



## *The Friendly News*

### *February, 2023*



### *Greetings from the President*

#### **Greetings Friends,**

For those of you who were unable to attend the “Pictorial History of Sherrills Ford” program last month, I promised I wouldn’t rub it in.

Ah, but here’s the rub: it was such a fantastic program!

OK, I promise not to rub it in any more. However, I do need to thank our wonderful members who made it possible, especially **Stephanie Roberts** and the program committee for organizing the program and handling the many details needed to coordinate our speakers and the venue. Also, I would be remiss if I did not give special praise to publicity expert **Ellen Dewey**, not only for promoting the event via social media and other channels, but also for keeping track of ticket requests. Thank you, also, to our **library staff** for helping with reservations, and to our **roadie team** for setting up the tables and 200+ chairs (and putting them away again!) and for greeting guests as they arrived.

So, even if you weren’t there for the history program, you can still claim bragging rights just for being part of the Friends of the Library and part of the support system for our varied and valuable programs.

For example, after many months of planning, we dedicated our very first Little Free Library box on January 28 at Mountain Creek County Park.

Thanks to our partnership with local schools, we have a new art exhibit on display in the main library area.

We continue to offer literacy support to young readers through our school visits and Friendly Krafts, while enticing readers of all ages with the Book Bonanza.

You can read about these projects, and more upcoming programs, in the pages below.

We have many ways you can get involved. In the January newsletter, I highlighted some of the areas where we will need help in the near future, particularly because, sadly, we have several committee chairs who plan to move away this year. This month, I want to renew that invitation. Almost all of our committees, and our officer and board corps, are going to need some fresh faces in 2023. I invite you to attend our business meeting on Feb. 21 in the community room to learn more.

With all that the Friends are doing, I wouldn’t be surprised if OUR photos are featured someday in a presentation on local history!

**Cheers, Erica**

## Robert Eades and Jeff Howard Hold the Crowd Spellbound

Our second program on Sherrills Ford-Terrell history, prepared and presented by Robert Eades and Jeff Howard, was once again attended by a capacity crowd, after a three-year delay due to Covid. "A Pictorial History of Sherrills Ford" was worth the wait.

Because of anticipated demand for free tickets (on Eventbrite), FOSFTL rented the large hall at Rehobeth UM church in Terrell, and that space was certainly needed. Over 180 people attended; lots of locals and others from Newton, Statesville and Mooresville with links to Sherrills Ford-Terrell.

What an asset to our community to have historians like Robert and Jeff willing to share their years of diligent inquiry with us. We thank them for all the hard work that went into this presentation, and the forums hosted in former years.

All of the images from Robert's presentation are available to view and download at no charge to your device. This is a large PDF file, 263 pages long, so it might take a little time to download.

The Catawba County Library System has graciously added a link to this presentation on their website's Genealogy and Local History page:

<https://www.catawbacountync.gov/library/gen/>

Links to the three YouTube videos covering the first (2018) Sherrills Ford History Program:

[https://youtu.be/GjFiu\\_sEeI0](https://youtu.be/GjFiu_sEeI0)

<https://youtu.be/k2HSaPsvgYg>

[https://youtu.be/RoOqnTtHg\\_M](https://youtu.be/RoOqnTtHg_M)

FILLING UP:



AND FULL!





Robert Eades making a point...

Long-time resident with Jeff Howard



A time for celebrating age and resilience.



Thanks to:

- ◆ Stephanie Roberts and Linda Greenwell and the Programs Committee
- ◆ Ellen Dewey
- ◆ Rehobeth Church volunteers for planning and organizing this meaningful evening.



## Remembrance of Things Past...



Photographs and maps from years gone by  
bring history to life.

## **FOSFTL Little Free Library Box Installed and Ready—to Read!**



**Congratulations to Nayelis Castillo, the winner of the \$100 prize for the design and execution of our first LFL box!**

Her theme of “Underwater Fantasy” is totally fitting, since the box is installed at our brand new Mountain Creek County Park. Mother Nature gave us a nice, nearly spring day to have our installation ceremony, with Nayelis, The LFL Committee (Sheryl Schuhose, Barbara Campbell, Ann McGibbon, Jeanne Lebens), the men of Rehobeth UM Church, and the Mountain Creek Park staff all in attendance.

**Committee Chair Sheryl Schuhose presents Nayelis with her \$100 prize.**



**Park Superintendent Lori Owenby with our first satisfied customers!**



**The Rehobeth men lower our first LFL box into its new home.**





Nayelis explains her underwater theme: The front of the box features the sun and moon, both relevant to Rapunzel's story; the right has the tower and floating lanterns from Rapunzel; the back has a book with Peter Pan flying out, representing all the stories in books, along with Cinderella's slippers and the North Star; and the left side shows The Little Mermaid. The vines and roses encircling the box represent Sleeping Beauty's story.





**The Rehobeth Men's Group, L-R standing: David Sigmon, Don Parham, Jim Obed, John "Cooter" Sherrill, Charlie Glassey. Kneeling: Ted Snyder**



**Sheryl presents a donation to David Sigmon for the Rehobeth Men's group, in appreciation for the construction and installation of the LFL box.**



**Nayelis Castillo and Park Supt. Lori Owenby.**



## FOSFTFOL Puzzle Winner is: Beth McCaslin



As January comes to a close, the puzzle initiative also winds down, but not before we show a picture of **Beth McCaslin's** entry, **"Seashore,"** with 1000 pieces. Although the drawing for the specially-themed gift basket was random, it is certainly fitting that such a difficult puzzle as **"Seashore"** won.

Contents of the basket included mugs, hot chocolate, two puzzles, a candle, a book, and a \$10

Dunkin gift card.

Programs Committee chair Stephanie Roberts selected the items and Gift Basket chair Mary Young created the pretty basket. Thanks to all the entries on Facebook, Instagram and Messenger from all who enjoyed celebrating National Puzzle Day!

**Puzzles were available in the library to work on, or to exchange.**





## A Tour of Tunes:

### “A Tour of Tunes” February 7th



So you've got a good tune in your head—where do you go from there?

Come to the Community Room on February 7th at 6:30 p.m. to find out what Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy and Prokofiev did with a few of the prettiest and liveliest tunes in music history.

Pianist Joyce O'Neal will return that evening with a varied program of truly pianistic hits!

A few hints as to those tunes:

Bach turned his backwards, upside-down, upside down AND backwards and made both hands do equally agile feats.

Beethoven admired “God Save the King” so much that he composed piano variations on the tune—with all those Beethovenian fireworks.

Chopin embellished his tunes—the slow ones, the fast ones, and the weird ones.

Debussy painted a daydream with his “Reverie,” and with “The Minstrels” we will have a slideshow of vintage circus pictures to bring the musical pictures to life.

Prokofiev wrote a tune that will grab you by the throat—and won't let go! So catchy, in fact, that its popularity in Soviet Russia forced the authorities to allow his ballet “*Romeo and Juliet*” to be staged. You'll go out humming this one, that's a promise!

The recital will begin at 6:30 p.m. on February 7th (to be rescheduled for inclement weather). As always, there is no charge and all are welcome. Come out and enjoy a lively tour through two centuries of piano music.



**Just SOME of the kits completed this past YEAR!**

### Friendly Krafters Need Krafty Helpers!

The Friendly Krafts 4 Kids committee is looking for additional helping hands. We are a committee that is sponsored by the Friends of Sherrills Ford Terrell Library.

To date we have completed over 900(!!!) literacy-based project kits for kids to take home and assemble using the parts supplied and basics from home (like scissors and glue).

Can you help?

We assemble one kit per month. Each one takes approximately three to four hours to put together. We have been funded by the Friends of the Library and you can be reimbursed for your supplies (printer's ink and paper can get expensive). If we can get additional volunteers, you would only

need to complete one kit every other month.

Only basic Word processing skills are needed.

These kits have been very popular with our younger patrons of the library (and some grandmothers). Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time to help the Friends.

If you are interested, contact Sue Green at [sgreen5909@aol.com](mailto:sgreen5909@aol.com)

## Bandys High School Art Exhibition in Library Until February 17th.

Bandys HS students in the art classes of Marcie Foster and Amy Hamner-Scronce have produced a truly amazing body of work. These pictures on exhibition in the library until Feb. 17th evoke many emotions—joy, wonder, and perhaps a little bit of envy from those of us who can't draw a straight line.

Barbara Campbell coordinates this relationship with the art departments of the local schools and she was assisted in hanging the display by Dan Campbell and Kathy Bradham.

Please stop by to see these works—the pictures here do not do them justice and you are sure to enjoy the visit!







## **Ball's Creek First-grade Students Enjoy What Would You Wish For?**

The First-grade Literacy Program swung back into action on January 19th.

A big shout out to George and Milda Trepina for helping Charlene Callahan read to **over 100** first grade students at Balls Creek Elementary School.

After reading and discussing the story, our FOSFTL readers donated a copy of the book, **WHAT WOULD YOU WISH FOR?** written by David Sable and Emma Yarlett, to each classroom.

This is a book that considers wishes and how they have the potential to make the world a better place. Each student also receives a specially designed bookmark to correspond with the book. So ...what you YOU wish for?

The First-grade Literacy Program readers will head to Sherrills Ford Elementary in February with their third book in the program, Things That I Love by Bear.



## **Coordinator needed to arrange a**

## **Storyteller Event for School aged Children**

If you were inspired by our "Spooky Stories" program in October, maybe YOU could help spread the excitement that comes from storytelling! Sabine Detzel hopes that a fan of storytelling will step up to lead a new event for SFTFOL.

Here are the details:

- ◆Planning: in February for a March or April event date;
- ◆Budget already approved;
- ◆Storyteller potentially identified.

Coordinator responsibilities:

- ◆Pick a date;
- ◆Contact and book the storyteller;
- ◆Purchase snacks;
- ◆Decide if there is to be a craft included;
- ◆Work with our PR chair to advertise event;
- ◆Advertise the event by flyer and in our newsletter, library and local schools;
- ◆Attend event to ensure success.

**Contact Sabine Detzel if you are interested: (201) 390-5989**



## The Augustine Literacy Project For Tutor Training

A potentially life-saving program is offered by the Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center right here in Catawba County. The Center trains and supports volunteer tutors who provide free, one-to-one instruction in literacy skills to struggling readers from low-income families. Tutors help children improve their reading, writing and spelling skills. The training is comprehensive and many tutors stay with their same student for years.

There are two more training sessions offered in 2023: October 3-7 and Oct 31-Nov 4. Until then, Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center has informational get togethers twice a month. Please reach out to them at:

[info@patrickbeaverlrc.org](mailto:info@patrickbeaverlrc.org) or call 828-624-2012. Make a difference in the life of a child by becoming a volunteer literacy tutor!

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

February 7, 2023

**Joyce O'Neal, "A Tour of Tunes" Piano Recital**

(to be rescheduled in case of ice/snow)

February 21, 2023

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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 at 6:30 p.m.

April 25, 2023

**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://www.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!

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

Publicity — Ellen Dewey

Membership — Sabine Detzel

Programs — Stephanie Roberts

Newsletter — Joyce O'Neal

### Board of Directors:

Linda Greenwell

Joanie Gardner

Pat Elston

Jeanne Lebens

### Library Staff:

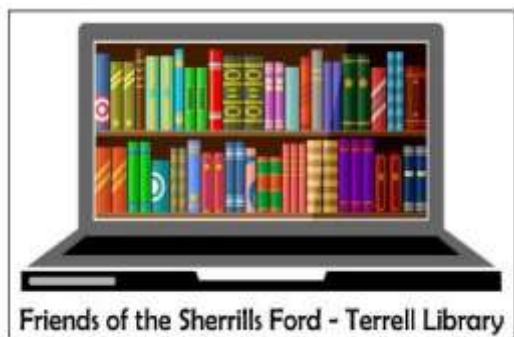
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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.

- ☐ Annual Renewal – Thank You  
☐ New Membership – Welcome!

☐ \$10 Family Membership Cost

☐ \$50 Sponsor Donation

☐ \$100 Patron Donation

☐ Other Donation Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to: Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (as you wish used on our FOSFTL nametag)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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