advocacy committee and its work spreading the word about the library.

Speaking of growth, the membership approved the funding of an exciting new landscaping makeover for the library. We heard from Donna Smith of the Lake Norman Garden Club during our August strategic planning meeting, and I met with her after our September business meeting (when the funding was approved) to discuss details.

The club plans to improve the landscaping around the library entrance and the electronic sign. The library system and county have approved the project, and work should be starting soon. We need a little help selecting outside furniture, though: see page 2.

As always, our success depends on the efforts of our members. There are still positions and opportunities available: see page 3. With the events already calendared (and more that are sure to be confirmed), it looks like the best is yet to come! Thanks to all who join us in support of a library system open to all.

Cheers, Erica

October 1st Job Fair at the SFT Library

October 14th Community Room reserved for early voting

FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025

November 12th	Eighth Piano Recital by Joyce O'Neal at 6:30 in the Community Room.
December 10th	Annual Holiday Event with Santa at the Library. 5:00-8:00 p.m.
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	Celebrated author Tommy Tomlinson returns to Rehobeth Church.

October Friendly Krafts-4-Kids



It's only a **LITTLE** scary! This paper jack-o-lantern kicks off the month that culminates in bags of goodies and lots of costuming originality.

And there are a host of books in the library to match October's magical theme.

Christine Rupolo has prepared a whole pumpkin-patch-full of the October Krafts and they will be available in the lobby as usual.

A little glue and scissoring will assemble YOUR first holiday decoration!

To join the Friendly Krafts-4-Kids committee, contact Barbara MacArthur at stampinbarb@yahoo.com

Santa Returns to Sherrills Ford Terrell Library

Sabine Detzel reports that the annual Holiday Program is already in its final planning stages. On December 10th, from 5-8 pm, the library will be filled with the joyous sounds of fun—games, crafts, books, music, hot chocolate, and of course, a visit with Santa.



Volunteers are needed! And we even have the cutest Elf Costumes to slip on!

YOUR two hands and welcoming attitude are all that are needed to complete the Holiday Event! The activities will be located throughout the library, so in addition to Elves at the activity stations, we need Elves to guide our guests through the library. If you can help, please contact Sabine Detzel at detzel2011@gmail.com.

The Lake Norman Garden Club Landscaping Project

The club is partnering with FOSFTL to decorate the library entrance and the electronic sign with attractive plants. We need a volunteer shopper or two to pick out two large planters and two benches. These will adorn the area outside the main entrance.

Any volunteer shoppers? Contact Erica if you will shop for the Project!

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

HELP WANTED

We need FOL members to fill important roles
in our organization:

Program Committee Chair

Program Committee Members

2nd Grade Literacy Program Readers

Family Holiday Event Helpers

Interested? Email Erica Batten at
ebattenobserver@gmail.com or call
828-334-7801



The Hickory Museum of Art Exceeds Expectations!
(A Hidden Gem!)
 From **Charlene Callahan**



On September 16th, Friends of the Sherrill Ford-Terrell Library enjoyed an afternoon full of fellowship, culture and history. Nine of us met for lunch at Gepetto's in Hickory and enjoyed catching up with each other. Afterwards we headed over to the HMA for a private tour, led by **Associate Director Clarissa Starnes**, who opened our eyes, hearts and minds.

We visited permanent displays as well as the three main exhibits, which included **NO EXPECTATIONS**, by artist Michael C Thorpe, **WOMEN and CHILDREN**, by artist Nellie Ashford and a photography exhibit, **EXPOSING FORM**, by Harold "Doc" Edgerton. Clarissa brought each exhibit to life as she told us about the artist, their technique and shared anecdotal stories about their art. These exhibits will be on display until mid-November 2024. Please go to <https://www.hickoryart.org/> to find out more!



Through **Michael C Thorpe's** work with textiles, we appreciated his resilience and NO EXPECTATIONS approach to life. The exhibition explored the interconnectedness of Thorpe's passions — the creative process and basketball. Thorpe's multi-media works combine painting, drawing, and stichery—all talents that connect him to his family and to his past.

We travelled through time with **Nellie Ashford's** collage-style paintings as she captures memories of growing up in the Charlotte area. Her work expresses cultural identity, shared community values and aesthetics.

Combining painting and collage, she often celebrates the unsung members of her community: children and teachers, artists, parents, musicians, and religious figures. A Meet the Artists Reception will be held at the HMA on Saturday, November 2, from 3-5 PM.



Harold "Doc" Edgerton (1903-1990), artist and engineer, was a pioneer in the field of high-speed photography. This exhibition of photographs from the museum's collection highlights the captured movements of sports activities such as golf, tennis, diving, acrobatics, jumping rope, running, and more. Also known as "Papa Flash," Edgerton invented the strobe light in the 1930's while on the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



Thanks to **Charlene Callahan** for organizing a lovely experience for FOSFTL and to the staff of HMA for our private tour!



Advocacy/Community Outreach Program Makes Its First “Housecall”

From **Emily Huling**, Committee Chair

The houses begin built all around Sherrills Ford and Terrell will soon shelter a population entirely new to our area. Many of the homes are already sold, and home buyers are being tempted by prospects on Sherrills Ford Road, on Molly’s Backbone Road, all around Terrell and continuing down Slanting Bridge Road. New housing developments adjoining the library and nearby are already seeing incoming residents.



The Advocacy Committee sees this growing population as an invitation to US, the FOSFTL, to make ourselves known, and to advertise the resources available at our library. The first Home Agents contacted were very much interested in letting their prospective buyers know how close the library was, and they recognized how much its resources would enhance our area’s attractiveness.

A Grand Opening was recently held at the Laurelbrook development on Molly’s Backbone Road, directly opposite the new SFT fire stationhouse. Committee member **Joyce O’Neal** set up a table with the FOSFTL banner prominently displayed and greeted attendees from 11:00 to 2:00 PM. Informational materials supplied by **Shelley Orr** were handed out and several parents stated that they were already bringing their little ones to Storytimes at the library.

More agents will be contacted in the future, and a pamphlet is planned to condense the library’s and the FOSFTL’s information.

A Pyramid of Pieces with Plenty of Personality

Kay

Bach

Liszt

Chopin

Dello Joio

Tchaikovsky

Rachmaninoff

Joyce O’Neal returns to the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library on November 14th to present her eighth solo piano recital for the community. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Joyce will present a wide variety of musical subjects and styles, from a worshipful chorale prelude by Bach to the romantic genius of Tchaikovsky. Explorations of melody (called “inventions”) will compare J.S. Bach (1720) to Ulysses S. Kay (1946). A Chopin nocturne will precede a set of wild variations by Norman Dello Joio. Franz Liszt’s lovely musical description of Switzerland should relax you and then Sergei Rachmaninoff will round off the program with characteristic dramatic flair.

The public is invited and there is no charge;
no registration required.

Sponsored by the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library.



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:

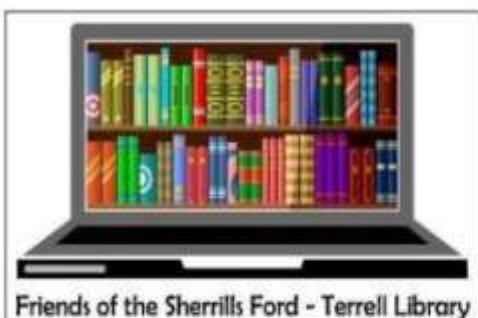
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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