



WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM FOLSOI PRESIDENT, DONNA MORGAN

Beginning as President of FOLSOI after a term as vice-president, I want to extend gratitude and respect to the members of the Board of Directors who dedicate time and effort to make our local libraries better for the communities. So much goes on behind the scenes, and those who contribute and work so hard often go unnoticed. Our lives and libraries are enriched because FOLSOI funds children and adult programming, leases bestselling books for circulation, provides office equipment and supplies for the librarians, and purchases digital materials for patrons.

Currently, our board has two open positions: Vice President and Ways & Means. The Ways & Means position is perfect for someone familiar with writing grants and researching new ways to fund our programs. Many board members have served for years, while others have joined us more recently.

As 2016 draws to a close and we look back on the years' accomplishments, credit goes to all of the Friends of the Library for your financial support through membership, participation in events, and donations and purchases at our monthly book sales.

On behalf of the board of directors of FOLSOI, thank you. We look forward to 2017 with its new challenges and opportunities and are happy to have you each of you as a friend. On behalf of the Board of Directors of FOLSOI, thank you for your support throughout the year. Thank you for being a Friend!

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY MANAGERS

HARPER HAPPENINGS, DENISE BALLARD, BRANCH MANAGER

We recently had a very special visitor at Harper Library. Santa was here and sang songs with the kids and listened to their wish lists. We gave away children's books, and everyone had a great time. We want to thank the Friends of the Library for providing the funds for this program. Everyone had a great time and really got into the Christmas spirit.

We are excited to be starting our Life Long learners program again. This session began on January 4th. The program is "Music and the Brain", every Wednesday from 10 to Noon for nine weeks. Please come and join us. Our "Let's Talk About It" program starts in January with registration beginning on January 9th at 9 am. Our first session will be on January 26th at 2 pm. I know we will have a full house as usual. We want to thank our Friends of the Library and Pam Collins for putting this on for us. It is a lot of hard work.

Musette Steck will be starting a history discussion on January 6th at 10 am, every Friday at 10 am thru February 24th. She will be dispelling southern myths. We are having author Dennis Sinar here on January 12th at 2 pm to discuss his book *Not Born Here: Stories from Marsden, N.C.* We want to thank Marge Leuschner for arranging that for us.

We have already started planning for our Summer Reading Program. It will be a very exciting and entertaining program. More to come on that at a later date. The Southport Lions Club donated 25 new audio books to us. People really appreciate the new and up-to-date titles.

We would again like to thank FOLSOI for funding our special programs.

BARBEE BUSINESS, ERIKA DOSHER, BRANCH MANAGER

We have had a busy fall while I have been getting initiated with my new responsibilities. The summer crowds have died down, but we have been steadily working away. In October John Whiting did his two-part program, *Shane: Novel and Film*. We had a great turnout for that and all the comments I received regarding the program were very positive. We also had Katie Compton of Old South Tour Co. come dressed in costume to tell ghost stories about the local area. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the program.

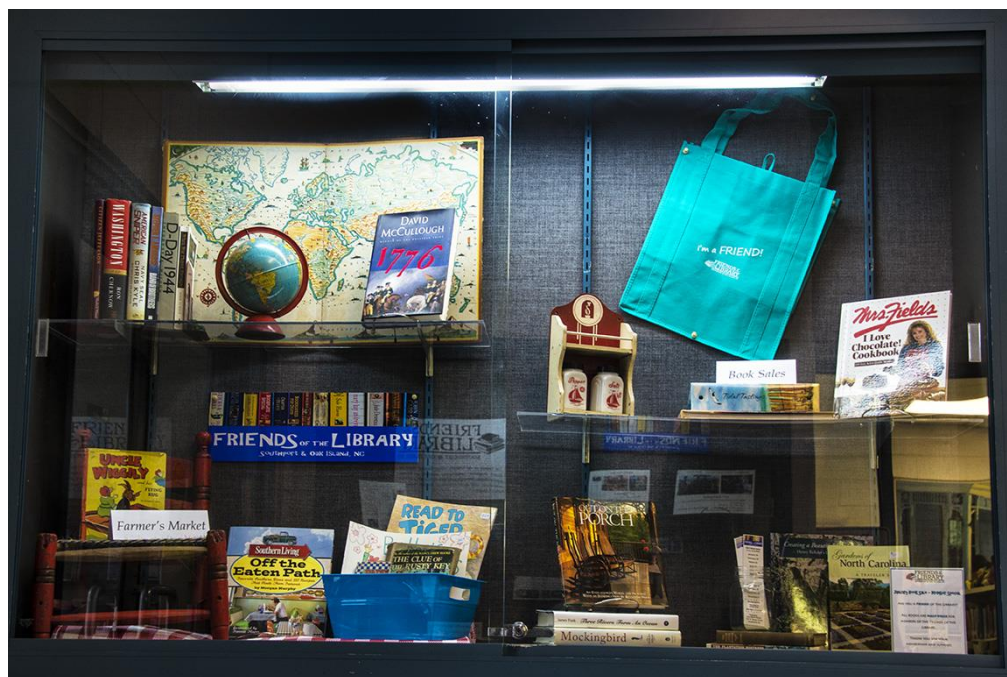
In January we have "Meet the Author: Jeff Siebold" scheduled for January 25th from 2 to 4 pm. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, January 4th. Beginning February 1st, Laura Collins will be leading a creative writing workshop for 6 consecutive weeks. The classes will be on Wednesdays from 2 to 4; registration is very limited and begins Monday, January 9th. In February, we will be having a Meet the Author, Tanya Binford. She will be here Thursday, February 9th from 2 to 4 pm and registration begins Tuesday, January 17th. We have rescheduled Meet the Author Frans Harmon for Tuesday, March 7th from 10:00 to 12:00; registration will begin Monday February 13th. John Whiting will be doing a program on Silent Films Monday, March 20th from 10:00 to 12:00. Registration will begin Monday, March 13th.

We are very excited to have a new employee, Rebecca Leggett. She started here Monday, December 5th. She will be starting story time back up on Wednesdays at Barbee at 10:00, beginning January 25th.

We also would like to thank the Friends for all they do. We got to purchase some items that we wouldn't have been able to without your support. We purchased a new fax machine. I think our previous fax machine had been here since the library opened. I am not sure about that, but I am sure that we are very excited about our new fax machine. We got a nice swing arm lamp that many people have already used and commented on. It is a nice addition to the library, especially on cloudy days. We purchased some new movies for children and adults. We also purchased some new books for children. Thank you so much, we are so excited!

OUR NEWLY DECORATED DISPLAYS AT THE LIBRARIES

Thanks to FOLSOI volunteers
Francine Menor, Susan Reinecke, and Kathy Fleming



FOLSOI USED BOOK SALES

2016 was a super year for book sales, and we are hoping to continue that in 2017! To start the year we would like to say thank you to our FOLSOI members by giving them a 50% discount off whatever they purchase at the January 28 Used Book Sale. If you are a member, you will need to check in at the membership desk on arrival and be given a sticker to wear to get your discount. If you are not yet a member, you can join that morning and get your sticker.

We will continue to have monthly sales throughout the year and “feature” certain genres when we get donations of exceptional books. The sales will include Cookbooks, Classics, Beach Reads, Garden & Travel, and more. The “features” are as much of a surprise to us as they are to you, because each donation we receive is unique, and we never know until we open the boxes!

Books can be donated on Book Sale Days or any time Southport Realty is open for business (727 N. Howe St Southport). Generally, that is 9-5 Monday-Friday and 9-1 on Saturdays. Books can also be dropped off at Harper and Barbee Libraries. Thanks to all those who have donated books. They bring joy to new readers, and the money collected supports both of our local libraries.

FOLSOI Used Book Sales are held the last Saturday of every month EXCEPT November and December when we choose Saturdays that will not conflict with the holidays.
Kathy Fleming, FOLSOI Book Sale Chair

SMILE/WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

Amazon Smile Foundation

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island are registered with the Amazon Smile Foundation, a subsidiary of Amazon which offers the same products, same service and same prices. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to the Friends on a quarterly basis. In order for FOLSOI to receive this donation, you must be registered with Amazon Smile. Please support our Friends of the Library by shopping at smile.amazon.com.

Website Barbara Sammons, Website Administrator

Be sure to check out the redesigned website for the Friends of the Library. There you will find a monthly calendar of programs at both Barbee and Harper Library, a list of the 2017 Book Sale dates for you to add to your personal calendar, and past newsletters. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Friend, check out the “Support Us” page and download our new membership application for them to complete. If you have any questions for the Friends of the Library, there is a “Contact Us” form you can access on any page. The information is sent to the webmaster who will respond to your inquiry. Be sure to visit our website at: www.folsoi.org.

Facebook Kathy Hummel, Facebook Administrator

If you like social media, be sure to check out the Facebook page for our Friends of the Library and “Like” our page. You can find our page by typing in the Search box: “Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island”. Reminders are posted for upcoming programs, events and book sales for both Barbee and Harper Library. Share our posts with friends and ask them to “Like” our page.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

“Mysteries: Clues to Who We Are”

This very popular series is provided by The Friends of The Library Southport/Oak Island (FOLSOI) and the North Carolina Humanities Council. The project is made possible by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council along with a matching grant from FOLSOI.

Registration for the four-part series will be held on **January 9, 2017 at Harper Library**. Registration must be conducted in person at the Harper Library or by phone. Due to the popularity of the program, you may only register for yourself and one other.

The sessions will be held on January 26, February 9, February 23, and March 9, beginning promptly at 2 PM and concluding at 4 PM. Each of the four sessions will be held in the Meeting Room of the Harper Library. Prior to each session, participants will receive a copy of the book and a list of questions/discussion ideas from each scholar pertaining to the book. Our guest scholar for each session will provide a presentation about the book and author. After a short break, the scholar will lead an open discussion about the book. Books are returned after each session, and the next books are distributed.

The Friends of The Library Southport/Oak Island hope you will enjoy this series. Please consider becoming a member of the FOLSOI with a \$10 donation. These programs could not be provided if the community did not contribute support to the libraries.
Pamela G. Collins, LTAI Program Director

SPRING LITERATURE AND FILM SERIES

“Silent Clowns in Epic Events”

Chaplin and Keaton March 20th

Comedy is not usually found in the same context with the heroic and the tragic, but silent film era clowns Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton thought why not? The result was their two masterworks: Chaplin's *The Gold Rush* (1925), about the 1890s Klondike gold discovery, and Keaton's *The General* (1927), about a Union railroad plot in the Civil War.

Join John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, at Barbee Library on Monday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to noon when he presents his topic **Silent Clowns in Epic Events**. He will discuss and demonstrate how the movies' comedic aspects and serious elements are integrated to create a complex unity.

Barbee registration begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 13. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants. Sponsored by FOLSOI, this event is free and open to the public

LIBRARY LECTURE/DISCUSSION GROUPS

Newcomers are always welcome!

Lifelong Learner Series at Barbee

Current topic: "History of the US: Revolution to Civil War" on 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26
This is a group led by Max Williams on various topics related to history.
Please come and join us on Thursdays, 10:00 am at Barbee Library.

Lifelong Learner Series at Harper

Current Topic: "Music and the Brain" on 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25
You will be introduced to a new field of music that relies on research, including behavioral experiments with humans and other species to test ideas about the evolutionary history of music.
Wednesdays from 10 to Noon at Harper Library.

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 gatherings will take place on January 9th and 23rd, 9:30 a.m. at Barbee Library.

GRANT WRITING HELP 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 FOLSOI.

FOLSOI MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL FOLSOI MEMBERS!

All current members will receive 50% off all used book purchases in our January 28th used book sale. Be sure you have renewed or joined Friends of the Library to take advantage of this "thank you" offering from the FOLSOI Board to all FOLSOI members. Stop by the renewal table at the book sale.

UPCOMING MEET THE AUTHORS

DENNIS SINAR: January 12th at 2 pm at Harper Library. Register now at 457-6237.

Not Born Here is a collection of short stories about a fictional Southern town, Marsden N.C. Humor, foibles and heartwarming stories make the town real and the inhabitants' memorable characters.

JEFF SIEBOLD: January 25th at 2 pm at Barbee Library. Register at 278-4283.

Fast-action and plenty of twists and turns in the intelligent and tension-filled Zeke Traynor mysteries.

Lilac and Old Gold: Duplicity, manipulation, and murder.

Bluegrass and Crimson: Bank robbers, gunrunners, terrorists.

TANYA BINFORD: February 9th at 2 pm at Barbee Library. Register beginning 1/17 at 278-4283.

In ***Crossing the Wake***, Binford relates her solo six-month boating experience circumventing the Eastern United States in her 25 foot Ranger, The Annabelle.

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

Have you always wanted to try your hand at writing, whether it is your personal family history, fiction or non-fiction, prose or poetry? If so, a creative writing class is being offered at Barbee Library on February 1st from 2 to 4PM. The class will meet for 6 weekly sessions.

No writing experience needed. Come learn and have fun living out your dream. Don't be left out. **Registration begins January 9th at 9 am at Barbee Library or by phone (910-278-4282).** Seating is limited so that all participants have an opportunity to ask questions and receive individual attention.

UPCOMING USED BOOK SALES

From 9 to Noon at Southport Realty on Howe Street next to Taylor's Restaurant.

January 28th

Purchases by current FOLSOI members are 50% off
and nautical books will be featured.

February 25

"Curl Up With a Classic"

March 25

Garden & Travel



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FOLSOI Website

<http://folsoi.org>