



The Friendly News

November, 2025



Greetings from the President

Greetings, Friends!

Over the past few months, we have had a surge of members, many new, who have stepped into new volunteer roles. This is such an encouraging development, and it didn't happen by accident. Instead, we have to thank **Emily Huling and Sabine Detzel (and their teams!)** for their efforts in spreading the word about FOSFATL's mission and membership and for constantly innovating and improving an already fantastic organization.

You'll see examples of their efforts in the pages below. One is the Meet-and-Greet Events, which offered a much-needed casual social opportunity for members to talk, explore interests, and exchange ideas. Other examples are the new membership form and the new FOSFTL Member T-shirt, which provide some modern branding and enhanced communication.

Not all of our recent changes are happy news. We recently learned that **Susan Hunsucker**, who has diligently and singlehandedly maintained the Book Bonanza, has decided to step down from that role. Because it has been such a huge undertaking, our plan is to form a committee to fill Susan's outsized shoes. In the meantime, let me know if you are interested in this committee—and **thank Susan for her many years of dedicated service!**

Cheers, Erica

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

November 18th **Business Meeting**, Community Room, **6:30 p.m.**

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



9th PIANO RECITAL



JOYCE O'NEAL RETURNS
Sponsored by
Friends of the SFT Library

TUES. NOV. 11, 2025, 6:30PM
Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library
9154 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC 28682

"Famous and Forgotten"

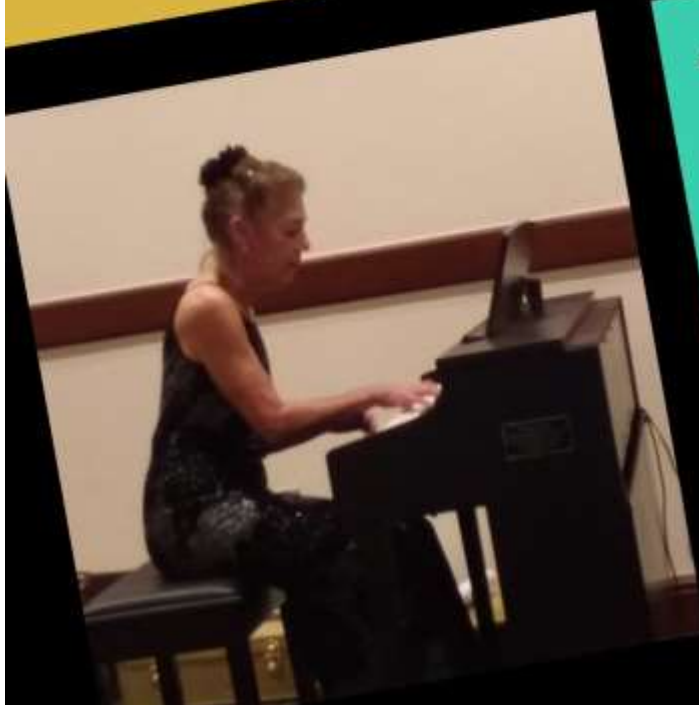
Joyce will present a collection of pieces by composers who have remained famous since their heyday, as well as those who were famous in their own day but are now largely forgotten.



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Do These Images Look Familiar???



No room on the shelves? No room in the garage? You may have a newly-identified ailment: Literaturimania. This syndrome may have serious consequences, including, but not limited to: reduced floorspace, cluttered closets, conflicting urges to acquire or reduce inventory, substance abuse (paper), and unhealthy emotional attachment to inanimate objects.

You may need expert help! Call Bookaholics Anonymous today, or visit our website: www.https://iswearidon'tknowhowthishappened.org

Or just deposit your excess in the FOSFTL blue box in the library lobby. Complete cure at no charge! Adult fiction sorely needed and any gently-used book happily accepted.



It's November!! What Does That Signify??

Turkey? Stuffing? Green Bean Casserole? Pumpkin Pie??

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

All of the above! Plus One More: Joyce O'Neal's Annual Recital

This year's program is about fame and fortune—or really, fame and misfortune! The composers presented are some of the BIG names in music and some of the No-names in music. Well-known in their time, various factors have relegated them to footnotes in music history.

What makes a piece famous? What makes a composer a household name? Those questions have many answers and Joyce will share her insights and the insights of experts with the audience.



And even more fascinating: what did the music critics write about some of the most famous and beloved compositions when they were first heard? It wasn't all candy and flowers, for sure!

We hope you will reserve November 11th at 6:30 to enjoy another pleasant and entertaining evening, sponsored by FOSFTL and the Catawba Co. Library System.



WE NEED YOU!

Join the Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library

Do you love libraries?

And building community?

Help us grow our Friends group!

Time Commitment:

Flexible! Attend monthly meetings and volunteer when you can

What You'll Do:

Share ideas to support and grow membership

Help organize drives and events

Who We're Looking For:

Passionate about libraries, literacy, and community

No experience needed—just enthusiasm

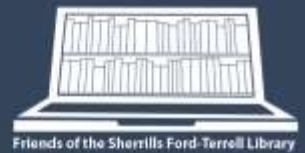
Interested?

Contact Sabine Detzel at detzel2011@gmail.com



What a Novel Idea!

You read it here first: The Friends of the SFT Library is now offering T-Shirts to its members.



These Port & Company cotton shirts with a rib-knit collar are:

- Screen-printed with the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library's logo.
- Purchased from a NC-based company that has been creating custom apparel for 40+ years.
- A great way to flaunt your love of literacy and libraries!

How Do I Pay for My Shirt?

Please drop off this order form and the payment at SFT's library circulation desk by **Friday, November 28th**. Cash or Check payments only, please!

How Will I Receive My Shirt?

The Friends of the Library will call you when your shirt is ready for pickup at the library!

Further Questions?

Contact Emily Huling at sellstrat@aol.com



WE WON'T MAKE YOU READ BETWEEN THE LINES:

We need a minimum (overall) order of 10 shirts, so **get yours today!**

SFT Friends of the Library T-Shirt Order Form

(Checks should be made payable to: Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the Library)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please indicate desired quantity next to size(s):

S: _____ M: _____ L: _____ XL: _____ 2XL: _____ 3XL: _____ 4XL: _____ 6XL: _____

Total # of Shirts: _____ x \$20.00 each = \$ _____

T-Shirt Sizing Guide

(As pulled from Vendor's Website)

Sizing Guide



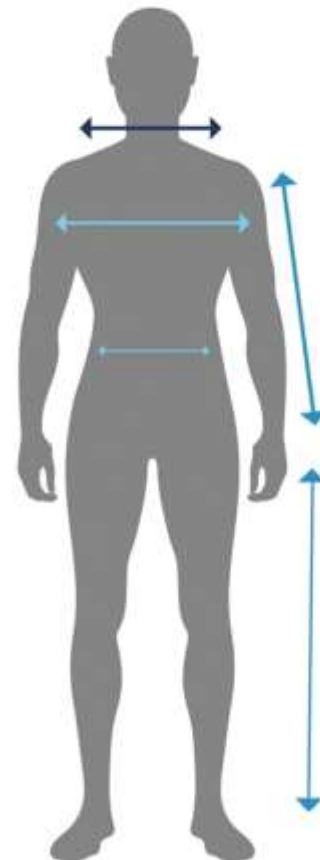
 [How To Measure](#)

	S	M	L	XL	2XL
chest	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49
sleeve	16 3/4	17 3/4	18 3/4	19 3/4	20 3/4
length	28	29	30	31	32

	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
chest	50-53	54-57	58-60	61-63
sleeve	21 3/4	22 3/4	23 3/4	24 3/4
length	33	34	35	36

HOW TO MEASURE

CHEST	MEASURE UNDER YOUR ARMS AROUND THE FULLEST PART OF YOUR CHEST
SLEEVE	MEASURE FROM THE SHOULDER SEAM TO THE END OF THE CUFF
NECK	MEASURE AROUND THE BASE OF THE THICKEST PART OF YOUR NECK
WAIST	MEASURE AROUND THE NATURAL WAISTLINE, KEEPING THE TAPE COMFORTABLY LOOSE
INSEAM	MEASURE FROM THE CROTCH SEAM TO THE BOTTOM HEM



This Turkey Might Not Be Too Tasty, But It Sure Is Timely!

Martha Petterez has our month's best-known symbol available in the Krafts-4-Kids box in the lobby: an adorable turkey ready to assemble.

As usual, it requires a minimum of tools: a little glue and he's ready to go!

Thanksgiving is a truly American holiday and there are plenty of fun (and educational) books in the library to accompany the Kraft Kit home. How to Catch a Turkey, I'm a Turkey!, and Happy Thanksgiving, Biscuit are just a few.

These cute turkey kits will fly out of the library, pronto!

Thanks, Martha!



FOSFTL and Library Team Up for

Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary Schools' Fall Festivals

What a great experience it was to talk with countless community families at the fundraising festivals for each of these schools! Librarians **Shelley Orr** and **Melissa Housel** teamed up with FOSFTL volunteers **Emily Huling** and **Sabine Detzel** to promote programs, provide library cards, and discuss FOSFTL membership. Our time was well spent.

Shelley and Melissa provided a total of 25 adults and children with new library cards. FOSFTL happily signed up one new member, received renewal dues, and had many adults take membership information home with them. The schools are grateful for our support of their literacy initiatives and our participation in their school events.





First-Grade Literacy Kicks Off the 2025-26 Year

Fiona Helps a Friend was the perfect book to kick off our 2025-26 First Grade Literacy program. The 280+ students in 16 classrooms in Sherrills Ford, Catawba, and Balls Creek elementary schools loved the book and the accompanying craft.

Fiona, a hippo, is based on the real-life Fiona in the Cincinnati Zoo. The book's Fiona recruits her zoo animal friends to cheer up another friend, Matilda, a sad Kookaburra. Luckily, the animals find a Lost and Found box full of crazy items, so the animals have a dress-up party and get Matilda to laugh.

Author and illustrator Richard Cowdrey beautifully captures the personalities and antics of the zoo animals—this makes the book come alive for the students.

Each student created a paper bag Fiona puppet after our volunteers read the book. FOSFTL supplies craft materials and **Charlene Callahan** prepared the craft kits. A copy of the book is donated to each classroom, and each student receives a personal bookmark to remember the book and our visit.

Our reading team for our October reading included **Colette Suntum, Debbie Brignoli, Beth DeMauro, Catherine Webb**, and **Emily Huling**. We love to share our love of reading!

If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact:

Emily Huling at sellstrat@aol.com



Second-grade Literacy Team Roars into 2025-26 Action

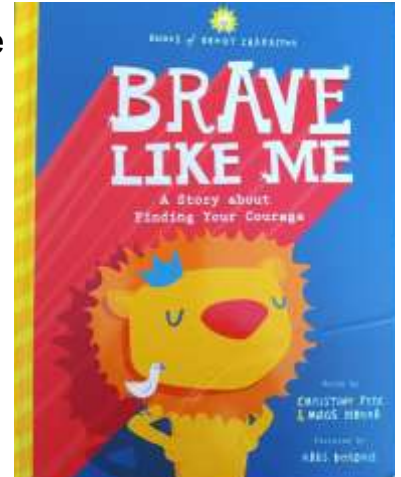
FOSFTL's Second-grade Literacy Team roared into the 2025-2026 school year by reading Brave Like Me: A Story About Finding Your Courage, by Christine Peck and Mags Deroma, to over 160 students at Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary Schools.

Brave Like Me is the story of Wyatt, a lion well known for facing scary things and situations with boldness. But when Wyatt's friend Pip invites him to participate in a talent show, Wyatt hesitates to answer. Pip's hat suddenly flies away on a gust of wind and Wyatt immediately goes on a trek to retrieve the hat. It lands on the talent show stage, which Wyatt is emboldened to enter by the "clap, clap, clap" of the encouraging audience. Wyatt overcomes his fear of performing and struts his stuff.

This book shows that one way we face our fears is by having a greater desire to help someone else. And the encouragement of others helps build our confidence and willingness to try new things.

On behalf of the FOSFTL, this October's readers were **Sabine Detzel**, **Colette Suntum**, **Mary Beth Dibernard**, **Anne Smith**, and **Kathryn Baranackie**. FOSFTL also donated a copy of Brave Like Me to each classroom. **Tina Huber** prepared take-home resources for each student, including a bookmark for each young learner to remember the book and suggest other titles to explore at the library.

We love sharing our passion for reading, especially with young students! If you are interested in this program, please contact Kathryn Baranackie at baranackie@yahoo.com.



Mrs. Haller's class at Sherrills Ford Elementary



Mrs. Byers' and Mrs. Gruber's students at Catawba Elementary

Meet and Greet Events Enjoyed Success!

What fun we had getting to know each other at our Meet and Greet gatherings in October! FOSFTL hosted about 30 people at the two events.

We played Meet and Greet Bingo and learned who has lived abroad, climbed a mountain, is a board-game enthusiast, and loves to dance. Erica Batten, wear your dancing shoes at the next meeting! Great conversations and lots of laughs!

In addition to many current members attending, four members brought their renewal dues, and we have three new members all eager to volunteer.

Based on the positive feedback, Membership and Community Advocacy are planning more Meet and Greet events in 2026.



Some of our devoted members, plus some new faces!

Not pictured anywhere is **Emily Huling**, (mainly because she moves too fast!). She arranged for FOSFTL to offer decorative pumpkins as Bingo prizes, and for cookies to brighten the gathering. Shown above on the far right is **Kitty Barnes, Catawba Co. Commissioner**, who attended our Meet and Greet.





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

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Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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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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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