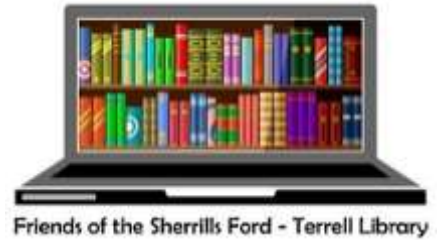




The Friendly News

October, 2021



Greetings from the President

Dear Friends:

Shorter days and cooler temperatures have me turning my attention to my favorite indoor activities, and settling in with a good book, an afghan and a lap dog are at the top of my list! As an avid reader, I regularly borrow books from the library. And yet I continue to be astounded by the amazingly diverse resources and services offered by our county library system that go well beyond book loans. Looking for a dance fitness, yoga or Tai Chi class? Want to borrow a pickleball, bocce, croquet or cornhole set? **A GoPro Camera, perhaps?** One of the Friends' goals this year is to promote awareness locally of the literal treasure trove of resources available through our branch and/or other county locations.

Cooler temps are also a reminder that the holidays are just around the corner. Before long, the Friends will be decorating the entrance to the library and preparing for our Annual **Family Holiday Event**. You can read more about what we have in store on [Page 3](#).

As we continue to flex our programming in response to pandemic-related considerations, we are also enthusiastically moving forward with several new initiatives aimed at connecting our local community with the library and encouraging life-long learning. I'd like to highlight a few of these initiatives:

Through our Facebook page, we will promote some fun, **lesser-known national holidays** (most recently, the Oct 1st "National Homemade Cookies Day"), featuring books at the library related to the theme and hosting a raffle for those who submit a picture of themselves engaged in the featured activity. See [Page 2](#) for the results of the Cookie Day Basket drawing.

Engaging teen volunteers – We are in dialogue with Bandys High School students who are seeking community service hours to marry their interests and skills with various needs of the Friends, which is a new and exciting partnership for us.

We are preparing to install some **Little Free Library boxes** in the SF-T area, and the Rehobeth Church Men's club has graciously offered to build these for us! If you would like to have a box in your neighborhood and would be willing to help maintain it, please let us know. See [Page 2](#) for more details.

On the personnel front, I am thrilled to announce that we have a new Friends' **Program Chair** – local native **Stephanie Roberts** see [Page 4](#) – and sad to report that we will be losing **VP Deb McGivern**, who, will soon be moving out of Sherrills Ford. I am so grateful to our volunteers who contribute their time and talents to the Friends and am always happy to connect with new people who are looking to get involved!

Warmly, Jeanne



Coming Soon to a Post Near You: Little Free Library Boxes!

You might have noticed those attractive wooden boxes filled with books—that is a Little Free Library and it's becoming more and more evident that it is an idea whose time has come! The Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization based in Hudson, Wisconsin, and its stated mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Libraries.

So far, the organization has seen phenomenal growth, with over 100,000 libraries in more than 100 countries. Approximately 42 million books are shared annually! The Little Free Library box removes barriers to book access, and the LFL educates and guides volunteer stewards in establishing their community LFL's.

The **Rehobeth Church Men's Club** has graciously offered to build suitable homes for our libraries, and will be delighted to have your help in their efforts.

Volunteers, called Stewards, act as neighborhood librarians, and if you would like to see a Little Free Library in your neighborhood, let President Jeanne know. Here's hoping we see them sprout up like weeds, and spread like kudzu!!



Tammy Fullen Hallman Wins the Cookie Drawing

That picture-perfect plate of **Potato Chip Cookies** (posted on our Facebook page) won the "National Homemade Cookie Day" drawing on October 11th. The



winner was **Tammy Fullen Hallman**, who claimed a gift basket chock full of goodies: baking utensils and supplies, three cookbooks, dish towels and hot pads, a fall-themed drink cup with lid, three candy bars, a tote, a \$10 Starbucks gift card, free membership in FOSFTL, a free book from the Book Bonanza in the Library foyer, and a partridge in a —no, strike that last bit.

Thanks to all the participants in our celebration of National Homemade Cookies Day!! And thanks to the SFT Branch Library staff for their support with the display of cookbooks!



Drive-through “Santa at the Library” Scheduled for Dec. 5



Our annual, free Family Holiday Event, a “Santa at the Library” Drive-through, will feature Santa with his Elves, holiday music and carolers on December 5th, with a rain/snow date of December 12th.

Get into the spirit of the season by viewing the decorations and singing along with the carolers on your way to see Santa!

Santa and his Elves will welcome children aged PreK to Grade 6 with goodies and books (at no charge, of course).

Reservations are required, and registration will begin on Nov. 7th and close on Nov. 28th. Registration will be through Eventbrite, and detailed instructions will follow. Stay tuned!



Times have changed, haven't they! Whereas Santa used to come in a sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer, he's now “Drive-Through” with 600 horsepower, heated seats, power steering, GPS, and surround sound! (All the better to endure those zillion-mile drives, but will your roof be able to handle the weight?)

Sheryl Schuhose and her committee are again preparing Gift Baskets for members of the community as part of the Family Holiday Event. Volunteers for the preparation and for the program are needed! Email Priya Palmer at priya.palmer@yahoo.com if you can lend a hand, or two.

Reading and Activity Kits Are Returning

In addition to “Santa at the Library”, there will be ‘**Make and Take**’ activities linked to YouTube book readings for children starting in December and continuing in January and February of 2022. Follow the Friends of the Library on Facebook for more details.



A Big Welcome to Stephanie Roberts, Our New Program Chair

We are delighted to welcome Sherrill's Ford-area native Stephanie to the Friends group. She holds a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and works at Davidson College as a Gift Records Specialist. A few of her favorite things are: visiting the Outerbanks of NC, fall, bird-watching, reading, and spending time with family. We are looking forward to Stephanie's contributions to FOSFTL, while at the same time:

Bidding Goodbye to Vice-president Deb McGivern

Deb has served as Vice-president for two years and we had hoped to keep her longer, but she is relocating from the area and has regretfully turned in her resignation. She will be missed, and all the members extend their best wishes and high hopes that the future will hold new, exciting things for her. Thank you, Deb!



A Tisket, A Tasket; Mary Needs Some Baskets...

Really, she does! And not only those plain, brown, woven ones either—some baskets that don't even LOOK like baskets! Like pretty pottery containers (this being pottery country, after all), and wooden trays, and copper pots or copper bowls. Just think what Mary could do with an iron skillet (now don't get too imaginative with this one...) or enamel cookware. Or knitting bags (or accessories, or yarn), or decorative bowls. Surely there are lots of containers out there looking for a nice home. Non-holiday themed "baskets" are a little harder to find, but make a nice contrast with the "expected." And to fill those baskets, donations of fresh candy, boxes of teas, knitting accessories and new yarn, cookbooks, and beautiful, old, unique buttons!



When considering donating an item of any kind, please make sure it is something you would enjoy receiving or giving as a gift. Please bring any donations to the Sherrills Ford desk and let the staff know it is for the Friends' basket initiative. And **Thank you!**



Is Chess Scary???

Not at the “No Stress Chess” Club!

These chessmen* DO look scary, but don't be afraid to come and enjoy — or learn — the fascinating game of chess.

Standard sets are provided, or you can play with vintage sets from all over the world, or bring your own. There is also a standard chess set at the library for anyone to use—just ask at the desk. The truth about chess is that the moves are easy and quickly learned, and there is less emphasis on winning than in most other leisure pursuits.

The Library "No Stress" Chess Club, sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library, will meet next on **Wednesday, November 3rd, at 5 p.m..** We've been playing in the library proper lately, and we'd love to have you! You may contact Joyce O'Neal at joyceoneal417@gmail.com for questions.

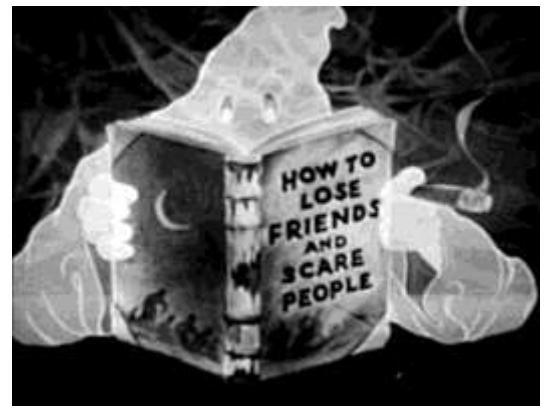
***The set shown is from Bali, hand-carved wood, dating to the mid-20th century.**

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Well, where did you think those SPOOKY specialists learned the trade? At SPOOK school? From TV? Oh, that's SOO last century!

Susan Hunsucker has the shelves packed FOR NOW, but they won't stay that way! Your gently-used novels, histories, comedies, autobiographies, and especially children's BOOKS are welcome to find new homes; CD's and films are always in demand, too.

Often included on those shelves are “coffee table” BOOKS in mint condition, just waiting for that special reader, and Susan highlights special offerings like First Editions, NC writers, Award Winners, etc. .



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(and their sales support the mission of the Friends, too!)



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
TBD	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
 [Facebook.com/FOTSFTL](https://www.facebook.com/FOTSFTL)



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 1st and 2nd 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

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 1st/2nd 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

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. Ellen says we now have 411 followers—would they all were members!!

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 .

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library 2021-2022

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