



Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library

October 2011

Greetings From the President



Many thanks to all of you who have contributed toward making the FOL a very successful organization. Without your contributions we could never have gotten all our programs and events off the ground. Since our founding in 2003 we have evolved from a very modest agenda to a very ambitious one. For this reason I have proposed as one of our objectives for 2011-2012 that we should work to gain a larger cross section of the membership in the work and leadership of the FOL. I hope you will give serious consideration to the following.

Currently we have a critical need for leadership in three areas. Autumn Hinrichs is no longer able to continue as Membership Chair. We will miss her efforts to expand membership and thank her for her service to the Friends. This is an opportunity for a volunteer to make a large contribution. Additionally we have an immediate need for someone to coordinate our Tree lighting/Santa event on December 2. Thank you Tom Turowski for expertly guiding this community service for several years. Also we are considering how we could use social media to reach more folks in our community and are in need of someone with some knowledge in this area to lead this effort. A volunteer organization is only as good as the folks that participate; I encourage you to get involved.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy Fall Fest on October 15. And don't forget to sell raffle tickets for the Teddy Bear on display at the library; the success of this venture depends on you. Tickets are available from Richard or Sandy.

Our annual wreath sale preparations are underway. Flo Hollands will coordinate the orders and Jan Liska, the bow making. We have to notify our wreath supplier of a preliminary sales number earlier this year than in the past so we'll need to get started selling as soon as possible. Sales sheets, with wreath sizes and prices, are now available from Flo. There will also be a sheet available at the library. This is a very important fund raiser for the FOL; your participation in sales is essential to its success

Pat

Schedule at Our Library

Richard and Sandy

Ready to Learn, 10 a.m. Wednesdays

Music time, 10 a.m. Thursdays

Family Stories, 4 p.m. Thursdays



Fall Fest – Oct. 15, see article below.

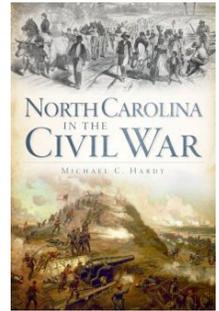
Friends of the Library **NEW MEETING TIME**, **6:30 p.m.** Oct. 18

October 19, 5:00 - Join us at the Sherrills Ford Library on Wednesday, October 19 at 5:00pm as we get "**Wired for Wind**". All across the nation for National 4-H Youth Science Day, kids are getting the chance to experience the role of an engineer as they design and build a wind turbine. As part of this activity, the kids will learn about wind power as a source for energy, and they will test their designs to determine its effectiveness.

Donna Mull, NC Cooperative Extension Agent, will be our guest presenter for all youth ages 9 and older. Parents are encouraged to attend and participate along with their child, and to learn about 4-H and other science activities.



October 25, 6:30 - Mr. Michael Hardy will discuss his new book *North Carolina in the Civil War*. He is a well known speaker and has given presentations at community colleges and other organizations. Join us at the Sherrills Ford Branch Library for a discussion of his illustrated history of events in the Tar Heel State from 1861 to 1865 and beyond.



His website is: <http://www.michaelchardy.com/bio.html>

Annual FOL Community Fall Fest and Plant Sale
Saturday, October 15, 10 AM – 2 PM
Rain Date: Sunday, October 16, noon – 4 PM
Sherrills Ford Branch Library Grounds

October brings a full slate of fall festivals to the area, but there's one in the Southeastern part of our county that you shouldn't miss: the Community Fall Fest at Sherrills Ford Branch Library. Proceeds benefit the branch which serves residents throughout Sherrills Ford and Terrell.

There's truly something for everyone at this festival: games, prizes, face and pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, activities, dogs and handlers from the Humane Society, as well as a craft table presented by a local folk artist. Pirate Bob has been invited to entertain the kids with his spectacular balloon sculptures. And gardeners are in luck. Shagreen Nursery will host a huge plant sale including perennials for fall planting. Hungry? There will be refreshments and a bake sale for your sweet tooth.

And what would be a Friends of the Library event without books? Be prepared to restock your book shelves with gently-used hardbacks and paperbacks.

But that's not all! Gabrielle VanderHaar of Gabi Designs has handcrafted a grandfather teddy bear with a child on his lap reading a book. The bear will be raffled at 2 p.m. on festival day. The winner need not be present.

If you would like to volunteer, call Veronica Keegan, Fall Fest Chair, **828-478-9887**.

Veronica Keegan and Tammy Wilson

SFFOL Member Information

FOL Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Library, at the **new time of 6:30 PM**. **PLEASE BRING DUES FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR, and bring a friend!**

Newsletter Submissions: Please e-mail **news and photo submissions** to Ellen Dewey by the fourth Tuesday of the month for inclusion: ejdewey@gmail.com.

Annual Wreath Fundraiser

Friends of the SF Library will once again be selling Christmas wreaths as our main fundraiser. The prices are good for a superior Frasier Fir product with a big red velvet bow made and attached by the Friends. The 24" wreath sells for \$20.00; the 28" wreath sells for \$25.00; and the 32" wreath sells for \$30.00. The money is collected when the wreaths are **delivered the first week in December**. Our success is dependent on a lot of salesmen and buyers. Please consider helping with this worthwhile project. You **may get sales sheets from Flo Hollands, 828-478-9802, or at the library.**

Help us to make the bows for the wreaths! Jan Liska and Pat Anderson invite all for a fun time at the Lions Den on November 3 at 7:00 p.m., November 9 at 10:00 a.m., and November 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Library Tech News

Richard Griffin

Kindle Books Update: Starting September 22, 2011 Kindle Owners may download books for free from the North Carolina Digital Library.

Checking out a Kindle e-book will be different from that of a Nook or Sony. You will need to have the Kindle app downloaded onto your home computer. This app can be found on the Amazon.com website.

When you have selected an available title in the NC Digital Library and clicked on the "Check out" or "Get for Kindle" button you will be taken into Amazon.com to sign in to your Amazon account in order complete the checkout process. Your book will then appear in your Kindle App, ready to be read there or moved to the Kindle.

E-books generally still check out for two weeks and all other rules for e-books in other formats still apply.

To return an e-book before the two weeks is up, the user will need to go back to Amazon.com to find the book under "Manage Your Kindle". Here you should be able to click on the "Action" button, select "Return Item" and then "Delete Item" to return it and then completely remove it from your Kindle library.

Then go back to the Kindle App, right click on the cover of the title and delete it from the Kindle App.

An e-reader class is set for **Saturday November 19th at 10:00**. I will also conduct other classes at Conover and Newton on blogging, wikis, free software, moviemaker, etc.

The password for NC Live is now your library card number.

County Library News

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

Learn computer basics: Catawba County Library System is offering free classes for adults who wish to enhance their computer skills. **Space is limited.** To sign up, call the Main Library in Newton at 465-7938, St. Stephens at 256-3030 or Southwest at 294-2343. The 90-minute sessions will be taught by trained library staff as follows:

Google Docs—See how to create documents from this popular search engine. Class starts at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Oct. 12 at St. Stephens.

Intro to Excel—Learn this basic spreadsheet program to create interactive charts for bookkeeping and other purposes. Scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Newton.

Internet Searching— Explore the ways the internet can help you seek employment and research other topics. Class starts at 10 a.m. Wednesday Friday, Oct. 14 at Southwest.

Self-Paced Learning—Learn computer skills, brush up on math, reading, keyboarding and other essentials with this program designed to help you progress as you are ready. Classes start at 10 a.m. each Thursday during October at Newton.

Book clubs – Please let your library know in advance about next book you want to read. We are trying to avoid purchasing from retail suppliers.

Community

The SF Lions will host their first Pancake Breakfast of the season at 8:00 AM on October 8. These breakfasts are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from October through April.

Mitchell Community Band – Veterans Day Concert: November 11, 11:00 AM, on the grounds in front of Shearer Hall, Mitchell Community College. Bring a chair. Come on out to enjoy some patriotic music and to honor our veterans.

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