



Check out our Valentine's Day

BOOKS!!!

Friends of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library



February 2015



Greetings from the President



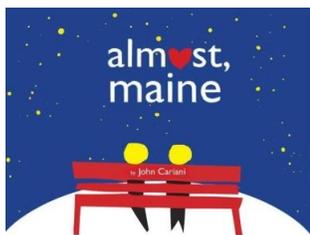
I Love Rock 'n Roll. Yes, I do. In fact, that was the number one love song in 1982 (Joan Jett and The Blackhearts). But we use this word, love, in many different ways.....for people, for things, for country, for activities, etc. And I love how our community has embraced our new library. Just check the statistics and related FOL volunteer opportunities that appear later in this newsletter.

After seven years, I find that I am in danger of spreading myself too thinly, so stepping away as the newsletter editor will allow me to better balance my interests. I love how I've been able to use and grow my technology skills over the years. And I love how Joyce O'Neal, a new SFTFOL member, has taken the opportunity to become our new editor. She looks forward to getting acquainted with our members and to receiving written articles for inclusion.

And speaking of love, our program this month will feature local members of *Almost, Maine*, currently a commonly performed high school play that was canceled at Maiden High School. The American Library Association was one of several national organizations that urged the Catawba County Board of Education to reverse its decision. Love is the central theme of the play; details below. Hope to see you at our meeting on Feb. 17, 6:30PM.

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SFT Friends to Host Members of Canceled Maiden High School Theater Production of *Almost, Maine* Tuesday, Feb. 17, 6:30PM



A *New York Times* review of a 2013 production stated: "John Cariani's *Almost, Maine* is a series of nine amiably absurdist vignettes about love, with a touch of good-natured magic realism...This is a beautifully structured play, with nifty surprise endings (most but not all of them happy) and passing references to characters from other vignettes, which slyly tell us more about them. Mr. Cariani describes the play's subject as 'falling in and out of love.' It is just as much about pain." Come hear about the play, the controversy, how the show went on, and how the clash between

perceived community standards and artistic expression affected its director, producer, and cast members.

♥♥February Schedule at the Library♥♥

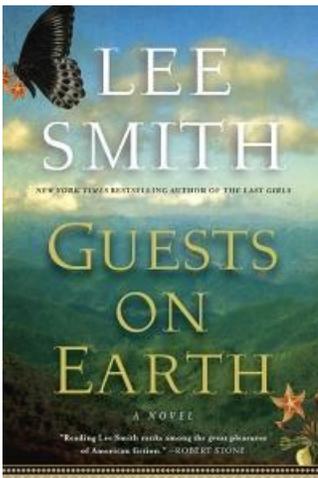
Hours: Monday and Tuesday: noon – 8PM Wednesday through Saturday: 9 AM – 6 PM
 (Exception: Mon. Feb. 23 only – opening at 1PM to allow library employees to attend staff development sessions.)

Check out our Programs (as well as our Valentine books...)!

- ✓ *Affordable Health Care Act Clinic* –Feb. 3 & 10, noon-8 p.m.
- ✓ *Pawsitive Reading: Read to certified therapy dogs*, 15 minute sessions - Jan. 8, 3:30-5 p.m., school age, preregister
- ✓ *FOL meeting* – Tuesday, Feb 17, 6:30 pm, program will follow business meeting
- ✓ *Young inventors contest* on Feb. 3 & 17, 4:30 p.m. for Grades 3-12
- ✓ *Spanish for Kids*: Feb. 7, 14, & 21, 10 a.m. Grades K-2; 10:45 a.m. Grades 3-6
- ✓ *Spa Party for adults* on Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
- ✓ *Valentine’s Day Fun Party* on Feb. 13, 1 p.m., for Grades K-5
- ✓ *African-Americans: Many Rivers to Cross Documentary Series*: Feb. 23-28, 1 p.m., for all ages

<i>COMPUTER CLASSES</i>	<i>READY TO LEARN FOR PRESCHOOLERS</i>
<p>Drop-in Computer & E-reader Sessions: Feb. 3 & 17, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Intro to Power-Point Feb. 10, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Intro to Excel Feb. 24th, 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Remember to pre-register for these classes!</p>	<p>Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. &</p> <p>Baby Bounce</p> <p>(for ages up to 23 months) Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m.</p>

Friends to Sponsor SFT Adult Literacy Project: Annual Community Read



The SFTFOL Community Read committee has selected *Guests on Earth* by Lee Smith for the 2015 Sherrills Ford-Terrell Read. Tony Abbott, from Davidson College, will lead this discussion at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015. The library system has multiple copies of the book. The March newsletter will contain discussion questions. So check out or download your copy today!

Discussion facilitator Tony Abbot, Professor of English,
Davidson College



Did you know... ♥???

- ♥ In 1537, England's King Henry VII officially declared Feb. 14 the holiday of St. Valentine;
- ♥ Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800's;
- ♥ Every Valentine's Day, the Italian city of Verona (where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet "lived"), receives about one thousand letters addressed to Juliet.

♥♥♥ Who Loves the Library?? We Love the Library!! ♥♥♥

County Press Release: Sherrills Ford-Terrell residents are in love with their new library branch. During the three months the branch has been open, library use has skyrocketed in that corner of the county.

"We are so pleased that our branch is becoming such a community center," said Jennifer Patterson, branch manager. Investment in library facilities and services in Southeast Catawba County has clearly paid off. Circulation and library visits are up dramatically and cardholders have grown by the hundreds.

Circulation of library materials grew 27 percent to 12,846 items checked. Library visits have increased even more—up 37 percent from October through December a year ago. A total of 12,484 visits were recorded for the last three months of 2014.

"These are the kinds of numbers we love to see," said Suzanne White, library director. "Residents wanted a modern library that could serve as an active and collaborative community space, and by all counts, it looks like the community is embracing and enjoying our new expanded offerings."

The enhanced facility has allowed for programming to increase dramatically. The last three months of 2014 saw programs nearly double and attendance skyrocket by 220 percent. Meeting room use—now that the branch has an actual meeting room—has risen from 106 to 580 attendees. Twenty-nine meetings have been held in the new gathering space, compared to only three at the old facility during the final quarter of 2013.

Patterson reported that 310 children, teens and adults attended 35 library programs at Sherrills Ford during the last quarter of 2013. A year later, 51 programs drew 991 people.

Library customers have enthusiastically embraced the new library facility, as staff report positive comments every day.

"We hear how the new library is so bright and colorful," Patterson said. "They love coming here."



SFTFOL Volunteer Opportunities – Spread the Love!

Library Priority-Needs Liason: Work with Jennifer to identify educational priorities for FOL sponsorship

Hardscape Committee: Pursue ideas for a hardscape/patio area to enhance the library grounds

Fall Fest Games Committee: Research and create easy new games for children

Interest Group Leaders: Anyone interested in starting a book club, or other interest groups to be sponsored by FOL, please contact Ellen Dewey with your ideas! Send your ideas to ejdewey@gmail.com

BTW...

The little candy hearts with messages are called “Sweethearts” and have been manufactured by the New England Confectionery Company (Necco) since 1901. Approximately 100,000 pounds of hearts are made per day, from late February through mid-January of the following year. The entire stock sells out in about six weeks.

Newsletter Submissions: Please e-mail **news and photo submissions, and community announcements** to Joyce O’Neal, newsletter editor, by the fourth Tuesday of the month: joyceoneal417@gmail.com
Photos of children must have written parent/guardian consent for publication to the newsletter and website.

Catawba County Library News

Free Computer Classes for February: <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library/LibraryClasses.asp>

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Community

The PROBUS Club of Lake Norman is a nonprofit and nonsectarian club formed to advance intellectual and cultural interests among retired and semi-retired professional and business persons and their spouses. Members meet monthly to actively maintain interest in the community and the world. The Club will meet Tuesday, February 17 at the Berea Baptist Church (1015 River Highway, Mooresville, NC 28117) Fellowship Hall at 10 AM for a half hour coffee social gathering, followed by a brief business meeting and a presentation by a guest speaker. Guests are welcome. PROBUS Clubs are in over 17 countries around the world with over 300,000 members. Contact pclnnc@yahoo.com for more information.

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