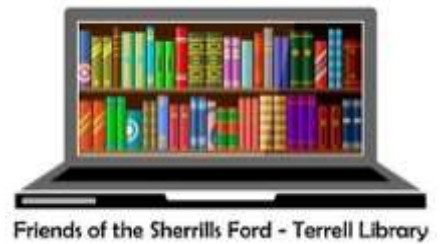




The Friendly News

January, 2022



Greetings from the President

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year, and welcome to the first 2022 edition of The Friendly News!

The Friends had a busy December, with many wonderful offerings that brought holiday cheer to our community. Many thanks are owed to the cadre of creative and dedicated volunteers who lent their time and talents to decorating the entrance to the SFT branch, pulling off the ambitious [Santa Drive-Thru Event](#) and creating [holiday gift baskets](#) for local families in need. [See articles on Pages 2-5 for lots of cheery photos!]

Additional thanks to our past and present Members and donors who funded these initiatives, as well as the purchase of [gifts for the hardworking SFT branch staff](#). [See article on Page 6 for details.]

The seasonal activities continue into January and February thanks to the efforts of Sue Green, who once again created adorable [Krafts 4 Kids](#) related to winter-themed books that they can access via YouTube. [Page 5]

We are so pleased to report that our newly formed partnership with Bandys High School student volunteers now has traction. Volunteers [Nayelis Alvarez](#) and [Collin Guenther](#), both Juniors at BHS, **have been lending us their expertise on new Friends' initiatives: creation of [bookmarks](#)** that promote the diverse services of our local library system [Nayelis on Page 6] and a brand- new presence on Instagram thanks to Collin, (who will be featured next month).

We held our first of three Student Art Shows in November/December, featuring the art of [Mill Creek Middle School](#) students. These exhibits are making great use of the mesh display panels we purchased for the branch last year. Watch for more exhibits in the months ahead. [Page 7]

Our much-anticipated January 18 program, "An Evening with Bestselling Author [Diane Chamberlain](#)" has unfortunately been postponed until Spring at the request of Ms. Chamberlain. We're looking at a new date of Tuesday, May 17 and will share more details once we've nailed down the logistics with her publicist.

Warmly, Jeanne

Nothing Delayed Our 2021 Drive-through “Santa at the Library”

We had plenty of cheer, smiles, and kids on December 5th when Santa successfully made his call at the SFT library. You can see from the pictures what a thrill it was for all the participants, and also the extraordinary amount of thought, effort, and organization it took to prepare for the event. Eventbrite for registration was very useful—just one more advantage of our electronic age. And here’s how it’s done...



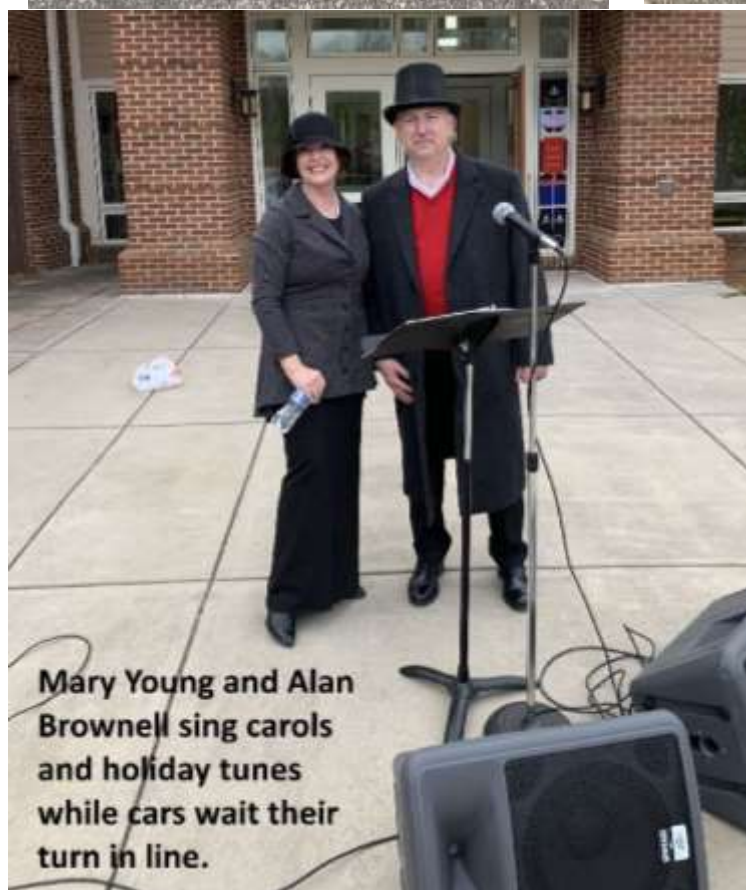
The ELVES are ready! Kathy Camarco, Evelyn Campbell and Ellen Dewey all beautifully outfitted by Mary Young...



Bridget Callahan brings the names of the children in the car to those that add an age-appropriate book to each child's goody bag.



George Trepina is at the ready with packed goody bags as Santa speaks with the children while Mom takes videos from within the car.



Mary Young and Alan Brownell sing carols and holiday tunes while cars wait their turn in line.



It doesn't get any better than this!!



Santa welcomes Conover's Spanish exchange student.



A serious conversation with Santa...



If a picture is worth a thousand words...

Santa Stats:

40 families, 80 children;
(vs. 32 & 62 in 2020);

And now for our thanks:

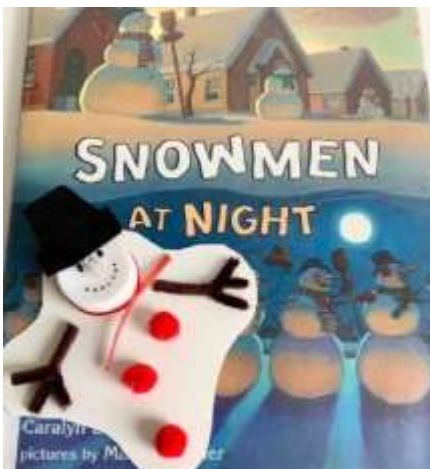
to Sheryl Schuhose, who spearheaded her THIRD holiday spectacular; Kevin Young, again our perfect Santa; Mary Young, for beautiful music and those killer ELF outfits; Alan Brownell, again singing us through the afternoon;

Evelyn Campbell, Teresa Binkley, Meg Thompson, Sue Green, and Lisa Yakovenko, for purchasing and sorting books; Milda Trepina, Bridget Callahan, Kathy Camarco, Nayelis Alvarez, and Don Schuhose, super-duper runner Elves!; George Trepina, Kathy Camarco, and Lisa Yakovenko, Santa's Elves handing out gifts; Shelley Orr, for last-minute issues and supplies, and restrooms!!



FOSFTL Again Delivers Family Gift Baskets

Fifteen local families had a merrier holiday this year, thanks to our Gift Baskets chocked with necessities and goodies. Mary Young did a fantastic job packaging the food and treats. The bags were delivered December 14th to these smiling ladies: **Hailey Cloud**, School Counselor at Catawba, on the left and **Amy Honeycutt**, School Counselor at Sherrills Ford, below. Our thanks to them as well for making this effort possible!



Cold January Afternoons Warm Up with “Friendly Krafts 4 Kids”

January’s project kit contains Caralyn Buehner’s book Snowmen at Night and all supplies necessary to make a melted-snowman night light. As well as a fun activity, each kit provides a link to YouTube, allowing our young readers to hear (and follow along) with the book being read aloud. The kits are suitable for ages 5 through 12 and are available at the library desk as long as supplies last. “Krafts 4 Kids” will continue in February—follow the Friends of the Library on Facebook for more details.

Santa Didn't Forget The Library, Either!

Just in time for the FOSFTL bookmarks, Santa (with a little help from the Friends) presented a professional-sized papercutter. Shelley Orr, our Library Services Manager, is seen on the right, hoisting the monster!

In addition, FOSFTL was pleased to present Amazon gift cards to the library staff, who are all so helpful all year long. We wish them all a Happy New Year!

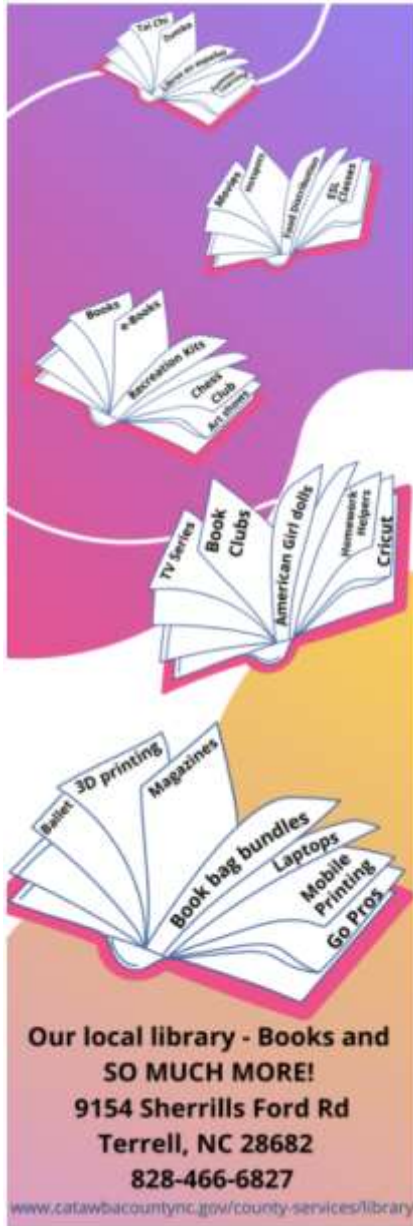


Introducing FOSFTL Bookmarks

As part of our mission to publicize the services available at the library, as well as the benefits of FOSFTL participation, we are introducing bookmarks that we hope will further these efforts.

Pictured is artist **Nayelis Castillo Alvarez**, a Bandys High School junior who designed the bookmarks.

We congratulate her, and also thank her for her help with the Drive-through Santa Event.



Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

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Help us support the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library

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Nayelis C. Alvarez



Foiled Again—But Not Defeated— by Covid!

Bestselling Author, [Diane Chamberlain](#), won't be with us in January, but we are not going to let Covid19 have the last word! Stay tuned for a confirmation of a new date and registration details.

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. Her 31st novel, THE LAST HOUSE ON THE STREET, will be published on January 11th.



FOSFTL Sponsors Art Display by Local Students



Shown here are student works from Mill Creek Middle School.

All of the works depict the student's favorite book, story, movie or television show. [Art teacher Liz Griffin](#) provided the show, which was on display in December.

Barbara Campbell has coordinated this FOSFTL project. .



Visit the Book Bonanza—WE Have the Books YOU Want!

The Book Bonanza may have JUST the volume you were hoping Santa would bring...(well, maybe next year). Was it Robert Ludlum? We have 17 on the shelves! Or W.E.B. Griffin? Multiples! How about nearly TWO DOZEN Tom Clancy's? And more than that for Danielle Steel!

Susan Hunsucker has books by these authors, and hundreds more, all cleaned, sorted and ready to go. Great selections of fiction for adults and children, as well as heavyweight titles for those LONG January evenings.

[Come in frequently—the selection changes every day.](#)





“No Stress” Chess Club Meets Next on Jan. 12th

Our December meeting featured two fun, handmade sets, with toys and elves, no less—all ready to go !

Even though we only meet for an hour, we are finding that a lot of game can be played in that hour! New players—at all levels—are always welcome!

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, January 12th, 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.



FOSFTL Continuing to Plan for 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 SFT LIBRARY 2021-2022 PROGRAM AND EVENT CALENDAR - PUBLIC INVITED!

Date	Program
TBD	Program – History of Sherrills Ford-Terrell in Photographs (at Rehobeth United Methodist Church Community Room, 9297 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell)
Feb 15, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
March	Program - TBD
April 19, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
May 17, Tue.	Tentative: Program - An Evening with NYT-Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain! (Start time and location TBD)
June 21, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Summer Social Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting

Remember to Smile on FOSFTL When Shopping on Amazon!

The Friends are on the “favorite non-profit” list at Amazon.com, so if you shop on Amazon, we hope you will **SMILE** on us!:

Just a few steps:

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

Next time you shop use www.smile.amazon.com

That’s all it takes!



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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 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



Find Us 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.

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

A screen shot of the home page.

Or 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/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 2021-2022

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WE'RE STILL LOOKING! COULD IT BE YOU?

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