



The Friendly News

April, 2025



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends!

The blooming of winter-dormant bulbs and all things green each spring, while certainly aggravating the allergic, also serves as a reminder of the beauty that comes from careful—and often unseen—preparation.

In our partnership with the Lake Norman Garden Club, many days of work over the past few weeks will soon bring forth a renewed verdure that will welcome library patrons from all vantages.

Like the botanical world, our Friends organization follows a rhythmic cycle of preparation, development, and fruition. We see fruits of much labor in our popular programs (see p. 4 for an example).

Now is the time of planting. We must prepare for our upcoming program year. At our April business meeting, each committee is tasked with sharing its proposed budget (consider this your “Friendly” reminder!) We must also secure new officers and committee chairs. The plans we discuss in April will be voted on in June, thus ensuring that the next program year will be as fruitful as this one has been—maybe more so.

In the spirit of growth, Erica

FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025

April 15th

Business meeting, Community Room: **6:30 p.m.**

April 29th

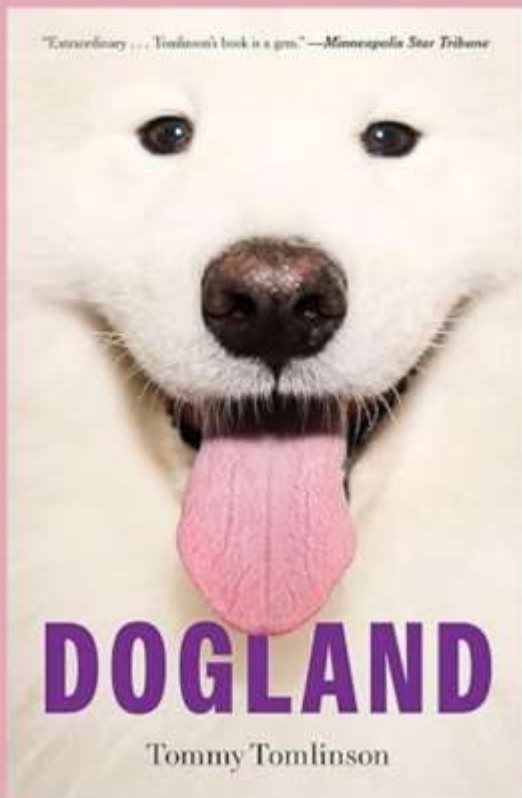
Tommy Tomlinson returns to introduce his new book, [Dogland](#).

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.



Author, columnist,
teacher and host of
Southbound podcast

**TOMMY
TOMLINSON**

“DOGLAND”

Tommy follows a dog on the long road to the Westminster Dog Show while exploring how the relationship between dogs and humans has evolved over thousands of years.

April 29, 7:00 PM
Rehobeth United
Methodist Church

9297 Sherrills
Ford Rd, Terrell,
NC 28682

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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”!

One reviewer wrote, “ This book wants to lick your face. Let it!”

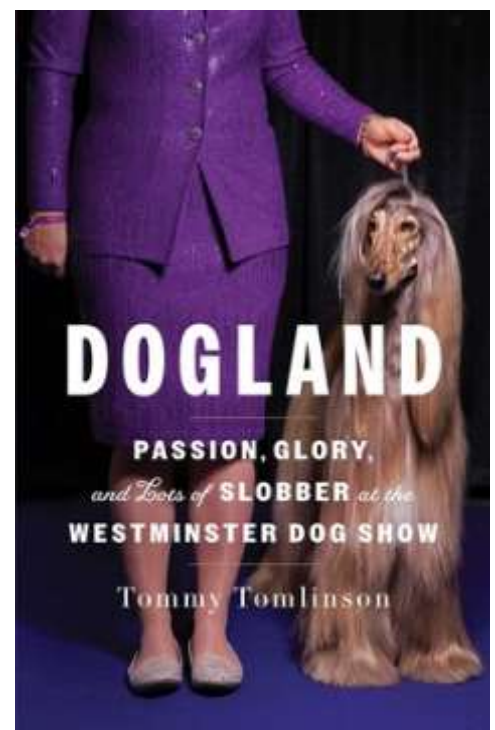
Tommy Tomlinson presented a fascinating program for FOSFTL several years ago when his book, The Elephant in the Room (a memoir about being overweight in America), was published. His latest book, Dogland, promises just as much humor—and insight—as his first. Publishers Simon & Schuster will release the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

Tomlinson 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. Tommy currently hosts a weekly podcast, SouthBound, in partnership with WFAE, **Charlotte’s NPR station**. **Interviewed for the program, notable Southerners reflect on** how this part of the country shapes who they are and what they do.

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 won’t want to miss this!

And this is how the dog adventure started: Tommy was watching a dog show on television a few years ago when he had a sudden thought: Are those dogs happy? How about pet dogs—are they happy? Those questions sparked a quest to venture inside the dog-show world, in search of a deeper understanding of the longtime relationship between dogs and humans, and here, in Dogland he shares his surprising, entertaining, and moving adventures.

Spending three years on the road, Tomlinson went behind the scenes at more than one hundred competitions across the country, from Midwestern fairgrounds to Madison



Square Garden. Along the way he was licked, sniffed, and rubbed up against by dogs of nearly every size, shape, and breed.

Dogland follows one champion show dog—a Samoyed named Striker—as well as his handler, Laura King, and Striker’s devoted entourage of breeders and owners as he competes in the 2022 Westminster Dog Show.



Tomlinson’s limitless curiosity about people and dogs reaches far beyond the show tents and into the ordinary lives of dogs. We hear from experts who have discovered new insights into how dogs and humans formed their bond—and how that bond has changed over the centuries. We discover the fascinating origins of different dog breeds, learn about the elaborate breed standards that determine an ideal show dog, and consider the health issues that can arise in purebred dogs. We also meet dog lovers who applaud every dog, regardless of breed, simply for being themselves, such as WeRateDogs, the social media phenomenon with millions of followers, all for posts celebrating the day-to-day goofiness in most dog owners’ lives.

There will be books for sale and Tommy will be happy to autograph each, dedicated to whomever you choose—even YOUR dog!

April’s Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Results in a Quilled Butterfly

Did you know that there are different kinds of pollinators including birds, insects and even bats? How many pollinators can you find in these books, Spring Stinks by Ryan T. Higgins, Just a Worm by Marie Boyd, The Hidden Rainbow by Christie Matheson and Spring Parade by Camelia Kay?



In honor of all those pollinators, April’s kraft features a butterfly that is made by “quilling.” This is an art that uses paper strips to create three dimensional images. Paper quilling can be traced back to the 15th century, but quilling with other materials may date to ancient Rome and even Egypt.

Designed for kids aged 4-6 years, the kraft kit includes a butterfly form, paper strips ready for quilling, a cotton swab and a craft stick. A small lid, glue, & crayons, markers, or paint are all that is required to turn the individual pieces into a butterfly.

Kits will be available in the foyer at the beginning of April.

Thanks to **Kathy Bradham** for this month’s high-flying idea!

Historian Jennifer Marquardt Highlights Local History



Jennifer Marquardt, site manager at Murray's Mill Historic Site in Catawba, was the featured guest for our March program at the library. Marquardt shared a presentation on local churches, cemeteries, and camp meetings, some of which date back to the pre-Revolutionary period.

Several of the sites Marquardt discussed are in close proximity to the library, including Mott's Grove, a historically African-American camp meeting. The

campground's arbor and tents are adjacent to the church of the same name on Sherrills Ford Road.

Marquardt has personally explored many, if not all, of the dozens of sites she discussed, and she had some interesting photos to share with the audience. Among these were headstones of cast iron and examples of the various styles of "tents"—the wooden structures surrounding the central arbor at Balls Creek and other local camp meetings.



The presentation was well-attended, the room filled to capacity. Our historical presentations tend to attract longtime Friends members as well as longtime Catawba County residents who enjoy learning more about local history and who help by adding details to the stories of bygone days.

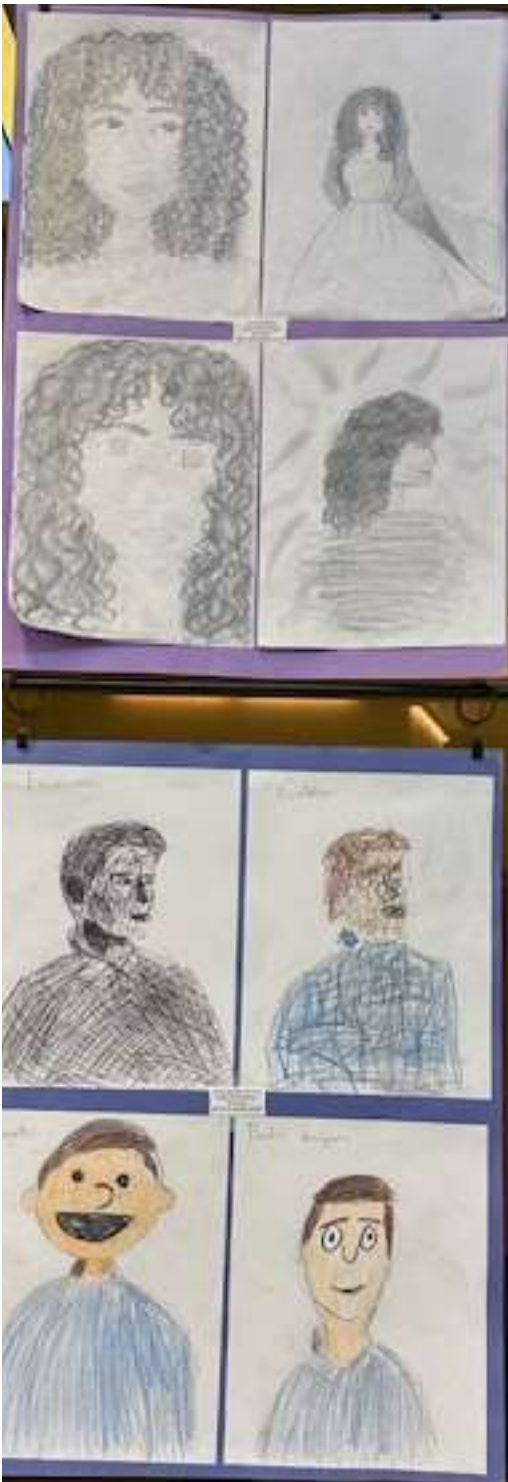


The Sherrill family cemetery is off of Island Point Road; and the Rehobeth Church and graveyard are in Terrell. By the way, Marquardt made sure to point out the difference between a graveyard and a cemetery: a graveyard is on the site of a church, whereas a cemetery is not.



Art from Mills Creek Middle School Decorated SFT Library in March

Art teacher **Mr. Camren Champion** provided a selection of the artworks created by his students and **Pat Elston** photographed the display for the newsletter. Thanks to all of the young artists for their intriguing and impressive works! We hope you got a chance to stop in and view!



Splashes of Color on the Windows:





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

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Membership — Sabine Detzel

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Joanie Gardner

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Library Staff:

Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

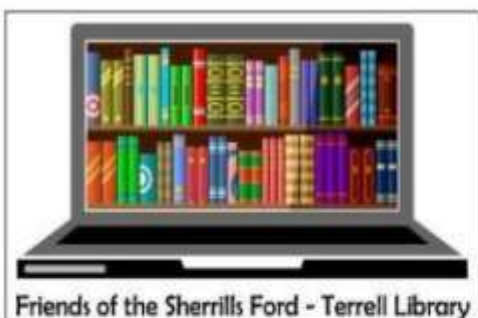
Librarian — Melissa Housel

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