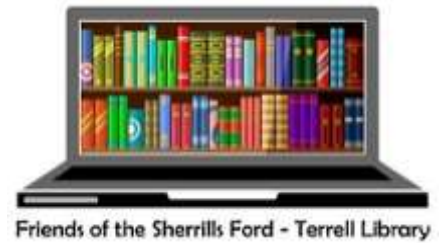




# *The Friendly News*

## *September, 2021*



Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

### *Greetings from the President*

Dear Friends:

At our June 15 annual meeting, we were giddy with excitement about being together in person again after a 16-month hiatus. And here we are, a few short months later, navigating another spike in covid cases. An ever-shifting landscape seems to be our “new normal”, and our organization is adjusting accordingly. The Friends has several wonderful programs lined up during the coming months, and we will comply with the safety protocols in place when these events are held.

Here are the highlights:

Local resident and accomplished pianist Joyce O’Neal will be presenting a recital several times **the week of September 13** in the library community room. Attendance will be limited to 35 people at a time in order to accommodate the library’s current social distancing/masking guidelines, so Joyce has graciously agreed to perform at three separate times in order to give all interested parties an opportunity to hear her play. Believe me, this is a treat you won’t want to miss! (See Page 3)

On **October 19**, local resident Robert Eades will present a *History of Sherrills Ford-Terrell* event. In past years, these types of events have been hugely popular, and this newest rendition, conveyed through photographs, will no doubt be equally delightful. The program will be held at Rehobeth First Methodist Church in Terrell so that we can accommodate a larger crowd while still social distancing. (See Page 4)

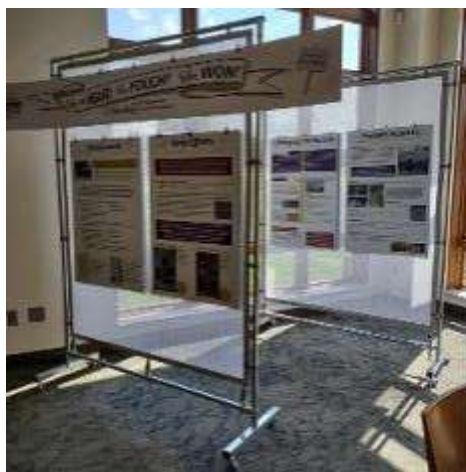
The 2021 Drive-Thru Family Holiday event with Santa will take place on **December 5** (inclement weather date December 12). Other holiday-themed activities are also planned. More details to follow as the time gets closer.

On **January 18**, the Friends will sponsor *An Evening with New-York Times Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain*. Stay tuned for more details about this headliner event.

I hope you’ll have the opportunity to join us for one or more of these programs.

Fun Fact: Did you know that September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month? A library card provides access to technology, multimedia content and educational programming that transforms lives and strengthens communities. And it’s free! And speaking of free, the Catawba County Library is “Closing the Book on Fines” starting September 1. Read more about this new policy on Page 6.

Warmly, Jeanne



## The Centenary Celebration of Women's Suffrage Exhibit on the Mesh Display Panels



2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment granted women the right to vote. Major events and activists in the history of the Women's Suffrage Movement are highlighted in this display entitled:

**She Was Heard**

**She Fought**

**She Won!**

Created as part of the Community Centennial Celebration, the exhibit was prepared by the Graphic Arts students at Catawba Valley Community College.

Accompanying the exhibit is a hand-crafted stained-glass work entitled "**Sisters of Tenacity.**" Local artist **Beth Sain Shuford** presented the League of Women Voters of Catawba Valley with her tribute to the brave women who pursued the ballot. Next to the stained-glass panel is a informational poster listing the significance of all the details in the work; those details, such as colors and flowers, have particular symbolic meanings.

Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady organized the 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York. That gathering led to a 72-year fight by women all over the U.S. to change the conscience of America.

**The current exhibit is the inaugural use of the mesh display panels purchased in July by The Friends for the library. These panels will be used for educational and cultural learning opportunities, including the Student Art Work initiative.**

## Summer Learning Program Concludes With Our Traditional Ice Cream Reward— But With a New Twist This Year

25 children and teens met their summer reading challenge, and received a Dari-O gift certificate for an ice cream sundae with all the works. The library staff also prepared congratulatory certificates for all the young readers.

The 2021 Summer Learning Program had "Tales & Tails" as its theme, combining two of everyone's favorite subjects—animals and storytelling. Each participant could earn badges by posting progress to the app, Beanstack. When all requirements had been met, adults as well as youngsters were entered into a drawing for prizes: gift certificates for food, entertainment, and educational outings.

**Congratulations to all the successful summer learners—of all ages!**



# FOSFTL To Sponsor Joyce O'Neal in Recital

September 13th at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

September 16th at 3:30

Friends member Joyce O'Neal will  
return to the Community Room's  
Kawai Digital piano on September 13th



& 16th for her third recital of piano classics. With a short talk about each composer and selection, a listener-friendly excursion into composed music is planned. Lively works by Bach, Schubert, Moszkowski, Brahms, Liadov, and Prokofiev will be featured—each one starkly contrasting in style to the others. As the library has reinstated mask and social distancing requirements for the Community Room, three recitals are planned in hopes of accommodating all schedules.

Everyone is welcome to sit back and enjoy live music as in days of old—all you have to do is listen!

## FOSFTL Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Underway

It's that time again—Friends of the Library dues are due! Your financial contributions to support our programs are greatly appreciated. The membership form is included in this newsletter.

Sue Green, Membership Chair, asks that your checks be left at the library desk, or be mailed to FOSFTL, c/o Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library, 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC 28682

**Your contributions “due” make a difference in our community!**

**Donations to FOSFTL are as easy as 1-2-3 on Amazon SMILE, and help support our mission.**



- 1) Log in to your Amazon.com account
- 2) Go to your Account profile, find “Your Amazon Smile”
- 3) Select “Friends of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library”

Next time you shop use [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)—  
That's all it takes to SMILE on the Friends!



View of the dam on the Catawba River at Long Island that supplied power to the Long Island Cotton Mill. The dam and the mill were swept away in the 1916 flood (caused by two simultaneous Cat. 4 hurricanes).

## **Robert Eades Returning on October 19th with a Photographic Program on Sherrill's Ford-Terrell History**

Mr. Eades' previous history program was standing-room-only at the library's community room and we are eagerly anticipating this illustrated presentation!

Mr. Eades has collected vintage photographs of the Sherrill's Ford-Terrell area from residents, which

feature local scenes prior to the coming of Lake Norman. Also there will be views of the lake under construction, and views of now vanished locations. And we expect a lot of memories to be shared!!

The program will be held at Rehobeth United Methodist Church, Terrell, in their Fellowship Hall (which should be big enough to fit in the crowd—but maybe not...). Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19th, this should be a fascinating and informative program, providing views of the area not seen since the lake began to fill in 1963.

Robert Eades is a Sherrill's Ford native and has contributed so much to our appreciation of the time when SF had an apostrophe, and Terrell had a cotton gin and a steam-powered mill, as well as the country store and its enclosed post office.

Speaking of that apostrophe, many old-time residents remain passionate about it! Adam Sherrill's location at the ford (most shallow area) of the Catawba River is now under Lake Norman's waters, but the name expressed how the community began. That name lost its true meaning when it lost its apostrophe. Google says "the apostrophe was inadvertently dropped." Who dropped it? If you remember, please let this editor know!

Please join us on October 19th; the church's street address is 9297 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell.

**Hope to see you there!**





## **“NO STRESS” CHESS CLUB AT SFT LIBRARY**

Sparked in part by the Netflix series, “The Queen’s Gambit,” the world’s most popular game has seen a renewal of interest. People have been playing this game for 1500 years; fashions change, technology improves, empires collapse, but chess keeps providing unlimited possibilities--chances are you'll never play the same game twice.

The Library "No Stress" Chess Club, sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library, has been meeting since July and all levels welcome, beginner to experienced, and open to the public. If you always wanted to learn chess, NOW is the time!

Since its first meeting, three players with absolutely no experience are now enjoying matches without the need of instruction. The truth about chess is that the moves are easy and quickly learned, but the possibilities are endless. It is fascinating to observe the twists and turns of the game, and there is less emphasis on winning than in most other leisure activities.

The Chess Club will meet next on **Wednesday, September 8, at 5 p.m.**. If the community room is unavailable, the staff are willing for us to play in the library proper (I promised them we won't be rowdy!). Sets will be provided, or you can bring your own. So drop in on September 8th and find a new friend to share a game. Or bring a friend or family member along to join in the fun. Learn from others, teach others, or just play. We'd love to have you! You may contact Joyce O'Neal at [joyceoneal417@gmail.com](mailto:joyceoneal417@gmail.com) for questions.

**Note: a Staunton-design chess set has been donated to the library. It is on the shelves behind the desk and is available for play in the library anytime the doors are open!**

## **The Book Bonanza Is Bulging, Bargains aBound**

### **Keep Boredom at Bay—Box Up a Bunch for Blissful Browsing**



Yes, the shelves should be sagging from the tomes **Susan Hunsucker** has cleaned and vetted and piled on them! But these books will find new homes, and YOUR gently-used books are always welcome, as well as CD's, children's books, and films. Often included on those shelves are “coffee table” books in mint condition, just waiting for that special reader, and current offerings from internationally-renowned writers of every genre of fiction and non-fiction.

**Your next most-favorite-of-all-time book might be there!**



## **Catawba County Library System is “Closing the Book on Fines”**

Beginning September 1, 2021, all Catawba County Library cardholders will see fines and fees removed from their accounts as the library hits reset and rolls all accounts back to a zero balance.

Libraries across the country are eliminating late fees to reduce barriers to access. As the library increasingly becomes our community's place to connect, explore and grow, the Catawba County

Library wants all 99,000 cardholders to have equitable access. Late or overdue fines unfairly affect people in low-income communities—those who benefit the most from access to the library's resources. By eliminating fines, the Library encourages all users to come back to the Library and attracts new users to experience our resources, services, programs and offerings.

Another positive outcome will be a shift from the role of enforcer for the staff, allowing them to instead provide a higher level of service to citizens. As the Library's technology role expands, staff will be able to increase time spent on sharing resources and providing expertise in technology and reference interactions.

Library systems that have gone fine-free share that late fees do not ensure the return of borrowed materials. In fact, some have reported an increase in returns after the adoption of fine-free policies. When the San Francisco Public Library held a six-week fine amnesty period, some 700,000 items were returned—including a book that had been checked out a century earlier!

The library will still charge patrons for lost or damaged items, but the current policy of automatic renewals will remain, and the notification process to send reminders encouraging people to return their materials on time (or early) will be improved.

So if you have any overdue borrowed materials, now is the time to bring them in!

Other September holidays for booklovers to celebrate are:

September 6th—Read a Book Day

September 8th—International Literacy Day



## FRIENDS OF THE SFT LIBRARY 2021-2022 PROGRAM AND EVENT CALENDAR - PUBLIC INVITED!

Date	Program
Sept 13, Mon 3:30 p.m. AND 6:30 p.m.  Sept 16, Thurs 3:30 p.m.	Special Event (offered three different times): Piano recital –Joyce O’Neal
Sept 21, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
Oct 19, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Program – History of Sherrills Ford-Terrell in Photographs (at Rehobeth United Methodist Church Community Room, 9297 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell)
Nov 16, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
Dec 5, Sun. 2:30-5:00 p.m. (SNOW DATE: Dec 12, Sun 2:30-5:00 pm)	Drive-Thru Holiday Event with Santa
Jan 18, Tue. (SNOW DATE: Jan 19, Wed)	Program – An Evening with NYT-Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain! (Start time and location TBD)
Feb 15, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
March	Program - TBD
April 19, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
May	Program - TBD
June 21, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Summer Social Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting

*Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library, a not-for-profit organization, is 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.*

[Friendsofthesherrillsfordterrelllibrary.org](http://Friendsofthesherrillsfordterrelllibrary.org)   
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Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

## 2021-2022 Membership Form

### Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

**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 and *The Hickory Ballet* program
- **Provide Community Programs** throughout the year that offer broad learning opportunities for all ages. Examples include: author readings, the annual children's holiday party with Santa, a "Cook the Books" recipe tasting, the History of Sherrills Ford and Terrell presentation featuring local residents, and CPR/AED training. We will also sponsor the Summer Reading Ice Cream Party for finalists and present Student Art Shows in the library showcases.
- **Facilitate Literacy Programs** at Sherrills Ford & Catawba Elementary where we read with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes.
- **Advocate for the Library** by offering support and resources to fill needs not covered by their budget. Recent examples include purchasing a large-format printer and a laminator for the local branch.

**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.
- Engage and socialize with a **Great Group of People**.
- Many opportunities to **Get Involved** (see other side for a complete list).
- Periodic **Members-Only Gatherings**

**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, fill out the back of this sheet, and either drop it off at the library or mail it to us.

Consider following us on Facebook to keep current on planned activities!

<https://www.facebook.com/FOSFTL>

Or email us at:

[SherrillsFordFOL@gmail.com](mailto:SherrillsFordFOL@gmail.com)



Circle One: **Renewal** (Thank you!) or **New Membership** (Welcome!)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 10 Family Membership Cost

**Donations above our \$10 Membership Cost fund the bulk of our programs!** We intentionally keep our Family 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 the overwhelming majority 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Sponsor Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Patron Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Amount Donation

Please enclose a check for for the July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 membership year, payable to:

**Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library.**

Drop off at the library or mail to:

FOSFTL

9154 Sherrills Ford Road

Terrell, NC 28682

**For Renewing Members** please let us know if any of your contact information needs to be updated. If not, ensure your name is on the form and write "No Changes" below. For **New Members**, please do fill in the information below so we can add you to our friends list.

Name(s)-as you wish used on our nametag(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in any of these **Volunteer Opportunities** 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—help us recruit talented Officers & Board Members
- ☐ **Fundraising Committee** – to help us create a strategic approach to fundraising
  - ☐ Book Bonanza—help ensure ongoing supply of books for this fundraiser
  - ☐ Gift Basket Committee—help assemble gift baskets with others 2-4 times per year
- ☐ **Holiday/Special Event Support**—help with one of our special events such as our children's holiday party where a team of volunteers help children at activity stations, enjoy snacks and meet Santa!
- ☐ **Literacy Program**—support our program in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades by helping select books, assemble reading packets or reading in one of our classrooms
- ☐ **Membership Committee**—help with outreach for members, greet or/and staff our table at events
- ☐ **Program Committee** – to help generate program ideas and implement those selected
  - ☐ Refreshment Team – to organize or provide refreshments for one of our events
  - ☐ "Roadies" Team – to help set up or clean up at one of our events
- ☐ **Publicity** – help us coordinate and expand how we publicize our work



**A screen shot of the home page.**

## Check Us Out on Facebook

We have greatly expanded our presence on Facebook, posting pictures and information about our events. Facebook is of course accessible for any reader and you do not need a Facebook account to keep current.

[www.Facebook.com/FOSFTL](http://www.Facebook.com/FOSFTL)

If using Facebook, search **Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library** and please LIKE and share posts! You can check-in, too. Feel free to send a message if you would like a photo of you at the library or a Friends Event posted to the 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/newsletters/> 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](mailto:joyceoneal417@gmail.com) .

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