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Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library



May 2013



Greetings From the President



I found an interesting quote I would like to share ... "When I hear about budgets being slashed and libraries being closed all over the country, I am disheartened to think that someday, children might not have the opportunity I did to discover their passions and personalities in the pages of a library book. For now, I will continue to support and frequent my local library and hope that people never start believing libraries are frivolous non-essentials. I'd hate to live in a world that had forgotten that the best things in life — love, friendship, nature, and yes, reading — are truly free." There is still time to contact the Governor's office to communicate your disappointment of the Governor's Budget to reduce State Aid to Libraries 4.8%. Here is a link to the contact page for Gov. McCrory. He can be contacted by phone or email. [Http://www.governor.state.nc.us/contact](http://www.governor.state.nc.us/contact)

I hope you consider joining our library this year; the Friends of the Library calendar is packed with exciting events. It is time to elect new officers for 2013-2014. So if you have any suggestions for candidates for any of the officer positions, please let us know. Just drop me an e-mail or call (828) 478-9728. It is also time to renew our membership for 2013-2014. The membership form is included in this newsletter. Or you can pick one up at the library or click on the link <http://tinyurl.com/sffolform>. If you have some time to help us take our library from good to great, just let us know.

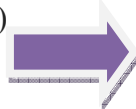
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May Schedule at Our Library

April and Sandy

Ready to Learn, Story Time 10 am Wednesdays (preschool)
Ready to Learn Music, 10 am Thursdays (preschool)
Connie Company performance, 10:30 a.m. May 18
Friends of the Library, 6:30 p.m. May 21 (adults)
Summer Reading kickoff, 4 p.m. May 23 (all)
Gem Mining, 6:30 p.m. May 28 (teens & adults)
Gardening & garden bingo, 4 p.m. May 30 (all ages)



The Connie Company is a local theatrical troupe based in Davidson. The show, aimed at ages 3-10, will include "Polly Peddler and the Story Stealer," "Mean Jean the Recess Queen," "Giraffes Can't Dance," "Koa's Seed" and "Shhh!" All teach the importance of positive character traits to children.

Many Miles Traveled During “Reading Across America” Program

Participants at the library’s Read Across America program “traveled” a total of 21,295 miles! Each reported minute of reading translated into one mile traveled. Readers chose their destination when reporting their minutes read. April Green reports that readers “traveled” from NC to San Diego and back to NC twice; from NC to Seattle; to Salt Lake City; to Morocco, Indiana; to Bangor, Maine; and to Mexico City.

SFFOL Member Information and “Save the Dates”

FOL Annual Meeting: **Tuesday May 21, 6:30 PM, at the Library: Election of 2013-2014**
SFFOL Officers:

President:	Betty Fike	Secretary:	Felicity Meunier
Vice President:	Joanie Gardner	Treasurer:	Jan Harrison
Membership:	Wendy Callahan & Gail Gray		

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



Adult Computer Skills Workshops



Catawba County Library System will host several adult computer workshops in May as the library continues life-long learning outreach. Each session is 90 minutes long and free to the public. Next month’s offerings include:

Photo Story—See how to create a Windows Media Video with your own digital images using “Ken Burns effect” dissolves, narration, music and so on. Session will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 1 at St. Stephens.

NC LIVE Resources—Explore the many data bases accessed through the NC LIVE website. This helpful session begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 7 at Newton.

Facebook—Enter the world of social media and find out how to best use this popular social media application. Workshop starts at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 8 at St. Stephens.

Create/Update Your Resume—A must for job hunters who want to showcase their skills and experience to prospective employers. This workshop commences at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 9 at Newton.

Learn with LearningExpress—Become acquainted with amazing educational and career tools available free through LearningExpress Library offered through our library website. Offered at 10 a.m. Friday, May 10 at Southwest.

Intro to Excel—Familiarize yourself with the basics of this popular spreadsheet software. Offered at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 14 at Newton.

On-Line Job Searching—Learn how to best navigate the web to find suitable employment. Session will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16 at Newton and again at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 22 at St. Stephens.

Intro to Word—Learn this basic word processing program used for letters, reports and other text documents. Class begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 21 at Newton.

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Software/Multimedia Workshop—Learn the tricks of integrating sound and visuals to create your own videos. This workshop is scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday, May 24 at Newton. Space is limited. To sign up for a workshop, contact the appropriate location: Newton, 465-7938, Southwest, 466-6181, or St. Stephens, 466-6821.



Amazing Digital Sources for the Curious

By Tammy Wilson, Catawba County Library System

How much do you know about North Carolina? You can quickly boost your state IQ with <http://ncpedia.org/>. This website, sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and managed by the State Library of North Carolina, is the go-to place for all things North Carolina.

Be sure to bookmark this site if you're in school. If you're not, it might make you wish you had an assignment on a Tar Heel topic. As of last month, NCpedia included more than 3,300 entries and 4,000 images. There are local connections to the encyclopedia. Lenoir-Rhyne, Catawba County, Piedmont Wagon Company, Miracle of Hickory and Stoneman's Raid are listed. There's even a 1908 photo of a Newton cotton mill.

NCpedia is just one of many digital resources available to the public. The largest repository of reference material for North Carolina library patrons is NCLIVE, the mammoth data base available through your library website. Local customers can access it through the library website, <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library>. Your library card number is your password. Here you'll find material covering aardvarks to zygotes. Still another excellent resource is everyoneon.org. This site, accessible to all internet users, was launched March 21. Collaborating with the American Library Association and many more partners, everyone is an on-line learning tool to help Americans become more digitally literate. Check the website for basic learning information and free training sessions.

For more information about these or other digital tools, contact your local library branch or Information Services staff in Newton at 465-7938 or 465-8663.



Community

Community Band Concert, Monday May 6, 7:30 PM, Shearer Hall, Mitchell Community College, Statesville. The program will include marches, show tunes, pop, and classical. Members of the jazz band will also perform.

2013-2014 Membership Renewal

Dear Library Patron,

If you have already renewed your 2013 – 2014 membership THANK YOU very much!

Please renew your membership in the Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library. This renewal is effective for **July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**. It's simple – just fill out the form on the last page and mail it with your check to the address below or drop it by the library:

Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library
8456 Sherrills Ford Road
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673



If you need to update any part of your address, please supply the changes in the space below in order to receive the FOL Newsletter and to keep our records accurate. Thank you for your support of this important part of our community.

Membership Committee, Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library

2012 – 2013 Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library

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Membership Renewal Form

Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library

Enclosed is a check for my membership for 2013-2014. (Check one below):

_____ \$10 Family Membership
_____ \$ 50 Sponsor Level
_____ \$100 Patron Level
_____ \$ ____ Other

(Check one) _____ New Membership _____ Renewal Membership

Name _____

Address _____

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