



**September is  
Membership  
Renewal Time**

Renew your Friends Membership and receive a lovely, teal book journal. Membership renewal notices will be sent, or visit our website for more information: [www.folsoi.org](http://www.folsoi.org)

**MEMBERSHIP 2016-2017**

172 INDIVIDUAL memberships	(\$10.00)
52 FAMILY memberships	(\$15.00)
15 PATRON memberships	(\$30.00)
10 SPONSOR memberships	(\$50.00)
7 BENEFACTOR memberships	(\$100.00)
9 LIFETIME memberships	(\$250.00)

**2016-2017 Facts**

265 Members  
151 New Members  
114 Renewal or Lifetime Members

**Thank You!**

**As of September 2017-2018**

We have 7 memberships; 2 renewals and 5 new members

If each friend brings a new friend or signs up a family member, we can **DOUBLE** our 2017-2018 membership

*Sincere thanks to Judith Steffens,  
Membership Chairperson*

**Mark Your Calendar**  
*Friends Annual Meeting*

Date: September 26, 2017

Time: 1 P.M.

Where: Southport Community Building - 223 East Bay Street - Southport, NC

Agenda: Friends Business Meeting, Guest Speakers, Book Signing and Light Refreshments

Everyone is welcome! Free and open to the public. No registration required.

**Guest Speakers**

**Jana (J.C.) Sasser and Howie Franklin**



Author **Jana (J.C.) Sasser** is from Edisto Island, SC. Her first book "*Gradle Bird*" was published in June 2017. Jana weaves a tale of Southern Gothic fiction. Twenty-nine years after befriending a schizophrenic genius, she delivers on her promise to tell his story. The result is a book that has won acclaim quickly. This is a book that readers will have a difficult time putting down, and the characters will stay with them long after the last page has been read.

Author **Howie Franklin** is the Director of Cape Fear Regional Jetport, Oak Island. He is the only steward of Air Force One to have served five presidents. His book, "*Yes Sir, Mr. President*" provides a behind the scenes look at his service to the Presidents and their staffs. He has many stories to tell and will share some with the audience at this annual meeting.

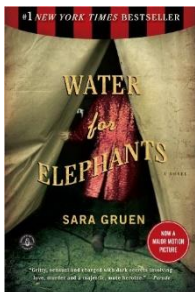
## Welcome New Board Members

### *Diana Fotinatos – Vice President*

Diana brings high energy, dedication to literacy, and years of business expertise to FOLSOI. Welcome, Diana; we are so glad to have you contributing as our future President!

### *Beth Casamassina – Board Director and Publicity Chair*

Beth has a passion to give back to her adopted community of Southport. Her impressive marketing background will greatly benefit and help our organization move forward in supporting our libraries.



**FALL LITERATURE AND FILM SERIES**  
October 17 and Thursday, October 19  
10 AM - Noon  
Harper Library

John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, presents: *Water for Elephants*: Novel and Film

Although Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey “The Greatest Show on Earth” has ceased to exist, the circus as a social entity lives on in fiction and movies. Join John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, for a two-part program *Water for Elephants*: Novel and Film at Harper Library. He will discuss Sara Gruen’s novel (2006) of a circus in The Great Depression as the context for the beginning of a young man’s journey to old age. Then he will address whether the film (2011) reflects the essential meaning of the book.

Participants will receive a complimentary copy of the novel.

Registration begins Monday, October 2 at 9 AM in Harper Library or call 910-457-6237.

Enrollment is limited to 25 seats. Sponsored by the Friends, the event is free and open to the public.

Visit us on the web: <http://folsoi.org>

## President’s Message

To everyone who made this a great year for the Friends ... the people who serve on the Board, the faithful volunteers who tend our bookstore, and to those who man our Waterfront Market booth during the summer, many thanks to all.

It really is all about the membership of our organization. My deepest gratitude goes to each of you. Our purchase of new furniture for patrons’ comfort in our libraries, new seating in the Harper computer area, a new refrigerator in the Barbee employee area, more large print books and provisions for children and adult programs, all these are made possible through your membership dues and purchases at our bookstore. Your participation fuels this organization.

It truly is a pleasure working with you. Be sure to keep up-to-date with our many events and programs by visiting our website and Facebook page.

Sincere thanks,  
*Donna Morgan*

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**Monthly Book Sales**  
**ALL “Themed” Books**  
**1/2 Price!**

**Time:** 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** Southport Realty - 727 N. Howe Street - Southport, NC (Next to Taylor Cuisine Café & Catering)

**September 30**

Theme: Mother Nature

**October 28**

Theme: Mysteries and Thrillers

**November 11**

Theme: WWII Fiction

**December 9**

Theme: Christmas



## Harper Happenings

We had a very busy summer at Harper Library. Our Summer Reading program was very successful. We had 124 kids registered. They read 26,008 minutes. That was a lot of reading. Everyone had a great time. Thank you "Friends" for funding these programs.

We celebrated Harry Potter's 20th anniversary on July 31st. It's hard to believe it has been that long. Children and adults came dressed as their favorite Harry Potter character. We screened the first movie, had snacks, and played Harry Potter games.

We started our Lego Club. The children engineered some amazing structures. We had them on display during the month of August. The children were very excited and proud to see their creations on display.

We have purchased 26 new large print books, 21 young adult books, and 9 adult fiction books that people had requested thanks to our Friends of the Library. Come and check them out.

We purchased 25 new audio books thanks to a donation by Southport Lions Club. We greatly appreciate their donation every year.

We have a lot of programs planned for the fall. Always check our calendar on our Friends of the Library website and the Brunswick County website for dates and times.

Have a cool, dry, and safe fall.

*Denise Ballard*

Manager/Harper Library

**Margaret & James Harper, Jr. Library**  
109 West Moore Street, Southport NC 28461  
(910) 457-6237, Fax: (910) 457-6977  
Branch Manager: Denise Ballard,  
denise.ballard@brunswickcountync.gov  
Monday-Friday, 9 am - 6 pm  
Closed Saturday and Sunday

**G.V. Barbee, Sr. Library**  
8200 East Oak Island Drive, Oak Island NC 28465  
(910) 278-4283, Fax: (910) 278-4049  
Branch Manager: Erika Doshier,  
erika.doshier@brunswickcountync.gov  
Monday-Friday, 9 am - 6 pm  
Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm; Closed Sunday

## Barbee Business

We have had a busy spring and summer here at Barbee. Our Summer Reading Program, "Build a Better World" was well attended and everyone seemed to really enjoy the programs. Thanks to the Friends for making this possible. We also had a new employee start in June. Melanie Cox will be doing our children's story time along with the other library assistant duties. We are very excited to have her.

We received new furniture, thanks to the Friends! We added a loveseat and two lounge chairs that the patrons, as well as us, are excited about. It looks and feels so much fresher in here. We also received four new multi-purpose tables for the meeting room. We have a new refrigerator, it was such a blessing this summer and continues to be every day for the staff. We also have new movies and BOCDs, Large Print Books and the Elementary and Middle School books from the NC Battle of the Books list for the 2017-2018 school year. We have more new books on the way. Thank you so much for all your support!

We received a large donation of Young Adult & Juvenile Fiction books and several gift cards in honor of Lily Beatini. Some of you may have heard about her last year; she was the girl who died in the car wreck right before she graduated from high school. Friends of the family from New York sent lots of books and some gift cards. The books are on the shelf and ready to be checked out. Each book donated in her memory has a bookplate placed inside the front cover.

We are all looking forward to a little slower pace and fall temperatures. We have some exciting programs already planned and more in the works so be sure to check out the calendar.

We hope to see you at a program soon.

*Erika Doshier*

Manager/Barbee Library



## Upcoming in October

All Friends sponsored events are free and open to the public.  
Some events require enrollment.



### Life Long Learners

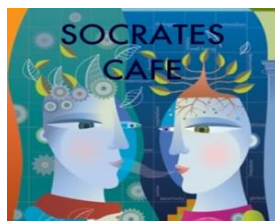
Wednesdays - 10 AM until 11:30 AM  
Harper Library  
Open to All

### Max & Sarah Williams Life Long Learners

Thursdays - 10 AM until 11:30 AM  
Barbee Library  
Open to All

### Socrates Café

Mondays - October 9 and 23, 2017 - 9:30 AM  
Barbee Library  
Open to All



### Creative Writing Workshop

Wednesdays - Beginning October 4, 2017 - 2 PM until 4 PM  
Barbee Library  
Six-Week Course taught by Laura Collins

Enrollment is limited to 12 seats. Registration is now open.



## 2017 - 2018 Board Members

President: Donna Morgan  
Vice President: Diana Fotinatos  
Past President: Chris Geering  
Secretary: Barbara Sammons  
Treasurer: Bill Leuschner  
Membership: Judy Steffens  
Book Sales: Kathy Fleming

Library Liaison: Judith Kurzer  
Programs/Special Events: Paula Paxton  
Publicity: Beth Casamassina  
Ways and Means (Grants): OPEN  
Webmaster: OPEN  
Volunteer Coordinator: Linda Railey

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