



FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Chris Geering

Summer is almost upon us and Friends of the Library Southport/Oak Island is continuing our tradition of helping provide quality summer programs for children at both of our area libraries. This year's theme for the summer programs is "Heroes." In conjunction with this, FOLSOI has committed to funding a program called "Green Heroes." The program is subtitled *The 3 Rs of Going Green: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle*. The purpose of the program is to teach children life-long concepts about taking care of the earth. This program will be provided at each library. Watch our web site and/or e-mail flashes for information about dates and times. With the help of our (now retired) Ways and Means chairperson, Eleanor Colston, we were able to obtain a grant from the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation to fund a large portion of this program. Our thanks go out to Eleanor and the BEMC.

This past year we also initialized several new special events including Socrates Café, a forum in which area residents gather to exchange ideas and experiences while embracing the Socratic Method. The first café was held on March 6th at Barbee Library and was enjoyed by those attending. Watch for dates and time of future cafes in our e-mail flashes.

Finally, FOLSOI would not be able to achieve these goals without YOU, our members and supporters. Thanks to all who have joined us this year and those who continue to renew their membership. And don't forget to stock up on summer beach reading by visiting our monthly book sales. Dates, times and locations are posted later in this newsletter. This sale has provided our major source of funds for many years so thanks to all that have purchased and or/donated books. See you at the beach!

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Meet Our New FOLSOI Board Members

Donna Morgan, Vice President

My dear parents were both avid readers who passed their love of books to me. One of my greatest joys is seeing my four children and three grandchildren cherish books as well. A prime pleasure is reading a book in tandem with one or more of them and then enjoying the discussion! Since high school, through college, and even on a semi-professional level for some years, I was involved with library services, shelving, and children's programs. It is truly an honor to be involved with the Friends of the Library, and I look forward to learning much about my new community and its people through this wonderful organization.

Nancy Allen, Publicity Chair

I live in Boiling Springs Lake. I have loved books (and libraries) for as long as I can remember. I've had the privilege of working in a children's library. I am likewise thrilled to be involved in FOLSOI.

Membership News

We currently have 166 memberships for the September 2015 to September 2016 membership year. We're encouraged by the fact that more "Friends" are joining as patrons, sponsors, and even beneficiaries. While the majority of the Friends come from the Southport/St. James/ Oak Island area, we have members who vacation here from as far away as Durango, CO.

We encourage you to think of giving a Friends membership as a gift to someone you know. It benefits both the community and the individual receiving it.

A membership form is attached to this newsletter and others are available at our two libraries.

Judith Steffens
Membership Chair

The **Socrates Café** is looking for people who like to engage in friendly, respectful discussions centered on topics about which the public has differing points of view. If you are interested in this type of interchange, please join us at Barbee Library on the second Friday of each month. We will be discussing "What are appropriate gun laws?" on May 8, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Please join us!

USED BOOKS SALE

Upcoming Dates for 2015

Southport Realty
727 N. Howe St
(Next to Taylor's)
9 a.m. – 12 noon

**Used books are always
needed.**

**Donations accepted at both
libraries and Southport Realty.**

MAY 30

JUNE 27

JULY 25

AUGUST 29

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 31

NOVEMBER 14

DECEMBER 12



Special Announcement!

On Saturday, July 1, FOLSOI will have its first Used Book Sale on Oak Island. We filed an application with Food Lion to get permission to do the sale outside the Oak Island store, and we were approved. Hopefully, this will turn out to be the First Annual Sale. Our first venture will be to sell paperbacks ("Beach Reading") to both residents and visitors.

The Board has been exploring ways to increase FOLSOI visibility and membership on Oak Island, and it was thought that doing a book sale would help to do that. FOLSOI supports programs and services at both Barbee and Harper Libraries.

Come by and pick up your own "beach reads"!

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

EVERY HERO HAS A STORY is the theme for the 2015 Brunswick County Libraries' Summer Reading program. The objective is to help children of all ages celebrate many types of heroes – historical figures; public servants; high- profile super-heroes - as well as find the superheroes within themselves. In addition, the program is designed to encourage and motivate children and families to READ. The exciting programs that are available this summer at no charge as a result of the generous support of the Friends of the Library, Southport & Oak Island include:

- **Fish the Magish** – a magic program with the goal of helping children learn how reading sparks the imagination to be a hero and to discover the power and “magic” of reading.
- **Horseshoe Heroes of the NC Aquarium** – a “hands-on” experience through which the NC Aquarium teaches how we can use horseshoe crab’s blood to help keep humans healthy.
- **Seabiscuit/Bird Lady** – a presentation by our own local hero, Mary Ellen Rogers, who rescues local birds.
- **Tales and Tunes** – a dynamic and inspiring storytelling experience by Sharon Clarke combining music and stories.
- **Traveling Teacher Show “Going Green”** – Stephanie Boone and Melissa Stewart are teachers out of the Raleigh, NC area. They do an interactive show that teaches simple things we can do to help take care of the earth. Heroes are included in their characters, and they plan on putting additional emphasis on heroes for our shows.
- **Marionette performance** – a debut performance by Brunswick Little Theater’s own Frank Blackmon who has trained under a master puppeteer.

The Traveling Teacher show “Going Green” is being partially funded by a Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) grant .The FOLSOI would like to thank the BEMC for their continued support of our libraries.

**Space is limited and registration is required.
Children must be accompanied by a parent.**

Harper Happenings – Denise Ballard, Branch Manager

Spring is finally here! We have had a long busy winter at Harper Library. In January, our “Let’s Talk About It” program started with a four week series. After reading the books, participants attended a lecture and discussion presented by a visiting scholar. Many thanks to Marge Leuschner for handling the books and the paperwork.

In February, for Black History month, our Friends presented a program on Maya Angelou. It was very well-attended.

Our Life Long Learners are continuing their program on the History of the United States. They meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. They are enjoying the new flat screen TV that our Friends of the Library bought for us.

In March, we had a gardening class presented by the Brunswick County COOP. There was good advice on planting vegetables for the upcoming growing season. The Southport Historical Society also started their classes on Brunswick County History. A lot of good and interesting information was given by Larry Maisel.

Summer is coming fast and we are preparing for our children’s Summer Reading Program. Our Friends of the Library are again sponsoring our programs, and we have a lot of fun and informative activities planned. Our first program will be Monday, June 15th, at 11:00 a.m. Registration starts Monday, June 8th. Call or come by the library for more information.

Starting July 24th, at 9:30 a.m., the Brunswick County 4-H Teens in Leadership Training will present a program on Vermicomposting and Organ Wise Guys Gardening. We will have a program on July 24th, July 31st, and August 14th. We hope to have a full room of children and will have more information as the time draws closer.

HARPER SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Reading 2015 is sponsored by The Friends of The Library!

Mondays at 11:00 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited to register.

Attendees must be accompanied by a parent.

June 15	Tales and Tunes
June 22	Fish the Magish
July 6	Horseshoe Heroes
July 13	Seabiscuit/Bird Lady
July 20	Traveling Teachers’ Show
July 27	Awards celebration with Marionette performance

Call Harper Library, 910- 457- 6237, the week of June 8 to register.

Barbee Business – Linda Pelcher, Branch Manager

We have been busy all year trying out different venues of programing. We had Howie Franklin in February talking about Air Force One and the Jetport here in Brunswick. The program was very well-attended. Gina Essay came to the library twice this winter to discuss wills, estates, and trusts, and the turnout was very good. We have been having an adult Movie Matinee on Friday averaging twice a month. The Poetry Revisited returned on April 20th.

We have formed a new Socrates group that meets on the second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. We are looking for more people to join this group. Call the Library at 278-4283 for more information. The Life Long Learners sponsored by the Friends is still going very strong, averaging about 20 people per week with discussions led by Dr. Max Williams, Professor Emeritus, Western Carolina University. We have all the Summer Reading Programs booked and are ready to start the summer with a bang.

All of our Volunteers have been busy either reading shelves or putting books away on the shelves. They are all greatly appreciated for their dedication and hard work. I'd also like to thank the Friends for all their support throughout the year. Without the Friends we would not be able to offer our patrons the latest material. You are greatly appreciated.

BARBEE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Reading 2015 Program that is sponsored by The Friends of The Library!

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited to register.

Attendees must be accompanied by a parent.

June 16	Tales and Tunes
June 23	Fish the Magish
July 7	Seabiscuit/Bird Lady
July 14	Horseshoe Heroes
July 21	Traveling Teachers' Show
July 28	Awards' party

Call Barbee Library, 910-278-4283, the week of June 8 to register.

Did you know that the FOLSOI has a website? Visit us at www.folsoi.org to stay updated on current and upcoming programs and book sales. Plans are underway for the addition of pages of book recommendations for both adults and children, so visit us often!

SUMMER READING IDEAS

Nonfiction

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien (A New York Times Book of the Century and Pulitzer Prize finalist; a powerful book)

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot (You don't know her, but she changed modern medicine).

Mystery/Suspense

Still Life by Louise Penny (the first of a wonderful series of books starring Chief Inspector Armand Gamache. Each book contains a mystery while a plot against the Chief Inspector unfolds throughout the series.)

The John Puller series by David Baldacci. Start with Zero Day. (John Puller is a more sophisticated Jack Reacher).

The Stranger by Harlan Coban (This book will hold your attention from the first chapter).

Fictionalized Biographies

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain (Ernest Hemingway)

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan (Frank Lloyd Wright)

The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb by Melanie Benjamin (Lavinia Bump and General Tom Thumb)

Historical Fiction

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See (19th century China)

Imperial Woman by Pearl Buck (historical references place it in early 20th century China)

The Last Chinese Chef by Nicole Mones (modern China)

The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett (England)

North and South by Elizabeth Gaskell (England, also an excellent Masterpiece theater series)

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe (considered the father of modern African literature)

King Rat by James Clavell (set in a prisoner of war camp during World War II)

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (Goodread's Best Fiction Book of 2014; 2015 Pulitzer Prize winner, set during WWII)

Literary Fiction

Hunting and Gathering by Anna Gavalda

The Round House by Louise Erdrich (a good story, but also a mystery)

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Lila by Marilynne Robinson

Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng



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