



Jewel White and Santa at
Music Movement Time

Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library January 2011

A Note From Linda



We are ready to begin a new year, and the Friends have been busy planning an exciting spring schedule. See the article about the Sherrills Ford Community READ selection, *Angle of Repose*, and the special meeting on March 29. Next month we'll give you more information about our April meeting with the archaeologist heading up the dig of the first permanent settlement in the interior of North America - right in our back door in Burke County.

February 20 at 3pm will bring the first of the "don't miss" events in the Sherrills Ford/Terrell area with a concert by the Hickory Choral Society at Olivet Baptist Church. If you haven't heard them, you are in for a treat. Check the newsletter for more information.

In May, the Friends' Spring Festival for the community will be held. More on that in next month's newsletter. Maybe the most exciting thing is that we have a new and improved website for our organization. Thanks to Brenda Mickelson, a Friends member who volunteered to take on this project, we have an up to date website that we are ready to roll out. We want this site to be useful for our members and the community. So let us know what you think. Just go to <http://www.sherrillsfordfriendsofthelibrary.org> , save it in your favorites list, and give us your comments.

We have lots of momentum going for 2011. It should be a great year!

Linda

Sherrills Ford FOL to Participate in Community READ Project

Sherrills Ford Friends announces our community READ for this year. This replaces the Catawba County one that succumbed to budget cuts. The book choice is *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner, Pulitzer Prize winning author. Copies are available at the library. We are especially fortunate to have Dr. Tony Abbott, prize winning author and the Dana Professor Emeritus of English at Davidson College, as our READ discussion facilitator on March 29. The venue is to be announced. This is an exciting evening you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars!

January Schedule at our Library

Sandy Cooke, Branch Manager

- **Toddler/preschool Stories Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**
- **Music Movement Time, Thursdays, 10 a.m.**
- **Friends of the Library meeting, 7 p.m. January 18**

Happy New Year to one and all! And a huge THANK YOU to all who supported our library Giving Tree. Through the generosity of caring patrons we supported the charitable works of the Adult Life Programs, Eastern Cooperative Christian Ministry, Hospice, Kids In Need, Meals on Wheels, and the Sherrills Ford Food Bank. We, the library staff, thank you so very much for your charitable gifts.

January is International Creativity Month and National Soup Month. Join us as we will celebrate our talents through the art of creating puzzles and poetry. And for Squirrel Appreciation Day on January 21st, we will be just plain "squirrelly!" Check out our poetry and puzzle books and pick up a surprise.

For our older readers and adults; check out our collection of mystery reads for a good "who done it." There is nothing like a good book on a cold winter's night.

Calling All Writers: A patron is seeking out those in our community who are writers. He would like to make a connection with others who write as a means of support and enrichment. So if you are interested in seeking others who also have a love of writing, call Sandy at the library. We'd like to **form a writing group** here in the library community. It matters not what your favorite genre is; fiction, non-fiction, poetry or thrillers, call today and expand your talent.

To ALL Book Club Members, we'd love to be able to provide your book club reads in a fast and efficient manner. Due to our budget restraints, we may be challenged in fulfilling your requests. In order to better serve your reading needs, give us a heads up on the titles you are interested in. And if you need additional references for choosing titles, we have numerous resources at our fingertips to give you; like a free copy of The Book Talk Magazine.

FOL Again Sponsors Spanish Classes for Kids



Children in grades 1-3 are invited to learn some Spanish, thanks to Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library. These free classes are scheduled at 10 a.m. each Saturday from Jan. 15 through Feb. 26.

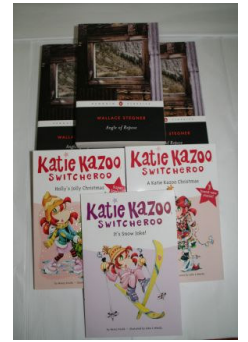
During the half-hour sessions, returning instructor Victoria Jones will introduce children to everyday words and phrases and play word games to reinforce learning. **Parents should pre-register their children at the branch or by calling 478-2729.**

SFFOL Member Information

FOL Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, at the Library, 7 PM.

Newsletter Submissions: Please e-mail news and photo submissions to Ellen Dewey by the fourth Tuesday of the month for inclusion, or to request previous issues: ejdewey@gmail.com. Unless otherwise credited, all photos by Ellen Dewey. Please notify Ellen of any e-mail address changes.

Right: Part of a series of books donated to the SF branch library by the FOL.



SFFOL December Holiday Social

Photos by Ellen Dewey and Linda Greenwell.

Members gathered at the library on December 21 for the annual Holiday Social and Book Swap.



County Library News

Tammy Wilson, Public Info. Officer, CC Libraries, <http://catawbacountync.gov/library>

Catawba County Library System will offer an assortment of adult computer classes during January. The free 90-minute sessions are taught by trained library staff and pre-registration is required. Classes include:

Getting to Know E-readers—Learn the basics of downloading and using electronic book files on an electronic reading device. Offered 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at St. Stephens; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at Southwest and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 in the auditorium at Newton.

Intro to Excel— Learn this basic spreadsheet program to create interactive charts for bookkeeping and other purposes. Scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Southwest.

Community



In its 33rd season the Hickory Choral Society presents the “Stars in the East” concert on Sunday, February 20, 2011, at Olivet Baptist Church, 7893 Monbo Road in Catawba, North Carolina. The 3:00 PM concert is free and open to the public. This winter concert repertoire is varied and exciting, featuring an assortment of shorter choral works with powerful and moving texts.

Since the spring of 1978, the Hickory Choral Society has continued to delight audiences with excellent choral music literature. The Choral Society consistently provides music lovers with expertly performed, exciting and well-attended concerts. The all-volunteer group, made up of 110 singers from Catawba and surrounding counties, is well known throughout North Carolina for its annual Christmas Concerts at Corinth Reformed Church in Hickory. The Choral Society has also performed with the North Carolina Symphony and at New York City’s Lincoln Center. In 1997, the vocalists indulged in an extended trip to the United Kingdom that included concerts in Portsmouth and London, England and Edinburgh, Scotland. In May 2010 the Hickory Choral Society was honored to be an invited participant of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. The group’s 2002 and 2003 Christmas Concerts were broadcast live statewide over UNC-TV and have been rebroadcast on several occasions since. For more information on the performance or directions to the church call 828-322-2210.

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