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*Sherrills Ford*

*Friends of the Library*



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## Greetings From the President



Good news! If you weren't able to attend the FOL Meeting on January 15 and would like to see the architects' renderings of the various views of our new library, go to the Catawba County Library website at <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library> . Karen Foss, County Library Director was kind enough to go over all the details with us. The construction bids are out and completion is scheduled for 2014. The Catawba County Utilities and Engineering staff will be at our meeting on February 19 to answer any questions about the new water and sewer project, and they will also describe how the walking trails will connect at the new library site.

Thank you, Karen, for bringing us the wonderful news of our new library. We wish you the very best in your retirement, and thank you for your commitment to community literacy.

If you have a minute, please stop in the foyer of our Library to see what Susan Hunsucker has been up to this month. She is our "Queen of the Book Sale," and she keeps her "Book Bonanza" neat and up to date for us. Bring your used books to the library and find some you have been wanting to read for a small donation. Proceeds benefit the Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library projects and programs for our community. And please consider adding *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett to your reading list and joining our March 18 Book Discussion at 7:00 at Sherrills Ford Fire Station on Slanting Bridge Road. The library has set aside some copies.

We have a busy calendar planned this year and hope you can join us.

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## February Schedule at Our Library

April and Sandy

- **Ready to Learn**, 10 a.m. Wednesdays (preschool)
- **Ready to Learn Music**, 10 a.m. Thursdays (preschool)
- **Spanish Classes**: grades K, 1, 2 and 3. February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 9, and 16. A **beginner's class from 10:00 - 10:30AM**, and a class for students with a **little Spanish experience from 10:45 - 11:30AM**.

## SFFOL to Sponsor Author Visit at February 19 Meeting



Jon Buchan, a former South Carolina political reporter, is a lawyer with more than three decades of experience representing newspapers and broadcasters in courtroom battles. The N.C. Press Association awarded him the William C. Lassiter First Amendment Award in 2000 for his “tireless efforts to defend the First Amendment and to protect the public’s right to know.” Buchan, who grew up in Mullins, South Carolina, has spent most of his career in Charlotte, North Carolina.

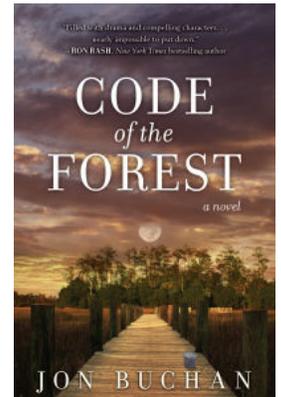
Based on his political reporting and legal experience, he had written his first novel, *Code of the Forest*, published in 2012, which won the gold medal for Southern Fiction in the Reader’s Favorite Awards. A summary of the book is below:

When Wade McNabb, publisher of the Georgetown Pilot, exposes high-level political corruption surrounding a chemical plant on the South Carolina coast, a powerful senator, steeped in the ancient code of the state’s insider politics, threatens to bring down McNabb and his newspaper. Wade turns for help to Kate Stewart, a young lawyer who has left a large law firm for a fresh start on her own in Georgetown. These two fiercely independent souls form a wary alliance for the legal battle that follows. It’s a fight that shows them the power of connections – good and bad – to change their lives forever.

Jon will be our guest at the February 19 meeting. He will discuss his book and answer our questions.

For more information on Jon Buchan or to see his interview with DG Martin on North Carolina Bookwatch, visit his website <http://www.jon-buchan.com>.

The Friends have purchased 3 copies of *Code of The Forest*. April is holding these books behind the circulation desk for current FOL members. We will do an informal circulation with just a sign-up sheet until after our Feb meeting when the books will be put into circulation to be checked out through the library system. If you take one of these books please return it as soon as possible so as many members as possible can have access to them.



## SFFOL to Host County Representative at February 19 Meeting

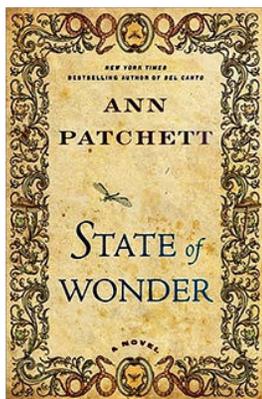
Also at the February meeting, we welcome a representative from the Catawba County Utilities and Engineering Department who will give us an update on the status of the installation of the sewer/water line in southeastern Catawba County.

## SFFOL Member Information and “Save the Dates”

**FOL Meeting and Program: Tuesday, February 19, 6:30PM, at the library:** FOL will host Jon Buchan, an attorney in Charlotte, who will discuss his first novel, *Code of the Forest*, published last year.

**FOL Community Read Special Program and Date and Time: Monday, March 18, 7:00PM, at the Sherrills Ford/Terrell Fire Station.**

**Newsletter Submissions:** Please e-mail news and photo submissions, and community announcements to Ellen Dewey by the fourth Tuesday of the month for inclusion: [ejdewey@gmail.com](mailto:ejdewey@gmail.com)



## SFFOL to Sponsor Community Read for Spring

Linda Greenwell

The Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library will again sponsor a community read. The selection for the 2013 Read is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett.

Dr. Tony Abbott will lead the discussion at our community meeting on Monday, March 18, 7:00PM, at the Sherrills Ford/Terrell Fire Station on Slanting Bridge Road.

Extra copies of the book have been leased so stop by the library and check out a copy.

## New Director of the Catawba County Library System Hired

Karen Foss, who has served as director of the Catawba County Library system for many years, retired the end of January, 2013. Suzanne White has been hired as the new director. Suzanne is currently serving as Assistant Director for the Rowan Public Library in Salisbury, NC. Suzanne will begin her job with Catawba County on February 18.



Suzanne White

## Free Computer Classes

The county offers a variety of free computer classes at various libraries around the county. For more information visit: <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library/LibraryClasses.asp>

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