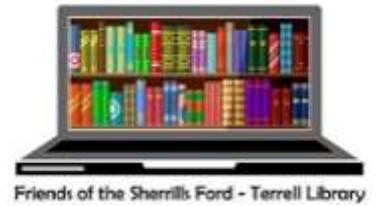




The Friendly News
December, 2022



Greetings from the President

Greetings Friends,

Somewhere between “Leftover turkey AGAIN?” and “Santa Claus comes tonight,” most of us are going to do a bit of shopping. My first official Christmas gift purchase this year was two fancy hardcover books for my older son, who loves mythology. And whether our other kids like it or not, **they are also getting at least a few books for Christmas, It’s undeniable: books make great gifts!**

Choosing a book for someone is a special experience because you’re choosing something personal. I may give all three of our kids matching sets of pajamas, but it’s unlikely I would buy them all the same book.

Speaking of books and Christmas, did you know that our Friends of the Library used to have a book exchange during the holiday season? If you drew #1, you got first pick from a whole table full of excellent—and sometimes surprising—books.

I like to think of our Book Bonanza as the best of book gift-giving, **combined with the fun of a book exchange. It’s an exchange, of course, because we can take those books we’ve enjoyed (or perhaps not) and pass them along. The “gifting” part is what Susan Hunsucker does. She selects the most attractive and interesting books to display. She knows the tastes of the readers who come to choose a new volume from our modest selection, and she keeps the selection fresh and appealing. Isn’t that a gift?**

Sadly for us, Susan has decided to move to be near family, and so we will have to find another Friend with just the right gifting spirit to take over the job.

Incidentally, we’ve got more shoes to fill within the next few months...we’ll wait until after the holidays to get into that!

For now, let’s think about the other ways our Friends have been generous. You can read all about it below. And between now and “Santa Claus comes tonight,” I hope you can curl up with a good book. Merry Christmas!

Cheers, Erica

'Tis Getting Closer to the Night Before Christmas...



So it's also closer to Gift Bag Delivery Day!

A total of 14 families and 31 children will receive Holiday Gift Bags from FOSFTL. Eight of these families have children attending Catawba Elementary School and six are Sherrills Ford Elementary families.

For many of these children, the books and activity kits will deliver not only the spirit of Christmas, but also the exciting potential of library participation.

Each collection will include food (to warm the stomach), a book for each child (to excite the mind), and goodie bags (for a little holiday splurging). The bags will be delivered the week of December 12th.

Amanda Currie, with guidance from Sue Greene and Priya Palmer, is collecting and collating the various items — and you can



see the wide and colorful variety in the surrounding pictures. Our thanks to these ladies, and to all the Friends members who help FOSFTL fund such worthy efforts.



December Friendly Krafts-4-Kids Are Available at the Front Desk

Sue Greene has the first December Kraft ready for pickup and features Snowmen at Christmas, by Caralyn Buehner. The accompanying Kraft is a make-your-own holiday card template. Designed for children aged five or older, the activity requires only scissors, glue stick, orange and black markers and a pencil.

The book is available in print or eBook with your Catawba County Library patron card.

You may remember last year's popular "melted-snowman" night light which was accompanied by another of this author's books, Snowmen at Night.

Snowmen at Christmas depicts all the best parts of the holiday as celebrated by the Snowmen. Perfect for a read-along on a cold winter's night!



And the Holiday Decorations Have Returned

It isn't as easy to "see how they twinkle" in the daytime, but since it is now dark at 5:00, you can enjoy the glow every working day before closing time!

Malinda Lane organized the decorating party and on November 18th, the team installed our Friendly Décor. Notice too the perfectly-fitting (in both senses of the word!) Nutcracker banners on the entrance doors.

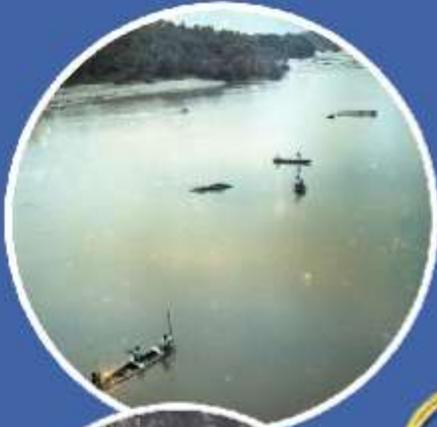


Our "Before" Little Free Library Box Is Ready for Painting!



The contest has ended, and the proposals are being reviewed. We will announce the winner of the \$100 cash prize just as soon as we can!

As you drive around the surrounding towns and communities, you will probably see these little boxes springing up everywhere. The kind men at Rehobeth Church did the carpentry and we already have a home for this, our first box. It will be installed at the new Mountain Creek Park, just up the road. Stay tuned for breaking news!



A Pictorial History of Sherrills Ford

January 17, 2023, 7 pm
(snow date Jan. 24)

Rehobeth United Methodist Church
9297 Sherrills Ford Rd, Terrell, NC 28682

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FRIENDS OF THE SHERRILLS FORD-TERRELL LIBRARY**

FACILITATORS: ROBERT EADES AND JEFF HOWARD

Projected photos provided by long-time area residents and their families will be used to discuss the history of the area prior to and after the creation of Lake Norman. Audience participation is welcome.

**FOR FREE REQUIRED TICKETS:
FOSFTL MEMBERS ONLY ACCESS
BEGINS MON. DEC. 5, GENERAL
ADMISSION ACCESS BEGINS
SUNDAY DEC. 11**

Online at Eventbrite:
<https://pictorialhistoryofsherrillsford.eventbrite.com>

For those that prefer paper tickets, please visit the SFT Library

Questions? sherrillsfordfol@gmail.com

Coming Back on January 17th, at 7 p.m., Historian Robert Eades

Join the Friends of the Sherrills Ford Terrell Library for an evening with Robert Eades and Jeff Howard to learn about the history of our area before and just after Lake Norman was created.



This may be a photograph of Adam Sherrill's ford over the Catawba!

Robert and Jeff will illustrate their talk with vintage photographs of people and places in the area. They will have a Q&A time also where they welcome questions. They encourage audience members to contribute to the evening with their own recollections. It will be a fun evening and hopefully you will leave knowing something you never knew before about this area we call home.

Jeff Howard has provided many of the photographs for the program. He was born in Denver but has lived in Troutman since 1969. He is a longtime historian and has amassed an amazing collection of historic photographs and artifacts.

Date: January 17th, 2023, at 7PM (snow date January 24th)

Location: Rehobeth United Methodist Church 9297 Sherrills Ford Rd Terrell, NC 28682

Free Required Tickets will be available December 5th online at Eventbrite. Priority Registration for members will be from December 5th-10th. And General Admission Registration will open on December 11th. For those that prefer paper ticketing, please visit the SFT Library at 9154 Sherrills Ford Rd Terrell, NC 28682. For questions, please contact us at:

sherrillsfordfol@gmail.com

Here is the link to registration: <https://pictorialhistoryofsherrillsford.eventbrite.com>

More details are on the poster — Page 4

Three videos covering the first (2018) Sherrills Ford History Program are available on YouTube. Here are the links:

Part 1: https://youtu.be/GjFiu_sEeI0

Part 2: <https://youtu.be/k2HSaPsvgYg>

Part 3: https://youtu.be/RoOqnTtHg_M

Sherrills Ford Elementary Will Be First

to Mount Art Exhibition

Barbara Campbell has arranged for the SFES students to hang their art work in our bright and welcoming facility.

Their works will be on display from mid-December to mid-January and their show will be followed by a similar one by art students at Bandys High School.



Volunteers Read Hooray for Books, by Brian Won

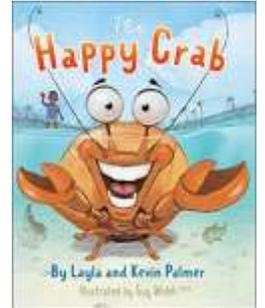


The second grade classrooms at Catawba Elementary School were treated to a visit by Tammy Hallman and her fellow readers on November 3rd.

The book chosen for this visit tells the story of Turtle, who has lost his favorite book. He visits his animal friends to see if they might have borrowed it. Each friend offers a favorite story of their own, but Turtle insists it is his book that he misses.

In a follow-up discussion, the students were asked to name a favorite book—many hands went up for Hooray for Books.

A visit to Sherrills Ford Elementary is being discussed and it is hoped that that reading can take place in December. The book chosen for those students is The Happy Crab, by Layla and Kevin Palmer. The story is based on the true-life experiences of the Palmer family on a family vacation.



Spotlight on Jeanne Lebens

Jeanne Lebens and her husband Joe have lived in Sherrills Ford since 2017. Having spent most of their adult lives in New England, they greatly appreciate the NC seasons (i.e., short winters!) and the more relaxed pace of life in this area. Although the move was envisioned as a "retirement plan," Jeanne has continued to devote significant time to her second career as an executive and leadership coach, while also sharing her deep passion for this work by teaching and mentoring aspiring coaches as a faculty member at a coach training school based in Asheville.

Favorite leisure activities include being on, in and near the water, entertaining family and friends and, of course, reading! Jeanne and Joe also spend a lot of their free time joyfully grandparenting their first grandchild (who just turned 3 and lives in the Charlotte area).

Jeanne Lebens, continued:

Before even fully settling into their new home, one of the very first things Jeanne did was head to the SFT library to get a library card. She was immediately struck by the welcoming feel of the library and the many varied activities offered there. At the suggestion of a neighbor, Jeanne attended a Friends' business meeting in the Spring of 2017 and was intrigued by the many ways this group supports the library. She could not have anticipated at the time that an offer to become president of the SFTFOL would follow a year later! Jeanne served in that capacity from July 2018 through June 2022 and is now a member of the board. Additionally, she was recently appointed to serve on the Catawba County Library Board of Trustees and looks forward to contributing to the strategic direction of the countywide library system from this vantage point.

An avid reader from an early age, it is impossible for Jeanne to name one favorite book. A favorite first book-related memory is having a teacher read *Charlotte's Web* to her first-grade class, an experience she can still vividly recall more than a half-century later!

A favorite vacation spot is Sunset Beach, NC, where Jeanne and Joe have been making many happy memories with family and friends since 2008.

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Program Schedule for 2022-2023

November 15, 2022	Business Meeting
January 17, 2023	History of Sherrills Ford-Terrell Program Robert Eades will again share with us a program on the history of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell community. Join us to learn more about our area's history. Snow Date 1/24/23
January, 2023	National Puzzle Day (1/29)—and Contest!
February 7, 2023	Joyce O'Neal, Piano Recital
February 21, 2023	Business Meeting
March 20, 2023 (Monday)	Normandy Remembers Program Glennie Sims will join the Friends to share with us a program about the Allies' D-Day assault and remembering the sacrifices made that day for freedom.
April 18, 2023	Business Meeting
April TBD	Local Authors' Program Come out to meet some of our local authors and hear about their books and writing processes. They will have books for sale and signing opportunities.
May 16, 2023	Collectors' Program Come out to see some fascinating collections assembled by Friends .and Neighbors
June TBD	Annual Social and Business Meeting



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

We also have a presence on the Catawba County Library website, as

<https://www.catawbacountync.gov/county-services/library/about/friends-of-the-library>

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 2022-2023

Officers:

President — Erica Batten

Vice-president: — Lisa Yakovenko

Secretary — Kathy Camarco

Treasurer — Priya Palmer

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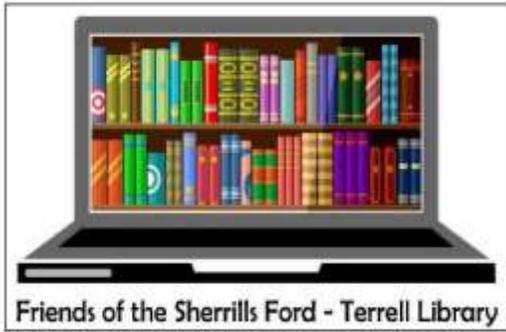
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

Librarian — Melissa Housel

Library Services Specialist — Kacy Steiger

Library Assistants — Lindsay Lewis, Keri Flowers, Carolyn Smith

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



2022-2023 Membership Form

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

Consider following us on Facebook or Instagram to keep current on planned activities

<http://www.facebook.com/FOSFTL> or  @sherrillsfordfol

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
- Provide Community Programs throughout the year that offer broad learning opportunities for all ages
- Facilitate Literacy Programs at Sherrills Ford and Catawba Elementary
- Advocate for the Library by offering support and resources to fill needs not covered by their budget

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
- Many opportunities to Get Involved (see other side of this form for a complete list)

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 and fill out the below information.

- Donations above our annual \$10 Family Membership cost fund the bulk of our programs!
- We intentionally keep our 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 most 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Renewal – Thank You <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership – Welcome!	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Family Membership Cost <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Sponsor Donation <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Patron Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Donation Amount \$_____
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Checks made payable to: Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

Name: _____ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)
 Address: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
 Zip Code: _____

You can drop off the membership form and check while at the library or send by mail to:
 FOSFTL
 9154 Sherrills Ford Road
 Terrell, NC 28682

Friends of the Sherrills Ford – Terrell Library (FOSFTL)

If you are interested in any of the Volunteer Opportunities below, 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 to help us recruit talented Officer and Board Members

- Fundraising Committee to help us create a strategic approach to fundraising
 - Book Bonanza Committee helps us ensure ongoing supply of books
 - Gift Basket Committee helps us assemble gift baskets with others throughout the year

- Holiday and Special Event Support helps with one of our special events, such as our **children’s holiday party**

- Literacy Program supports our program in the First and Second Grades by helping select books, assemble reading packets or reading in one of our classrooms

- Membership Committee helps with outreach for members, greets and staffs our event tables

- Program Committee helps generate program ideas and implements those selected

- Refreshment Team organizes and provides refreshments for one of our events

- Roadies Team helps set up and clean up at our events

- Publicity Committee helps us coordinate and expand how we publicize our work

- Art Show Committee sets up displays of school artwork throughout the year

- Little Free Library Committee helps facilitate this new venture with Little Free Libraries throughout our community

- Friendly Krafts 4 Kids Committee creates, organizes and stocks the **“Take and Make”** literacy based kits for younger patrons of the library