

FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOLSOI PRESIDENT, CHRIS GEERING

As I wind down my presidency, the most inspiring moments of my two-year term have been working with and observing the dedicated volunteers not only on my board of directors but of those unsung heroes who month after month give freely of their time in support of our libraries. In order to avoid omitting anyone I haven't interacted with personally, I won't provide specific names, but you know who you are and please know how much your hard work is appreciated. This past year has been quite productive for the Friends of the Library. Some of our major accomplishments have been:

- Our Face Book page continues to grow with 124 “likes” at last count. Please be sure to like our page if you haven't already. Search for “Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island.” Then simply like our page. You will receive posts about all the activities going on at both Harper and Barbee libraries. The more “likes” we get, the greater our ability to use this medium to reach members and volunteers. Thank you to Kathy Hummel for administrating our page.
- Receipts at our monthly book sales have increased more than \$4,000 since the same period last year thanks to Kathy Fleming and her team of dedicated volunteers. They have also been making the book store space more beautiful by upgrading shelving and furniture. Come and check it out.
- Many thanks to Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) for again selecting us for a grant to fund a children's program, “Books in 4-D” early in May 2016 at both libraries. We are still looking for a Ways & Means Coordinator to direct grant writing activity and search out new sources of grant money. Please contact us if you have experience in this area or just want to help.
- This past year we also introduced a new member benefit – a FOLSOI tote bag. This perk helped increase our membership to over 215 from a low at this time last year of less than 100.
- We have had a used book table at the Southport farmer's market on the Fort Garrison lawn. This has been a great success and has really increased our presence in Southport. Thank you to Susan Reinecke for coordinating and running this table.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of FOLSOI, thank you for your support today and throughout the year, and thank you for being a Friend!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIKA DOSHER

FOLSOI Board members welcome Erika Doshier as Barbee Library's new branch manager. Erika assumed responsibilities for her position on September 12th, after serving as a library assistant at Barbee for almost two years. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University where she earned a degree in social work, minoring in psychology. Following graduation, Erika worked in the field of education serving toddlers and young children in both private and charter schools. Her love for books and reading led her to search for a position in a library setting. Erika is known to many of our organization's members as she readily planned and directed the children's summer reading program. She was instrumental in identifying a storytelling presentation which became the basis for an approved BEMC grant in the spring of 2016. Raised in Greensboro, Erika now calls eastern NC home. She is married to John Doshier a native of this area. We look forward to being of support to Erika as she ventures forth in serving our Barbee library community.

Judith Kurzer, Library Liaison



Children enjoying our summer reading program.

Our Southport Farmer's Market used book sale booth.



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGERS

HARPER HAPPENINGS

We have wrapped up another summer at Harper Library. Our summer reading program, which is sponsored by our FOLSOI was a huge success again. We would like to thank our Friends of the Library for enabling us to put together another amazing program. We want to thank our volunteers for all of their help. We could not have done it without them.

We have a lot of exciting events planned at Harper Library for the fall season. Our Life Long Learners will start again in late September. We will have more on the topic at a later date.

The Southport Historical Society will continue their history talks monthly on the 2nd Tuesday from 10:30 am to Noon through December.

Starting Friday September 23rd at 10:30 am Musette Steck will be discussing *A Comprehensive History of the Lower Cape Fear* covering the years 1729-1860. There will be seven sessions; one each Friday through November 4th.

John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, will be having another of his Fall Literature and Film Series at Harper library. This year's topic is *Shane: Novel and Film*. Look for more information in this newsletter.

We are very excited to have local author Tanya Binford here at Harper on October 20th at 2:00 pm. Her book *Crossing the Wake* is very interesting and captivating. Thanks to Marge Leuschner for arranging this "Meet the Author" program.

We are having a special visitor December 15th, for the children, sponsored by our Friends of the Library. Stay tuned for more information.

Denise Ballard, Branch Manager

BARBEE BUSINESS

We have had a very busy summer with the summer reading program, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read...", and would like to thank the Friends for making this possible. A special thanks to Marion Gunther and Lee Simmons for helping with the summer reading program. They were both of great help and their dedication is appreciated. They were a vital part of making our Summer Reading Program a success.

I would like to thank all the Friends for their support and dedication, for the many things you help with throughout the year. I would also like to thank all of our faithful volunteers. Last, but not least, a special thanks to Ben Hinson who helps box and transport the loads of books we get for the book sale whenever he is needed. We could not do what we do without all of you.

We are working on some meet the author programs, as well as some other things, so stay tuned. At the moment we have John Whiting scheduled for a two part program, *Shane: Novel and Film*. Registration begins on Monday, October 10 at 9 a.m. The programs will be Wednesday and Friday, October 19 and 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Lifelong Learners is scheduled every Thursday at 10 a.m. September through January they will be discussing "A history of India." Socrates Café continues every other Monday at 9:30 a.m. On September 26th they will be discussing "Lack of Stability in Today's Society." Martha's Knitters will begin meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., starting September 20.

All of these regularly scheduled programs are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Erika Doshier, Branch Manager

FALL LITERATURE AND FILM SERIES

NEW: TWO SECTIONS, TWO LIBRARIES

In an effort to avoid the usual waiting list and accommodate all of those who wish to attend this very popular annual series, John Whiting has kindly agreed to present his program in both libraries this year.

Choice of a section to attend is available at either Harper Library or Barbee Library:

Harper on Tuesday and Thursday, October 18 and 20 from 10 a.m. to noon;
Barbee on Wednesday and Friday, October 19 and 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

*“To explore a view of the “Wild West” near the official end of the American Frontier, join John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, for a two-part program **Shane: Novel and Film**. He will discuss Jack Schaefer’s novel (1949) and its film adaption (1953), starring Alan Ladd, as interrelated narratives of the conflict between homestead farmers and an open-range rancher, complicated by a gun fighter who would rather be a family man.”*

Registration begins on Monday, October 10 at 9 a.m. in each library for its assigned section of the program. Enrollment is limited to 25 at both Harper and Barbee. Upon registration, participants receive a complimentary copy of the novel to read in advance of the program.

Sponsored by FOLSOL, the event is free and open to the public.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Many thanks to all our loyal members. We had a very successful 2015-2016 membership year with 229 memberships in all. The teal book bags were very popular and it’s nice to see people carrying them when they come to the monthly book sales and to the events FOLSOL sponsors.

As you know, our membership year runs from September to September, so it’s now time to renew your membership for the 2016-2017 membership year! Remember, all of the money raised through membership fees directly benefits both Barbee and Harper libraries, enabling them to lease new books, offer adult and children’s programs, and purchase needed items.

We look forward to your support as Friends and hope you’ll plan to participate in the programs we sponsor. This year, as new benefit for our members, we’re planning a half-price book sale in early 2017.



Watch for it!

Judy Steffens, Membership Chair

FOLSOI WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

FOLSOI Website

Have questions about Book Sale dates? Need program information? Have a question? Be sure to check out the updated FOLSOI website. It's a great vehicle for current program information, dates of upcoming book sales at the Southport Realty, and lots more. If you have a question, be sure to fill out the "Contact Us" section that can be found at the bottom of each page and a member of the board will get back to you. <http://folsoi.org>

FOLSOI Facebook

Keep your eyes on our Facebook page during the National Friends of the Library Week, October 16-22, 2016. Books about friends, how to be a friend, how to refer a friend, lots of friendly things to do.

Barbara Sammons, Webmaster

UPCOMING USED BOOK SALES

The Friends of the Library Southport and Oak Island (FOLSOI) hold their monthly used book sales on Saturdays, from 9 am to Noon, at Southport Realty 727 N. Howe Street. Hardcover and paperback books in good to excellent condition are available, along with music CDs, puzzles, and children's books. Most books are one dollar or less. Money raised from sales is used to fund programs and equipment at Harper and Barbee Libraries. Used books dropped off during sale hours contribute to the success of our library program and are gratefully received.

October 29th: Cookbooks 1/2 price
November 12th: Gift books/bundles 1/2 price
December 10th: Christmas books 1/2 price

OTHER

For those of you with children or grandchildren in the 4th grade this year:

2016 is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. In celebration of this anniversary, the government is offering the following opportunity for those in the 4th grade only! All 4th graders can sign up on the website below and get "free" passes to every national park for themselves and their families for the entire year until September 2017

Choose your trip from the wonderful National Park travel books you purchased at our book sale in June. What a great opportunity!

<https://www.everykidinapark.gov/>

ONGOING LIBRARY DISCUSSION PROGRAMS

Newcomers are always welcome!

Lifelong Learner Series

This is a group led by Max Williams on various topics related to history.

The next series will start on September 21st at 10 a.m. at Harper Library. The group will be viewing and discussing *The Skeptics Guide to American History*. Please come and join us every Wednesday at 10:00 am.

Socrates Group

This is an open discussion group of individuals who enjoy discussing questions that do not have one single correct answer. The group tackles one question at each meeting in a civil, respectful forum that allows each individual to express his/her own opinion in a safe, supportive atmosphere facilitated by a moderator. The next gathering will take place on September 26th at 9:30 a.m. at Barbee Library.

GRANT WRITING HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED

We are currently hoping for volunteers to help us with grant writing as well as someone to join our board as the Ways and Means chairperson to oversee grant writing activities.

We generally only apply for about three grants a year, and we have been successful in obtaining all three on a yearly basis. We want to continue to apply for these three grants and also expand our program by researching new sources of grant money to fund the many programs we sponsor at our community libraries.

If you have any interest and/or experience with grant writing or if you want to become involved in a grant writing program, please consider contacting us for more information about working with the Friends of the Library in a grant-writing capacity.

Please call Chris at 774-219-7435 if you are interested in helping FOLSOL.

BULLETIN BOARD HELP NEEDED

FOLSOL recently lost (to other activities) a very helpful and enthusiastic long-term volunteer who had taken charge of decorating and updating the small FOLSOL bulletin boards at Harper and Barbee libraries every month. Check them out the next time you are at the library.

We hope that someone out there (perhaps a retired teacher accustomed to periodic bulletin board changes) would enjoy the fun and autonomy of this sort of volunteer job. We provide the information to be displayed. You provide the artistic arrangement of same.

Please call Nan at (910) 253-9282 if you are interested in helping FOLSOL.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

FOLSOMI wishes to thank "Anonymous" and "The Dr. Darren and Ashley Harrington Charitable Fund" for their generous and thoughtful support this year. Bill Leuschner, Treasurer

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ANNUAL REPORT

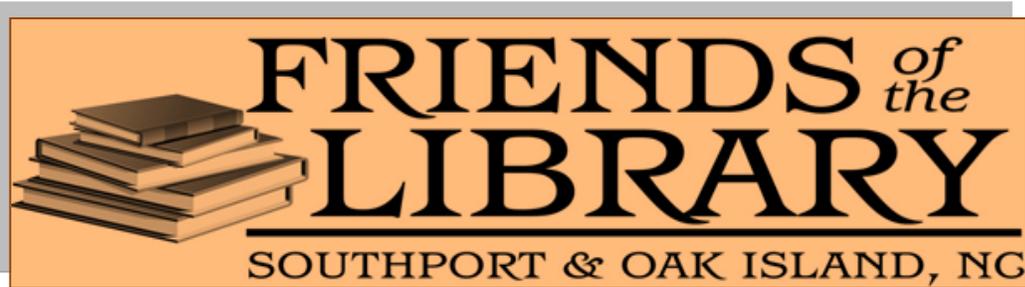
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2014 vs 2015

	2014	2015	\$ Inc (Decr)	% Inc (Decr)
Funds - Beginning of Year - Jan. 1	\$13,162	\$10,692	(\$2,470)	-19%
Income:				
Book Sales	\$10,304	\$11,803	\$1,499	15%
Memberships	\$4,175	\$3,882	(\$293)	-7%
Contributions/Donations/Grants	\$3,674	\$4,740	\$1,066	29% (1)
Interest	\$5	\$9	\$4	81%
Miscellaneous Income	\$914	\$459	(\$455)	-50% (2)
Total Income	\$19,072	\$20,893	\$1,821	10%
Expenditures:				
Library Support	\$12,678	\$9,039	(\$3,639)	-29%
Youth Services Programs	\$3,095	\$5,427	\$2,332	75% (3)
Annual Meeting Expense	\$1,100	\$1,035	(\$65)	-6%
Charitable Donations/Honoraria	\$295	\$328	\$32	11%
Newsletter/Website Costs	\$148	\$254	\$106	71%
Community Program Expenditures	\$2,966	\$3,083	\$117	4%
Other Operating Expenditures	\$1,260	\$1,660	\$400	32%
Total Expenditures	\$21,542	\$20,825	(\$717)	-3%
Funds - End of Year - Dec. 31	\$10,692	\$10,759	\$68	1%

FOOTNOTES

- (1) 2014 includes \$1500 2 year LTAI Grant; \$1491 Cunningham donation; \$500 Women's Club Harper donation. 2015 includes \$800 LTAI Grant; \$2,055 Hutcheson donation; \$500 Women's Club Harper donation, \$500 BEMC grant; \$500 Anonymous donation.
- (2) 2014 includes \$880 sales tax refund.
- (3) 2015 includes about \$1,250 Traveling Teacher program fee. In addition, budget for each library increased \$500.



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Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Closed Sunday