



Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

The Friendly News
April, 2026

From the President

Friends,

We need **YOU** to be at our April business meeting. As I mentioned last month, we will have a reception to honor Susan, Ellen and Joyce, a presentation from Ingrid Keller, and a budget discussion.

Join us in May for a program with Joni Prew, author of the children’s book, Twink and Sadie.



And while we’d love to see you inside our library, I understand the urge to get out and enjoy the spring weather—now that the first round of pollen has calmed.

Check our North Carolina’s Literary Trails for an enlightening stroll:

<https://library.nc.gov/nc-literary-trails>

Cheers, Erica

April 21st: Business Meeting, Community Room, 6:30 p.m., with **Ingrid Keller,**
executive director of the United Arts Council of Catawba County

April 23rd: FOSFTL Meet & Greet, Community Room, **Noon ‘til 2**

April 27th: FOSFTL Meet & Greet, Community Room, **5-7 p.m.**

May TBD: Author Joni Prew, Community Room

June 6th: Family Fun Day/Summer Learning Kickoff, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

June 16th: Annual Social and election of new officers, Community Room, **6:30 p.m.**

FOSFTL Meet and Greet Back by Popular Demand in April!

Our October 2025 gatherings were a huge success! We hosted 30+ people, including both FOSFTL “member-greeters” and “neighbor-meetees!”

It was exciting to find others interested in learning more about how the Friends supports programs, sponsors events, and encourages the spirit of togetherness.

Friends of the Library members are offered a **special incentive:**
Bring a non-member with you and you will be entered into drawing for a
\$25.00 gift card.

When:

Thursday, April 23 from 12:00 – 2:00

Monday, April 27 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

We will enjoy light refreshments, play light-hearted Meet and Greet Bingo, and get to know each other better.

With your help, we can exceed our attendance in October, and increase our membership and community impact!

For more information or if you want to volunteer to help host, please contact Emily Huling at sellstrat@aol.com.

A few scenes from last October::



The Monarch Butterfly—One of Nature’s Most Surprising Species

On March 10th, **Kari Heavner** from the Lake Norman Garden Club gave a fascinating presentation on the Monarch Butterfly, a true wonder of the natural world. To many of us, just the idea of a worm in a cocoon metamorphosing into a flying flash of colored elegance is amazing enough. When you combine that idea with the facts of the Monarch’s story, the intricacy of this creature’s life cycle makes you appreciate the challenges to its survival in the modern world.--

Of particular interest was a summary of butterfly-friendly plants that can provide support for all of the different butterfly species. The slide with these tips is shown below, and the information is also available on the web with just a click. We expect there will soon be a run on Salvia at your favorite garden shop!

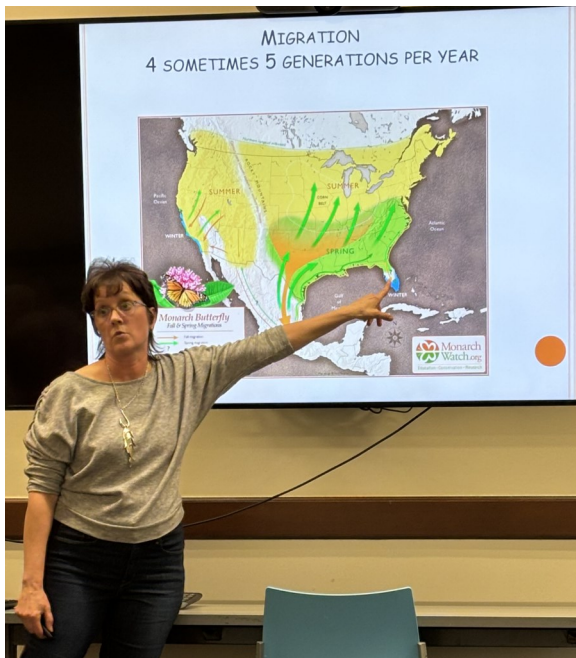


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If you see one of these, just wait—

Key Takeaways

- Salvia is a standout perennial that reliably returns each year and blooms for months with very little effort.
- It shrugs off heat, cold, and drought while offering vivid color and natural deer resistance.
- Other easy-care picks—like mountain mint, daylilies, yarrow, coreopsis, and black-eyed Susans—also bring lasting beauty with minimal upkeep.

One of these is waiting in the wings—or maybe, on the wing!



AI MAKING YOU NERVOUS??

AFRAID YOU MIGHT BE ON THE REPLACEMENT LIST?? DON'T LOOK OVER YOUR SHOULDER—THERE ARE ROBOTS IN THE LOBBY!

CHRISTINE RUPOLO HAS PROVIDED A LIGHT-HEARTED TAKE ON THE EVER-POPULAR IMAGE OF ROBOTS. AND THERE ARE ROBOT BOOKS TO ACCOMPANY OUR LITTLE FELLOW.



A LITTLE GLUE AND YOU'RE READY TO PLACE HIS ~~ORGANS~~ MECHANICALLY-MOTIVATED, DIGITALLY-CONTROLLED ~~INNARDS~~ SOLID-STATE COMPONENTS ON HIS ~~HER~~ ITS TUBULAR ~~BODY~~ FRAME.

DISCLAIMER: THIS IS ONLY THE BETA ANALOG VERSION. ROBOT 2.0 WILL BE RELEASED — ON SECOND THOUGHT, WE THINK WE'LL JUST KEEP IT UNDER WRAPS FOR NOW...

Balls Creek Elementary School's art teacher, Ms. Mandy Benson, has decorated the library with her students' work.

Please stop by and enjoy—the display is a treat to behold!







Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

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:

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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



Cultural Events

Family Fun Days

Author Events

1st and 2nd Grade Literacy Programs

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.



Special "Friends Only" Activities

- 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.



Little Free Libraries



Connect with us on Facebook



Holiday Event for Children

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