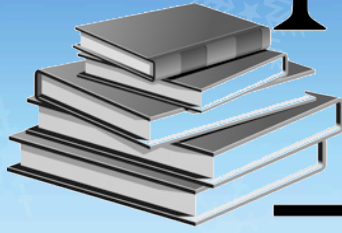


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# FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

## Message from President Marge Golas

Dear FOL Members,

Here we are at the beginning of another year of Friends of the Library programs that promise to be both entertaining and informative. As we all know, when wonderful things happen in any organization, it's because hard-working people make sure they happen. Last fall, we said good-bye to these hard-working Board members: Secretary Diane Butzin, Treasurer Dennis Byrne, Programs and Special Events Chair Marge Leuschner, and Children's Program Chair Tricia Foy. The FOL is better for their being part of it. Sincere thanks go to Jane Warren for her dedicated service as President and as my mentor and advisor. We'll continue to depend on Jane's expertise for the next two years in her position as Ex-Officio.

I am happy to say that the Friends remain in good hands with our new Board members: Vice-President Cindy Johnson, Secretary Marion Gunther, Treasurer Bill Leuschner, Programs and Special Events Chair Max Williams, Newsletter Editor Martha Johnson and Children's Programs Chair Edana Schmidt. In just a few months, our new members have jumped in with both feet to add new ideas and energy to the committee. It's already an exciting year working with them and our other board members looking for more ways to expand the FOL's job of reaching out to the community!

I would be remiss if I did not thank those of you who contribute your time and energy to making many events happen. Thanks to the volunteers who help during our membership drive by manning tables at our libraries, thanks to the bakers and the decorators, who entice membership to our special events and to those who shelve books at the Annex and help at book sales.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our events throughout the year. Encourage your friends and family to join you when you attend FOL programs. Make sure your membership is up-to-date. Share your ideas about possible new programs that the FOL may be able to sponsor. You can find more information in this newsletter about upcoming events and membership news.

Have a wonderful 2011!

# USED BOOKS SALE

## Dates for 2011

### Dates!

February 6 and 13 - Opera in Southport

February 10 - Lifelong Learners

March 16 – “Frankenstein”

September 27 - General Meeting

October 25 and 25 - “True Grit”

See details in articles below.



JANUARY 29	11AM - 2PM	
FEBRUARY 26	11AM - 2 PM	
MARCH 26	11AM - 2PM	
APRIL 30	11AM - 2PM	
MAY 28	11AM - 2PM	
NO JUNE DATES		
JULY 1	2PM - 4PM	MEMBERS ONLY
JULY 2	10AM - 2PM	
JULY 30	11AM - 2PM	
AUGUST 27	11AM - 2PM	
SEPTEMBER 24	11AM - 2PM	
OCTOBER 29	11AM - 2PM	
NO NOVEMBER DATES		
DECEMBER 10	11AM - 2:30PM	

### Used books needed

Any book donations are welcomed.

Please drop off at either library.



**Renew Now and Take a Chance on**  
***The Southport-Oak Island Friends of the Library***

Since September, 2010 at our Annual Meeting, the *Southport-Oak Island Friends of the Library* has been accepting 2011 Membership dues. All 2010 memberships expired on December 31. As a special incentive for members to renew now, we are holding a drawing in February with some exciting prizes donated by local businesses. Each new or renewal membership will be entered in a drawing for the following:

- ✿ A certificate for Four 18-hole Golf Fees at *Oak Island Golf Club*
- ✿ One local Kayak Tour with *The Adventure Company*
- ✿ Southport Harbor Tour for 2 people aboard the  
*SOLOMON T - "The Heritage Boat"*

Those who have joined or renewed between September 2010 and February 13, 2011 are eligible to win one of these prizes. Membership forms may be found at the Barbee or Harper Library, or at the *SOI Friends of the Library* website – [www.FOLSOL.org](http://www.FOLSOL.org)

All funds collected as membership dues are used to enhance programs and activities at the Barbee Library in Oak Island and the Harper Library in Southport. The drawing will be held at the Southport Community Center on Sunday, February 13, 2011, during the Opera Series presented by the UNCW Music Department. You need not be present to win.

Renew now, help your local library, and have a chance to enjoy a wonderful local activity!

## Membership News by Judy Wagner

### Is My Membership Expired?

*Friends* often wonder if their membership is still current. Some wonder why they do not have a membership card with the expiration date on it. There are several good reasons why we do not issue wallet cards. First and foremost is the cost. We want to use all the funds collected in membership fees for programs and books at the libraries. If membership cards were issued to each person this would be an expense that would take away from the good that your dues can do. The second reason we do not issue cards is that they are unnecessary. All memberships of at least 5 months expire on December 31 every year. Beginning in September of each year, at our Annual Meeting, the *Friends* Board accepts new memberships that are good until the end of the following year. So if you join during *National Friends of the Library Week* in October, you will be a current member until the end of the following year. If you join at the Opera Series in February or the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Book Sale, you are a member until the end of the current year. And all the funds collected in membership fees are put to good use to make your libraries better for YOU. Thank you for being a member!

If you have a question about your membership, send it to [membership@folsoi.org](mailto:membership@folsoi.org)

### New Members 2011

Chris & Susan Angelow	Virginia B Locke
Harry & Audrey Bailey	Ray & Joan Loggains
Regina Baldwin	Deborah Markley
Kit Batson	George Muir
Francis Bausch	Christine Noble
Dawn Beal	Robert & Dawn
Lois Beddard	Olmsted
Fiona Bergstrom	Neil,David,Donna
Kay Brannon	Penegar
Jane Carter	Herb Pritchard
Ginny Clark	Emily Queener
Sandra Dary	Sandy Ringenbach
Bob Demmitt	Joey Robinson
Mary Diaz	Rick & Dinah Rucker
C & W Ehlers	Herbert Rumbeau
James Forstner	Katrina Schwartzkopf
Kathie & Michael Fox	Debbie Skillman
Jean Gabriel	Flora Solomon
Melva Gay	Clayton Stufflebeam
Linda Hackenburg	Prudence Swartwood
Becky Haren	Phil Syracuse
Joan Hayes	Tera Thomas
Jean Hembree	Angela Vesey
Melinda Hohn	Nancy Wells
Karen Holbrook	Pat Widman
Tim & Deb Holsather	Lynn Wilcox
Lester Jones	Delane Wilkinson
Judith & Melvin Kurzer	Sarah & Max Williams
Paula LeFebvre	

## BARBEE LIBRARY NEWS by Susan Angelow, Branch Manager

Thanks to the continued support of the Friends of the Library, and to the gracious leadership of Dr. Max Williams, we are happy to announce that our Lifelong Learners series will be celebrating two continuous years of classes in March! We are wrapping up "The Rights of Man" and will start "The World Was Never the Same: Events That Changed History" on February 10<sup>th</sup>. This course is taught by Professor J. Rufus Fears, from the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Williams leads lively discussions at the end of each lecture. A recent attendee told me: "This is the most intellectually stimulating program I've taken part in since college." Please come join us! Lectures are held every Thursday morning at 10 am.

Summer Reading Club plans are almost complete. Our opening act is the "Mountain Marionettes presents The Frog Prince", a highly acclaimed group from Cedar Mountain, NC. Also on the calendar are the NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher with "Silly Seahorses" and Pamlico Joe, who performs instrumental music with an environmental message. Starting June 13<sup>th</sup>, programs are every Monday at 9:30 am. (Note the new day and time for Barbee.)

John Whiting has planned an exciting new lecture: Mary Shelley, Boris Karloff, and Mel Brooks meet Frankenstein! John's lectures always draw a capacity crowd, so be sure to register early on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a one-day lecture to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. Hope you can make it!

## HARPER LIBRARY NEWS by Signa Simpson, Branch Manager

Dear Friends, A quick note from the Harper Library to let you know that the "Let's Talk About It" series is going well. Two books were discussed in January and both discussions were well attended. Another big Thank You to Marge Leuschner for coordinating this FOL sponsored program and handling the paperwork. Plans are being made for another Basic Computer class this spring. If you are someone you know would like to learn some basic computer skills call the library for more information. Summer is around the corner and that means the start of the children's Summer Reading program. Emily is working hard to make sure this is a memorable summer. The theme this year is "One World-Many Stories" and promises to be a lot of fun. We hope to see you in the library soon!

# Program and Special Events News by Max Williams

## Upcoming events for 2011

For over fifteen years, the Friends of the Library (FOL) have supported the Harper and Barbee libraries and enriched community life by arranging varied programs with the goal of enriching the cultural life of the area. The following events are scheduled for 2011:

### Opera Series

Professor Nancy King, music department faculty member and vocal instructor at UNC-W, will return to Southport with WOOP! (Wilmington Opera Outreach Project) members, accompanied by Patricia Ainspac. On Sunday February 6 at 2:00 pm they will present **Opera Super Bowl**. The ultimate battle of German vs. Italian opera. Who will win Mozart or Puccini? A reception will follow the performance.

Sunday February 13 at 2:00 pm the members of UNC- WOOP! will show off their versatility, as they travel from operetta to the Broadway stage. Featuring music of Gilbert and Sullivan, Franz Lehar, and selections from Guys and Dolls.

Both performances will be held at the Southport Community Center on Moore Street. Once again this year all new and renewing members for 2011 will be eligible for a chance at winning three great prizes.

The Friends of the Library and the Southport Department of Tourism are pleased to sponsor this much looked forward to event.

### Literature and Film Series

On March 16 John Whiting will continue his Literature and Film series in Barbee Library. The topic, presented in a two-hour session, is titled "Mary Shelley, Boris Karloff, Mel Brooks, and the Frankenstein Monster."

On October 25 and 26 he returns for two additional two-hour sessions of novels and films. This is his sixth year; the topic will be "True Grit" and will include the book as well as the old and new film adaptations.

Registration for both segments is limited to twenty-five. The cut-off dates for registration are March 7 and October 3. Times will be announced subsequently.

## Let's Talk About It Series

The "Let's Talk About It" series started January 9 and continues on January 23, February 20, and March 6.

Sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council, the topic for this year is "Picturing America: Places in the Heart." Scholars will discuss four novels in sessions lasting from 2-4 p.m. This event is intended to help us understand who we are and how we live our lives.

## Lifelong Learners Series

Barbee Library also offers a lecture-discussion session by "Great Teachers" through the Teaching Company. Max Williams leads the group in relevant discussions following each video presentation. This small group meets every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Over several years the topics have included: Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, the American Civil War, Great Books that Changed the World, and the Rights of Man. The next topic to be considered will be Events that Changed History, with lectures provided by Dr. Rufus Fears, winner of some twenty-five teaching awards at various universities.

## Frankenstein at Barbee Library

Join John Whiting, professor emeritus, Suny Orange, for a lecture/film demonstration on Mary Shelley, Boris Karloff, Mel Brooks and the Frankenstein Monster -- at Barbee Library, Wednesday, March 16, 10 AM to 12 PM. We will examine how what began as a cautionary tale about laboratory experimentation in a novel was very much revised on screen. Sponsored by The Southport/ Oak Island Friends of the Library, this event reveals the evolution of the famous grotesque creature from literary

original to Hollywood versions: from scientific concept, to Halloween horror, to song and dance man.

Registration begins at Barbee Monday, March 7 at 9 AM; and enrollment is limited to 25 participants.

The program is free and open to the public.

## GENERAL MEETING OF FOL

The most significant date on our Special Events Calendar will be **Tuesday, September 27**, when a general meeting of FOL will be available for old and new members. A special guest speaker will entertain and enlighten us on a topic of general interest. While new members may join at any time, it is hoped that this special meeting will attract a large number from the communities. Membership fees and book sales allow FOL to lend support to Barbee and Harper, while offering a variety of Special Events. Details will be announced at a later date.

### Kids Korner News by Edana Schmidt

Every Monday morning at 10:00 am a happy group gathers at Barbee Library for Story Time. Now that Harper and Barbee are sharing the Story Time it is an opportunity for both children and parents to make new friends. This series will continue until it is time for the Summer Reading Programs to start so there is plenty of time to join the group each week for a special story.

At Harper the plans for the summer are simmering away and you will hear about them as soon as the schedule is complete. Remember to drop in at Harper to take

advantage of all the great books in the Children's Room.

The summer program at Barbee will begin on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am with a special appearance by the Mountain Marionettes.

This series of summer reading fun will last until July 18<sup>th</sup> and you can count on a wrap up party that will have everyone smiling.

Note the start time of 9:30 am in the summer, which is a half hour earlier than the Monday Story Time. There will be more on this program closer to the June 13<sup>th</sup> date.

Let's see all the KIDS AT THE KIDS KORNERs of the Libraries.



## Thank you, Corporate Donors and Volunteers

The Friends of the Library would like to thank our 2011 Corporate Donors. Please tell them that you appreciate their financial backing of the *Southport Oak Island Friends of the Library*.

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The *Friends of the Library* Board would like to thank those members who gave their time during our Membership Drive at the Barbee and Harper Libraries in October, 2010. Through their efforts, we were able to add 69 new memberships and over \$500 in dues. All money collected as dues is used for items or programs at the libraries. Those volunteers are listed below. Thank You!

Kat Abbott

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