



## *The Friendly News*

*April, 2023*



### *Greetings from the President*

#### **Greetings Friends,**

One of the beloved signs of spring is the dogwood tree. Humbly skirting the edges of the woods, the dogwood blends into the brown winter palette. But once the cross-shaped blossoms begin to appear, the dogwood graces the undergrowth with delicate beauty.

Taking a cue from nature, we also look to spring as a time of renewal and reinvigoration. As our organization winds down its program year, we are already working on budgets and programs for the 2023-24 year. We have new members stepping into the roles that have been vacated by our veteran members (more details on that in the next issue), and we are looking forward to our annual celebration in June with the revival of our annual book exchange.

Did you know that dogwoods also represent a spirit of kindness? According to Cherokee legend, forest-spirits called the Dogwood People watched over infants and elderly. These tiny people taught humans to do good deeds not for personal gain, but out of the kindness of their hearts.

I'm cheerfully reminded of these spirits when I see the wispy dogwoods in bloom, and when I see all of the wonderful things you Friends are doing out of the kindness of your hearts. I've enjoyed speaking with many of you personally this past month. Your willingness to be part of the programs that help grow our community is truly inspiring. Exciting things are in bloom!

**Cheers, Erica**

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BRINGING YOUR ANCESTORS TO LIFE**

## **BECOME A TOMBSTONE TOURIST**

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



In conjunction with the Catawba County Library System, two instructive programs were presented in March by Rhonda Roederer. From planning and executing a family tree, to discovering remarkable facts and facets of history by examining tombstones, she brought to life the ways to discover and preserve the connections to our ancestors. Several in the audience had personal stories to tell about their genealogy quests, and benefitted from her suggestions.



# Collecting Collectors for May 16th Exhibiton



1938 Catawba Drug Store calendar

To paraphrase the saying, “Two’s company, three’s a collection!” We have room for more of our tables to be filled, so don’t hesitate to contact Joyce O’Neal at [joyceoneal417@gmail.com](mailto:joyceoneal417@gmail.com) and come share your treasures (or part of them) with the rest of us. Modern items, vintage items, quilts or clocks or what-have-you—all are welcome. (Well, we can’t have firearms or outdoor examples because of county policy, but if your goodies fit on a table, or between the floor and the ceiling, let us enjoy your enthusiasm!)

Have you ever heard of the Catawba Candy Company? Or been to the



restored Rexall Drug Store/ Ice Cream Parlor in Catawba? If so, you are sure to be interested in a large exhibit of items from our local history. Another collection, that of Native American items, will be shown and some fascinating toys



Kings and Queens from a collection of chess sets from five continents.

from as far back as 1850—and they all run on steam! If you are old enough to remember dime stores, perhaps you recall those little iridescent piggy banks sold for ten cents. Three of those pigs started a collection of glass banks that now fills a house. The largest and the smallest and lots in between will be on display. We have several tables spoken for, but have room for more. We hope you will be willing to let friends and neighbors take a peek at YOUR treasures!



Glass banks might all be called “piggy banks,” but they’re not all pigs!



Antique steam toys from the 19th and 20th centuries.

# 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!**



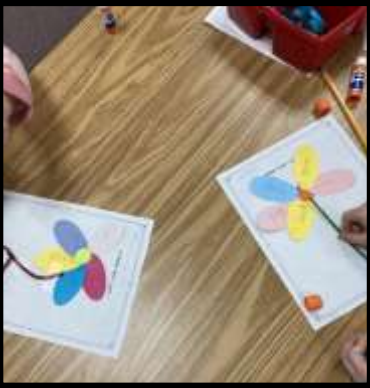
## Third Book of the Year Goes to Balls Creek Elementary School

The First Grade literacy team recently visited Balls Creek E.S. with Things I Love By Bear. In this book, written by Susie Linn and Alex Willmore, Bear shares his favorite things and his favorite things to do, and the people he loves to do these things with. Students listened as our readers shared the story and then discussed the story, relating it to their lives.



Afterwards, the first graders had fun assembling a flower to represent the things and people they love.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, each classroom receives a copy of the book and each child receives a corresponding bookmark to remember the visit. A copy of each book read during the year is also donated to the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library for everyone to enjoy! (Submitted by Charlene Callahan)



## Wine Corks Needed for a Winning Project

Librarian Melissa Housel is requesting donations—of wine bottle corks! Needed for a kids' project on April 27th, here's hoping the Friends can oblige with a hefty supply. Just drop off them off at the desk as soon as they are dry! Why? Well, winott???

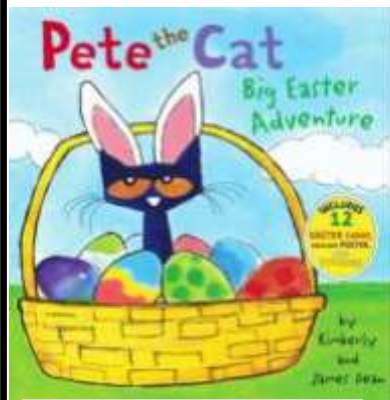
## SFTFOL Table Shows Off Our Baskets For Sale

One library patron was eager to pose for the newsletter (with his dad standing by, of course). Since this was late in the month, the March Kraft-4-Kids kits were all gone, but since then the **April Krafts-4-Kids** kits have arrived. But more baskets (especially) and items are needed, as are a few more hands to assemble those Kraft Kits!



**Can YOU pitch in?**

## April Crafts-4-Kids Basket Full of Kittens



A cat puppet made of yarn is the April craft of the month, pairing with the popular series of Pete the Cat books available in eBook or print with your library card. Pete has lots of adventures; the title on the left is “The Big Easter Adventure.”

“Pete” comes with either colored or monochrome yarn, and as usual Sue Green and her cohorts provide a fun activity for a youngster. The kits, requiring only scissors, glue, and colored pencils or crayons, are gone from the library table in the lobby in a jiffy, so get

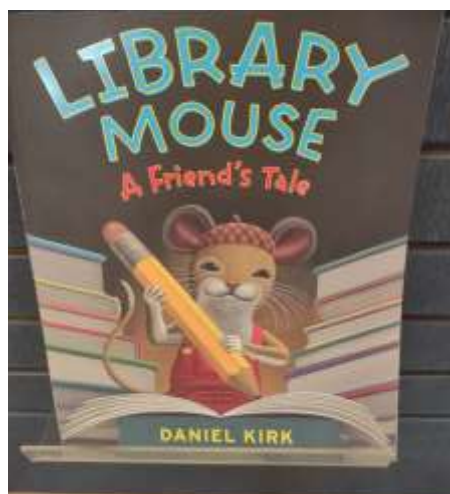
yours today!

Perhaps you’d like to give Sue a hand with the assembly process. The kits are put together in just a few hours once a month. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated! Contact Sue at [sgreen5909@aol.com](mailto:sgreen5909@aol.com)



## Book Bonanza Offering Proves Prescient???

A recent visitor to the library grounds seemed to correspond exactly to one of the books prominently featured on the front display area of the Book Bonanza. The picture may be a bit fuzzy, (he/she was understandably camera-shy), but the visit provided a cheery minute or two for the library staff.



Have you books to donate? The Book Bonanza under Susan Hunsucker’s able supervision has a place for them.

In addition, books for the Little Free Library are equally welcome. Please bring “reads” in good shape to the library and help our fundraising efforts!

The blue donation tub is currently full of motorcycle information and specialist books, as well as a full library shelf of tomes on coin collecting and valuations. Look for them on the sale shelves soon!



## Good Times Are Back! Annual Social in June!



Yesss! Fried chicken and tea and desserts and side dishes limited only by the tastes of the cooks!

Fried chicken from Butcher Boy restaurant will be provided, along with all the plates, cups and utensils needed to make it disappear. Sides and deserts are requested, so dust off your cookbooks and plan for June 20th.

## The Puzzle Is Taking Shape

It's not at all puzzling why the Puzzle Exchange and Group Puzzle continue to be popular. We thought it was just a winter thing, but it's become an especially popular addition to the library's panorama of offerings. Recently offerings included an Alex Beard "Impossible Puzzle" and a "Bible Puzzle." Bring one of yours in and exchange!!!





## Sherrills Ford Elementary School

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**Good Monday morning Sherrills Ford alumni! Here is a link to sign up for your spot to attend our 100th Year Anniversary Alumni Event. Registration is open to former Sherrills Ford students and teachers. Limited spots are available for student-led tours, so we recommend to sign up early. Looking forward to celebrating 100 years of history and a bright future for our Tigers!**



[signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com)

**Sherrills Ford 100th Year Anniversary Event**

## School Reunion April 4th

In honor of the centennial anniversary of Sherrills Ford School, a special Alumni Event will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Alumni may sign up for a time slot of either 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. After a quick welcome by Principal Lathan Fowler, a student-led tour of the school and grounds will commence. These tours may be given in English or Spanish—and Spanish Immersion students will be there to translate! Items from the **school's history will be on display.** Participants will also have a chance to socialize and recall old times.

For more information and questions, contact Assistant Principal Amy Gates at (828) 478-2662.

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

**April** 20, 2023

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m., (Thursday)

**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:

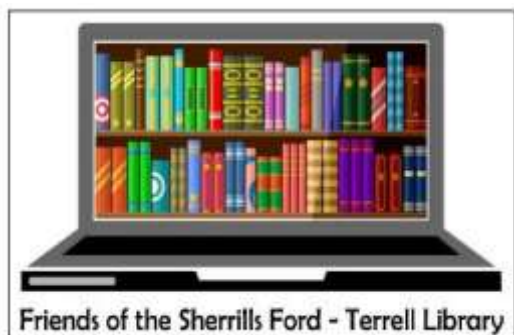
Library Services Manager — Shelley Orr

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