



FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Marge Golas

As we approach the end of summer, I have been thinking about what a year we have had as an organization! It's been rather unsettling, but also very gratifying. The fact that we are still able to operate as we have been for many years is the very best thing of all. That is true, not only because we were lucky enough to have benefited from a generous Southport business, Southport Realty, but also because we have had some wonderful, hard-working people volunteer their time, some for several years, so that we could continue, almost without a hitch. I wish to thank those FOLSOI board members, who are leaving us at the end of September.

A relative newcomer, **Cindy Johnson, Vice President**, finds that she has to leave us. In her short time on the board, she demonstrated a willingness to work hard and to get involved in several different kinds of activities and to serve on FOL sub-committees. The organization has Cindy to thank for the grant awarded us by BEMC. She is certainly a person that I could rely upon to help out in a pinch. We hate to see her go, but hopefully, she'll continue to volunteer in other capacities.

We must also say good-bye to **Susan Davis**, who spearheaded our used book sales and our move from the Old Jail Annex. She is serving at her last book sale on Saturday, September 3, 10am-1pm. **Susan Kirschner**, who also helped make our book sales possible as Book Collections Chair for many years, will be missed as she pursues the joys of family. We look forward to both of them staying on in less demanding volunteer jobs.

Max Williams has served as Programs and Special Events chair for a short while, but he has done an excellent job. He'll continue to serve the FOL in his lecture series this year. Be sure to read his article about our upcoming **Annual Meeting** speaker. We're all looking forward to "Tea with Margaret Maron" at the Southport CC on September 27 at 2 pm. **Kathy O'Donnell** will be leaving as our Publicity Chair after serving for a few years. Kathy is a trooper and we wish her well. She'll now have more time to spend with family.

Luckily for us, we have two qualified people to take over Board roles in October. **Chris Stitcher** will bring her artistic skills to our Publicity position. **Pauline Burkhart**, who has diligently worked behind the scenes preparing for our book sales, has stepped in to take over as Book Sale chair replacing Susan Davis. Thank you, ladies! Looking forward to welcoming you in October.

For now, we need to fill the positions of Vice President, Programs and Special Events, and Ways and Means. If you or any member you know might like to join the Friends of the Library Southport/Oak Island Board, please contact Jane Warren, Volunteer Coordinator at jawdpw@atmc.net. Thank you for volunteering.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I did not mention that **Susan Angelow** is leaving as manager of the Barbee Library on August 31st. Susan has been wonderful to work with and she has always been very gracious as we offered our assistance to her library. She has done a great job and will be missed. Happy retirement, Susan!

One more bit of news: The FOL Board has made changes to the by-laws and constitution that must be OK'd by the Membership. We will be sending them to you to look over so that we can adopt them at our Annual Membership Meeting on September 27 at the Southport Community Center. We all hope to see you there and at our next book sale on September 3rd.

2011-2012 Slate of Officers

President: Marge Golas

Vice-President:

Treasurer: Bill Leuschner

Secretary: Marion Gunther

Membership: Judy Wagner

Publicity: Chris Stitcher

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor:
Martha Johnson

Programs and Special Events:

Children's Programs: Edana Schmidt

Ways and Means (Fundraising):

Book Sales/Collections:
Pauline Burkhart

Facilities: Tom Winstead

Ex-Officio (Volunteers): Jane Warren



USED BOOKS SALE Dates for 2011

LOCATION

Southport Realty
727 N. Howe St
(Next to Taylors)

Used books always
welcomed.

Donations accepted
at both libraries and
at Southport Realty.

JANUARY 29	11AM - 2PM	
FEBRUARY 26	11AM - 2PM	
MARCH 26	11AM - 2PM	
APRIL 23	11AM - 2PM	
MAY 28	10AM - 1PM	
NO JUNE DATES		
JULY 1	2PM - 4PM	MEMBERS ONLY
JULY 2	10AM - 2PM	
JULY 30	10AM - 1PM	
AUGUST 27	10AM - 1PM	SEPTEMBER 3
SEPTEMBER 24	10AM - 1PM	
OCTOBER 29	10AM - 1PM	
NO NOVEMBER DATES		
DECEMBER 10	10AM - 2:30PM	

SAVE THE DATES

ANNUAL MEETING

September 27

2:00 pm (Please note
time.)

“Tea with Margaret Maron”

September 27

Guest speaker at Annual
Meeting

True Grit

October 25 & 26

Literature and Film
Series at Barbee

“Tea with Margaret Maron”
September 27, 2011
2:00 pm
Southport Community Center
223 East Bay Street



The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island are pleased to announce that the guest speaker for our annual membership meeting is the distinguished North Carolina writer, Margaret Maron. Author of twenty-six novels and two collections of short stories, she is especially know for her series set in mythical Colleton County, sited near Raleigh, featuring Judge Deborah Knott starting with the *Bootlegger's Daughter* (1992).

As a district court judge, Knott travels to various North Carolina counties that allow Ms. Maron to write about settings and subjects from the coast to the high mountains. Some of her books are purely entertaining, but many consider topics such as race, migrant labor, politics, unstructured growth, and the change from tobacco farming to other kids of agriculture, and to high tech industries.

A born writer Ms. Maron says of her work: “The mystery novel is the peg upon which I hang my love and concerns for North Carolina as the state transitions from agriculture to high tech, from a largely rural countryside increasingly under assault be housing developments and chain stores.”

Reviewers of the Deborah Knott series have universally praised Ms. Maron's work. The Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel said, “ Maron's finely crafted novels about ever-urbanizing North Carolina are like gathering around one of those legendary storytellers of the South as they spin story after story.” The New York Times Book Review says, “Every Margaret Maron is a celebration of something remarkable.” The author's books have been translated into some sixteen languages and are used as readings fro a number of university courses in southern literature. In 2008 Maron was recipient of the North Carolina Award for Literature, the state's highest civilian honor.

The Friends of the Library are most privileged to being Margaret Maron to Southport on September 27 at 2:00 pm.

By Max Williams



Literature and Film Series: *True Grit* at Barbee Library

Join John Whiting, professor emeritus SUNY Orange, for a two-part presentation on *True Grit*: Novel and Films. He will first examine Charles Portis' novel and then address two film adaptations to determine if they capture the essence of the book. Among the various literary depictions of life on the American frontier, Portis' tale is a significant addition. Discover how well it translates from page to screen.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 and 26 from 10 AM to noon. 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. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, this program is free and open to the public.

Lecture Series with Max Williams

Continuing at the Barbee Library are the lecture series held every Thursday morning at 10 am.

The new topic to start in September is "America in History and Literature."

Kids Korner News

Summer was an exciting time for the children of Harper and Barbee Libraries as they had the opportunity to participate in the fun-filled summer programs that were offered. Each Library had a schedule of exciting events to entertain, fascinate and educate our youngest members. Harper had 130 registered and 288 children that attended while Barbee had 89 children registered and 216 children that attended. Those numbers certainly prove how important these programs are to the community. A big thanks is due the Managers and their staffs for preparing and presenting so many novel programs.

Speaking of Managers, we are all finding it very difficult to say Good-Bye to Susan Angelo, Barbee's Manager. Susan has given the Library twenty years of her talent and devotion, especially to our children. Who can forget her Space Camp programs that grew to include not only children, but adults as well. We wish her quiet and contentment in her retirement.

A warm welcome goes out to Heather Hall, a new addition to the staff of Barbee who will be in charge of the Children's Programs. Having met Heather I can say that she is full of enthusiasm for her new post and I can easily envision some exciting new happenings at Barbee. New Hanover Libraries loss is certainly our gain. Welcome Heather.

By Edana Schmidt

Membership News

Please Welcome Our New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes
 Gail Gaddy
 Murry & Vicki Gavin
 Jeanine & Rick Giantisco
 Linda Huff
 Marianne Huntley
 George & Brenda Kalinchak
 Tara Kalinchak

Ron & Dot Madden
 Ellen & Rhodes Messick
 Jane Moos
 Kathy O'Grady
 Carl Pedersen
 Pamalie Reynolds
 J Richmond
 Wally Wallace

Thank you for your interest in helping the Barbee and Harper libraries.

Membership Dues

Beginning at the Annual Meeting the Board will be accepting memberships for the 2012 calendar year. All memberships will be good through December 31, 2012. This year we have added a new category to our list of memberships – Lifetime Member. After a number of inquiries, we decided to institute this category. For a donation of \$250 or more you will have a Family Lifetime Membership with continued reception of our newsletters and entry into our Members Only Book Sales. The Board hopes many of you will take this opportunity to generously support our libraries.

Since the needs of the Barbee and Harper Libraries are so great, the membership dues have been raised so we can better help with local programs and library activities. Individual membership is now \$10, Family is \$15 and Patron level is \$30. The new Membership Form is printed in this Newsletter. Please print it and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting on September 27 and continue to support our great libraries. THANK YOU for being a member!

by Judy Wagner

National Friends of Libraries Week October 16-22, 2011

News from Harper Library

Harper Happenings

Summer is almost gone and it has been a busy one at the Harper Library. Visitors from North Carolina and beyond have stopped in to visit and enjoy the facilities.

Monday mornings were our most exciting this summer. The 2011 Summer Reading programs took place then and they were a huge success. Children and adults enjoyed magicians, storytellers, belly dancers and banjo players.

The program ended with a big group enjoying ice cream in the park. A big thanks to the Friends of the Library for your help in making our children's a success.

Fall is on its way and we are looking forward to the new season. Plans are being made to resume our Monday morning story time hour; a date has not been set at this time. Please contact the library for more information. We hope to plan some adult programs in the future, if anyone has a suggestion or would like to share an idea please give me a call.

Signa Simpson, Branch Manager

Upcoming Community Events

UNC – WOOP Opera Series is traditionally the first two Sundays in February. Program not yet chosen.

Let's Talk About It series (LTAI) is traditionally held Sunday afternoons in January and February. Planned, but topic and venue not yet chosen.

News from Barbee Library

Changes at Barbee

Have you noticed a new face at Barbee? Heather Hall hails originally from Massachusetts, but has lived in North Carolina for 21 years. She worked for the Northeast Branch of the New Hanover County Library for eleven years. We are so happy to have her join our staff, and she seems happy with the shorter commute! She and her husband, Varian, live in Southport.

Heather will be leading Barbee's story time on Wednesdays at 10 am starting September 7th. In October, she will also offer story time at the Harper Library in Southport on Mondays at 10 am. She is looking forward to presenting fun, interactive programs! Come one, come all!

On October 1, 1991 the new face at the library was mine! I've had a wonderful, unforgettable almost 20 years here. At that time, we had only three locations – Southport, Shallotte, and Leland – and Leland was in a doublewide trailer! I worked at all three locations as Youth Services Coordinator, but when the Barbee Branch opened, I was thrilled to come here as Branch Manager. It has been grand to watch the library system grow and move into the digital age.

The patrons, staff and Friends of the Library feel like part of my family and I will miss you all very much as my retirement begins September 1st. You have given me hundreds of happy memories. Many of you will remember Linda Pelcher who worked at Barbee for three years before becoming the Branch Manager at Hickmans Crossroads. She will be the new Barbee Branch Manager and I know she will be perfect!

My husband, Chris, and I live on Oak Island, so we'll see you on the beach, at the grocery store and, of course, at the library!

Susan Angelow, Branch Manager