



# FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

## Message from President Marge Golas

Dear Friends of the Library,

It's so hard to believe that it was a year ago when the FOLSOI moved from its old location at the Old Jail Annex to our present home at Southport Realty. Our move, though quite stressful last year, is a perfect example of how things often really do turn out for the best! We thank our lucky stars and our hosts at Southport Realty every time we have a book sale, or an Executive Board Meeting, or anything else, for that matter

Take our book sales, for instance. Thanks to your support, they have been more successful overall since our move. Also, thanks to you, our first Gently Used Purse Sale in April, which coincided with a book sale, was so popular and successful that we're having another one specializing in summer purses, totes, etc. on July 2, just for members. Non-members are invited to attend the next day, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There's so much to say about how much our new home has benefited the organization, its members and, of course, the libraries that we work to support. Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you'll read about another first that happened at Southport Realty a few weeks ago-- our new Volunteer Reception/Breakfast, organized and hosted by Kay Joliff, our Special Events Chairperson.

Be sure to read the reports from the two library managers, Signa Simpson and Linda Pelcher. They'll tell you about the latest news and upcoming events at their libraries. We wish to thank them for mentioning some of the things that the FOL helped make possible at Harper and Barbee, again because of member and volunteer support.

Of course, other happenings about the libraries and the events sponsored by the FOLSOI are also included here as updates. We hope you continue to support us and stay involved. One way to stay involved is by serving on the Executive Board. Right now, we are looking for a new Vice President and in October, we'll need a new Membership Chair. Please contact a member of our Nominations Committee—Kay Joliff, Charlotte Novak and Ben Brooks, any Board Member, or respond to this email.

Enjoy the Newsletter and have a wonderful summer.

## Volunteer Appreciation Coffee

We held an appreciation coffee on May 15 for all the FOL volunteers. The coffee was held at the Southport Realty location where we hold our book sales. It was a fun time --we all had a chance to meet together for coffee and bagels and talk over our work together in support of our libraries. We could not operate without our volunteers and wanted to show our appreciation.

Volunteers support FOL in numerous ways. We have bakers, shelveers, greeters, cashiers, and even those who decorate the library for Christmas. We have people who sit at membership tables and who pick up and deliver books. Some help out at our annual events and series. It takes a lot of people to help us raise money for and support our libraries. We are probably forgetting some of the work volunteers do. If we have left out your job, we still love and appreciate you! We could not continue to provide for our libraries without the hands on support of our volunteers.



A big THANK YOU to all our volunteers!

We would also like to thank Lowes Foods and Port City Java for their assistance with our Coffee.

Jane Warren and Kay Jolliff



Hallie and Tessa picking out a purse.

## USED BOOKS SALE Upcoming Dates for 2012

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



NO JUNE DATES

JULY 2 2PM - 4PM Members Only

JULY 3 10AM - 2PM

**Includes Summer Purse Sale**

JULY 28 10AM - 1PM

SEPTEMBER 1 10AM - 1PM

SEPTEMBER 29 10AM - 1PM

OCTOBER 20 10AM - 1PM

NOVEMBER 17 10AM - 1PM

DECEMBER 8 10AM - 1PM

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



## Membership News - Judy Wagner

### Winners of our February Drawing

During the Opera Series in February, the FOL had a drawing for prizes donated by local businesses. The drawing was open to everyone who was a current 2012 member of FOLSOI. Prizes and winners are listed here.

Ride for 2 on the *Solomon T*, donated by Bert Felton – James & Linda Reinker

Dining Certificate to *Thai-by-the-Sea* – Ann Hazelton

Kayak trip with *The Adventure Company* – Art & Barbara Diehl

Dining Certificate to *Mr. P's Bistro* – Sharon Harris

Gift Certificate to *Cat on a Whisk* – Don & Marilyn Lessin

We send a big 'Thank You' to our donors and 'Congratulations' to the winners. Be sure to renew your membership early for 2013 so you can be entered in the next drawing. New memberships will be accepted beginning at the Annual Meeting.

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## Kids Korner News - Edana Schmidt

It is a great pleasure to welcome Joyce Griffin, the new Children's Coordinator, to our libraries. Joyce comes to us from the Ohio library system and now makes her home on Oak Island. She is charming and enthusiastic about working with the children of Southport and Oak Island as the big Summer Series begins. I have to mention that Joyce was very impressed with the active Friends Of the Library chapter here and the wonderful things that FOL has accomplished to support the libraries, especially in this time of limited budgets for libraries.

Please be sure to read the columns written by the managers of Barbee and Harper to learn all about the terrific programs planned for our children this summer. Every year they come up with innovative plans and this year is no exception. FOL is proud to cover about 90% of the cost of the Summer Series and it is worth every penny when you see how many children are serviced and how much they enjoy the programs. Be sure to get your children registered so they won't miss a single thing.

## Harper Happenings – Signa Simpson

If you attended our “Let’s Talk About It” series, you already know that we have a spacious meeting room now! Furnished with a pull-down screen, comfortable chairs, and glare reducing blinds (all thanks to the FOL) we know it will be well used in the future. Please let any interested groups know that the room is ready for use, just give us a call to check on availability.

In the recently completed “Let’s Talk About It” series, programs were held with discussions about four different books. We averaged 20-30 people at each program. I’d like to give a big thank you to Marge Leuschner for coordinating this program. It is a huge undertaking and she is willing to take it on each year and does a great job!

The month of April was County Government Month and the theme this year was “Healthy Counties, Healthy Families”. At Harper, Sarah Barnwell, with the Cooperative Extension Department, conducted a program on healthy eating. Attendees were given tips on ways to improve their diet and overall health.

Just in time for summer reading we have dozens of new large print books and audio books. The books were funded by a \$20,000 federal grant with a \$5,000 match from the four county Friends of the Library groups. Come by and check them out!

Thanks to the Friends, again, for our new chairs. We are enjoying two new rolling desk chairs behind the front desk and in the workroom. Thank you Judy Kurzer for handling this project.

June 11 is the starting date of our 2012 children’s Summer Reading Program. Joyce Griffin, the newest member of our library staff, is planning lots of fun programs and activities. This year’s theme is “Dream Big”. Call the Harper library at 457-6237 for dates and times. If your grandchildren are visiting, bring them by to enjoy the fun!



## HARPER SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Monday, 11:00 am (All Ages)

June 11 - **Registration** - Gracie the Clown with a Big Heart

June 18 - Steve Myott – Puppeteer

June 25 - FLI Rite Learning Productions Presents the Wordsmith of Wonder

July 9 - The Fort Fisher North Carolina Aquarium “Silly Seahorses”

July 16 - Maritime Museum, Prehistoric Brunswick County Fossils

July 23 - **CELEBRATION PARTY!**

## News from Barbee Library – Linda Pelcher

The Barbee Library received numerous Classic Large Print Books and Books on CD funded by LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) and The Friends of the library (BEMC Grant).

We have a new staff member Joyce Griffin who comes to us with several years of experience working with children in the Library setting. Joyce will be overseeing The Summer Reading 2012 Program that is sponsored by FOLSOI.



## BARBEE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Wednesday at 11:00 AM (all ages)

- June 13 – Registration – Gracie the Clown with a Big Heart
- June 20 – Steve Myott – Puppeteer
- June 27 – FLI Rite Learning Productions Presents the Wordsmith of Wonder...
- July 11 – Wild Wetlands – Ft. Fisher Aquarium
- July 18 – Mr. Magic – Balloon Artist and Magician
- July 25 – Last Day of Summer Reading Program – Celebration Party!

Dream Big  
**READ!**

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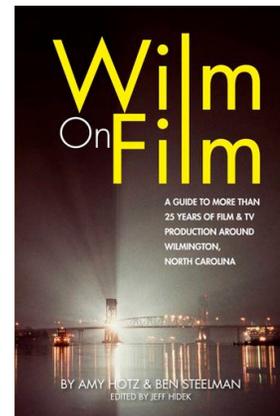
## Literature and Film Series at Barbee Library

What with the rebirth of interest in the life and works of Ernest Hemingway as a result of Paula Mclain's novel **A Paris Wife** and Woody Allen's film *Midnight in Paris*, John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, will present a program in October entitled Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises: Novel and Film*. Also, in March he will revisit the era when the silents evolved into the talkies, another timely topic in light of a film in the silent tradition winning the Academy Award for Best Picture last year. That program is entitled *The Artist* and *When the Movies Learned to Talk*. Both these events will take place at Barbee Library. More information will be available at a later date.

This event is sponsored by the FOLSOI and is free and open to the public.

## SAVE THE DATE Tuesday, September 25

The General Membership Meeting will be held at the Community Building on September 25, 2012. Ben Steelman, Features Writer and Book and Movie Reviewer for the Wilmington Star News will be our speaker. Ben is also one of the authors of Wilm on Film, a guide to 25 years of film and TV production in and around the Wilmington area. Mark your calendars now for this fun afternoon.



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