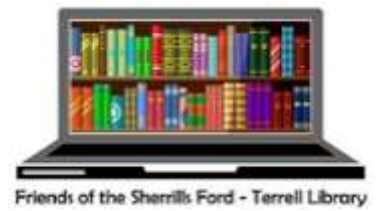




The Friendly News

June, 2022



Greetings from the President

Dear Friends,

To say that the recent Friends-sponsored author event with Diane Chamberlain was a raging success feels like an **understatement!** We had more than 100 registrants for this program, and thanks to Ms. Chamberlain's willingness to stay for a second program, we were able to largely accommodate the high demand. Participants raved about the interaction with a well-loved author. Many "thank you's" are owed to Ellen Dewey, Stephanie Roberts and Linda Greenwell for all of their efforts in the many months of planning and the flawless execution of this program. See pictures on Page 2.

This month we will host our last gathering of the 2021/22 program year—the **Members' Social and Annual Meeting**—on Tuesday, June 28., at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Picnic fare will be featured, with the Friends purchasing fried chicken and drinks and members signing up to bring sides or desserts. See Page 5 for registration details.

As we transition to the 2022/23 Program Year on July 1, we will be experiencing a "changing of the guard" in some of our Board, Officer and Committee Chair positions. The proposed Board and Officer slate will be presented for a membership vote on June 28. At this time, I would like to acknowledge several members who have already graciously agreed to assume Chair positions and to thank their predecessors for their dedicated service:

Sabine Detzel recently assumed the role of **Membership Chair** to coincide with the start of our annual membership drive. Sabine is replacing Sue Green, who ably managed the membership process this past year, during the covid-related fits and starts. Sue is also the creator of the wildly-popular Krafts4Kids packets, which she has generously funded on her own. Thanks to Sue's initiative, this will now become a full-fledged committee effort funded by the Friends. This creates a terrific new opportunity for our "crafty" members to offer their talents and encourage reading in young children.

New member Charlene Callahan has already joined Sue on the newly-formed Krafts4Kids committee (see Page 4) and has also volunteered to oversee the popular **August Ice Cream Social** at the conclusion of the library's Summer Reading Program.

New member Tammy Hallman has volunteered to replace long-standing Literacy Program Co-Chair Meg Thompson and will oversee the second-grade literacy program. Meg has led the second-grade initiative for many years, and we are so very grateful for her stewardship of- and devotion to- this wonderful program.

Volunteers are still needed in several key areas:

Literacy Program Co-Chair Barbara Nelson is looking to retire from her long-standing position as organizer of the **first grade reading program** and would love to share her wealth of experience with a willing successor. See Page 4.

The **Holiday Events Committee** is in need of new leadership. This committee plans the family holiday event at the library (which morphed into the Santa drive-through the past two years), and it also oversees the creation of gift baskets to families in need who have children at Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary schools. If you are interested in spearheading one or both of these initiatives, please let us know.

Our 2022/23 membership drive is still underway. 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.

In closing, it is with mixed feelings that I sign off on this newsletter, the last one I will author as I end my second two-year term as President of the Friends. I am so grateful to all of the wonderful people who have worked with me during the past four years to deliver on our mission, and I am proud of all that we were able to accomplish in spite of the challenges of these past two years. I know I am leaving the organization in very capable hands and look forward to my continued involvement with this lovely community of volunteers.

Warmly, Jeanne



~~A Visit~~ TWO Visits with Bestselling Author Diane Chamberlain Enormously Successful

May 17th and 18th felt like a glorious return to normal as we welcomed Diane Chamberlain to Sherrills Ford-Terrell. This event proved to be just as popular as was expected, with response so strong that both dates saw the Community Room full of fans.

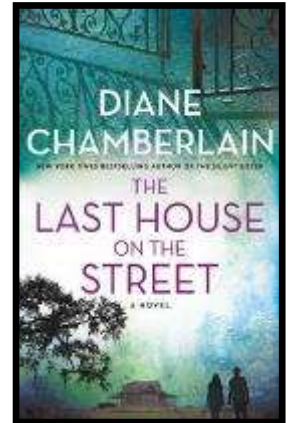
Main Street Books in Davidson sent a representative to both gatherings, and sales of Ms. Chamberlain's latest novel, The Last House on the Street, were brisk. So another goal of the FOSFTL, supporting independent book stores, was met.

The best-selling author entertained the audience with the story of her journey from novice to veteran, being most careful not to give away the endings of her previous books, and induced lots of laughs on the way.

Ms. Chamberlain is at an age when many of us retire to the front porch or the garden, but she is still challenged by the prospect of new works (although she promises fewer books at longer intervals!) Her personal interaction with the characters she has created is striking; she recounted imagining her first novel at a young age and carrying the story for many years in her memory.

Both audiences had many pertinent questions, as well as comments on their own emotional responses to her books. We hope she enjoys many more years of creative story-telling!

More about the author can be found at <https://dianechamberlain.com/>



Summer Learning Program Underway: It's Not Too Late to Immerse Yourself in Oceans of Possibilities!

As in past years, the FOSFTL is sponsoring the 2022 Summer Learning Program. This year has an exciting mix of educational, live performances, and STEAM programs—with prizes!

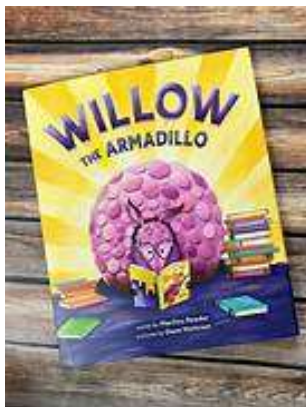
Activities for children, teens, and adults will include presentations by the North Carolina Aquarium, the Hickory Music Factory, the Green Bean Players, and Catawba County Parks.

The Summer Learning Program will feature prizes for registered participants based on their reading. Children will get interim awards at the 200, 400 and 600 minute marks to encourage summer-long participation.

Boasting a double focus on reading and hands-on learning opportunities, the library aims to keep learning fresh throughout the summer. Sign up online at catawbacountync.beanstack.org/reader365 or at the library.



First Graders Receive the Last Book of the School Year.



The FOSFTL Literacy Program has concluded the school year with its fifth selection, Willow, the Armadillo. First grade classes at Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary Schools participated in the program, for which we supply the books and associated materials.

One of the teachers wrote, "Thank you so much! We really appreciate the books." And FOSFTL appreciates Barb Nelson, who has enthusiastically guided this

literacy effort for many years.

The last book was Willow, the Armadillo, by Marilou Reeder. In this charming (and instructive) story, Willow wants to be the hero in a picture book of her very own. But she discovers that there is something even better than being a hero in a book. A delightful read for first graders.

Barb Nelson needs a successor! We are looking for a new co-chair for our School Literacy Program—could that be you?? To volunteer, or ask questions, send an email to sherrillsfordfol@gmail.com.



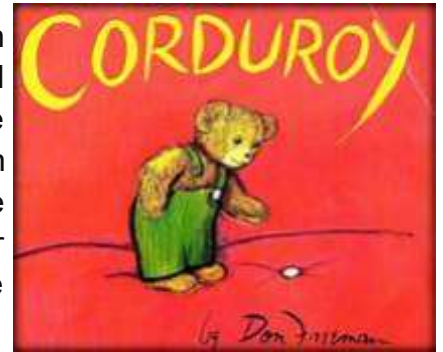


Friendly Krafts4Kids Acquires Permanent Status as a FOSFTL Offering

The Very Busy Spider, by Eric Carle, inspired a cute craft idea to keep kids very busy! The end result of those pieces shown on the left was a spider peering out from its web. Assembling any of this year's kits required only scissors, tape or glue and markers, making them simple and complex at the same time. Imagination triumphs!

Sue Green says "the word is out and the kits disappear faster than cookies in a cookie jar!" And indeed, the box was empty by the time your editor dropped by to photograph the kit. Charlene Callahan and Sue are developing the next one, which will correspond to the book Corduroy, by Don Freeman, and it will soon be in the lobby. Keep an eye out for upcoming kits!

Because the kits have been so popular and have such strong links to influential children's books, the FOSFTL has added this endeavor to our list of permanent, funded projects. Sue Green's initiative and creativity will make a long-lasting contribution to FOSFTL's mission. The two are developing ideas for the summer kits, tying them into the "Oceans of Possibilities" theme for the Summer Learning Program, and they would welcome some additional hands to help generate ideas and create kits.



When You Finish Reading The Last House on the Street, Stock Up for the Summer

Planning time on the beach? On the dock? In the boat? On the porch?

With summer here, there will be more time to read. The more time to read, the more books you need!

The **Friends Book Sale** is stocked with hundreds of the best and most popular authors' works. Mystery and history, romance and finance, do-it-yourself and self-help, biography and geography, arts and sciences, home-grown authors and international



stars, go-to travels and how-to manuals, fantasy and gravity, genealogy and ecology, and more than you can imagine!



Our Annual Members' Social and Meeting Is the Last Item on This Year's Calendar

And won't it feel GREAT!! Fried chicken and sides and deserts—all the best picnic fare you can imagine. Is your mouth watering already?

Then mark your calendar for June 28th at 6:30 p.m. when the Community Room will be overflowing with savory smells!

Friends supplies the chicken and drinks; members are asked to bring side dishes and deserts. Whip out your family recipes, whip up a favorite dish and join us to savor the fellowship we have missed for two years.

Registration is restricted to current and renewing members, and all are encouraged to bring an interested prospective new member. You are asked to use Eventbrite to let us



know you plan to attend. Here's how: click on <https://friendsfriedchickenannualsocial.eventbrite.com>

Tickets/chicken orders end on Sunday, June 19th, so don't delay!



Our Summer Baskets Are "In the Pink"

The saying dates all the way back to the 16th century, when pink wasn't used to describe a color—it was a flower!

The flowers we call Sweet Williams (dianthus) are still referred to by the Brits as "pinks." The dianthus got that nickname because its blooms looked like small eyes, or "pinck oogen" in Danish. The British imported the flower along with its (transliterated) nickname. Pinks were considered the pinnacle of floral design and thus referred to a peak quality, so "in the pink" meant to be in the peak of health. All this is a roundabout way of saying that our Basket Sales are moving right along, although there is still a wide selection out on the table, waiting for you! So remember when you need a "pick me up" for a friend or relative—pick up one of our "in the pink" baskets!



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.

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! 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

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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Location: Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library, 9154 Sherrills Ford Road, Terrell, NC 28682 Phone: (828) 466-6827



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
- ☐ Friendly Krafts4Kids – create, organize and stock these take & make literacy-based kits for younger library patrons