



FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Marge Golas

Dear Friends of the Library,

As you all know by now, we have moved out of our old building, the Southport Jail Annex, into our new home at Southport Realty, 7th & Howe Sts, next to Taylor's Restaurant. The FOLSOI Board is thrilled to have this particular place to call home for several reasons. We are so grateful for the warm welcome we have received from the owners of Southport Realty—Pamela and Pete Frandano and Kim Anne Russ. They have provided us with a large, bright and welcoming room to have our book sales. Without a permanent storage place for our books and our several sales, we would have a difficult time supporting Harper and Barbee libraries. We are in a good location that everyone passes before arriving in downtown Southport.

What you may not realize is that FOLSOI member and volunteer Ben Hinson is the person that first approached Southport Realty with our dilemma. Thanks, Ben! You may also not realize just how huge a job it was for a group of member and non-member volunteers to move thousands of books and equipment in a relatively short period of time. Other than Premium Movers doing the heavy-duty work of taking down and putting up heavy metal shelving, everything else was completed by amateurs. Volunteers helped with the work of packing up and transporting books, unpacking and shelving books in the new location, cleaning all the shelves, floors, and other parts of the new building, moving shelving and other items and otherwise making the room inviting, and disposing of lots of empty boxes and other debris.

There are so many people to thank, so here I go! Forgive me, if I missed you or someone you know. Please, make me aware of any omission. Thanks.

Making sure all of the things I've mentioned happen in an organized fashion was the job of our board's Ways and Means Chair, **Susan Davis**. Susan did an outstanding job in this huge undertaking by devising a step-by-step process and timetable that resulted in a successful, smoothly-run move. She is responsible for assuring that volunteers were signed up and ready for the required jobs and she also worked side by side with many of us. It's tough to even imagine the number of phone calls, emails, and face-to-face meetings that Susan had to find time for, as well as the time spent at home preparing.

Continue on next page

Continue Message from President Marge Golas...

Martha Johnson, the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster for the FOLSOI, deserves special thanks and recognition for her efforts in working with Susan to ensure that things ran smoothly. Martha is also responsible for seeing that several signs were and are being made, as well as for adding a touch of functional and attractive decoration to our new home. In addition, she worked on cleaning the new room and shelving books.

Pauline Burkhart was and still is greatly involved in every aspect of the move. She deserves special praise for her willingness to pitch in no matter what kind of job needs to be done. Packing, shelving, moving things around, going to the dump, cleaning—you name it and Pauline has put in great amounts of time doing it. Thanks, Pauline.

Our Buildings and Grounds man, **Tom Winstead**, helped Martha make things look good in our new place and made it possible to empty out the Annex. He has kept that building in shape for years. Thanks, Tom. **Susan Kirshner**, who has also served the FOLSOI board for years as Shelving Coordinator, took over after Tom to make sure that everything left at the Annex was removed and appropriately dealt with. Another board member, **Max Williams**, Programs and Special Events, helped us move out of the Annex and put his truck into action for us. I wish to thank **Bill Leuschner**, Treasurer, who has been present and active in so many of the necessary pre-planning activities involved in this move, as well as in the tougher physical activities. Bill has often been there to give me guidance when I needed it and I'm sure he'll continue in that function. Go, Bill.

In addition to Bill, there were other deceptively strong gentlemen, who did the heavy-duty work of packing, loading and unloading heavy books or taking debris to the dump: **Ben Hinson** and **Tom Kuzenko** delivered the books so that several of us could shelve. The FOLSOI's Vice-President **Cindy Johnson** and Children's Programs Chair **Edana Schmidt**, have both cleaned and shelved, as has **Jane Warren**, our Past President. Speaking of cleaning, **Stewarts' Hardware** donated supplies. Cindy also made the wonderful signs seen from the street that drew everyone's attention to our book sale on May 28th. She takes great pictures, too! **Yvonne Moody** and **Nancy Watson** were instrumental in getting us moved, helping to pack and shelve at Southport Realty. **Ken Karn** and **Sally Buchanan** unpacked, shelved and broke down those pesky boxes for us. Thanks to all of you.

To close, I want to thank all of you who attended our first book sale at Southport Realty on May 28th and everyone who helped make it possible beforehand, and certainly those who worked that day. It was a very successful sale. From the reactions of so many customers, I know how much the book sales mean to the public and how much you love the new room provided by Southport Realty and the FOLSOI. We hope that you will continue to come to the sales and support both the Harper and Barbee Libraries.

Grant Received - Cindy Johnson

On February 15, 2011, the Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island Board submitted a grant request to Brunswick Electric Membership's Community Grants Program. The grant request was in the amount of \$2,000.

Over the past nine years BEMC has provided more than \$200,000 to community agencies and organizations in five key areas: family services, civic and community events, cultural and arts programs, emergency services, and economic development activities. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$2,500.

There's a bit more information leading up to the BEMC grant and why Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island applied for the grant.

The Board was made aware of another potential grant opportunity that could positively affect both the Harper and Barbee libraries in January. There was an offer for Friends of the Library to participate in a Brunswick County Library application for a State Library of North Carolina – Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant. Matching funds were required however, and needed to be committed by February 17, 2011. Funds from the state grant would enhance each of our library's collections of audio books, dvds, cds and large print books.

The FOLSOI Board felt that the state grant should be pursued and money would be committed to the matching funds. This opportunity was one that could not be missed. The money would be found somehow to support the matching funds.

Then, as if by serendipity, *Member Matters*, the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation newsletter arrived and one of its very timely articles announced “**Community Groups – Time to Apply for a BEMC Community Grant!**” We did as directed!

In the May 11, 2011 edition of *The State Port Pilot*, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation announced awards totaling \$28,900 to 18 non-profit agencies in Brunswick and Columbus Counties. Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island was included in that list, receiving a grant of \$2,000 for matching funds.

We, the members of Friends of the Library, the Board, and all the patrons of both libraries want to thank Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation for approving our grant and being such a wonderful corporate partner in our community.

Announcement of the State of North Carolina - LSTA EZ Strengthening Grant awards will be made in June.

USED BOOKS SALE

Dates for 2011

New Location

Southport Realty
 727 N. Howe St
 (Next to Taylor's)



| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| JANUARY 29 | 11AM - 2PM | |
| FEBRUARY 26 | 11AM - 2 PM | |
| MARCH 26 | 11AM - 2PM | |
| APRIL 23 | 11AM - 2PM | |
| MAY 28 | 10AM - 1PM | Southport Realty |
| NO JUNE DATES | | |
| JULY 1 | 2PM - 4PM | MEMBERS ONLY |
| JULY 2 | 10AM - 2PM | |
| JULY 30 | 10AM - 1PM | |
| AUGUST 27 | 10AM - 1PM | |
| SEPTEMBER 24 | 10AM - 1PM | |
| OCTOBER 29 | 10AM - 1PM | |
| NO NOVEMBER DATES | | |
| DECEMBER 10 | 10AM - 2:30PM | |



**Used books always needed.
 Donations accepted at both
 libraries and at Southport
 Realty.**

Membership News - Judy Wagner

New Members 2011

Fred & Barb Acton
 Sue Almeter
 Nick & Diane Batounis
 Sarah & Max Benjamin
 Dianne Boguskie
 Sue Bond
 Carolyn Bowers
 Denise & Gary Brenner
 Mary Ann Brewer
 Donald & Arlene Brown
 Dee Buckingham
 Ron & Judy Carmichael
 Noel Chisholm
 Marjorie & David Chodikoff
 Irene & Edward Clark
 Ann Cranford
 Jerry & Meg Dellinger
 Anita DuBois
 Suzanne Evans
 Clay & Jan Fairley
 Helen Ferree
 Kay Gallotta
 Nancy Gooding
 Richard Harris

Julia Hinnant
 Orphia Hoppes
 Betty Hupp
 Brenda Jaeger
 Kay Jolliff
 Celeste & Frank Liola
 June Martello
 Susan & Jim McNeil
 Tamara Michael
 Ellen Munn
 Martin Perry
 Amy & Gene Preziosi
 Norma Queen
 Keith & Ellen Ranker
 Regina & Barry Ryan
 Joan Smidlein
 Chris Stitcher
 Alice Sweeney
 Jalna Jones/Ron Tuttle
 Deborah Vitale
 Barbara Williamson
 Brenda & Jerry Williamson
 Linda Wingfield
 Suzanne Winterhalter

Kids Korner News - Edana Schmidt

We all sighed with relief when the wonderful people at Southport Realty offered us a new home for our Book Sales because that means there will be funds available for the Children's Programs as well as many other projects sponsored by FOLSOI. Since FOLSOI provides about 90% of the cost of the summer programs we were justifiably worried when we were faced with the lack of a facility for the sales and the loss of the great summer series.

To Southport Realty, all the Kids at Kids Korner thank you.

Both Harper and Barbee are ready for summer so be sure to read the columns from each of the libraries to get an idea of what is planned for the children of the area. Remember that volunteers are always needed to help with the story times and all the special programs. You might even get to meet a clown or two.

News from Harper Library – Signa Simpson



One World, Many Stories

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2011

(All Ages)

Pre-Registration Required! Call 910-457-6237

June 13, Monday, 11:00 am Rone I. Jones, Storyteller

June 20, Monday, 11:00 am Robert Cancro's "Mr. Magic" Magic Show

June 27, Monday, 11:00 am

July 7, Thursday afternoon, 1:00 pm Charles Pettee- Musician, "The Story of Bluegrass Music"

July 11, Monday, 11:00 am The Fort Fisher North Carolina Aquarium "Turtle Tales"

July 18, Monday, 11:00 am Last day of Summer Reading Program.

ICE CREAM PARTY CELEBRATION. ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY!!

Get ticket to attend Party when you turn in your reading record.



News from Barbee Library - Susan Angelow

If the weeks before and after Easter are any indication, it looks like we have a busy summer ahead! If you are taking a road trip, be sure to look at our new books on CD. We have several new titles ready for check-out.

This time of year also means it is time for **Summer Reading Club.**

Denise has everything planned and wants to remind everyone that this year, you must **pre-register as our space is limited.**

You may register your child starting June 1st.

All Summer Reading programs will be held on Mondays at 9:30 am.

- June 13th the Mountain Marionettes will present "The Frog Prince".
- June 20th The N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher will present "Silly Seahorses".
- June 27th, is Pamlico Joe and Clean Water Flow – learn to keep our water clean.
- July 5th the Oak Island Beach Preservation Society will entertain you with costumes and crafts.
- July 11th The Maritime Museum will present "The Myths of Mermaids and Monsters"
- July 18th We wrap up the Summer Reading program on with awards and an ice cream party! Hope you can join us.

"The World Was Never The Same: Events That Changed History" is our current lecture series held every Thursday morning at 10 am. We always have room for more!



Literature and Film Series at Barbee Library

John Whiting, professor emeritus SUNY Orange, will offer two presentations at Barbee, one in October and the other in March. The first is ***True Grit: Novel and Films***, and the second is ***Bram Stoker, Bela Lugosi, and Dracula: From Transylvania to Hollywood***.

So join John Whiting for a two-part lecture and film demonstration on Tuesday and Thursday, October 25 and 26 from 10 AM to noon. As in past installments of the novel and film series, he will first examine Charles Portis' novel *True Grit* and then address, in this case, two film adaptations to determine whether or not they capture the essence of the book. Among other things, enjoy the contest between John Wayne and Jeff Bridges to portray Rooster Cogburn, the less than sober U. S. Marshall.

Registration begins at Barbee Library on Monday, October 3 at 9 AM. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of the novel. Enrollment is limited to 25 seats. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is free and open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE Tuesday, September 27

General meeting of FOLSOI will be available for old and new members with a guest speaker who will entertain and enlighten us on a topic of general interest.

NEWS UPDATE! A very special speaker has agreed to talk at our meeting.

The Friends of the Library have invited author Margaret Maron to speak to our annual membership meeting on September 27 this year. Several of her books have been set on the coast; her latest is set in Wrightsville Beach. She writes mysteries about Judge Deborah Knott and her family. Her first was titled *The Bootlegger's Daughter* and was critically acclaimed. Since, there have been books about coastal hurricanes, mountain real estate and its development, the sandhills pottery industry, the High Point furniture market, and the transformation of N.C. agriculture from tobacco to other forms of production, for example. She is one of the luminaries of N.C. and national literature and we are fortunate that she has agreed to speak.

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

BB&T

Brunswick Gericare, PC

Brunswick Pest Control

Bullfrog Corner

Carolina Exclusives

D & S Surveying, PLLC

KFC/Taco Bell

Michelakis, Wilharm & Harrington, DDS, PA

Oak Island Golf Club

Peacock-Newnam & White Funeral & Cremation Service

Shoreline Comfort Systems, Inc

SOLOMON T – “The Heritage Boat”

Southport Realty

The Adventure Company