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Sherrills Ford

Friends of the Library



March 2013



Greetings From the President



The wheels of progress are turning! Mr. Barry Edwards, Utilities and Engineering Director for Catawba County attended our meeting on February 19 to update us on the installation of the water/sewer line for our area. Check page 2 for details and a link to the map.

Don't forget to stop by the library and check out *State of Wonder*, by Ann Patchett, for our Monday, March 18 Book Discussion at 7:00 at the Sherrills Ford –Terrell Fire Station on Slanting Bridge Road.

Please consider becoming a member of the FOL. We welcome anyone who wishes to become a force for community literacy. Family membership for 2012-2013 remains at \$10, Sponsor is \$50, and Patron is \$100. A membership form is available at our library, or it can be downloaded and printed directly from our website by selecting <http://tinyurl.com/sffolform>. Your membership helps to continue our support of the Library and to enhance library programs and community outreach.

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March Schedule at Our Library

April and Sandy

- Ready to Learn, 10 a.m. Wednesdays (preschool)
- Ready to Learn Music, 10 a.m. Thursdays (preschool)
- K-3 Spanish classes, 10 a.m. March 2, 9 and 16
- Community Read with Tony Abbott, 7 p.m. March 18, SF/Terrell Fire Station
- Kontras Quartet children's concert, April 9, time to be announced



SFFOL Member Information and "Save the Dates"

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

SFFOL Hosted Author at February 19 Meeting

Jon Buchan, a Charlotte lawyer who grew up in Mullins, South Carolina, set out to capture the cultures and values that influenced him while growing up in Mullins, South Carolina. He also drew from his long experience as a lawyer and political reporter while adding heavy doses of imagination. The result was his first book, *Code of the Forest*, a novel with themes of power, personal loss and self reliance, and themes specific to the South.



When questioned about his writing process, Jon (pictured at left) described how using his imagination to create characters molded by his personal experiences was personally freeing. He urged all of us to write down our thoughts; for example, as notes or letters to children, but stressed the importance of writing from the heart. Writing only when it was fun, it took Jon many years to complete *Code of the Forest*, but it garnered the gold medal for Southern Fiction in the Reader's Favorite Awards.

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>.



Left: Part of the crowd that came to author Jon Buchan's book signing.

Right: SFFOL Literacy Program member Barbara Nelson describes the current book making the rounds with Sherrills Ford Elementary First graders. It is the third book shared with the students this year, along with a book bag of related items.



SFFOL Provides Updated Library and Sewer/Water Line Status

Also at the February meeting, county representatives discussed the status of the installation of the sewer/water line in southeastern Catawba County, especially as it relates to the construction of the new library.



Left: Dewey Harris
Assistant County Manager

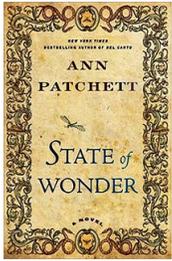
Right: Barry Edwards, Director, and Jack Chandler, Assistant Director, County Utilities and Engineering Department



The section of the sewer line which will serve southeastern Catawba County, including the new library, is scheduled to be completed by the end of October, 2013. SFFOL thanks our county representatives for discussing this plan and answering our questions. Select the detailed map of the southern sewer line sections on the county website, <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/UE/WaterSewer.asp>. Plans for the new library, which will open in 2014, can be found at <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/LIBRARY/>.

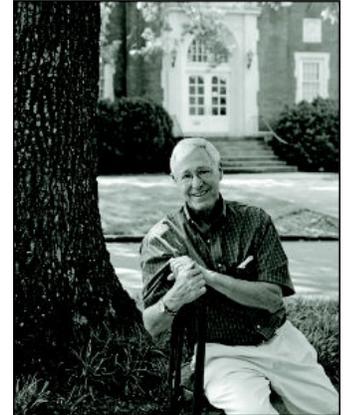
SFFOL to Sponsor Community Read Discussion, March 18

Linda Greenwell and Tammy Wilson



The Friends of the Sherrills Ford Library have again sponsored a community read. This event is an effort to promote adult literacy and the exchange of ideas. The selection for the 2013 Read is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett.

Dr. Tony Abbott, poet and professor emeritus at Davidson College, will lead the discussion at 7 p.m. Monday, March 18 at the Sherrills Ford/Terrell Fire Station on Slanting Bridge Road.



Abbott (pictured at right), who taught English at Davidson, was himself nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his first book of poetry, *The Girl in a Yellow Raincoat*, and in 2003 won the Novello Literary Award for his first novel, *Leaving Maggie Hope*.

State of Wonder focuses on a drug company employee who reluctantly journeys to Brazil to bring back information about seemingly miraculous drug research being conducted there. The 2011 best-selling novel was shortlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction.

The March 18 book discussion is free and open to the public. Multiple copies of *State of Wonder* can be checked out from the library. To check availability, visit any library location or log on to <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library>

Dr. Abbott provided these questions for us to think about before our community discussion. Check out a book today, and then join us for what should be a very lively discussion!

1. It is virtually impossible to ask questions about this novel without giving away the ending. One of the great strengths of the novel is its extraordinary last 100 pages. The tension is almost unbearable, and the twists and turns in the final section are remarkable. So my first question isn't really a question, it's a statement: READ ALL THE WAY TO THE END. DON'T STOP.
2. STATE OF WONDER is the story of a journey, the journey of Marina Singh from the Vogel Corporation in Minnesota to the heart of the Amazon River in South America. During the course of that journey she learns a number of things about the world and about herself. What does she learn? How is she a different and much stronger person at the end of the novel?
3. STATE OF WONDER is often compared to Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness," in which Marina Singh becomes Marlow, the narrator of Conrad's tale, and the research scientist, Annick Swenson becomes Kurtz, the character Marlow seeks out in the depths of the Congo. If you have not read *Heart of Darkness*, you might wish to read it and think about the fascinating parallels between the two books.
4. At the end of the novel, many things are left open---for example, the future of the research project and the future of both Annick Swenson and Marina Singh. Do you think Marina will go back to the Amazon? Do you think there will be a sequel?
5. Perhaps the most beloved character in the novel is the young native boy, Easter. What happens to Easter at the end of the novel? How do you feel about that? What kind of moral judgment should we make about Easter's fate? (I am trying not to give away too much!)

6. The novel contains an absolutely marvelous portrait of the Lakashi people. How is Patchett using the Lakashi to make an implied critique of North American civilization?

Kontras Quartet To Perform at Sherrills Ford Library



The Kontras Quartet will do two concerts at the Sherrills Ford Library on April 9. A children's concert, targeted at private and home schooled students from upper elementary ages through high school, will be mid morning. A concert for adults will be held early evening. Exact times for the concerts will be announced later. We will send an e-mail as soon as we know the schedule.

These concerts are part of Community Days, a joint venture with the Catawba and Hickory Public Library Systems and supported by the NC Arts Council and United Arts Council of Catawba County through the Grassroots Arts/Project Pools Program.

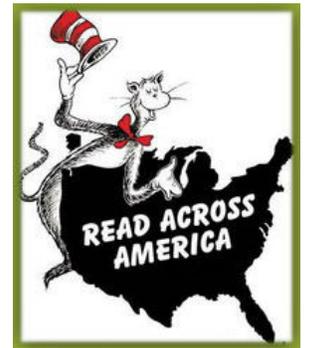
Lauded as a "tightly crafted and beautiful instrument", the Kontras String Quartet is rapidly becoming one of the most vibrant young string quartets on the scene. Kontras began its professional touring career in 2009 and has been garnering acclaim ever since. The quartet is all the more unique in that its members -- violinists Dmitri Pogorelov and Francois Henkins, violist Ai Ishida and cellist Jean Hatmaker -- hail from four different parts of the world. The quartet is currently in the third year of its tenure as the Hickory Metro Resident Quartet with the [Western Piedmont Symphony](http://www.westernpiedmontsymphony.org) in Hickory, NC. More details on the quartet can be found at: http://www.kontrasquartet.com/the_Kontras_Quartet/About_Kontras.html.

Read Across America Challenge

Tammy Wilson

Catawba County Library challenges you to join in the Read Across America challenge during March. Read Across America is a national project sponsored by the National Education Association to build a more literate nation. The object is to encourage reading and demonstrate good reading habits to young people

All you have to do is keep track of your reading time and report back to your local branch library. Staff will post your community's progress on large U.S. maps at the library at the rate of a mile a minute.



The county system operates facilities in Newton, Conover, Claremont, Maiden, St. Stephens, Sherrills Ford and Southwest (Mountain View). There is a branch within a short distance of your home, so now's the time to get acquainted. Stop by to pick up a reading log. While you're there, pick up a book or two and you're ready to go.

So what else do you read each day? The newspaper? A favorite magazine? The Bible? A daily devotional? Do you read eBooks? Read the news on-line? Log that time too. Suppose you listen to an audio book on your way to and from work. I'm going to stick my neck out here and say you can count the time. After all, you're engaged with literature and, in effect, reading a book and that's the whole point of this exercise: to get more reading into your life. Don't have a library card? Library staff will be happy to sign you up on the spot

March is National Quilting Month Master Quilter to Visit Newton Library

Tammy Wilson

You've read her books. You've seen her on television. Now you can meet Georgia Bonesteel in person. The quilting legend will be at Main Library in Newton at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 16 to offer a trunk show and lecture about quilts and quilting.

Bonesteel's visit is part of a community collaboration with the Catawba County Museum of History and the Green Room. As you may know, Green Room is producing a musical, "Quilters," this month. In support of that effort, the museum will host a series of receptions to display vintage quilts in the collection. Georgia Bonesteel's visit to the library is the third prong of the quilt collaboration. She has penned a number of how-to books on the art of quilting. Some time ago she partnered with son, filmmaker Paul Bonesteel, to produce the documentary *The Great American Quilt Revival*. The film features many of today's well known quilters, historians and collectors discussing their art and their role in the revolution of modern quilting.

Free coffee and pastry will be served that Saturday morning on a first-come basis, thanks to Friends of Catawba County Library. Since Ms. Bonesteel has a national reputation and appears regularly on Create TV, arrive early to get a good seat.

Community

The Sherrills Ford Lion Club will be having a yard sale on April 27th to benefit the visually impaired. The yard sale will be open to all people for a charge of \$10.00 per table. We are hoping to get a lot of arts and crafts people as well. Contact Pat Hollands for further details.

Mitchell Community Band Concert, Monday May 6, 7 PM, Shearer Hall, Mitchell Community College, Statesville. The jazz band will also perform.

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