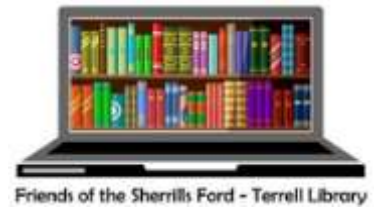




The Friendly News

February, 2022



Greetings from the President

Dear Friends,

After a few nasty weather weekends and some especially chilly temps, there seem to be some signs of spring in the air - - or is that just wishful thinking?

Despite the strong headwinds of both Mother Nature AND the Omicron variant this past month, the Friends continue to forge ahead mightily with activities that support the SFT library branch and our local community. Recent highlights include:

The newest **Friendly Crafts 4 Kids** packets arrived at the branch on February 4 and featured a caterpillar necklace to accompany the popular Eric Carle classic, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. These free and creative activity kits are the brainchild of FOL member Sue Green, and they literally fly off the shelves each time she introduces them. (See p. 2)

Various **works of art** that showcase the incredible talents of students at Bandys High School are now on display (and will be there until the end of February) and are well worth a gander next time you're at the library. This is the second of three student art shows that volunteer Barbara Campbell has organized in partnership with the art teachers at our local schools. (See p. 4)

The Friends are now officially on **Instagram**, thanks to the efforts of Publicity Chair Ellen Dewey in partnership with Bandys High School volunteer Collin Guenther. (See p. 3)

Our **Literacy Program** continues in a slightly altered form this school year, with book donations to first and second grade classrooms that support their literature curriculum. See page 2 for a description of the latest books selected by Co-Chair Meg Thompson for the second-grade classes at Catawba Elementary and Sherrills Ford Elementary. We hope to be able to resume our reading of the selected books in the classrooms come next Fall.

We are putting plans in motion for **several FOSFTL-sponsored programs** at the library this spring, including a piano recital in April, *An Evening with Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain* (rescheduled for May 17th), and potentially a third event that Programs Chair Stephanie Roberts is pulling together. (See p. 5)

As you can see, we continue to contribute to the community in many ways, thanks to the ingenuity of our creative and hardworking volunteers. We also have ambitious plans for the future and hope that as you hear more about them, you'll be eager to get involved.

Warmly, Jeanne

The FOSFTL Reading Program Announces Spring Selections



The next two books Meg Thompson will be sending to second-graders at Catawba Elementary and Sherrills Ford Elementary will be a perfect fit for the curricula the children are studying.

As part of the Literature Curriculum, Ainsley Earhardt's Take Heart My Child is a beautifully-illustrated lyrical lullaby that encourages children to follow their dreams.

Landforms and Weather, is part of the "Learning To Read" series published by The Clever Factory. This book is targeted at Level 3 readers, and explores many scientific weather terms. It will fit in with the Science curriculum at both elementary schools.



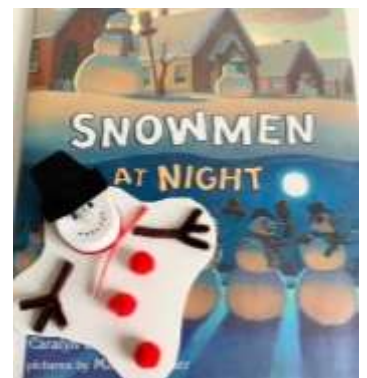
Friendly Crafts 4 Kids Was a Major Hit

More than 120 kits have been picked up at the library in the last two months! That means 120 or more kids having fun making things with their own two hands! That's 120+ smiles, 120+ cries of "I did it myself!" One of those smiles is pictured on the left.

The fourth kit (which was quickly snapped up) was based on The Very Hungry Caterpillar, a book by Eric Clarke. This kit featured a make-it-yourself necklace. The first three were a "melted snowman" nightlight, an origami penguin book mark, and a yarn heart.

Thanks to Sue Green and her committee of talented "taker-makers" for these heart-warming additions to FOSFTL offerings..

Watch for more to come!



SFTFOL Has an Instagram Account, Thanks to Volunteer **Collin Guenther**, a Bandys High School Junior



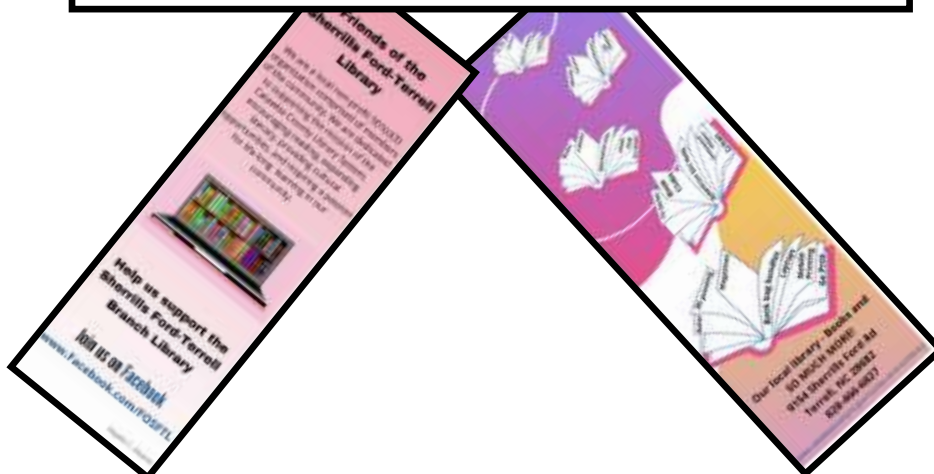
Publicity Chair Ellen Dewey is happy to announce that SFTFOL has expanded its social media footprint to include the app “Instagram.” Thanks to the expertise of **Collin Guenther**, our latest Bandys HS volunteer, we are now listed on Instagram as “sherrillsfordfol”. Given how popular Instagram is with younger folks, and with adults who have younger children, a presence there gives FOSFTL an opportunity to reach a different demographic. Instagram has been added to our other communication methods: Facebook; Nextdoor; Catawba County Library Website (which hosts a link for us); email; The Friendly News; notices to churches and organizations; and now Instagram! If you do not have an Instagram account, please share this news with family and friends who do, and encourage them to like the post and follow us. If you use Instagram, please visit us, view the rest of the post, and help us build our presence! Collin’s first post introduced the SFTFOL to the Instagram community by showing the success of the Santa-at-the-Library drive-through event. Ellen plans to use Instagram to tout our successes and to advertise upcoming events.

Besides being tech savvy, Collin plays soccer for both the Bandys HS team and a club team, Denver United. He is interested in studying Computer Science in college. **Thanks, Collin!**

In Case You Missed It Last Month, Here is the Young Artist That Designed Our Bookmarks;

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

We are grateful to these young people, as well as to all the other volunteers that keep SFTFOL going!



FOSFTL Sponsors Art Display by Bandys HS Students

A truly wide range of images and objects, all created by Bandys High School students, is currently on display in the library. There is a wide array of talent exhibited by these students under the direction of art teachers **Marcie Foster** and **Amy Hamner-Scronce**.

Come see what the younger generation can do!



Pottery creations in the lobby showcase. Zoom in to see these in detail!

Images in a variety of mediums—pen & ink, pastels, acrylics, etc.





A "Selenus" Chess Set from Germany

"No Stress" Chess Club Meets Next on Feb. 23rd

At our last club meeting, on February 9th, we learned that one of our members, **Sean Reed**, participated in his first chess tournament and made a good showing—17th place out of a field of forty! This was an "Open" tournament, meaning

that all levels of play were eligible for entry. Several of the club members are strong players, and playing chess against stronger opponents is a sure way to improve. New players and beginners are always welcome.

Even though we only meet for an hour, we are finding that a lot of chess 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.

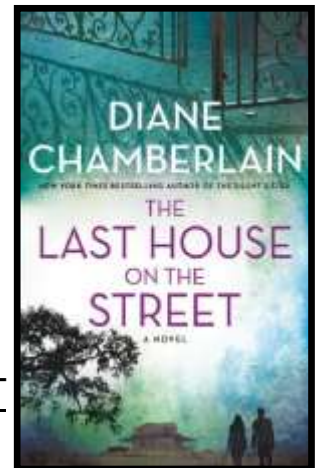
There is also a standard chess set at the library for anyone to use—just ask at the desk. The Library "No Stress" Chess Club, sponsored by the Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library, will meet next on **Wednesday, February 23, at 5 p.m.** We've been playing in the library proper, and we'd love to have you! You may contact Joyce O'Neal at joyceoneal417@gmail.com for

Diane Chamberlain Event Rescheduled for May 17th!



We are pleased to announce that we have a new date for this postponed program; it will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, at the library. We will partner with Main Street Books in Davidson to sell books at the event. Pre-registration will be required, with preferred access granted to current FOSFTL members. More details regarding registration to follow...

Ms. Chamberlain's 31st novel, THE LAST HOUSE ON THE STREET, was published on January 11, 2022.



Piano Recital April 11th Entitled

"Wild and Crazy Guys"

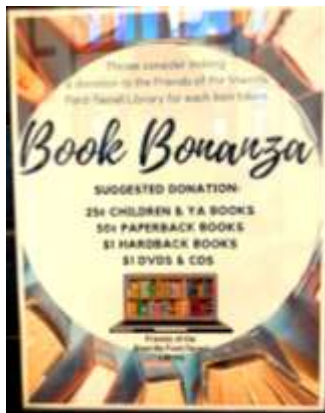
Pianist Joyce O'Neal returns to the Community Room Kawai to play her fourth recital in Sherrills Ford, this one called "Wild and Crazy Guys." Selections range from Field and Chopin to Shostakovich and Scharwenka, and not one of them is dull and boring!! The works themselves cover different genres of piano style from the 19th to the 21st centuries. Starting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11th, we hope you come and know you will enjoy a journey through this unusual facet of piano music.





Visit the Book Bonanza—
WE Have the Books
YOU Want! And We
Always Need More!

Susan Hunsucker has books now on an additional cart, and though it looks as if we are overstocked, we aren't! Especially needed are children's books, because these seem to just fly out the doors. Hundreds of hard cover and paperback books are just waiting for you, all cleaned, sorted and ready to go.



Great selection, low price, and a good cause—what more is needed? You!



A Tisket, A Tasket, You Can Find a Basket;
One that fits your special needs, for that special person.
A Biscuit, A Basket, cookbooks in your basket;
Full of other themed things, too; saves you all exertion!
You Name It, You Claim It, Mary Young will make it—
An inexpensive gift that also helps our organization.
Come look the table over, or just click us on Facebook;
FOL gift baskets are our library's sensation!

And with Easter just around the corner, those pretty
Easter Baskets will be going on display soon!





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 11, 6:30 p.m.	Piano Recital – Joyce O’Neal
April 19, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
May 17, Tue.	An Evening with NYT-Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain! (Start time 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! Easy as 1, 2, 3.

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

Next time you shop, use www.smile.amazon.com That’s all it takes!



The more things change, the more they stay the same...

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.

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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, 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 (Facebook.com/FOSFTL) and Instagram (sherrillsfordfol) to keep current on planned activities!

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



You Can Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram



We currently post pictures and information about our events on both platforms. You do not need a Facebook account to keep current.

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

We are listed on Instagram as [sherrillsfordfol](https://www.instagram.com/sherrillsfordfol)

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 .

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