



The Friendly News

March, 2025



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends!

If you missed the February business meeting, be sure to ask a member about the excitement that was generated as we introduced ourselves! It was a celebration of all the hard work that makes this organization run and supports our library, starting with an outburst of applause for **Susan Hunsucker**, whose “labor of love,” as she terms it—that is, the carefully curated Book Bonanza—which also happens to be our best fundraiser. After that, everyone—including our guests from the Lake Norman Garden Club, who provided an update on their progress beautifying the library grounds—received a burst of appreciation in the form of applause. If you weren’t there, please accept my virtual applause for what you do.

We have an exciting spring in the works. Not only will the landscaping project be completed, we will be able to showcase it at our **Family Fun Day**, which has been moved to May 31. We’ll have an updated version of the 100 Things to Check Out From the Library (Besides Books) exhibit, courtesy of the advocacy committee. We’ll also have a membership table, and we are planning to hire a **kids’ DJ** to add a layer of fun outdoors.

Before that, we will host Murray’s Mill Site Manager **Jennifer Marquardt** for a program on local history along with local celebrity **Tommy Tomlinson**. Check out the calendar below for details. Happy spring!

Cheers, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025

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| March 18th | Jennifer Marquardt of the Catawba County Historical Museum will speak on “Churches, Cemeteries and Camp Meetings.” Community Room: 7:00 p.m. |
| April 15th | Business meeting, Community Room: 6:30 p.m. |
| April 29th | Tommy Tomlinson returns to introduce his new book, <u>Dogland</u> .
Rehobeth Family Life Center, 7:00 p.m. |
| May 31st | 2nd Annual Family Fun Day & Summer Learning Kickoff , a repeat of our successful 2024 event coinciding with the SFT Library’s “Color Our World” kickoff. 11 a.m.—2 p.m. |

Date t/b determined **Catawba Land Conservancy** program paired with a **members-only tour** of a “green” home.



Thanks to the FOLFST, the Main Street Kiosk & Light Lab Is Open for Busy-ness!

The celebration started at 11 a.m. and what a celebration it was! Delighted kids and pleased parents everywhere, fruit and cookies, smiles and LOTS of dive-right-in play.

These photos convey only a fraction of the excitement generated by the Main Street Kiosk along with its accompanying “side streets,” the water table, the sand table, and the Light Lab.

Here are just a few photos of that memorable morning:



FOSFTL President Erica Batten holds the giant scissors ready to cut, alongside (L to R), Catawba County Library Director Siobhan Loendorf, FOSFTL Vice-President Lisa Yakovenko, member Emily Huling, member Linda Greenwell, member Joyce O’Neal, and Catawba Co. Library Asst. Director Jenny Gerami-Markham.





Ready, Set, Play! No instruction needed.





Jennifer Marquardt Will Speak on Catawba County History: “Churches, Cemeteries, and Camp Meetings”

The FOSFTL's March program features Jennifer Marquardt, from the Historical Association of Catawba County. She has worked with the association since 2008 and now serves as the Site Manager of Murray's Mill and Collections Assistant.



Jennifer will focus on Balls Creek Campground, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and has been the site of annual Methodist camp meetings since 1853.



Mark your calendar to join us at 7:00 p.m. on March 18th in the Community Room!

Old St. Paul's Lutheran, dating to 1818, is also on the National Register. On the outskirts of Newton, its 613 acres encompass a cemetery centuries old.



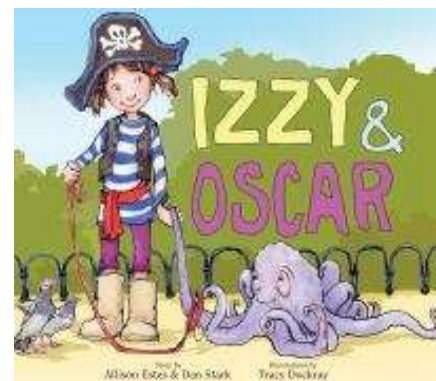
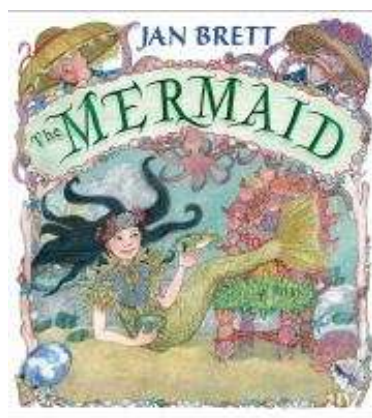
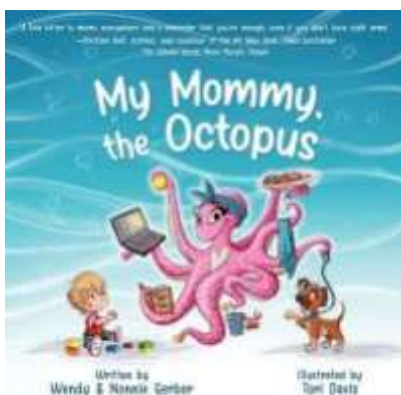
March's Friendly-Krafts-4-Kids Kan Shake Hands with Itself—Several Times!

Sue Green has linked this kreative kreature kraft with three delightful books—all available in the Catawba County library system:

- 1) My Mommy the Octopus, by Wendy Gerber;
- 2) The Mermaid, by Jan Brett;
- 3) Izzy & Oscar, by Allison Estes.

Colored pencils or markers and a glue stick will have him (or her?) How do they tell?) in your little one's hands in no time.

Just don't put him/her in the pool...



First-Grade Literacy Team Visits Fifteen Classes at Two Schools

Papillon The Very Fluffy Kitty, by A.N. Kang, was a delightful way to help the **250+** students in **15 classrooms** in Sherrills Ford, Catawba, and Balls Creek elementary schools celebrate Valentine's Day week AND the 100th day of the school year!

The children were excited to learn that *papillon* is a French word that means *butterfly*.

Papillon, the kitty, is so light he floats. Miss Tilly tries everything to help Papillon stay grounded. Finally, it's a birdhouse hat that his feathered friend, a red bird, can live in and keep Papillon safe and secure.

Each student decorated a foam visor with stickers to be reminded of Papillon's story of friendship and helping each other. FOSFTL supplies craft materials.

A copy of the book is donated to each classroom. Each student receives a letter for adults about FOSFTL's commitment to literacy, and a personal bookmark to remember our visit. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact our coordinators:

Emily Huling sellstrat@aol.com or
Charlene Callahan charcallct@gmail.com



Balls Creek Elementary students securely grounded, unlike Papillon.



At Catawba Elementary with Ms. Baker





FOSFTL Winter Scholastic Art Show Concludes with a Second Set of Works by Bandys High School Art Students

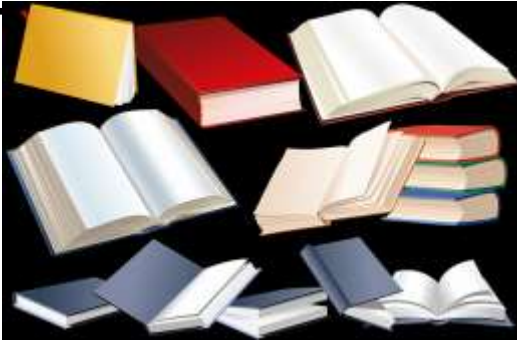
An impressive collection of art work, in a wide variety of mediums, has been on display since the first of the year. Bandys High School art teachers [Ms. Marcie Foster](#) and [Ms.](#)

[Jessica Van Eseltine](#) have done a magnificent job in bringing all this talent to fruition. Not all of the works could be covered in this newsletter, so we sincerely hope you had a chance to view the collection in February. Many thanks to [Evelyn Campbell](#) and the [staff of SFT Library](#) for a stunning exhibit!



The exhibit included: pen & ink, paintings, collages, sculpture, pottery, mosaic, pastels, & watercolors!





Book Bonanza Sales Contribute More to Our Budget than Any Other Endeavor.

And the faster we get donations in, the faster they go out the door!

Susan Hunsucker says that there are people who come to the library solely to shop the Book

Sale. So there is ALWAYS a need for books you have enjoyed (or ones you hated!) to be donated. Children's books are especially desirable, and don't have to be in almost-good-as-new shape as do the books for adults.

And spring is nearly here—so is spring cleaning! Perhaps you can make a little space on those shelves and keep our programs going forward!

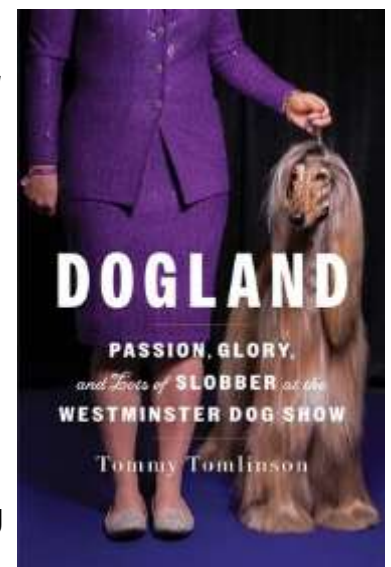


Author Tommy Tomlinson Returns To Sherrills Ford-Terrell on April 29th with his New Book, Dogland:

“Passion, Glory, and Lots of Slobber at the Westminster Dog Show”!

Tommy Tomlinson presented a fascinating program for FOSFTL several years ago when his book, The Elephant in the Room (a memoir about being overweight in America) was published. His latest book, Dogland, promises just as much humor—and insight—as his first. The paperback version will be released on April 8th.

He has written for publications including *Esquire*, *ESPN the Magazine*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Forbes*, *Garden & Gun*, and many others. He spent twenty-three years as a reporter and local columnist for the *Charlotte Observer*, where he was a finalist for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize in commentary.. His stories have been chosen twice for the Best American Sports Writing series (2012 and 2015) and he also appears in the anthology America's Best Newspaper Writing. He teaches magazine writing at Wake Forest University and has taught at colleges, workshops, and conferences across the country. Our April program will be held at Rehobeth Family Life Center (starting at 7:00 p.m.) to accommodate the large crowd he is sure to draw!





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!!

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Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

Sheryl Schuhose

Lynne Nelson

Erica Batten

Library Staff:

Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

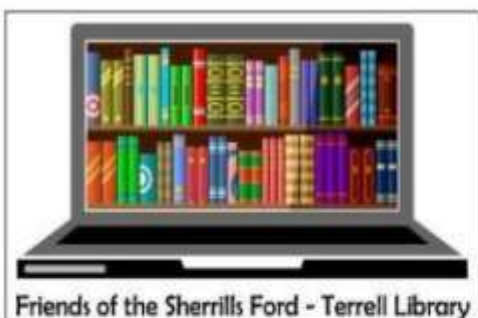
Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak

& Kelsey Farah-Albertson

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