



## *The Friendly News*

*March, 2023*



### *Greetings from the President*

#### **Greetings Friends,**

If you haven't lived in North Carolina your whole life like I have, you may marvel at the spring-like winter days we've had this year. I can assure you, it wasn't always this way. I distinctly remember, years ago, being quite bundled up to go outdoors anytime between November and March. But March is the month I always looked forward to: "in like a lion, out like a lamb," so the saying goes. The weather trends are an apt reminder that change is always in the air, no matter the season.

Since the last publication, we've had several updates and changes to our programs and personnel. As you will read below, Susan Hunsucker has resumed her tireless work as the curator of the Book Bonanza, so we are no longer looking to fill her shoes—and (figuratively) big ones they are! However, we have several key positions within the organization that need filling. If you didn't get the not-quite-desperate "Help Wanted!" email from me last week, please contact me to learn more. If you did get it, I'm looking forward to your call! In short—and in short order—we need a treasurer, new board members, a program committee chair, holiday committee chair and volunteers, art display chairperson, and—if you can believe it—more!

Speaking of updates, you'll notice in the next two pages that we're featuring two genealogy programs this month. We had to cancel the "Normandy Remembers" program originally scheduled for March 20. FOSFTL is sponsoring both of the genealogy programs and, later this spring, a class on breadmaking through the Catawba County Cooperative Extension. We've also postponed our local authors' program (originally set for April 25) so that we can include some authors who had scheduling conflicts on that date.

As you can see, we've had to adjust to lots of changes this year, but 2023 is off to a good start. We've hosted successful history and music programs, opened our Little Free Library, and we continue to offer ongoing community engagement. At our February business meeting, we got the latest membership stats: FOSFTL currently has 77 members! That's incredible! Whether you are a new, long-time, or returning member, we are pleased to share the latest news with you in these pages.

**Cheers, Erica**

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FORD-TERRELL LIBRARY:**

## **LEAVING A FAMILY LEGACY- BRINGING YOUR ANCESTORS TO LIFE**

**Speaker: Rhonda Roederer, professional genealogist  
and educator**



What's the difference between genealogy and family history? Are you a beginner? Working on it for years? Learn ways to boost your research and find creative ways to share with friends and family, and more...

**Monday, March 13  
6:00-7:30 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell  
Library  
Community Room**  
free and open to the public  
in partnership with the Catawba  
County Library System



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## **BECOME A TOMBSTONE TOURIST**

**Speaker: Rhonda Roederer, professional  
genealogist and educator**



**Wednesday, March 29  
4:00-5:30 pm  
Sherrills Ford-Terrell  
Library  
Community Room  
free and open to the public**



**Cemeteries are some of the most beautiful places to visit. Not only do you have the opportunity to “meet” your ancestors, but so many clues abound just waiting to be discovered to further your research. Learn the keys to decipher those clues and how to plan your personal tombstone tour. Your ancestors eagerly await your visit!**

**Friends of the SFT Library is a non-profit organization dedicated to community literacy and life-long learning, in partnership with the Catawba County Library System. Visit us on Facebook @ FOSFTL**



# Coming on May 16th: **Collectors' Showcase**

Are you a collector? Are you passionate about finding the next jewel for your collection, hoping at every yard sale that it might just be THERE? Maybe you just accumulate—you know, one relative or friend gives you a bunny figurine, and the next thing, poof!, they're multiplying on the hall shelves!



Well then, the evening of May 16th at the SFT library is your opportunity to share your joy with the rest of us—and the public! Collectors are invited to bring a display of their own treasures, and marvel over the wide variety of interests dear to the hearts of others. There will be plenty of set-up time and the “show and chat” will begin at 6:30 p.m.



We all know that coins and stamps and baseball cards and Elvis records and Disney figures and fountain pens and military uniforms and vintage kitchenware and glass of all kinds and books and pottery of all sizes and shapes and horse brasses and thimbles and Star Wars memorabilia and tin toys and dolls and miniatures and music boxes and watches and lots of other things—whew!—are avidly sought. But there are also collections of barbed wire, fabric, mousetraps, matchbook covers, surgical instruments, cookie jars,...need I go on?



This may not be the *Antiques Roadshow*, but it's the closest thing to it this year in Sherrills Ford-Terrell!

Tables 2'x6' will be provided, and a full table or a half-table may be reserved. Space is limited, however, so be sure to register as soon as possible. (Regrettably, outdoor collections like vintage motorcycles and potentially dangerous ones like guns/knives cannot be accommodated.) Questions welcomed. Contact Joyce O'Neal at [joyceoneal417@gmail.com](mailto:joyceoneal417@gmail.com)

**WE SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM—AND WE'LL ALL ENJOY YOUR DISPLAY!**





## Sherrills Ford Elementary First Grade Students Enjoy Things I love by Bear



What do YOU love? Bear shares his favorite things and his favorite things to do, and the people he loves to do these things with. A great conversation starter for things that your child loves.

Readers **George and Milda Trepina** and **Emily Huling** shared their enthusiasm for books with three classes of happy children.

After reading and discussing the book (written by Susie Linn and Alex Willmore), our volunteers facilitated a craft to encourage the students to share thing that they love.

Glue sticks at the ready, the students enjoyed

this hands-on activity. A copy of the book is donated to each classroom and each child receives a corresponding bookmark to remember the visit.

Next month, the team heads over to Balls Creek Elementary with the same book and activity.



## **“A Tour of Tunes” February 7th: A Re-sounding Success**

The picture of joy and relief.  
(And really weary hands!)



The community room was full of rapt listeners when Joyce O’Neal presented her sixth recital on the FOSFTL Kawai digital piano.

The program started with two (relatively) straightforward works of Bach, followed by Beethoven’s astonishing variations on the British National Anthem. Quiet works of Chopin and Debussy were contrasted with a slideshow of vintage circus photos—with “silent movie” music. The unforgettable “March of the Knights” by Prokofiev provided a rousing finale.

Joyce is already working on the next recital program, so watch for future announcements.



## Book Bonanza Sales Again Lead FOSFTL Fundraising

Our dedicated FOSFTL member **Susan Hunsucker** resumed her long-standing effort to vet, sort, clean, organize and track book donations. It's just impossible to imagine the Book Bonanza without her!

A big "THANK YOU" to the library staff and other volunteers for helping to keep the book sale (and its proceeds) flowing in the last few months.

In addition to **Book Bonanza** needs (books in good condition are ALWAYS appreciated), we hope that FOSFTL members will keep the **Little Free Library** box at Mountain Creek County Park in mind when tidying up those shelves! Patrons there are free to donate and acquire books for adults and children, but if you have books that you think are ideally suited to the LFL, just note your wishes when you leave them at the library.

**We're spreading the — written—word!!!**



**Help a child see and hear a story come to life!**

## **Coordinator needed to arrange a Storyteller Event for School aged Children**

Sabine Detzel hopes that a fan of storytelling will step up to lead a new event for SFTFOL. Here are the details:

- ♦Planning: in March for an April or May 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**







### Krafts-4-Kids Kits Welcome March

A pot of gold is everyone's wish for St. Patrick's Day and the March Kraft dips into that ancient Leprechaun tradition. All that is needed is a young reader to open up the delightful stories about Olde Ireland and its imaginary population.

The project kits are again available in the lobby and with scissors and glue, this cute idea will come to life.

The Friendly Krafts 4 Kids committee is still looking for additional helping hands. They assemble one kit per month. Each month's project takes approximately three to four hours to put together. The committee is funded by the FOSFTL 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.

No exceptional skills are needed—only basic Word processing skills and a desire to help! The Krafts-4-Kids volunteers have added another way to link reading and fun in the lives of our younger patrons. 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)



### FOSFTL Baskets for sale and Krafts-4-Kids project







## Puzzle Exchange Held Over by Popular Demand!

It has looked suspiciously like spring for the last several days, but Old Man Winter may not be done with us yet!

The Puzzle Project continues to be popular and with the possibility of March ice storms (we all **remember them...**), indoor activities still look attractive. The puzzle table is still up and beckoning to patrons, or you can bring in a puzzle, take a new one and enjoy a few more indoor days!



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

March 13, 2023 6:00-7:30

Leaving a Family Legacy

March 29, 2023 4:00-5:30

Become a Tombstone Tourist

Both with Rhonda Roederer, professional genealogist

April 18, 2023

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

May 16, 2023 6:30-8:00

### Collectors' Showcase

Come out to see some fascinating collections assembled by Friends and our neighbors.

June 20, 2023

Annual Social and Preparations for our 2023-2024 Fiscal Year



### 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.

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

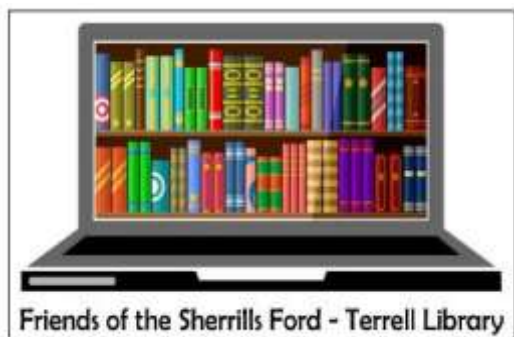
Librarian — Melissa Housel

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