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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from the President Marge Golas

Dear Friends of the Library,

Two obvious things strike me as I look back at my two years as President of the Friends: time flew and good changes happened. The Executive Board chose to make purposeful changes for the improvement of our organization. How did we do that? We looked at ways to increase support for Harper and Barbee Libraries by keeping and recruiting the best folks we could and calling attention to the good things we do. I wish to thank the people who have made it all possible.

Our Ways and Means Chair, **Judy Kurzer**, has done an excellent job looking outside our traditional sources of funds by applying for a variety of grants and appealing to more corporate donors. (We take suggestions on this, by the way!) Anyone who has been to one of our book sales knows that **Pauline Burkhart** has done an excellent job in the changes she has made in our room at Southport Realty. When you see our printed or electronic flyers about

the book sales, for instance, and all of our other events, you know that our Publicity chair, **Chris Stitcher**, possesses a creative talent that other community groups envy.

Speaking of talent, I'm sure that you've noticed that **Martha Johnson** does a great job as our Editor, as well as our Webmaster. It's great to have a computer whiz on your team! Check out our website at folsoi.org to see what I mean. **Edana Schmidt**, one of our most faithful and long-contributing members, serves as Children's Programs Chair and we have added to her responsibilities as Liaison to Harper and Barbee. Our Treasurer, **Bill Leuschner**, another long-serving officer, is one of our most knowledgeable members, takes his job very seriously and keeps us well informed. While members don't see the work of our Secretary **Charlotte Novak** as much as we Board members do, we greatly appreciate her intelligence, insight and willingness to help the Friends of the Library when needed.

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Kay Joliff joined us this year as Programs and Special Events person. My, has she been busy!! Kay took charge of the first of our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfasts on May 15. Look for our item in these pages about our upcoming General Membership Meeting on September 25th and stay tuned for information about Southport' Library 100th Birthday Party Celebration in October.

Change is not always a happy thing. We are saying good-bye to friends at the end of this month: Past President **Jane Warren**, who has spent six years as one of the Board's hardest workers, the last two as Volunteer Coordinator and **Judy Wagner** is leaving after several years as Membership Chair after developing several new approaches to increasing membership in the Friends. Both of you will be missed.

To all, please accept my personal thanks for your continued support for our fundraisers, for attending literary and cultural events, and for giving your time as volunteers. I hope to see you on 9/25 at the Southport Community Building where we have a good program for you. At that time, members will elect a new President and Membership Chair. Please attend and bring your friends!

2012-2013 Slate of Officers

President: Susan Pyron
Vice-President: (Still needed)
 Secretary: Charlotte Novak
 Treasurer: Bill Leuschner
 Book Sales/Collections:
 Pauline Burkhart
 Children's Programs:
 Edana Schmidt
 Ex-Officio (Volunteers):
 Marge Golas
 Facilities: Tom Winstead
 Membership: Marianne Huntley
 Programs and Special Events:
 Kay Joliff
 Publicity: Chris Stitcher
 Ways and Means (Fundraising):
 Judith Kurzer
 Webmaster/Newsletter Editor:
 Martha Johnson



BOOK SALES FOR 2012

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

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



SEPTEMBER 29
10AM - 1PM

OCTOBER 20
10AM - 1PM

NOVEMBER 17
10AM - 1PM

DECEMBER 8
10AM - 1PM

Kids Korner News - Edana Schmidt

Summer has been a busy and happy time in Southport and Oak Island with children listening and laughing and learning as they attended the Summer Programs at Harper and Barbee. It is a very gratifying feeling for those of us involved in the Friends of the Library because we know that FOL covers 90% of the cost of those programs and so all those book sales and membership drives were worth it to see the delighted children. Our sincere thanks go to each of you who have helped in any way and certainly a big thanks to our corporate donors for their support.

Be sure to read the articles from the two library managers so you can get all the details of their successful programming. Joyce Griffin, the new Children's Coordinator, was very involved and I know she was impressed with the turn out and the enthusiasm of our children. Thanks, Joyce, for all your help.

If anyone has ideas that would let us better service the children of our area, I would be most happy to hear them. Just send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Now I guess it is time to think about Halloween and all those costumes and candy.

Harper Happenings – Signa Simpson

The summer is almost gone and what a busy one it has been! Thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding our youth Summer Reading program. Children and adults enjoyed six weeks of fun with special entertainment by the Fort Fisher Aquarium, Steve Myott and his big head puppets, Gracie the clown and more. Most exciting was the number of books checked out by the children during the summer months. 389 children, accompanied by 209 adults attended. Two Volunteers were invaluable in their assistance. Almost 4000 children's books were checked out during the six-week Program.

We hope they will continue their love of reading throughout the school year and we will see them in the library often.

Currently at the Harper Library we are offering a 12-week series on London the Greatest City in the Western world. These video presentations are held on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am. We are four weeks into the program and everyone attending has enjoyed them very much.

Fall is on its way and we are looking forward to some cooler days. Storytime will resume on Monday September 10th at 10:00 am. We have a new Storytime lady at Harper this year. Joyce Griffin will be reading stories and leading the children in an hour of fun. I hope everyone will stop by and welcome Joyce.

I hope to see you in the library soon!



Barbee Business - Linda Pilcher



We had a very successful Summer Reading Program here at Barbee with an average of approximately 45 children each week. There were 284 Children, accompanied by 132 adults that attended the 2012 Program at Barbee. Two volunteers contributed their time to various sessions. Almost 3000 children's books were checked out during the six-week Program.

A very successful venture! Joyce Griffin hosted the event along with the help of our volunteer Meg Poe. Without the support of the Friends of the Library this event would not take place, so we thank the FOLSOI for all they do for us here at Barbee.



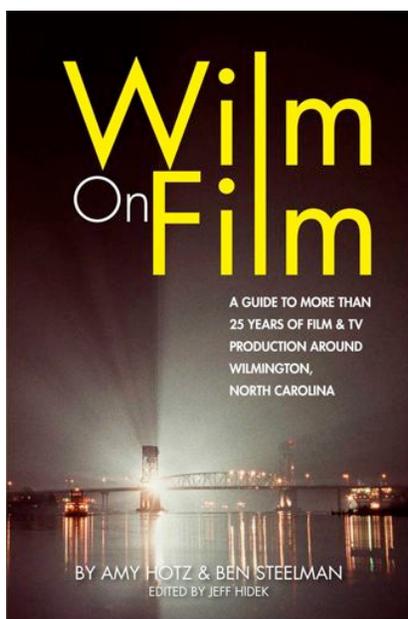
Beginning Tuesday, September 4 Story Time will start at 10:00 a.m. and be held every Tuesday morning

General Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker Ben Steelman

Tuesday, September 25, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Southport Community Building



What do Miss Piggy, Sandra Bullock and Richard Chamberlain have in common? They've all filmed movies in Southeastern North Carolina. And they aren't alone.

Guest speaker, Ben Steelman will discuss his book, which he coauthored with Amy Hotz *Wilm on Film* chronicles more than 25 years of TV and film production along the Cape Fear.

Learn about the people and the locations involved in making big-screen favorites such as "Firestarter," "Blue Velvet," "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," and "The Secret Life of Bees." Go behind the scenes of TV shows like "One Tree Hill," "Dawson Creek," "Matlock," and "American Gothic."

Join us at the FOLSOI General Membership Meeting on 9/25 at 2pm to find out more about *Wilm on Film*.

Membership – Judy Wagner

We are often asked – “When does my Membership in FOL expire?” The simple answer is – “At the end of the year.” All current memberships will expire on December 31, 2012. However, beginning at our Annual Meeting, traditionally in September, we begin accepting new and renewal memberships for the following calendar year. So if you renew at the Annual Meeting on September 25th, or any time after that your membership will be good through all of 2013. And one way to renew is to become a Lifetime Member. For a donation of \$250 you will have a Lifetime Family Membership so there is no need to wonder about expiration dates. Give it a thought and help us help our libraries!

Welcome new members

Sue Albertson
Teresa Harmony & Chris Bridges
Leona Burns
William & Donna Cluse
Lane Cooke
Mike & Terry Evans
Barb Lee
Peggy McCauley

From the volunteer coordinator – Jane Warren

As volunteer coordinator for the past two years, I want to give my heartfelt thanks to all of you who volunteered for the Friends. We could not operate and raise the monies that we do without your help. I called on many of you many times and I appreciate all the positive responses I received. My term ends in September, but I will continue to work for and with the FOLSOI and hope you will as well. I have enjoyed my time on the Board and working with our members. Thank you all very much.

Annual Report – Bill Leuschner, Treasurer

April 1, 2012

2010 vs 2011

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>\$ Inc (Decr)</u>	<u>% Inc (Decr)</u>
Funds - Beginning of Year - Jan. 1	\$8,911	\$9,460	\$549	6%
Income:				
Book Sales	\$8,244	\$9,115	\$871	11%
Memberships	\$3,931	\$4,270	\$339	9%
Contributions/Donations/Grants	\$2,306	\$4,200	\$1,894	82% (1)
Interest	\$39	\$32	(\$7)	-18%
Miscellaneous Income	\$341	\$463	\$122	36% (2)
Total Income	<u>\$14,861</u>	<u>\$18,080</u>	<u>\$3,219</u>	<u>22%</u>
Expenditures:				
Library Support	\$6,520	\$4,904	(\$1,616)	-25% (3)
Youth Services Programs	\$2,345	\$2,475	\$130	6%
Annual Meeting Expense	\$717	\$1,232	\$515	72% (4)
Charitable Donations/Honoraria	\$492	\$1,375	\$883	179% (5)
Jail Annex Costs	\$1,094	\$377	(\$717)	-66% (6)
Newsletter/Website Costs	\$472	\$667	\$195	41%
Community Program Expenditures	\$2,144	\$2,404	\$260	12%
Other Operating Expenditures	\$528	\$1,114	\$586	111% (7)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$14,312</u>	<u>\$14,548</u>	<u>\$236</u>	<u>2%</u>
Funds - End of Year - Dec. 31	<u>\$9,460</u>	<u>\$12,992</u>	<u>\$3,532</u>	<u>37%</u>

FOOTNOTES

- (1) Includes \$800 LTAI Grant, \$500 Business Contributions, \$2,000 BEMC Grant, & \$500 WalMart Grant.
- (2) Includes \$152 equipment sale & \$206 tax refund
- (3) 2010 Harper \$983 for Books On DVD extra.
- (4) 2011 \$1,000 speaker fee.
- (5) Includes \$1,250 LSTA grant match from BEMC Grant.
- (6) Moved from Jail Annex
- (7) Includes \$650 moving cost to Southport Realty.

Upcoming Events

100th Anniversary of the Founding of Southport Library

We are celebrating 100 years of library services in the city of Southport. On Sunday October 21st from 2:00 to 4:00 pm the Friends of the Library and the Southport Women's Club will host an open house at the library to commemorate this historic event. The event will feature remarks from long time residents sharing memories, historic memorabilia, refreshments and music. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Please watch the State Port pilot or call the library for further information. We hope to see you there!

The Way It Was, State Port Pilot, pg. 51



In 1912 the first public library for Southport was opened in the right wing of the Garrison Building at Ft. Johnston. Miss Carrie Doshier was the first librarian.

Literature and Film Series: Hemingway Comes to Barbee

John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, will present a two-part program entitled Ernest Hemingway's **The Sun Also Rises: Novel and Film** at Barbee Library on Monday and Wednesday, October 15 and 17 from 10 AM to noon. Join an examination of how Hemingway in his first novel defines the "Lost Generation" as it relates to a group of expatriate Americans in Europe and their companions following World War I. Then see what the film adaptation - featuring Tyrone Power, Ava Gardner, and Errol Flynn - does to translate the novel to the screen. Readers of Paula McLain's novel **The Paris Wife** and viewers of Woody Allen's movie **Midnight in Paris** should find this

event of special interest. Registration begins at Barbee Library on Monday, October 1 at 9 AM. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of the novel. Enrollment is limited to 25 seats. Sponsored by the FOLSOI this program is open and free to the public.