

It's all about our...VOLUNTEERS!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Without volunteers, Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island (FOLSOI) would cease to exist. All members of the board volunteer their time, as do our committee members. Have you seen a flyer about a special event on our creatively decorated bulletin boards at either library? Thank a volunteer! When you are out in the community and notice advertising for a book sale, thank another volunteer. If you come to our monthly used

book sales, everyone from greeters to those helping you with your purchases is a much-appreciated volunteer. Have you enjoyed the Opera Sunday performances or the authors at our annual meetings? The preparation, hosting, and refreshments for these events reflect the time and dedication of volunteers. I wonder how many who attend FOLSOI-sponsored programs at Barbee and Harper understand the work that goes into them behind the scenes—again thanks to our beloved volunteers.

My deep gratitude to each of you—those who tend our bookstore, create the beautiful displays at our libraries, those who post flyers and help us recycle unusable books, the cookie bakers who sweeten our events and the gracious people who attend the FOLSOI table at the Southport Farmer’s Market in the Spring and Summer months. To the Board Members who dedicate themselves to overseeing our administrative and financial duties, who coordinate our publicity, membership, grant writing, library liaison, and volunteers, my deepest gratitude. With so many who serve (mainly behind the scenes) the list of men and women to whom FOLSOI owes much appreciation is long and precious.

Warmest thanks, **Donna Morgan**, President

Let’s Talk About: Law and Literature

The Friends of the Library of Southport Oak Island received a Let’s Talk About It grant for a series of talks entitled Law and Literature: The Eva R. Rubin Series. (Ms. Rubin was a leading scholar on public policy and the US Supreme Court.) The series, covering four different books, begins in January 2018 and will be held at the Margaret and James Harper, Jr. Library in Southport, NC. This project is made possible by the funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a statewide

nonprofit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Let's Talk About It program involves participants reading four books, which are provided. Scholars will be visiting the Harper Library in Southport, NC to discuss the books with the participants. The books to be read and discussed in 2018 are: *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines, *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson, *The Emperor of Ocean Park* by Stephen L. Carter and *The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson* by Mark Twain. Dates for the book discussions are January, 25th, February 8th, February 22nd and March 8th and all will be held at the Harper Library. Registration, either in person or by phone, begins on Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Harper Library. Registration is limited to 30 participants. When registering, one may only register for himself and a spouse. The first book will be available at registration. Due to the popularity of this program, participants are asked to attend all four sessions.



Spring Literature and Film Series:

Fred and Ginger Come to Oak Island

During the Great Depression, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers' movies offered audiences an escape from economic uncertainty. Join John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, for the program Hollywood as Their Ballroom at the Barbee Library on Monday, March 12 from 10 am to noon. He will examine examples of the dancing duo's romantic adventures both as film art and as responses to social conditions.

Registration begins on Monday, February 26 at 9 am in the Barbee Library or by phone, 910-278-4282. Enrollment is limited to 25 seats. Sponsored by FOLSOI, the event is free and open to the public.

2018 MONTHLY BOOK SALES DATES

Time: Saturdays, 9 am–12 noon

Location: Southport Realty, 727 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC

January 27*

February 24

March 31

April 28

May 26

June 30

July 28

August 25

September 29

October 27

November 10

December 8

**Half price for FOLSOI members*



GET TO KNOW US!

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We keep all of our sites updated with the latest information about the services we provide and the events scheduled at both Barbee and Harper libraries.

SPREAD THE WORD! Help us reach other booklovers by inviting your friends and family to engage with us on Facebook or Twitter too.

Under the Covers at the FOLSOI Used Book Sales

Behind the hundreds of books we sell each month at the sales are over 20 volunteers who make them happen and keep things running smoothly. Two “sorters” who are extremely knowledgeable about what is in demand go through all donations to determine the condition and salability of the books. Other volunteers are in charge of pricing and shelving particular genres including children’s books, cookbooks, nonfiction, vintage books, southern authors and southern fiction. Donated books sometimes allow us to set up displays of various genres for “specialty” shopping. Those attractive displays highlighting our monthly

special discount sales are the work of a volunteer who is especially talented with marketing.

A large number of volunteers are responsible for sorting, pricing, and shelving fiction and romance books. Volunteers also pick up books from the libraries and transport them to our bookstore. Two more volunteers share the responsibility of recycling paper, boxes, and damaged books. We have volunteers who visit local businesses to promote our sales and put up monthly flyers. Yet another volunteer puts up the signs on sale day. Then on sales day, more volunteers greet you and take your money (for the books of course).

Many of you know that we sell books at the Southport Farmers Market. A number of volunteers help set up, take down, and sell books each week during the summer. One volunteer chooses the books that go to Market and does a terrific job because very few “come back home.”

We could not do these sales to raise the money for our local libraries without the generous help our volunteers who make it all happen. Many thanks to all of you!

Kathy Fleming, Chairperson, Book Sales

BARBEE BUSINESS

We had some exciting programs this fall. In September, we had Jimmy & May Moore for a Meet the Author

HARPER HAPPENINGS

We had a very busy fall at Harper Library this year. John Whiting presented “Water for Elephants”

program discussing their book *Back in the Day*. The event was well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

We had a special story time for a Southport Christian class on community helpers in September. We also had an introduction to computers and the internet class. Although only a few people attended the class (which is a shame considering how many computer questions we get each day), the positive side is that each received a lot of individual attention.

In November, we had an introduction to essential oils and make your own scrub class. The attendees made their own sugar scrub and room spray to take home. I received a lot of positive feedback on that class as well.

We had a Creative Writing Class in October and November that lasted six weeks. The class was a success once again. We are considering doing another one in the spring.

for his book and movie series and everyone enjoyed it very much. We want to thank FOLSOI for sponsoring that program again this year.

The "Let's Talk about It" program will start in January, with the registration beginning January 8, 2018. The first program will be January 25, 2018 at 2:00 pm. We want to thank Pam Collins for all of her hard work putting this program together and FOLSOI for sponsoring this program.

We will have the Master Gardeners here again beginning February 6, 2018 from 1:00 pm -3:30 pm and lasting thru March 20, 2018. Register by calling The Cooperative Extension office at 910-253-2610.

Musette Steck will offer another history program at Harper starting March 2, 2018 at 10:30 am and continuing each Thursday for four weeks. Her topic will be North Carolina Indians. Seating is limited to 35 and registration is

Happy New Year to all—come visit us in 2018!

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Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm
Closed Sunday

recommended.

We are planning another exciting Children’s Summer Reading Program, which will begin in June of 2018. Our theme this year is “Libraries Rock”. That opens up many fun possibilities.

We were able to purchase 21 new young adult books, eight adult fiction books that we were missing or needed to replace, and 28 new large print books thanks to our Friends of the Library. Come and check them out.

We are looking forward to an active and entertaining winter and hope to see you at the library.

Denise Ballard, Branch Manager

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are delighted by the number of renewals and new memberships we've already received - and our membership year only began at the end of September. In four months, we already have 203 members. Of that number: 40 have contributed at a higher level- whether as a Patron (\$30.00), Sponsor (\$50.00), Benefactor (\$100.00) or Lifetime Member (\$250.00).

As a totally volunteer organization, all the monies we raise directly benefit our libraries. The increase in donations means we can offer more programs for adults and children and provide needed books, equipment and supplies. With our website now offering on-line membership (thanks to board member Barbara Sammons), it's been easier for members to renew or join and everyone seems to be enjoying the Friends of the Library book journals we're distributing.

Our next big membership sign-up event is Opera Sunday in March, but we welcome any and all contributions before then. We would love to end the year with over 400 memberships. A big thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

Judith Steffens, Chairperson, Membership

FOLSOI Board Members 2017-18

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