



The Friendly News

October, 2025



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends!

As we enter our new program year, we have some exciting new developments.

The revitalized program committee, headed by Jeannette Dolan, is planning a **fresh slate of events, including author talks, a kids' movie night, and a visit to Mooresville art galleries.**

As you read in the September edition, we also have lots of new volunteers for our literacy program. But despite the surge of recent volunteer activity, we do have some important roles that need to be filled.

First, we are still looking for one, two, or even three new board members.

Second, we're looking to expand our publicity team. At the September business meeting, Ellen Dewey announced her plans to move back to Pennsylvania to be closer to family, and she explained that her job handling social media has expanded over the years.

So, in the next few months, we're looking for one, two, or even three members to take over publicity. The good news: Ellen is more than willing to help train new volunteers before she heads north. Thank you, Ellen. And thank you, volunteers!

Cheers, Erica



**BOO-ks! BOO-ks!! BOO-ks!!! No tricks—just
TREAT fosftl to gently-used BOO-ks and you won't be
HAUNTED by sagging shelves or stuffed closets!**

October 16th , Neighborhood Meet & Greet, Community Room, 12—2 p.m.
& 20th Community Room, 5—7 p.m.

November 11th Joyce O'Neal's annual **Piano Recital**, Community Room, **6:30 p.m.**

December 8th Annual **Holiday Event** throughout the library, **5-8 p.m.**

Advocacy and Membership Committees Co-sponsor FOSFTL's First Neighborhood Meet & Greet

Emily Huling and **Sabine Detzel** have scheduled a first for FOSFTL—an official meet & greet to introduce newcomers, as well as all non-members, to the library and its extraordinary benefits. See the flyer below for more information.



The Friends of the Sherrills Ford – Terrell Library Presents: A Neighborhood Meet & Greet!

New to the neighborhood? Lived here forever? Everyone is welcome!

Join us as we gather friends—old and new—at our beloved **Sherrills Ford – Terrell library**, the heart of our town and a space for connection, learning, and community.

When:

- Thursday, October 16 from 12:00 – 2:00
- Monday, October 20 from 5:00 – 7:00
- Come to one or both events!

Where:

- The Sherrills Ford – Terrell Library Community Room
9154 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell, NC 28682

Meet fellow residents, enjoy light refreshments, and learn how the **Friends of the Library** support programs, events, and the spirit of togetherness.

Whether you're a long-time supporter or curious to get involved, we'd love to meet you!

The library is our "town hall"—let's build community together.

For questions, contact:

Emily Huling sellstrat@aol.com or Sabine Detzel detzel2011@gmail.com

October's Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Might Drive You BAT-ty!



What could be more appropriate for October than your own, personal, Friendly BAT?? So BATten down the hatches—the BATs have arrived and as usual, are waiting for lively youngsters to pick them up and assemble them with a little glue. We expect this Kraft to meet with approBATION from all concerned!

Barbara MacArthur has linked this kit for paper BATs to suitably-themed books, all available in our library. These include Melissa Stewart's A Place for Bats and Not Very Scary, by Carol Brendler.

Since there are more than 1400 species of BATs worldwide, we hope you don't suffer from chiroptophobia* (the fear of BATs). This little fellow can be attached to a string and swung around, becoming an acroBAT. Two BATs on two strings, or a BATch of them, or a whole BATtalion of them, can engage in comBAT. Be careful with him, though; he won't survive in the BAThtub!

And the best thing? This BAT needs no BATteries! Just an active imagination and a quick trip to the library's lobby.

*Wouldn't this term be more applicable for a fear of chiropractors?

Membership and Community Advocacy Committees Unite

From Emily Huling

The Community Advocacy committee has been busy continuing to promote library services and build community support. We have three exciting initiatives coming up this fall!

Neighborhood Meet & Greet: Not just one, but two! Membership and Advocacy committees have teamed up to host residents and explain how FOSFTL supports literacy, programs, and togetherness. Thursday, October 16 from 12:00-2:00 and Monday, October 20 from 5:00-7:00. Members, please join us to share your FOSFTL experience and meet new neighbors;

Elementary schools Fall Festival participation: FOSFTL will have information tables at Sherrills Ford, Balls Creek, and Catawba elementary schools at their PTO fundraising events. We are supporting the library in their efforts for all children to have their own library cards and talk about FOSFTL membership.

FOSFTL logo T-shirts are coming soon! We will be sending out a separate message to order your very own shirt to proudly show off your FOL membership.





Help Needed – Fall Fest Tent Setup!
The **Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library** will have a table at the **Sherrills Ford Elementary Fall Festival** on **Saturday, October 25,**



What We Need: Set up the tent at **10:00 AM**

Take it down at **4:00 PM**

This is a great way to support your local library and be part of a fun community event!



Can you help?

Please contact Emily Huling sellstrat@aol.com or Sabine Detzel at detzel2011@gmail.com to volunteer



FOSFTL Member Meets Author Jan Karon

FOSFTL member **Emily Huling** had an exciting encounter when she attended the Green Room Theatre's education fundraising production of "Songs for a New World" in August. There was a very special guest in the audience: **Jan Karon**, author of the charming Mitford series. Ms. Karon was attending the show to honor the legacy of her friend, Michele Acosta McCreary, for whom the McCreary Theatre was named.

Ms. Karon's fifteen-book series features a recurring cast of characters and is set in the fictional town of Mitford, located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, (think Blowing Rock). A huge fan of the books and of character Esther Bolick's Orange Marmalade cake (you can find the recipe online), Emily rushed to meet Ms. Karon at intermission and had a delightful conversation.

Emily learned there is a Mitford Museum (www.themitfordmuseum.org) in Hudson, NC, located in Jan Karon's childhood schoolhouse. The mission of the museum sounds like our Friends of Library mission—advancing the common good through literacy, creativity, and community.

If you haven't read the books, you are in for a heart-warming treat! Start with At Home in Mitford. The library has books and audio available.



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 2025-2026

Officers:

President — Erica Batten

Vice-president: — Lisa Yakovenko

Secretary —Charlene Callahan

Treasurer — Joe Lebens

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — Jeannette Dolan

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

Board of Directors:

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

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Erica Batten

Library Staff:

Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Katherine Sisak

& Kelsea Farah-Albertson

Location: Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library, 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC 28682 Phone: (828) 466-6827

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026



Friends of the Library is a 503(c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to supporting our local library and community. Through our efforts, we provide programs that promote literacy, foster lifelong learning, and strengthen our community ties.



- ☐ **Annual Renewal**
- ☐ **New Membership**

- ☐ **\$10 Family Membership**
- ☐ **\$50 Patron Donation**
- ☐ **\$100 Patron Donation**
- ☐ **Other Donation \$_____**

Checks made payable to : Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library. Drop off at library or submit by mail

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Your donation above the \$10 annual Family Membership makes a big impact – it helps fund 75% of our programs. While membership dues cover a portion of our budget, we rely on generous donations to keep offering vibrant literacy and lifelong learning programs for the Sherrills Ford-Terrell community.



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on Facebook



Interested in Volunteering?

Check any opportunities below that catch your eye—we'll be in touch!

Teens may be eligible to earn school volunteer hours.

- ☐ **Officer Roles** – Serve as President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary (2-year term)
- ☐ **Nominating Committee** – Help identify and recruit qualified Officers and Board Members during election cycles and as vacancies arise
- ☐ **Fundraising Committee** – Develop and support fundraising strategies and create campaigns that support the library's programs and goals
- ☐ **Book Bonanza Committee** – Ensure a steady supply of books for our sales by assisting with book collection, sorting, and inventory management
- ☐ **Family Holiday Event** – Assist with planning and/or helping on the day of our December celebration
- ☐ **Literacy Program** – Support early literacy by selecting books, assembling reading packets, or reading in classrooms (Grades 1–2)
- ☐ **Community Advocacy Committee** – Promote the library and its programs, and build community support
- ☐ **Membership Committee** – Support member outreach, renewals, thank-you emails, and event table staffing
- ☐ **Program Committee** – Collaborate with the library to brainstorm, plan, and run programs and events
- ☐ **Refreshments/Roadies Team** – Provide and serve refreshments, and assist with event setup/cleanup
- ☐ **Publicity Committee** – Coordinate and expand publicity efforts
- ☐ **Art Show Committee** – Coordinate collection, library display, and return of student artwork to local schools
- ☐ **Little Free Library Committee** – Help stock and maintain Little Free Libraries throughout the community and track any needed kiosk repairs
- ☐ **Friendly Krafts 4 Kids Committee** – Create and organize literacy-themed “Take and Make” craft kits for young library patrons