



Sandy and Richard looking at some of the Katie Kazoo books donated by the Friends.

# *Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library*

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We want to welcome Steve Immel, General Manager Marshall Steam Station, to the Board of Directors of the Friends. We appreciate his willingness to give our organization his time and expertise. Steve replaced Dave Renner who was transferred to another job within Duke Energy. Dave was a great supporter of the Friends and we want to take this opportunity to thank him for what he did for us.

Go ahead and check out a copy of *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner and read it before our community discussion on March 29. I just finished the book and thoroughly enjoyed it. The story is interesting and it is beautifully written. Stegner has said of this epic novel, "It's perfectly clear that if every writer is born to write one story, that's my story." I'm thankful that he decided to write it. I think you will enjoy the book and then it will be fun for each of us to share our thoughts in the discussion on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

This newsletter has lots of information on the events coming up in the next few months. See the Community Events section of the newsletter and other articles for more information or visit our website. Then mark your calendar so you won't miss anything going on in Sherrills Ford.

*Linda*

## **Donation of Books**

Over the last several months, the Friends have purchased 20 of the Katie Kazoo chapter books that are so loved by children. Sandy Cooke says they fly off the shelves as soon as they are returned. At our last meeting, the members voted to donate funds to purchase e-books to be added to the NC Digital Library. As e-readers become more popular, more and more of our members will download these books on their e-readers. This donation will help the library of e-books keep growing.

Thanks to Mary Wanzong for making both of these recommendations to the Friends.

## Meet the Newest Member of the FOL Board of Directors



Steve Immel, General Manager of Marshall Steam Station, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library at our membership meeting on Jan 18. Steve began his career with Duke Power in 1980 as an associate engineer in the design engineering department. He assumed his current position in June 2010.

Steve is a native of Campbellsville, KY and earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Kentucky and a master of business administration degree from Queens College in Charlotte. He is a registered professional engineer in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Steve and his wife, Cynthia, have four sons and two daughters. Two of his children are graduates of North Carolina State University and one is a graduate of the University of North Carolina Charlotte. Steve is proud to report they are all gainfully employed. Two of his other children are attending the University of North Carolina Charlotte and East Carolina University. His youngest is a senior in high school.

Steve's hobbies include golf, wood working, yard work and spending time with his family. When he has time to read for fun, rather than the technical material required for his job, he likes action type novels like those written by Tom Clancy.

## Help Keep Our Website Up To Date

If you have any community events or information that you would like posted to the Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library website, send the article or calendar information in either a Word document or in the body of an e-mail to Brenda Mickelson at [brenda@ticaprintshoppe.com](mailto:brenda@ticaprintshoppe.com)

Thanks again to Brenda for all of her work updating our website <http://www.sherrillsfordfriendsofthelibrary.org>



## February Schedule at our Library

Richard Griffin and Sandy Cooke

- **Toddler/Preschool Stories, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.**
- **Music Movement Time, Thursdays, 10 a.m.**
- **Kids' Spanish classes, Saturdays 10 a.m.**
- **4-H information, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8**
- **Rock painting for kids, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9**



The annual customer service survey starts February 1st and will run all month. Please take the time to fill out a survey. This is one of the things the library is "graded" on as well as providing feedback on how we are doing. Sherrills Ford had a great response last year and we encourage patrons to express themselves.



To celebrate Valentine's Day, Wendy White, will volunteer her talent at our Wednesday morning Pre-school Story Time on Feb 9. Children will enjoy Valentine stories and treats then go home with a special Valentine Marionette Puppet, compliments of Wendy.

Also on Feb 9, Wendy will offer her artistic talents in a "Love Bug" program for elementary age and above. We will have rocks for the kids to paint lady bugs or other love bugs of their choosing. Stop in at 4 PM and create your very own "Love Bug".

For those interested in Catawba County 4-H, be sure to mark Tuesday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Donna Mull will be at our branch at 6:30 PM to engage all in the wonderful opportunities 4-H provides children ages 5 to 18. 4-H is a national volunteer-led youth program offered through NC Cooperative Extension providing opportunities for youth to experience wildlife, nature and the outdoors as well as providing hands-on-learning in areas of art, crafts, cooking/nutrition, science and more.

Richard has scheduled a class on downloading e-books for Saturday March 05 at 10:00 at Sherrills Ford Branch. Anyone wanting to learn how to download from the North Carolina Digital Library is welcome. There is no need to signup.

## **Richard Griffin Is Raising Money for Special Olympics**



Richard is taking part in the Polar Plunge on Feb. 19 sponsored by the Hickory Police Department. He will be jumping in the lake around 1 pm to raise money for the Special Olympics of North Carolina. To make a donation to support Richard, go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/richard-griffin/hickory-police-department-polar-plunge>

## **SFFOL Member Information**

**FOL Meeting:** Tuesday, February 15, at the Library, 7 PM.

### **FOL Sponsored Events:**

**Sherrills Ford READ Community Discussion:** Tuesday, March 29, at Sherrills Ford Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 7PM

**Program on Joara-16<sup>th</sup> century settlement in Burke County:** Tuesday, April 12 at Sherrills Ford Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 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](mailto:ejdewey@gmail.com). Unless otherwise credited, all photos by Ellen Dewey. Please notify Ellen of any e-mail address changes.

## County Library News

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

**Catawba County Library System has several learning opportunities available for adults who want to strengthen their computer skills.** The free 90-minute sessions are taught by trained library staff and pre-registration is required. Classes include:

**Scrapbooking with Publisher**—See how the Microsoft Publisher program can ease the process of designing scrapbook page layouts. 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Southwest

**Downloading E-Books**—Learn the tricks of adding purchased or free book files to an E-reader. Class will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at St. Stephens and 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at Southwest.

**Intro to Excel**—Learn this basic spreadsheet program to create interactive charts for bookkeeping and other purposes. Scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Newton.

**Intro to Word**—Get started with this popular Microsoft word processing program to compose letters, reports and other documents. Offered at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at Southwest and again at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Newton.

**Intro to Computers**—Take the first steps toward computing with the Windows operating system. Class scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Newton.

**Movie Maker**—See how to capture, edit and share your own video images. One-hour class will be offered at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Newton.

To register, call the Main Library in Newton at 465-7938; St. Stephens, 256-3030 or Southwest, 294-2343.

## NC LIVE Poised To Assist With A Job Search

As the area unemployment rate hovers over 12 percent, the Catawba County Library System is poised to help with access to the Job & Career Accelerator™ online service. Offered through NC LIVE, the new service is free and is funded through a grant from the State Library of North Carolina. You can access this service from the library system website (<http://www.co.catawba.nc.us/library/>) or through <http://www.nclive.org> You will need to select the Catawba County Library System and enter your library card number to gain access to the site.

Job & Career Accelerator provides job seekers with tools to create professional resumes and cover letters as well as help them master interviewing and networking techniques, upgrade their current skills, and learn to use popular work-related software applications. The on-line link allows users to search millions of job listings, both in the state and around the nation.

Judy Foster, senior librarian in Information Services at the library in Newton, said, “This new tool is a core part of our job search program. We are using it to use it to help our customers locate jobs, write resumes and cover letters, and find career information.”

NC LIVE, an organization that provides North Carolinians with access to online books, journals, and other media. NC LIVE also offers a current collection of job and career-related eBooks and other resources through the NC LIVE Jobs Portal through [www.nclive.org](http://www.nclive.org) or through library websites.

## Community Events



### **ZUMBA Classes Sponsored by Rehobeth Parish Nursing Program Starting Feb 7**

The Parish Nursing Program of Rehobeth United Methodist Church is sponsoring an easy to do, effective and fun new dance-fitness program called ZUMBA !!!

No previous dance or ZUMBA experience is necessary. All ages are welcome and the exercise level is determined by you based on the condition of your body. Lose weight, improve joints and become more flexible.

Classes are taught by Certified ZUMBA Fitness Instructor, Robin Kahik, and will be held at the Connor Recreation Center, 4015 McGee Point Road, Terrell, NC, Mondays from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, beginning February 7, 2011. The cost is \$4.00 per class (cash please). No long term commitment required, come as you can!

Wear, loose fitting, comfortable exercise clothes and low tread or old sneakers. Bring a towel and water bottle and join us for the most fun you can have while improving your health.

### **Sherrills Ford Lions Club Annual Scholarship Dinner Feb 12**

The Sherrills Ford Lions Club will be holding their annual scholarship dinner on Saturday, Feb 12 6:30 PM at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church. The dinner menu is Chicken Marsala with Greek salad, mushrooms, corn rolls and dessert. Coffee, tea and water will be served. The Friends' own Guy Ross is the chief cook for the event. Following dinner someone in the local community will be honored, the Bandys High School choir ensemble will provide entertainment and a raffle will be held.

Tickets are \$15 each. Call Guy Ross at 828-478-9221 for tickets.

### **Hickory Choral Society Concert Feb 20**

On Sunday, Feb 20 at 3PM, the Hickory Choral Society presents the "Stars in the East" concert at Olivet Baptist Church, 7893 Monbo Road in Catawba. The 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. See last month's newsletter for information on the Hickory Choral Society.

## Friends Host Archaeologist April 12

The Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library will host Dr. David Moore on Tuesday, April 12 at 7PM. The program is free and open to the public and will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Sherrills Ford Presbyterian Church. Dr Moore was instrumental in locating the site of a 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish fort in Burke County. He will share how he and his colleagues have identified Joara (Ft. San Juan) through the 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish artifacts unearthed at the site northwest of Morganton.

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