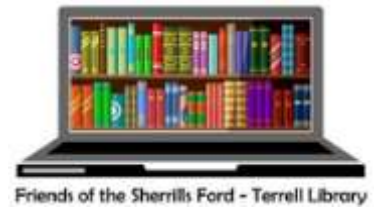




The Friendly News

April, 2022



Greetings from the President

Dear Friends,

We are very excited to resume FOSFTL-sponsored programming at the library, with two fabulous author events and a delightful piano recital now on the calendar. We hope to see many familiar friendly faces at these programs, and, as always, we love having new faces in the mix! We will continue to offer Priority Access registration to current Friends.

We were happy to display the **student art work from Sherrills Ford Elementary School** during March. This was the third and final student art show for the year, and it was quite impressive! (See page 4)

Believe it or not, our various committees are already turning their attention to the 2022/23 program year. We will be reviewing proposed plans and budgets at our April 19th business meeting, before sending them off to our Board of Directors and then putting them to a membership vote at our June annual meeting. Of course, these ambitious plans can only come to fruition if we have volunteers to oversee them. Some immediate needs include:

We need someone to coordinate our second grade Literacy program. Meg Thompson, who has headed up this program for many years and created a well-oiled system, will be retiring from her post at the end of June. She is happy to work with the new coordinator to allow for a easy transition. (See page 6)

We are forming a new committee focused on the adorable **Friendly Krafts 4 Kids** kits that Sue Green has been creating on an ad-hoc (and self-funded) basis. This will now become a regular offering by the Friends throughout the year, with its own budget. Volunteers will select books and design/produce the companion activity kits. What a fun way for our crafty members to contribute to our efforts aimed at encouraging child literacy. (See page 5)

Our **Program Committee** has compiled a preliminary list of diverse programs for 2022/23, starting with a seasonally-appropriate "Spooky Stories" storyteller event in October. Committee Chair Stephanie Roberts is looking for some new folks to join this popular committee. (See Page 7)

The **Holiday Events Committee** is in need of a new committee chair (or co-chairs).

April also marks the start of our **membership drive** for the 2022/23 program. Please renew your membership between now and June 30, and spread the word to non-members about all the good work the Friends does to support our local library. Liking us on Facebook and following us on Instagram are simple ways to broaden our reach.

Warmly, Jeanne



Authors Ashley Oliphant and Beth Yarbrough Answer a Centuries-old Riddle: Did the Pirate Jean Laffite Live Out His “Retirement” In Their Hometown of Lincolnton, NC?

On March 28th, the book Jean Laffite Revealed: Unraveling One of America’s Longest-Running Mysteries answered the question! The Community Room was packed for our Authors’ Program and no one was disappointed in the presentation. Copies of the book were available for purchase, complete with dedications by two determined sleuths!

Ashley Oliphant



Beth Yarbrough



Both a suspense-filled thriller and a scholarly work, the volume takes a fresh look at the various myths and legends surrounding one of the last great pirates. Beginning in 1805, the book traces Laffite through his rise to power as a privateer and smuggler in the Gulf, his involvement in the Battle of New Orleans, his flight to Texas, and his



eventual “disappearance” in the waters of the Caribbean. Laffite had enemies, of course, so with the help of some friends, he hid away in Cuba after his faked death (in the 1820’s). With stunning revelations, this book picks up the trail from there—a trail that no one knew existed until now.

While on a family vacation to the Gulf (of Mexico), the mother-daughter team, (one an architectural historian, the other an English professor), began their inquiries into Lafitte’s shadowy career as a pirate, a smuggler, and the overlord of an entire criminal organization in Louisiana. Along the way, he accumulated a fortune, was pardoned by President James



The grave of Lorendzo (sic) Ferrer in St. Luke’s Churchyard cemetery. Was Ferrer really Lafitte?



Madison for his aid to Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans, and served as a spy for the Spanish during the Mexican War of Independence.

In the early 1830s, he made his way back to the states during the cotton boom and settled down in Mississippi under the new

name Lorenzo Ferrer. According to the authors, Laffite became friends with the Henderson



Anonymous portrait of Jean Laffite, early 19th century.

Family, who ultimately convinced him to come and live in Lincolnton.

The Loren(d)zo Ferrer in the Lincolnton grave died in 1875, at the age of 96. Was he the pirate?

Over two years, the authors' researches took them from hometown Lincolnton, through various dusty Southern basements with moldy records, to the rarified air of the Princeton University Library. But then they found the final piece of evidence right at home—in the Masonic Lodge in Lincolnton. **SPOILER**

ALERT: READ NO FURTHER, MATIES, IF YOU WANT TO PRESERVE THE SUSPENSE!!



An old sword that had been “hanging around” the Lodge for years had never been closely examined. No one remembered just why it had been preserved, but when Oliphant and Yarbrough raised questions about the men who had founded the Lodge, it was then discovered that the Henderson family had nominated Ferrer for membership. The authors' efforts were suitably rewarded: on the sword was a faint inscription that read —J. N. Laffite (just the way the pirate himself spelled his name!

The book is available at Barnes and Nobles bookstores, and on the website:

jeanlaffiterevealed.com.



Piano Recital April 11th

Entitled

“WILD AND CRAZY GUYS”

Don't let the outsides fool you; under those staid suits were talents that pushed the limits of 20th century music! Beautiful melodies—often with wicked harmonies—offer plenty of surprises for the listener. 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 Brahms and Chopin to Shostakovich and Scharwenka, and not one of them is dull and boring!! The works themselves cover different piano styles from the 19th to the 21st centuries. Starting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11th, we hope you will come and experience an hour of “

Wait 'til you hear THIS!” piano.



Art Show by Students at Sherrills Ford Elementary School

FOSFTL sponsored our spring Art Show, which featured the works of Sherrills Ford Elementary students. It was on display at the library during March.

Thank you to art teacher **Megan Maltby** and the students for providing their artwork. Each piece of art was labeled with the artist's name and grade.

The three 2021-22 Art Shows were sponsored by Friends of SFTL, in partnership with the Catawba County Library System.



The Teen Zone had an inviting array of images at the door.

Hope you had a chance to view the works of these talented youngsters.

***"Knowledge is limited.
Imagination encircles the
world."***

Albert Einstein

***"Art washes away from the
soul the dust of everyday
life."***

Pablo Picasso



Sheep Do WHAT??????



The most recent **Friendly Kraft 4 Kids** project kit featured a **sheep hand puppet**. The some-assembly-required Kraft was made from a craft stick, construction paper, a chenille wire, and makeup removal pads! Instructions were included in the kit and the only supply needed was some glue.



This Kraft was designed to go along with the Nancy Shaw "sheep" series of books. They are available in Ebook or print form from the Catawba County Library system. These delightfully clever rhyming books have amazing illustrations and feature the zany antics of a herd of sheep. They are "In a Jeep", "Out to Eat" and "In a Shop" among other adventures. To date over 200 patrons have participated in taking home the **Friendly Krafts 4 Kids** kits.

Spring Returns and Normal's Almost Back, Too!!

Even though Daylight Saving Time has arrived, and it's SPRING, some evenings just cry out for a good book—and FOSFTL has plenty! Books on gardening, self-improvement, home decorating, fiber and wire crochet, crafts, and nearly everything in between!



Thrilled by thrillers? Just waiting for

Our children's books are the biggest bargains in town and these seem to just fly out the doors. WE ALWAYS need more! .

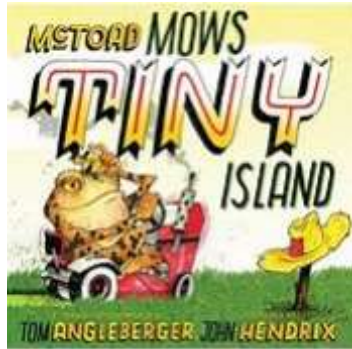
NEWS FLASH: FOUR BIG BOXES OF DVD'S WERE DONATED ON MONDAY, THE 28TH! Some are already out on the shelves and more will be out for sale very soon. COME IN AND EXPLORE!!



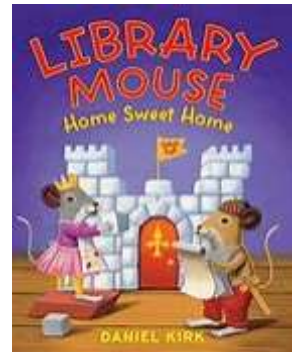
First Grade Literacy Program Update

Both Sherrills Ford Elementary and Catawba Elementary first graders have the opportunity to take home the classroom's copy of the intriguing books shown below. Barbara Nelson reports that four selections have already been distributed, and that there should be time for one final book before the school year ends.

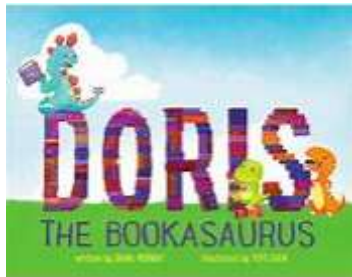
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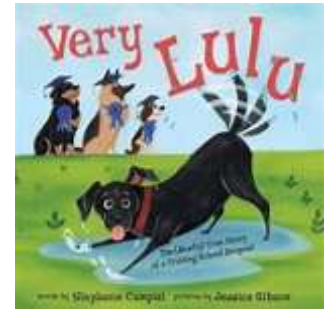
October: Mctoad Mows Tiny Island,
by Tom Angleberger



November: Library Mouse: Home Sweet Home,
by Daniel Kirk



January: Doris the Bookasaurus,
by Diana Murray



March: Very Lulu, The (Mostly) True Story of a Training School Dropout,
by Stephanie Campisi

The FOSFTL recognizes that the goal of promoting literacy cannot begin too young!

“No Stress” Chess Club Continues to Attract New Players; Meets Next on April 13th

New faces have been welcomed at nearly every meeting this year! Chess does not focus on winning, but it doesn't have to—chess wins fans for itself simply by being unpredictable. Our games don't always finish by closing time at 6:00 p.m., but the hour of concentration and comradery supplies a pleasant cap for a busy day.



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, April 13th, at 5:00**. We've been playing in the library proper, and we'd love to have you!

We would love for you
to GET WITH



COMMITTEE!

Program Planning for Next Year (2022/2023) Is Underway

Stephanie Roberts and her committee are already up and running, with new ideas and fresh enthusiasm for next year (and for the rest of this season, too). They are very excited about actually being able to have in-person programs again!

The committee would love to have more people participate. If you are interested in helping out with programs; be it as small as helping set up for events or as large as heading up a specific program, please contact Stephanie Roberts at smtroberts1317@gmail.com.

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. Ms. Chamberlain has published 31 novels (so far!) and 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, was published on January 11, 2022



Registration details will be provided soon!



Re: Supply and Demand*

We have new baskets on display at the library (and posted on our social media accounts)—uplifting news for the almost-here Spring Season! Mary Young and her team saw the table emptied just a few days ago and stepped right up to restock.



***Demand ahead...**

Visit the library or check them out on Facebook..

If you would like to reserve a basket (or more!), tell the staff at the desk the basket ID number. The basket will be held for you for 5 days. Check Facebook often for our basket offerings!



**but Supply steps up to the plate,
and hits a homer!**

Donations of new and nearly-new items, decorative or useful (or both), are always appreciated. Funds raised by both our basket and our Book Bonanza donations help support our ongoing literacy and cultural programs.



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

Date	Program
March 28, Mon. 7:00 p.m.	Local Author Event - Jean Laffite Revealed
April 11, 6:30 p.m.	Piano Recital – Joyce O’Neal
April 19, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	Business Meeting
May 17, Tue. , 7:00 p.m.	An Evening with NYT-Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain!
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. 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!



“I hope this is the right wine for reading
and ignoring each other.”



“WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP READING OVER MY SHOULDER?”

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.
Facebook.com/FOSFTL or Instagram: sherrillsfordfol



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.

<https://facebook.com/FOSFTL>

We are listed on Instagram as: 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 .

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library 2021-2022

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Friends of the Sherrills Ford - Terrell Library

2022-2023 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 the **July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 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