



Friends of the Library

Southport/Oak Island,
N.C.

Fall 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As out going President, I want to thank my board members for their support and tireless efforts in supporting our two libraries. It has been a pleasure serving with Ginny, Marge, Diane, Dennis, Susan, Judy, Kathy, Edana, Susan, Marge, Tricia, and Tom. I will continue on the board as Ex-Officio but several of our members will be leaving and we will be electing a new President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Children's Chairperson, and Program Chairperson at our annual meeting on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 pm at the Southport Community Building. Members of the FOL and the general public are invited to attend this event at no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Besides the election and a quick summation of what we've accomplished this past year, we are very fortunate to have Perry Deane Young as our guest speaker. He is an author, playwright, screenwriter, and adventurer. He will speak about his updated book, "*Two of the Missing*", Remembering Sean Flynn & Dana Stone and his trip back to Vietnam and Cambodia this past spring. The FOL has donated this book about war, friendship and love to both libraries. Further information appears elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website folsoi.org; click on upcoming events.

In October we are fortunate to have John Whiting presenting *The Grapes of Wrath*, novel and film and more information is also in this newsletter and on our website folsoi.org.

Our 2011 Membership drive will have its kickoff during National Friends of the Library Week, October 17 – 23, 2010. Memberships for 2011 will also be available at our annual meeting. If you join at either of these times, your membership will be extended through December 31, 2011. Remember memberships need to be renewed each year. You can obtain membership forms on our website.

Thank you to all of you who assisted us this past year; we could not operate without your support.

Jane Warren

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING

September the 28th will see the members and guests of the FOL gathered at The Southport Community Center for the Annual Meeting and we hope you will join us there. The brief business meeting begins at 7:30 pm when the new officers of FOL will be introduced and a fond farewell bid to the retiring officers. President Jane Warren is aiming to keep those proceedings brief so that we can move on to our very exciting program entitled.....

The Continuing Search for Two of the Missing in Cambodia and Vietnam

Perry Deana Young, author, screenwriter, playwright, historian, genealogist and newspaper columnist will be our guest speaker this year. Perry's book "Two of the Missing" is the basis for his talk and he will use it to tell us the story of his close friends, Sean Flynn and Dana Stone, and their disappearance in Cambodia. Flynn, son of Errol Flynn, was Perry's roommate in Saigon where they were working journalists along with Dana Stone and his wife. They were a close group in tumultuous times when friendships were dearly cherished. Perry will take us back to that day when Sean and Dana rode off on their motorcycles for one last story and were never seen again. Learn about the present day efforts to locate the remains of his friends as Perry shows us slides of the area and compares that location today with his stay there 40 years ago. A master story teller, praised by Truman Capote, Perry Deane Young will make us think, question and, maybe, act.

Be with us on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:30 pm and you won't be disappointed.

IT'S AN ANNIVERSARY

Yes, this is the one year anniversary of the online FOL Newsletter and we hope that you have been happy with it. Though we still print and mail copies to those who do not have internet access, the majority of our Newsletters go out online. By sending us your Email addresses and accepting our Emails you have saved the FOL considerable funds that have been used to further the variety of programs you can read about here and on our Web page. Here's to another successful year.

And I guess this is the appropriate place for me, the Editor, to say so long. This issue is my last one and a new editor will be taking over. I believe that you will see exciting changes in the format of the Newsletter because the new Editor is much more computer savvy than I. My personal thanks go to Len Trizinsky, our technical consultant, without whose infinite patience this online Newsletter would not have happened. And thank you to all the readers for their patience as I learned the Newsletter business.

Edana Schmidt

BARBEE LIBRARY NEWS

A Beach Party will kick off the return of story time at Barbee Library, 10:00 am, Monday, September 13th. Kids will listen to books about turtles and sandcastles, find ocean treasures in the sand, and munch on Goldfish crackers. We will start registration on August 30th. This is a change of day for us, so mark your calendar, grab the kids and bring a beach towel!

Our Space Science classes for adults were a lot of fun. Eight attendees learned about the different kinds of missions, what happens to bones in space and other health issues that astronauts face, how NASA decides on landing sites, how to protect astronauts from UV radiation, what we learned from the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, how to build and launch a model rocket, the true size of space, designing a safe re-entry module, and how to help NASA map the moon from their personal computer!

Our last lecture in the series "Books That Have Made History: Books That Can Change Your Life" will be held September 9th. The following Thursday we will begin the series "The Rights of Man: Great Thinkers and Great Movements". This series is taught by Professor Paul Gordon Lauren of The University of Montana and consists of 24 lectures. Discussion will be led by Dr Max Williams, Professor Emeritus, Western Carolina University.

Please come and join us every Thursday at 10:00 am. These classes were made possible by you, the Friends of the Library.

John Whiting will be presenting another of his popular Book into Movie programs. The Grapes of Wrath will be held October 25th and 26th from 10:00 am until noon. Registration will begin on October 4th at the Barbee Library. You may pick up your free copy of the book when you register. Many thanks to the Friends of the Library and John for making this program possible.

Susan Angelow

HARPER HAPPENINGS

It has been a long hot summer and it is going fast! The biggest happenings at Harper took place on Monday mornings this summer. The 2010 Summer Reading programs were held on Monday. By all accounts this was a great summer, everyone had a good time. Thank you Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program. If you have visited us at the library lately you may have noticed that we have new automatic doors. The installation of the doors started in the spring and was finally completed in July. They are very helpful for our handicapped patrons and also if you have an arm load of books. Fall is around the corner and we are working on adult programming. If you have a suggestion for a program or you would like to sponsor one feel free to call and discuss it with us. For the past several years the State Library has named September as "Get Your Library Card" month. If you know someone new to the area or someone who needs to become reacquainted with the library please send them our way! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Signa Simpson

MANY THANKS

The Board of the FOL want to say a special **Thank You** to Randy Jones, former Director of Tourism in Southport for his years of assistance and support for our programs

And to Mrs. Tate, Library Director, and her staff for their guidance and help over the years.

Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers !

KIDS KORNER

What a great summer for the Southport/ Oak Island Kids Korner. The libraries reported that over 200 children participated in the six week summer reading program. Everyone had a fun time with the Magic Show, Gracie the Clown, a visitor from the North Carolina Aquarium, Steve Myott the puppeteer, and the Shady Grove Band. The program was topped off with a pizza party on the last day.

Barbee Library's Susan Angelow's NASA presentation for children was so successful she is currently presenting it to adults. The Program is sponsored by NASA and addresses the problems of setting up a colony on the Moon in 2020. Her creative approach has been recognized by the state librarians and she was asked to present her program to all state librarians this past Spring. Way to go, Susan.



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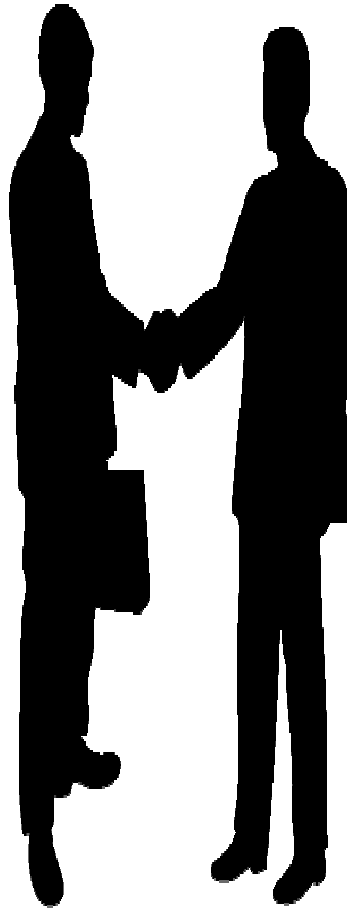
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WE WELCOME YOU ALL



FUTURE BOOK SALE DATES.....

2010

September 25th from 11AM until 2 PM

October 20th from 11 AM until 2 PM

December 12th from 11 AM until 4 PM

All sales are held at the Old Jail Annex on Rhett Street in Southport.

The Grapes of Wrath at Barbee

Join me Monday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 26 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Barbee Library for a two-part presentation on *The Grapes of Wrath*, Novel and Film. We will examine first the nature of John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize novel and then the effectiveness of the Hollywood adaptation that attempts to translate the story from page to screen. Our concern will be the 1940 movie version directed by John Ford, winner of the Best Director Academy Award for that year, and starring Henry Fonda.

This activity is sponsored by the Southport/Oak Island Friends of the Library and hosted by Barbee Library. It is the fifth program in a literature and film series that has previously featured Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*, Stephen Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage*, and Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*.

Registration begins at Barbee on Monday, October 4 at 9:00 am. At the sign up, each participant will receive a complimentary copy of the novel courtesy of the Southport/Oak Island FOL. The event is free and open to the public, but enrollment is limited to 25 seats.

John Whiting, member & professor emeritus, SUNY Orange

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ANNUAL REPORT

2009 VS. 2008

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>Incr. (Decr)</u>	<u>% Incr. (Decr)</u>
Funds-Beginning of Year, Jan. 1	<u>\$6,316</u>	<u>\$7,881</u>	<u>\$1,565</u>	<u>25%</u>
Income:				
Book Sales	\$8,182	\$7,772	\$ (410)	-5% (1)
Memberships	3,490	3,309	(181)	-5% (2)
Contributions/Donations/Grants	1,314	1,200	(114)	-9% (3)
Interest	68	49	(19)	-28%
Miscellaneous Income	20	0	(20)	-100%
Total Income	<u>\$13,074</u>	<u>\$12,330</u>	<u>-\$744</u>	<u>-6%</u>
Expenditures:				
Library Support	\$5,113	\$4,136	\$ (977)	-19% (4)
Youth Services Programs	2,427	2,429	2	0%
Annual Meeting Expense	200	1,282	1,082	541% (5)
Charitable Donations/Honorariums	275	225	(50)	-18%
Jail Annex Costs	152	105	(47)	-31%
Newsletter Costs	1,135	1,789	654	58% (6)
Community Program Expenditures	1,616	1,280	(336)	-21% (7)
Other Operating Expenses	591	54	(537)	-91% (8)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$11,509</u>	<u>\$11,300</u>	<u>-\$209</u>	<u>-2%</u>
Funds -End of Year, Dec. 31	<u>\$7,881</u>	<u>\$8,911</u>	<u>\$1,030</u>	<u>13%</u>

Footnotes:

- (1) Book Sales decreased \$410 primarily due to the softening economy.
- (2) Memberships decreased 5% due to the aforementioned softening economy.
- (3) Contributions/Donations/Grants decreased \$114 due to reduction in grants.
- (4) Library Support decreased 19% as some expenditures were shifted to 2010.
- (5) Annual Meeting Expense increased \$1,082 as our 2008 Annual Meeting guest speaker donated her fee last year to the Friends.
- (6) Newsletter Costs increased \$654 due to one-time costs associated with going on-line with our newsletter which will save printing/postage costs in the future.
- (7) Community Program Expenditures decreased \$336 due to lower expenditures to correspond with our decrease in income.
- (8) Other Operating Expenses decreased as we curtailed expenses in light of lower income.

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