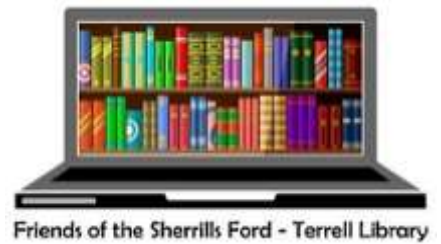




## ***The Friendly News***

*December, 2021*



### ***Greetings from the President***

**Dear Friends:**

The holidays are upon us, and we are ready to celebrate! Like Santa's elves, our volunteers kick into high gear at this time of year, and the pages that follow describe many of the seasonal activities we will be sponsoring in the weeks ahead.

Wishing you and yours many blessings this holiday season.

**Warmly, Jeanne**





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

We might not have snow, and reindeer are scarce this year—(maybe it’s the Supply Chain Syndrome)—but we’ve got what it takes:

**Holiday Cheer.....and SANTA!**

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. Reservations on Eventbrite have been a great success—we have only 4 spots left! Eventbrite automatically adds your request to waiting list if necessary, but the absolute deadline to register is Sunday, November 28, at 5 p.m.

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).



By the way, remember how Santa had to requisition Rudolph as back-up when the fog nearly stopped the take-off? Well, we have a BACK-UP Santa as well! So never fear, whether December 5th or the 12th, the Library is the first place Santa is going to land! (But not on the roof...)

Sheryl Schuhose and her committee are again preparing Gift Baskets for members of the community as part of the Family Holiday Event. This effort was greatly appreciated last year, and with Covid problems continuing, it should be just as welcome this year.



### Reading and Activity Kits Are Returning in January

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



## All-new Holiday Display Glowing and Twinkling at the Library



A gallery of our decorations—all new this year—and our decorators: Sheryl Schuhose, Ron Underwood, Mary Young, Kathy Camarco, Joyce O’Neal. Not shown are Priya Palmer and Evelyn Campbell.



Thanks to Priya Palmer for chairing the decorating committee, and to Mary Young for ordering and coordinating the new display.

(Our Snoopy-themed decorations were donated and we know they are being enjoyed just as much somewhere!)







**Kathy Camarco and Mary Young**

## **Handle the Baskets!**

Specially-themed baskets, children's baskets, and Holiday baskets, are all **AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW**, so stop by for that extra-special gift that's as pretty as these pictures!

From start...



**And still smiling after all those baskets!**



to finish.

## **Decorative, Like-new Items and Imaginative Containers Always Welcome**

It looks like Mary and Kathy have an ready supply of beautiful things on hand, but just a few well-stocked baskets reduces the inventory considerably. Stretch your imagination — look for that unusual or desirable item — or a different “take” on a basket/container. If you think it is a great idea, it probably is!!! So help out our fundraising (to support all the FOSFTL endeavors) and drop your goodies off at the library for the **Basketeers!** **Thanks!!**

## **Book Bonanza Bargains Keep Jumping Off the Shelves!**

But donations are **ALWAYS** welcome—especially this time of year! And just as all the world loves a book, (or should...), all the world loves a bargain. **Big books, little books, old books, new books, kids' books, seniors' books, fat books, thin books, light books, heavy books, general books, specialty books, major books, minor books, private books, public books, how-to, when-to, and go-to books!** So when looking for that something special that just fits the bill for a someone special, **why not books?** Check the shelves often—you never know what you might find!!

See next page for an **UNUSUAL** customer...



# 'Twas the Night\*—That Santa Dropped by the FOSFTL Book Bonanza



When what to his wondering eyes did appear,  
But shelves stuffed with BOOKS— what wondrous cheer!  
And all for a buck, or less— not too deer!  
Bought a novel novelette, just right for Prancer,  
Books on ballet were perfect for Dancer.  
Astronomy for Comet, mythology for Cupid,  
Airplanes for Blitzen, and nature for Vixen,  
Dasher and Donner were harder to match,  
DVDs!!!, with Benedict Cumberbatch.

Chose stuffing\*\* for YOUR stocking,  
Something light, nothing shocking:  
Gibbon's history; a Lee Child mystery;  
Classica Agatha; Blixin of Africa;  
Sophocles' tragedies; Wodehouse's comedies;  
Tess of the d'Urbervilles; Hound of the Baskervilles;  
Shakespeare's Antony; and Jane of Calamity.



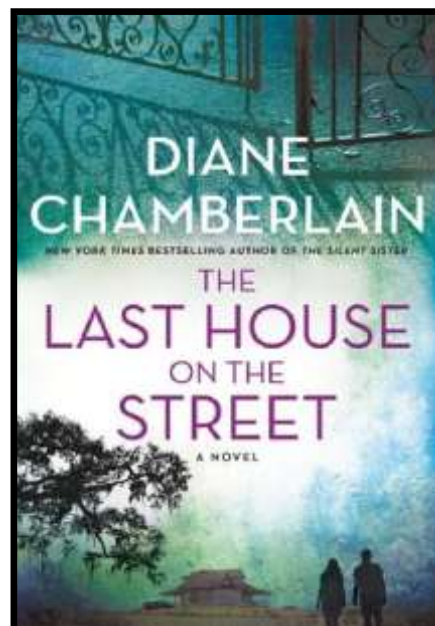
Santa founda pounda bargains in our lobby—  
But heaving these treasures left his knees wobbly!  
Santa's not antiquated—he needed help;  
A quick search found assistance on Yelp.  
Knowing his sleigh couldn't carry the load,  
He found a factotum right down the road!!!  
I ask you, what's the chances of that???  
A simple contract, and no caveat—  
Saved Santa so much he rushed home to relax,  
Soaked in the tub; had a few snacks;  
Succumbed to temptation; had Elves build a shelf;  
Surveyed his volumes—and kept all for himself!

**Moral of this tale: Visit the Book Bonanza before Santa!!**

\*with apologies to Clement Moore...

\*\*(Consumer alert: Not to be used with turkey...)





## Bestselling Author, Diane Chamberlain, Joining Us in January

Have you read The Silent Sister? So have many thousands of readers around the world! Ms. Chamberlain is on the best-seller lists of the New York Times, USA Today, and the Sunday Times.

We are pleased and excited to announce that she will be joining us on Tuesday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>**, to celebrate the launch of her THIRTY-FIRST novel, THE LAST HOUSE ON THE STREET. This timely story features two women, a generation apart, who find themselves bound by tragedy and an unsolved, decades-old mystery—and in a community whose past sins rise to the surface.

The Friends will be hosting Diane in this hybrid event when we will learn more about her and her newest book. More details coming soon! (Snow date Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>) So: **Save the Date!**

## Close Encounters of the Humorous Kind...



## **“No Stress” Chess Club Meets Next on Dec. 15th**



What do all these folks have in common? You can immediately see it—concentration! From grade school, to high school, to

out-of-school, library patrons are learning or practicing their skills—and enjoying the wonderful, interesting, historical, variable, and challenging game of chess (the oldest continuously-played board game on earth!)

Anyone can learn chess easily and quickly, and you can count on every game being different—for your lifetime! Plus, you never know who you’re going to play from week to week. We welcome new players every meeting and you’ll fit right in, no matter what your level of experience (or none at all!).

Standard sets are provided, or you can play with vintage sets from around 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 Library “No Stress” Chess Club, sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford -Terrell Library, will meet next on **Wednesday, December 15th, 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](mailto:joyceoneal417@gmail.com) for questions.



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

The Friends have begun the process of introducing the The Little Free Library to our community. These little boxes on the side of the road are aimed at removing barriers to book access and are being promoted as part of the Friends’ mission to support literacy. The international LFL organization 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 **they would be delighted to have your help in their efforts. FOSFTL is also seeking volunteers to help oversee this initiative.**

Volunteers, called Stewards, act as neighborhood librarians, and if you would like to see a Little Free Library in your neighborhood, or can assist the Rehobeth Men’s Club in building the boxes, please let President Jeanne know. Here’s hoping we see them sprout up like weeds, and spread like kudzu!!



Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

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

Date	Program
TBD	<b>Program – History of Sherrills Ford-Terrell in Photographs (at Rehobeth United Methodist Church Community Room, 9297 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell)</b>
Dec 5, Sun. 2:30-5:00 p.m. (SNOW DATE: Dec 12, Sun 2:30-5:00 pm)	<b>Drive-Thru Holiday Event with Santa</b>
Jan 18, Tue. (SNOW DATE: Jan 20, Thurs)	<b>Program – An Evening with NYT-Bestselling Author <b>Diane Chamberlain!</b> (Start time and location TBD)</b>
Feb 15, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Business Meeting</b>
March	<b>Program - TBD</b>
April 19, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Business Meeting</b>
May	<b>Program - TBD</b>
June 21, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Summer Social Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting</b>

*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.*

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library [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 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](https://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 that 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](mailto:joyceoneal417@gmail.com) .

### Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library 2021-2022

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**WE'RE STILL LOOKING! COULD IT BE YOU?**

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