



SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM FOLSOI PRESIDENT, DONNA MORGAN

It is hard to believe six months have passed since our Annual Meeting and my becoming President of FOLSOI. This position brings me into contact with inspirational people who serve on the Board of Directors and as Committee Chairs. Barbara Sammons, Secretary, is a gifted writer and photographer whose eye for detail not only produces excellent documents for our records but also services our Webmaster to keep it beautiful and informing. Bill Leuschner, Treasurer, diligently manages our funds, produces our budget, and lends his years of experience with FOLSOI.

Kathy Fleming, Book Sales Chairperson, works tirelessly with volunteers to keep our bookstore and monthly book sales running smoothly. Judith Steffens, Membership Chairperson, is the smiling face behind the statistics of our organization. Paula Paxton, Programs and Special Events Chairperson, enriches our library patrons' and citizens' lives by arranging authors' events, special series, and our Annual Meeting. Judith Kurzer, Library Liaison Chairperson, connects FOLSOI with our libraries at the most essential level, engaging with the library managers and staff to ascertain their needs. Linda Railey, Facilities Chairperson and Volunteer Coordinator, helps FOLSOI members plug into the organization's many needs from refreshments at meetings to shelving books at our libraries.

Last but definitely not least, Nan Becker, Publicity Chairperson, has volunteered with FOLSOI for three years. Nan is the woman behind the emails and articles you read. This Newsletter is testimony to her great eye for assembly and arrangement, not to mention editing (smile). She will be resigning to pursue other adventures beginning in mid-April. Her work has been invaluable to the organization, and we thank you, Nan, for your time and service.

It truly is a pleasure working with such talented people who are dedicated to assisting our libraries. For the invaluable guidance by our former President, Chris Geering, past board members, and our committed members who serve, sincere thanks.

FOLSOI MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We now have 241 members and are very grateful for their support. Almost half are new members, and we welcome them to FOLSOI. Their contributions, and yours, make a huge difference in the amount of money we can contribute to both Barbee and Harper libraries and their events and programs. Please encourage others to join us in recognition of the important part the libraries play in our communities. Judy Steffens, Membership Chair

HARPER HAPPENINGS, DENISE BALLARD, MANAGER

We have a lot of history here in Brunswick County and thankfully a very active and knowledgeable Southport Historical Society. Their 2nd Tuesday Talks are always popular and full. Musette Steck is another local Historian that held a Southern History Class at Harper Library. She is so popular we hope she will have another one soon. Donnie Joyner was here for Black History month and spoke to everyone about the Mt. Carmel Church in Southport. He talked about its founders and connections to Brunswick County. He is a popular speaker and we are always glad to have him here at Harper Library.

We have had several authors here for our Meet the Author program and would like to thank Marge Leuschner for arranging those for us. They are always popular and well attended.

We have 26 new children's books that were donated by the Southport Woman's Club and 25 new audio books donated by the Southport Lions Club. We are very grateful for these two organizations. Come and check out our new books. We have e-books for kids that they can access through the NCKIDS Digital Library. Just go to our website and click on the link. Call the library at 457-6237 if you need any help.

We are glad to have Heather back taking care of our children's story time. She has a lot of exciting activities planned. We will have a special visitor here on April 10th for Easter. We hope we will have a whole lot of kids to hunt eggs and spend time with our special guest. She has our Summer Reading Program planned and all vendors are scheduled.

We have an exciting program this year and hope to have even more readers than we had last year. We want to make each year better than the one before.

BARBEE BUSINESS, ERIKA DOSHER, MANAGER

We had Meet the Author programs in January, February and March. In January, we had Jeff Siebold discussing his books *Lilac and Old Gold* and *Bluegrass and Crimson*. Everyone seemed to enjoy it, and we had close to a full house. In February, we had Tanya Binford discussing her book *Crossing the Wake*. We had a full house for that program and everyone seemed to be intrigued by her story. We had a waiting list for the program, and many people asked about when and where she would be giving her next talk. Most recently, we had Frans Harmon discussing his book *Revenge...for What is Sacred*. The turnout for that program was decent, but not as well attended as the previous two.

We also started a Creative Writing Class at the beginning of February with Laura Collins leading the group. Last week was the last official day of the class and Paula Paxton handed out evaluations to the group. They all came back very positive. We are considering doing another class in the fall. Our Lifelong Learners group continues to be strong. We always have a packed house. More people are starting to attend Socrates Café since we started advertising the topic being discussed.

For story time on March 1st, we had a Birthday Party honoring Dr. Seuss. Joyce Griffin dressed up as the Cat in the Hat. We had cupcakes with hats on top and a cutout of Thing 1 and Thing 2 that kids could stick their heads in and have their pictures taken. We decorated for the occasion with homemade streamers that were hung from the ceiling. The kids made their own red and white hats resembling the one the Cat in the Hat wears. Everyone had a lot of fun and expressed their gratitude!

UPCOMING USED BOOK SALES

On Saturday, from 9 - Noon, inside Southport Realty at 727 N Howe St., Southport, NC.

From 50 cents to \$1, Hardcover and paperback books in good to excellent condition are available, along with music CDs, puzzles, and children's books. Monies raised from sales are used to fund programs and equipment at Harper and Barbee Libraries. Please feel free to support our libraries by donating books for our next sale. Recycling at its best! Drop them off during sale hours before you browse our many volumes. All proceeds directly benefit our Oak Island and Southport Libraries.



April 29th – All “red” hardcover and trade paperback books are half price.

May 27th –” Bag O’Beach Reads” are on sale.

June 24th – “Cookbooks and Cookbook Bundles” on sale.

BOOK SALE TABLE AT THE SOUTHPORT FARMER'S MARKET

Beginning May 3, look for our Book Sale table at the Southport Farmer's Market every Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. beginning May 3, 2017 through September 6, 2017 (closed July 5, 2017 in observance of July 4th activities). The market is located at the Fort Johnston Garrison Lawn overlooking the Cape Fear River. For more information, visit Downtown Southport. <http://www.downtownsouthport.com/waterfrontmarket>.



WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

Are you looking for current information on programs, author talks, summer reading programs, and more? The website and Facebook page for the Friends is a great source to find all this information in one place. Be sure to “like” us on Facebook to receive reminders of upcoming book sales and programs at both Barbee and Harper Library.

If you have any questions on the services provided by the Friends, be sure to visit the website and send a message through the “Contact Us” form that is found on every page.

The Friends website can be found at: <http://folsoi.org/>
Barbara Sammons, Webmaster

To find us on Facebook, search: “Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island”
Kathy Hummel, Facebook Administrator

AMAZON SMILE

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island is now registered with the Amazon Smile Foundation. This is a program where Amazon will donate 0.5% (that's \$0.05 for every \$10.00 spent) of all purchases to us on a quarterly basis. To register: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1717796>

Simply shop at smile.amazon.com, and they will compute the donation. Please note that Amazon Smile is a subsidiary of Amazon and offers the same products, same service, and same prices. In order to qualify for a donation, orders **MUST** be made on smile.amazon.com.



NC KIDS' DIGITAL LIBRARY LAUNCHES

<https://ncdigital.overdrive.com/library/kids>

It's free! The NC Kids Digital Library is now open to Brunswick County's youngest readers through the five branches of the Brunswick County Library. Amelia Bedelia, Curious George, Dr. Seuss, dragons and turtles: over 3700 eBooks and audio books, especially selected for Pre-K through 4th graders, are included in the collection.

The statewide, one-of-a-kind resource was funded by a generous appropriation from the NC General Assembly last year. It is sponsored by a consortium of the North Carolina Public Library Directors Associate, the State Library, and the 85 county, regional, and municipal public libraries in North Carolina.

The e-materials are downloadable from the OverDrive company's digital reading platform. OverDrive's professional collection-development team has reviewed and approved all titles, and noted the level of difficulty to help parents find the right books for each child.

With a free library card, the titles can be accessed via an OverDrive app on most major computers and devices. All that's needed to get started is a trip to the Library. These materials will be available from home, year-round, and during hours when schools and libraries are closed. As with all popular library books, reserves can be placed on titles that are already checked out.

Library cards are free to Brunswick County residents with proper identification. For more information, visit the nearest branch:

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“**BUILD A BETTER WORLD**”



Summer Reading Programs in North Carolina Public libraries have encouraged school-aged children to continue to read so that they do not experience "summer slide" or a loss of reading and other skills during the months that school is not in session.

Since 1998, North Carolina Public Libraries' summer reading programs have been funded as a part of the State Library of North Carolina's regular budget. The State Library of North Carolina (SLNC) is a member of the Collaborative Summer Library Programs and underwrites the statewide summer reading program for participating state-aid eligible libraries.



Children's Summer Reading Program, *Build a Better World*, at Barbee and Harper Libraries begins on June 12th.

We will have exciting weekly programs followed by an end of summer party!

To kick off our Summer Reading Program we have booked **Bright Star Theater: "Building Stories"** on Monday June 12. They will be at Barbee at 2 pm and Harper at 10 am. We are hoping to draw in some older than usual children to be part of the SRP this season. Children will learn the art of creating a story. Later the audience will help the presenters create a story on the spot!

Bright Star Touring Theatre is a professional touring theatre company based in Asheville, NC. Their program, *Building Stories*, is a 45-minute original production created to help school-age audiences learn about the art of making a story. Terms such as character, plot, setting and theme are covered and, later, audience members join Bright Star's actor-educators in "building a story." Their suggestions and input help to create a brand new tale on the spot. www.brightstartheatre.com/

Stop by Harper or Barbee Library beginning June 7th to register, sign up for special programs, and pick up your materials packet. Program lists for each library are on the next page.

BARBEE LIBRARY

June 12-July 26, Wednesdays at 11 am
(exception: *Monday, June 12th, at 2 pm)

June 12* **Monday, 2 pm**

Bright Star Theatre: "Building Stories"

Learn all about creating characters and stories and help the actors create an original story on the spot!

June 14 Wednesday, 11 am

Rags to Riches Theatre "Build a Better Web"

Enjoy this interactive and engaging play about four spider folk tales. Watch as Ananse the Trickster tries to trick Turtle, Elephant and the other animals. But Ananse is the one tricked in the end!

June 21 Wednesday, 11 am

NC Aquarium "Habitat Fixer-Uppers"

Readers learn what it takes to make wetland habitats healthy. Sometimes we have to 'fix' a habitat so that wetland animals like the incredible salamander will want to live there. Join in as we fix and "build" a healthy happy wetland.

June 28 Wednesday, 11 am

Ocean Education Center "Turtles"

July **No Summer Reading Program**

July 12 Wednesday, 11 am

Mad Science of Myrtle Beach "Up, Up and Away"

Hot air balloons, vortex generators and even a hovercraft will help children understand the power of air!

July 19 Wednesday, 11 am

Capital Balloon Studios: "Reading is Magic, Inflate Your Mind"

Using magic and detailed balloon art we will encourage children to read more often. For the grand finale, the magician literally gets his whole body inside a six-foot balloon!

July 26 Wednesday, 11 am

Celebration Party!! You must turn in your Reading Log by 6pm Wednesday, **July 19th** to get a ticket to our party!

HARPER LIBRARY

June 12 - July 24, Mondays at 11 am

June 12 Monday at 11 am

Bright Star Theater "Building Stories"

Children will learn the art of creating a story by learning terms such as character, plot, setting and theme. Later the audience will help the presenters create a story on the spot!

June 19 Monday at 11 am

Capital Balloon Studios "Building a Better Tomorrow"

The show will feature books, music, magic, comedy and of course balloons!

June 26 Monday at 11 am

NC Aquarium "Habitat Fixer Uppers"

Building a better world sometimes requires a little deconstruction and renovation first! The featured live animal is a salamander.

July 3 **No Summer Reading Program!**

July 10 Monday at 11 am

Sciencetellers "Tall Ships & Pirate Tales"

Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a deserted island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to construct a ship before all hope is lost ... at sea!

July 17 Monday at 11 am

NC Maritime Museum "Trash Monsters"

Learn to be superheroes and discover what you can do to save your ocean! Each participant will create a maritime trash monster out of recyclable and non-recyclable materials.

July 24 Monday at 11 am

PARTY!! PARTY!! PARTY!!

You must turn in your Reading Log by 6 p.m. on Monday **July 17** to receive a ticket to our End of Summer Reading Party!



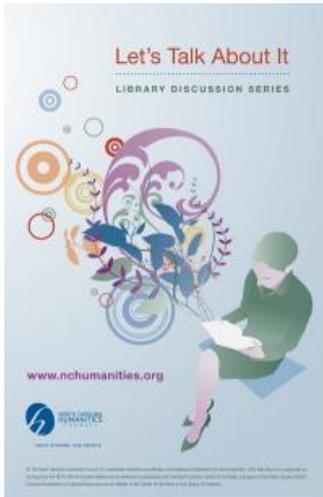
OPERA SUNDAY: THE GYPSY LIFE

Friends of the Library presented a very special event, Opera Sunday: *The Gypsy Life*, on March 5th in the Southport Community Center. UNCW Professor Nancy King and the terrific student members of WOOP! featured scenes from Bizet's *Carmen*, John Strauss, Jr.'s *The Gypsy Baron*, and *Carmen Jones*, along with some famous Gypsy Choruses. About 125 folks enjoyed it tremendously.

UNC-WOOP! (UNCW's Opera Outreach Project) provides vocal and dramatic operatic training to UNCW and high school students, community members and young singers in culturally under-served areas. UNC-WOOP! is committed to fostering the link between campus and community and to awakening interest in opera locally. <http://uncw.edu/music/faculty/kingn/>



A THANK YOU TO THE NC HUMANITIES COUNCIL



Let's Talk About It is a library discussion series that brings scholars and community members together to explore how selected books, films, or poetry illuminate a particular theme.

The Let's Talk About It (LTAI) series is administrated by the North Carolina Humanities Council in cooperation with the North Carolina Center for the Book. Let's Talk About It is available as a book, film or poetry series.

The NC Humanities Council provided a grant to provide this series at Harper Library again this year. This is a very popular program, and the pre-registration was completely subscribed within the first hour. The series chosen for this year was "Mysteries: Clues To Who We Are". The Humanities Council noted that "Modern crime is not elsewhere and someone else's problem, but is our own dilemma in the community where we live. Modern mysteries reflect the complexity of contemporary life. These books will encourage us to discover clues to our own identities."

The participants were enthusiastic and welcomed back scholars who have become old friends. These scholars bring an insight into the novels that were read and led the readers into exploring life in their communities as compared to those in the novels.

The Friends of the Library Southport/Oak Island thanks the NC Humanities Council for their generous grant that enables our community to participate in these series.

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

This seven week course which began in February was offered for the first time at Barbee Library. Laura Collins, previously a high school creative writing teacher from Washington, DC had offered to present the course. Laura explained that she based the course on a program she attended given by Professor Tilly Warnock called "Rewriting a Life: Teaching Revision as a Life Skill". This program creates boundaries for writing, while providing complete freedom of ideas for the writer. The class was limited to 10 participants which enabled the participants to provide feedback and encouragement to each other.

The post program evaluations indicate that all who attended accomplished the goals they had set for themselves and were eager to continue with their writing. Laura retired from teaching in 2015 and relocated to Oak Island.

Since the response to the course was so favorable, Barbee Library plans to offer this course again in the fall. Stay tuned for more information.

A HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA LIGHTHOUSES

Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 2 PM, Barbee Library

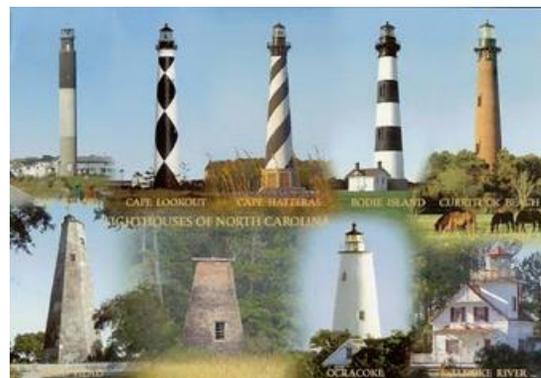
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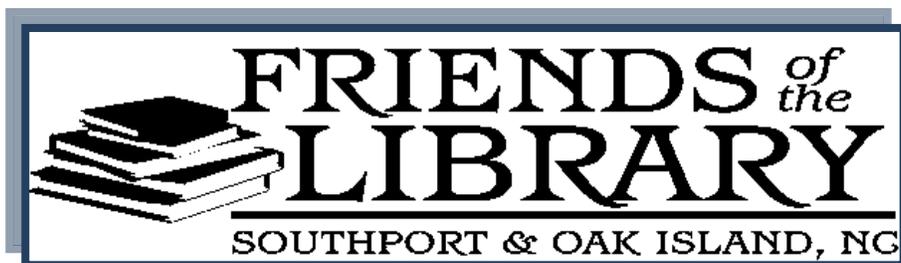
Board Member and Veteran Guide Friends of Oak Island Lighthouse

Registration begins April 24th at Barbee.



Come and learn about the lighthouses of North Carolina, including which one was constructed first; which was built three times; who takes honors for being the tallest; what lighthouse was moved inland almost 3,000 feet; is it possible to climb to the top of each one; and what lighthouse was turned into a bed and breakfast





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Closed Sunday

FOLSOI Website

<http://folsoi.org>