



FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Chris Geering

Happy New Year from the Friends of the Library! Why not make a resolution to join us in our goals of supporting the Southport and Oak Island libraries and promoting literacy in our communities? An annual individual membership is only \$10 and enables you to receive flash notices about all the programs we run throughout the year. Additionally, there are a myriad of volunteer opportunities available - from shelving books at the library up to overseeing the budget and just about everything in between. Put your talents to work in 2015. We will find a job that fits your special abilities. Don't forget to visit our monthly book sale at Southport Realty in downtown Southport. Most books are one dollar or less. The dates and times are included later in this newsletter.

Achievements this year include the purchase of wide screen televisions for each library. These are used to show movies and provide superior viewing of visual presentations of all library programs. Make sure to plan a visit to check them out. We were also able to increase our yearly grant to each library from \$2,500 to \$3,000 this year. Additionally we increased our support of the children's programs at each library. We continued to fund and produce our many special programs at each library including "Let's Talk About It," the Lifelong Learner Series, the Opera Series and the Road Scholar Program. If you are a member of FOLSOI, you have been receiving e-mails informing you of the dates and times of these programs along with registration information. During 2014, FOLSOI also hosted a Dickens film series at Southport's Dickens festival in November.

For more information about the Friends of the Library Southport and Oak Island, please visit www.folsoi.org.

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Meet Our New FOLSOI Board Members

Paula Paxton, Programs and Special Events Chair

I've had a love of books ever since I learned to read. Wherever we lived, one of the first searches I did was locate the nearest library. My sons and grandchildren have grown up loving to read and this continues today. I have volunteered in children's reading programs and book fairs when my children were young. When I retired as a nurse life care planner, moving to St. James two years ago, I was excited to find I had access to two great local libraries. I've enjoyed getting to know the staff at both libraries and was excited when access to the library came online. Also, being able to download books is a great benefit. I joined the FOL to provide continued outreach to the community by its many programs and activities.

Nan Becker, Secretary

Born in New York and raised in Connecticut, I moved here from Northern Virginia with my husband over seventeen years ago. I have been an avid reader from the time I was knee high to a grasshopper. Books are magic to me. It distresses me greatly that in this day and age children are more likely to be engrossed in some form of technology than delighting in the written word. I am very hopeful that the various children's programs sponsored or facilitated by Friends of the Library will turn this trend around, and I am willing to help this effort in any way I can.

Membership News

We began our new membership year on September 23, 2014. Since that time (approximately 3 months) we have 126 memberships. Of those memberships, 53 are new members and 73 are renewals. **95 of our memberships are Southport/St. James residents, 26 are Oak Island residents, and 7 are from other areas.**

We're fortunate to have 26 patrons, sponsors, and beneficiaries and 3 lifetime members among our Friends this year. Their extra financial support is truly appreciated. Our libraries are such an important resource for our communities and the money the Friends contribute allow us to fund a variety of wonderful programs that would not be available without FOLSOI help.

We're hopeful that many residents who have been Friends in the past will renew their memberships for this new membership year. We've sent reminders to the "missing" and will continue to do so, hoping to encourage them to renew. A membership form is attached to this newsletter and others are available at our two libraries.

Judith Steffens
Membership Chair

Notes from the Branch Managers

Harper Happenings

Our Meet the Author program is going very well. Barry S. Brown with his book "Mrs. Hudson in the Ring" was a big hit. Robert S. Surridge was here to talk about his book "Hominy Muffins and Oyster Pie" and brought some hominy muffins for everyone to enjoy. He was very well received. We are looking forward to meeting Colin D. Heaton and Ann-Marie Lewis on March 5th.

John Whiting's program discussing All Quiet on the Western Front was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and as usual, we had a full house. Our Let's Talk About It Series started January 7th and filled up quickly. This continues to be a popular program.

Second Thursday Matinee Films for Adults Only will continue:

February 12	Twelve Years a Slave
March 12	Cold Mountain
April 9	Saving Mr. Banks
May 7	The Book Thief

We are very grateful to the FOLSOI for finding volunteers for us. We have two new shelvers. They make our day a lot easier.

Denise Ballard
Harper Library

Barbee Business

Due to the great generosity of the Friends we were able to purchase a much needed larger television screen, 60". To date the Lifelong Learners group sponsored by the Friends has been enjoying it. We were also able to purchase a projection screen that we had mounted on the wall for easier use. Having the larger TV allowed us to start a movie matinee for adults only.

Many thanks to Diane Batounis of the Friends for all her hard work and dedication in striving to bring programs to the library. We are still looking for that one program that draws more of the community out to the library, so if anyone has some fresh ideas they would like to share, please call me at 910-278-4283. Just a reminder, we have limited space.

If there is anyone who has any type of collection they would like display at the library in our locked display case, please give us a call at 910-278-4283 to make arrangements.

I'd like to thank all of the Friends for their support of the Library for the many things you help with throughout the year. Many thanks to the volunteers that help us with shelving on a weekly basis and the many other little projects you assist us with. We look forward to another great year. Many thanks to Ben for picking up truckloads of books for the book sale

Linda Pelcher
Branch Manager, Barbee Library

Volunteers Needed!

The FOLSOI Board is looking for four good volunteers to serve on the Board in the capacity of Vice President, Ways and Means Chair, Publicity Chair and Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please email Chris Geering at cgeering@yahoo.com.

USED BOOK SALE 2015 Dates

Located at Southport Realty
727 N. Howe Street

JANUARY 31	9am – 12 noon
FEBRUARY 28	9am – 12 noon
MARCH 28	9am – 12 noon
APRIL 25	9am – 12 noon
MAY 30	9am – 12 noon
JUNE 27	9am – 12 noon
JULY 25	9am – 12 noon
AUGUST 29	9am – 12 noon
SEPTEMBER 26	9am – 12 noon
OCTOBER 31	9am – 12 noon
NOVEMBER 14	9am – 12 noon
DECEMBER 12	9am – 12 noon

Program Highlights

Let's Talk About It

Jan. 22, Feb. 5, and Feb. 19
Harper, 2pm – 4pm
ALL SESSIONS ARE FULL

Friday Matinee at Barbee

January 23, 2 pm – 4 pm
Fair Game

February 13, 2 pm – 4 pm
Winter's Bone

Opera Sunday

March 1st, 2 pm
Southport Community Center
Excerpts from *The Magic Flute*

Lit & Film Series

March 16 & 18, 10am – 12 noon
Barbee Library
Hollywood Directors Go to World War II
Registration Monday, March 9, at 9 am
Limited to 25 seats

Lifelong Learners Series

Thursdays, 10 am at Barbee
"The Rise and Fall of China"

Additional Information Following

Used books needed!

Any and all book/CD/DVD donations are welcome.

Please drop off at either library or Southport Realty.

Upcoming Programs and Events for 2015

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island (FOLSOI) support the Harper and Barbee libraries and aims to engage the community in library program by arranging varied events. The following are scheduled for 2015.

Opera Sunday

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island Opera Appreciation Series was first presented to the Southport and Oak Island community in February, 2003. The series was held in memory of Mary Jean Cornish, a past member of the Friends of the Library.

The lectures are presented by soprano and UNCW Professor and voice instructor Nancy King and in collaboration with her accomplished accompanist Patricia Ainspac. The series is designed for those in the know and those who want to be! On Opera Sunday, we explore the musical, historical, and cultural elements of opera, enhanced by live performances from the members of UNCW's Opera Outreach Project (UNC-WOOP).

This year's Opera Series is set for March 1st at 2:00 p.m. at the Southport Community Center and will feature excerpts from *The Magic Flute*.

Performance is free and open to the public.



Second Thursday Matinees

Harper Library will continue its matinee programs for adults only. All movies begin at 2 pm.

February 12	Twelve Years a Slave
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Friday Matinees at Barbee

Barbee Library will show a movie each month that received good reviews but was released to a limited audience. All movies begin at 2 pm.

January 23	Fair Game
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Lifelong Learners Series

The FOLSOI continue to sponsor a Thursday morning lecture-discussion group at Barbee Library. After a lecture given by someone chosen by the Teaching Company, Max Williams facilitates a discussion; the session considers two thirty-minute lectures and lasts about two hours. They could accommodate a few more. The discussions are respectful and free ranging over history, philosophy, and literature as we seek to grow as human beings and citizens. The present topic is "The Rise and Fall of China."

Literature and Film

Join John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange at Barbee Library on Monday and Wednesday, March 16 and 18, from 10 a.m. to noon for a two-part presentation of the topic entitled "Hollywood Directors Go to World War II."

After the Pearl Harbor attack on December 7, 1941, among the millions of Americans who answered the call to duty were filmmakers Frank Capra, John Ford, and John Huston. These directors, now army and navy officers in uniform, became the foundation for the military to produce training, documentary, and public relations films to promote support of the war effort.

This program will examine the roles these directors played and examples of the films they created. In addition, a comparison with selected narrative films about the war made by Hollywood studios between 1942 and 1945 will be included.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 9 at Barbee Library. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants.

This event is free and open to the public.

Poetry Revisited

Poetry Revisited is a forum for poetry writers to share their poems with fellow writers and those who enjoy listening to poetry being read. The atmosphere is positive and encouraging with the intent to put writers of all ability and experience levels at ease.

The first meeting at Barbee Library was very well received so additional meetings are tentatively scheduled for the spring and fall.

The charter group of Poetry Revisited meets monthly in Shallotte. For more information, contact Katherine Moore at katmoore@att.net.

Meet the Author

Colin Heaton and Anne Marie Lewis will present *Four War Boer: The Century and Life of Pieter Arnoldus Krueger* at Harper Library on March 5.

Black History Month

Michelle Manning, lecturer at UNC-W, will present "Still I Rise": A Celebration of Maya Angelou on February 27th at Harper Library.

THE 2015 **Workshop**
for all **FRIENDS OF LIBRARY** groups
in SOUTHEAST NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday, March 7, 2015

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at the New Hanover County Public Library

In Wilmington

Visit our website at www.folsoi.org for more information.



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