Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island

Annual Report
2017-2018
September 2018

Dear Friends,

Serving first as your Vice President, and then as your President, has been such a pleasure. Our members and volunteers really do make a difference in service to our libraries! Friends raise funds for many needs beyond the regular operating budget—things our communities otherwise might not enjoy. This Annual Report has a list of the accomplishments made possible by your membership and volunteer activities.

Being a member does not obligate you in any way, but for those members who want to be involved, lending a helping hand involves as little or as much time as you are willing to give. Our bookstore is the place to get busy if you like to work hands-on with books, want to help transport books from library to bookstore, or help with discarding unwanted materials. If you enjoy meeting people, perhaps poster distribution to advertise our book sales will get you out into the community. Do you enjoy working with graphic arts or have media or promotional experience? The publicity committee is where you might find a slot to contribute. Your ability to motivate people to be involved or participate at any level makes you an ideal person for our membership committee, where we can make use of your enthusiasm about being a Friend. If you enjoy baking, there are openings for you to provide refreshments for those who attend our special events. We have volunteers who bake for our special occasions, track local media to keep our history, write grants or create calendars... the list goes on, offering opportunities for almost everyone. Contact us at friendsoflibrary910@yahoo.com and let us know what you love to do—we will find a place for you to participate.

Please join me in renewing your membership or signing up for the first time at our Annual Meeting or using the membership forms that are always available at the front desks of the libraries. Sign up your family, out-of-town relatives, and neighbors. Imagine the ways in which we could enhance our libraries if every individual or family chose to join with us as Friends!

Being part of the Friends of the Library over the past four years enriched my life and expanded my circle of friends. My deepest appreciation to each and every one of you. I look forward to working with you for many years to come. Your membership and volunteer work for the Friends of the Library are vital to the success of our libraries and provide so much for patrons to enjoy. Our communities are so very fortunate to have libraries such as ours, complete with talented, dedicated staff. And working behind the scenes is a wonderful group of people most aptly known as “Friends of the Library Southport and Oak Island.”

Warmest regards,

Donna Morgan
Mission Statement

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island, NC, (FOLSOI) is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization registered under the 501(c)(3) of Internal Revenue Code dedicated to supporting the Southport and Oak Island Public Libraries, their missions and programs.

The FOLSOI offers financial support for library programs, community outreach and facilities improvements, through activities such as book sales, other fundraisers and dues collection, ensuring that extra funding beyond the Libraries’ regular budgets are protected and earmarked to enhance Harper’s and Barbee’s services.

The FOLSOI organization aims to engage the community in library programs. It seeks to upgrade the quality of library services by means of gifts, reading materials, collections, facilities and programs.

A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.

-Henry Ward Beecher
Goals met, grants received, and purchases made on behalf of our libraries, are many of the accomplishments during 2017-18.

This list does not include budgeted items.

- BEMC Makerspace Grant
- Children’s Summer Reading Program
- Children’s Holiday Programs
- Literature & Film Series
- Let’s Talk About It Grant

Many programs filled to capacity.

- Opera Sunday
- Meet the Authors Programs
- Creative Writing Program
- Gardening Day at the Brunswick County Health Center – Reading to Children

- Door Counters, Bar Code Readers and Stands for Both Branches
- Amazon Smile Account Established
- Launched MailChimp as Email Platform
- Established Secure Online Membership Renewal on Website

Thank You!
Our volunteers inspire and motivate others in many ways to help us achieve our goals. We are very grateful to our volunteers for their support and commitment.

The Friends of the Library have over 50 volunteers, in addition to Board Members.

Our programs would not be what they are today without you!
**Barbee Business**

Thank you to all the FOLSOI members who helped to make the summer reading program a success. We had many great performers this year, and everyone seemed to really enjoy the programs. The FOLSOI also bought STEAM books, which are ready to go for the school year. We have a new library assistant, Sarah, who survived her first summer and will be doing story time Tuesdays at 10:00 am beginning September 11.

We are planning many fun activities for the fall and are working on firming up the details. On September 19, we will have a program called “Outsmart the Scammer” presented by Patrick Higgins of the Oak Island Police Department and Teresa Carroll of Edward Jones. Registration is required and will begin September 5.

The Creative Writing Workshop with Laura Collins will begin in early October. We will also be starting our Zen Doodling class in early October with Joyce Griffin leading the group.

Socrates Café and Life Long Learners will continue at the regular times. We are working on putting another program together around the holidays so stay tuned.

_Erika Dosher_

Branch Manager/Barbee Library

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**Harper Happenings**

We had a very busy summer. Our summer reading program was a huge success. We had 118 kids registered and they read 30,653 minutes. That number exceeded last year by 4,500 minutes. We want to thank the Friends of the Library for making this program possible.

The children have been enjoying the robots, circuit boards and the Makerspace cabinet that we purchased with the BEMC grant and the Friends of the Library donation. Some children were in here the first day we set the makerspace cabinet out and they immediately made very creative masks. Come in and see what you can make.

Southport Historical Society will continue their 2nd Tuesday talks. Check the calendar on the library website or the Southport Historical Society website for the monthly topic. No registration required.

Our Life Long Learners program will continue on Wednesdays from 10:00 am-11:30 am. Check the library calendar on the library website for the topic. All are welcome. No registration required.

Local Historian Musette Steck will give a program on the Gullah Culture beginning Friday 10/5 and lasting through Friday 10/26 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Registration starts Monday September 24 and seating is limited.

John Whiting will present a program “A Farewell to Arms” discussing the book and the movie on 11/8 and 11/9 from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. Registration starts 10/22 at 9:00 am and seating is limited.

We will have a Holiday celebration for children sometime in December. All children are welcome. We will have more details as the time gets closer.

_Denise Ballard_

Branch Manager/Harper Library
A Special Thanks to Our Donors

We are deeply grateful to donors at every level, all of whom make it possible for our branch libraries to provide reading materials, programs and other services to the residents of Brunswick County.

To learn more about how you can become a “FRIEND,” please contact us at: friendsoflibrary910@yahoo.com or look for our membership application located at each branch. You may also visit our website at: folsoi.org to learn more about online membership.

291 “Friends” in fiscal year 2017-18
139 New Friends
152 Renewal/Lifetime

In-Kind Donor
Wild by Nature – Southport, NC

HOW you can help
Become a Friend of the Library as a member, patron, sponsor, or donor! Complete the following form and mail to us with your check.

If you include your email address, we will keep you updated on all library events, used-book sales, and our many special programs.

FOLSOI Membership Form

Date __________________________
Name(s) _________________________
Address _________________________
City, ST Zip ______________________
Phone (opt.) _____________________
Email ___________________________

CONTRIBUTION Type:
Friend - $10.00 ______
Family - $15.00 ______
Patron - $30.00 ______
Sponsor - $50.00 ______
Benefactor - $100.00 ______
Lifetime Member - $250.00 ______

Donation $ ________

AMOUNT Enclosed: $ ____________
(Please make check payable to FOLSOI)

MAIL Form and check to:
FOLSOI c/o Harper Library
109 West Moore Street
Southport, NC 28461

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Southport & Oak Island, NC

WHO are we?
A non-profit organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors working closely with the library staff in our two local libraries, Harper and Barbee.

Lease new book titles, purchase needed library equipment and supplies, sponsor adult and child library programs, and support the libraries in meeting their literary, technology, cultural, and community goals.

HOW do we do this?
Earning funds with our monthly used book sales, writing grants for special programs, developing special fundraising programs, and most importantly by soliciting memberships from folks like you who want to see their local libraries grow.

Local libraries are essential for growing communities to enhance the quality of life in a diverse population by providing opportunities for lifelong learning, by creating spaces and opportunities to connect and engage, and by fostering a love of reading and commitment to literacy.

PROGRAMS we sponsor
“Kids’ Summer Reading”
“Afternoon of Opera” (UNCW’s Nancy King)
“Literature and Film Series”
“Meet the Author” programs
“Let’s Talk About It” (NC Humanities Council)
“Socrates Cafe”
“The Road Scholar” (NC Humanities Council)

FIND us: folsoi.org
Friends of the Library Southport and Oak Island
Presents

Meet the Authors and Annual Meeting

Dr. Thomas Kelso  Ann Ipock  Jeff Siebold

September 25, 2018 - 1 p.m.

Dr. Thomas Kelso is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who practices full time. His first novel, Fractured, is the first in a series of crime fiction thrillers. His book has been described as Michael Crichton meets Tom Clancy. Before moving to Brunswick County, Tom served in the US Navy as the medical officer aboard the guided missile cruiser, USS Virginia, was a member of the teaching faculty at the Naval Medical Center Orthopedic Department and served as the orthopedic surgeon for the Naval Special Warfare Development Group.

Ann Ipock is an award-winning Southern author, speaker and humorist who writes about the joys and challenges of southern women. She has published four humor books in her Life is Short series. Her writings have appeared in Sasee Magazine, Georgetown Times, Columbia County Magazine, Salt Magazine, Wilma and others.  “Ann Ipock’s writing is at once hilarious, and in the next breath, poignant…” She lives in Wilmington.

Jeff Siebold loves a good mystery. His most recent book, “The Crisp Poleward Sky” is the fourth in a series. A lifelong reader, he has embarked on a personal journey in creativity designed to contribute to the delight of mystery readers everywhere. He lives on a barrier island in North Carolina, not far from the Cape Fear River (made famous by one of Jeff’s favorite authors, John D. MacDonald).

Southport Community Building
223 East Bay Street – Southport, NC 28461

Free and open to the public. No registration required.
Following the presentations, the authors will answer questions and have books available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will follow.

For more information, contact us at: friendsoflibrary910@yahoo.com
Board of Directors, Committee Administrators and Program Coordinators

Board of Directors
As of September 24, 2018

Officers
Donna Morgan
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Diana Fotinatos
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William Leuschner
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Ex Officio President
Chris Geering

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- Library Liaison
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- Programs and Special Events Chair
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- Volunteer Committee Chair
Leslie Taylor
- Membership Committee Chair

Committee Administrators
As of September 24, 2018

Kim Brown - Website
Candy Chester - Historian
Kathy Hummel - Facebook
Nick Noble - Photographer
Susan Reinecke - Book Sales
Helen Whittaker - Grant Writing

Program Coordinators
As of September 24, 2018

Marge Golas - Barbee Library
Maureen Panek - Harper Library

Monthly Book Sale at Bookstore at Southport Realty Office
Puppet Show at Harper Library
## Report of the Treasurer

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### FOOTNOTES

(1) Six additional Lifetime Memberships joined in 2017.
(2) 2016 includes BEMC Bright Star Grant $895; Harrington donation $400; Woman’s Club Harper donation $500; Anonymous donation $500. LTAI Grant received in FY 2017.
(3) 2017 includes two years LTAI Grants; Woman’s Club Harper donation $500; Gordon Barbee donation $250; Harrington donation $200.
(4) 2017 includes $698 sales tax refund, 2017 includes $522 sales tax refund.
(5) 2017 includes $4,408 upholstered furniture and $1,045 computer room chairs special purchase
(6) 2017 includes $960 member’s notebooks
Directory of Locations

G.V. Barbee Library, Sr. Branch Library
8200 East Oak Island Drive
Oak Island, NC 28465
910-278-4283
Branch Manager: Erika Dosher
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm; Sat. 9am-1pm

Margaret & James Harper, Jr. Library
109 West Moore Street
Southport, NC 28461
910-457-6237
Branch Manager: Denise Ballard
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm

Friends of the Library
Monthly Book Sale at Southport Realty
727 N. Howe Street
Southport, NC 28461

2019 Book Sale Dates
January 26
February 23
March 30
April 27
May 25
June 29
July 27
August 31
September 28
October 26
November (To be announced)
December 9

Time: 9am until 12 Noon

Monthly Book Sale Themes
Be sure to visit our website for monthly book sale themes.
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