



The Friendly News

June, 2025



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends!

Thank you for a great year, capped off by the Family Fun Day on May 31st. Thanks also to members who are not pictured on the following pages: **Susan Hunsucker, Ellen Dewey, Catherine Webb, Joyce O'Neal, Siobhan Loendorf**, and the **SFT Library Staff**. These and others helped advertise and organize the event, set up tents and tables, participate at the various stations, and clean up afterwards. Thanks to all of you for jobs well done!

So many of you have worked hard all year to bring the library a bit closer to the community.

Let's celebrate! Please join us for our annual meeting and potluck dinner at the library on June 17th. See you there!

• **Cheers, Erica**

The Summer Family Fun Learning Kickoff Day!



That's what you get when you combine our **2nd Annual Family Fun Day** with the Catawba Library's **Summer Learning Kickoff!**

And the day fulfilled all expectations—from the gorgeous weather (not too hot, not too cold and above all, not raining!) to the informative exhibits and fun activities to enjoy. Check out the photo montage beginning on **P. 6**

This little girl/caterpillar has visited "Face Painting by Susie," an extremely popular stop on the tour of fun activities.

FOSFTL Calendar for 2024-2025

June 17th

Annual Chicken (with all the fixin's) **Dinner**, Community Room, **6:30 p.m.**

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring stylized yellow lemons, dark blue leaves, and white flowers with yellow centers. The background is a light blue and white checkered pattern with a white lace-like border.

Invitation to FOSFT Library Members

*Summer
Potluck
and
Annual Meeting*

Tuesday,
June 17, 2025
6:30 PM

Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library
9154 Sherrills Ford Rd
Terrell NC 28682

Fried Chicken and Drinks Provided
Please bring a side or dessert



Our 2024-2025 Season Is Drawing to a Close And That Means **FRIED CHICKEN**, of course!

It might not be the first course (because someone always brings a fresh garden salad) or maybe not even the second course (think of a cool vegetable medley), but **CHICKEN** is definitely on the menu!

Our June 17th dinner will begin at 6:30 in the Community Room, and members will gather for great food (please bring a side dish or a dessert) and will vote on new officers and other agenda items. Mark your calendars!



Perhaps You Have a
Book or Two Lying
Around—Our Book
Bonanza Needs Them!

Susan Hunsucker has been
diligently restocking the

shelves and she's asking for donations of books in clean, gently-used condition. Textbooks and dictionaries (and other general reference books) need not apply, but all the rest of the literary world is welcome to line up at the door!

Since this is the only method by which FOSFTL generates funds, please help out with a single volume, or volumes of volumes!!



Generous Sponsors Donate Prizes for FOSFTL Raffle



During the summer learning kick-off event, “Color our World,” the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library hosted dozens of families in the community room where they scoped out unique items that patrons can borrow.

Four generous community entities sponsored a raffle drawing to answer the question, “What 3 things can you borrow from the library other than books?”

Joey’s Fine Food, The Turtle’s Shell Boutique, and **Los Mezquitos Mexican Grill,** all of Sherrills Ford, kindly supplied FOSFTL

with \$25 gift certificates to be used as prizes and **Author Abby Elise Reid Heilman** donated a copy of her book, All Around the Dog Park, for our Membership Desk Raffle in the Community Room.

Here’s a sampling of the different items that were listed on the 28 entry forms: sensory kit, wonder books, pickleball equipment, American Girl dolls, Eco Explore backpack, and a Cricut machine.

Young patrons played with the colorful (and very cool) Wind Tunnel, the Light Lab panel, and the American Girl doll—adding laughter to fun while learning more about our wonderful library.

From **Emily Huling**:

And a big **THANKS to Emily** for her unflagging enthusiasm in the Community Room!

And We’re All Waiting to Hear Who Won the Jar of Candy!!!



What’s your guess? Mine was 10,000—calories that is, not pieces.

There were lots of numbers postulated and lots of interesting methods utilized by the youngsters trying to make up their minds. Some counted rows, some considered the size of individual pieces, some just added “one” to a family member’s guess. **Ellen Dewey** prepared the contest and will double-check her count during the coming week; the guesser coming the closest will be awarded the entire jar of sweets.

Lake Norman Garden Club Decorates SFT with Native NC Plants

Remember that shaggy green stuff that used to cover the SFT Library landscape? Well, it's nearly all gone and in its place are a lovely collection of plants native to North Carolina.

Members of the LN Garden Club have donated their time and labor to beautify the grounds and they continue to tend the plants.

Many plants here are friendly to pollinators, (as the sign points out), a much-needed assist to those important species.



The Lake Norman Garden Club also provided a fun activity for the kids at the “SFFLKD” celebration. They allowed the young visitor to pick out a live flower which was then repotted for the trip home. Thanks to all the LN Garden Club members!

June Begins the Boating Season on Lake Norman



And **Barbara MacArthur** gets all the little sailors and landlubbers in the mood with her Build Your Own Boat Friendly Kraft for Kids. They are already available in the lobby and as always, it's easy to create a cute boat with glue, crayons or markers.

The above books, and many more, are available at the Catawba County Library system using your library card.

Lisa Yakovenko and Sabine Detzel
oversee the membership table and Candy Jar.



The Prize Jar is bigger
than it looks in the
picture to the left!!!



Lake Norman Garden Club Members:
Jenn Daigle, Karen Katilie, Michele Petit, and Donna Smith



A Steady Stream of Participants from 11:00 to 2:00



Perfect weather—not too hot,
not too cool, a little breeze,
and plenty of smiles!



Ranger Tabitha Hoke from Catawba County Parks and Recreation, holding Eastern King Snake “**Ramonda.**” **Visitors were encouraged to pet her—and she’s immune to copperhead venom!** That makes her an ideal snake for yard defense!



Melissa Housel with the popular
Can-non—Ball game



Author Abby Elise Reid Heilman and husband Charlie.



Everyone looked through to see if their dog was pictured!



The Heilman's (our newest FOSFTL members)
and their newest reader!

Patrick Webber and Luke Sigmon from the Catawba County Library System



Zoe and Kelsie eagerly exchange prizes for blue tickets:



Baskets full of prizes, courtesy of the Library System, gave everyone a little treat to carry home.



Caught in midair—a throw to be proud of!

Emily Huling and Shelley Orr welcomed patrons and explained how to fill out the raffle entry form **by listing “3 things you can borrow from the library, other than books.”**



A Day to Remember
(shared with her bestie).



The Library Staff arranged all the cool things available to be examined—and played with!

The Wind Tunnel was exceedingly popular, as it shot colored scarves! It also launched them vertically for a shower of colors!



Inside the Community Room, SFT Library Staff had tables filled with all the different—and often surprising—items that could be borrowed, and fun activities like the Wind Tunnel and the Light Lab for kids to try!

Perhaps a future radiologist examining human and animal x-rays!



Zoom in on their faces to see an entirely new Colorful Look!



Lots of delightful smells wafting from **Joe Hudson's Hibachi Heaven** food truck!





Now this is a cool truck...



Ashley is ready to soft-serve!



And she's sure to be a beautiful butterfly, too!

“Face Painting by Susie”—Susie Deaver did not have a moment’s rest! So popular that a waiting list was maintained by Siobhan Loendorf, Catawba Co. Library Director.

A few more memorable moments !





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

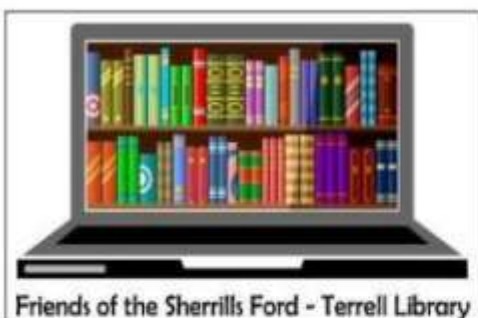
Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak

& 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