



FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Susan Pyron

Change. Technology. Two words that can both excite and unnerve us. Our Brunswick County Libraries are facing both challenges as they begin to roll out the new e-book program. E-books have been available in larger libraries and in wealthier counties across North Carolina for some time, but Brunswick County has just recently received the funding to start this program. At this point, there are a limited number of titles available, which will be accessible only to those library card holders who have any kind of Apple device, such as an iPad or iPhone, or who have a Kindle Fire e-reader, Nook or android. While there are bound to be a few glitches as we become accustomed to this new program, e-books offer the advantages of allowing patrons to check out books from home and providing automatic book returns by disappearing from the device on the due date. The Friends of the Library will be offering sessions beginning to library patrons on how to check out e-books on their personal devices. Check with the libraries if you are interested in participating.

December starts our membership drive for 2014, and we need your support! The Friends of the Library operates with very little overhead, so a very high percentage of the money collected from our book sales, membership dues, and donations goes straight to our local libraries to fund programs for children, buy audiobooks and DVD's, lease bestsellers, provide educational programs for adults, and supplement funds for day-to-day operations. Right now the needs of the libraries exceed our annual budget. For example, both libraries need to replace some furniture. Have you tried our Hotel California chairs at Barbee? You can get in them, but you can't get out! Both libraries have needs for their children's areas, and they can no longer afford to carry some popular newspapers. There are many, many needs, and you can help by becoming a Friend of the Library. An individual membership is only \$10 and a family membership, only \$15. There are also opportunities to be a sponsor, a donor, or a benefactor at several levels of giving. Please consider joining this year or making a donation. In return, you will get regular email flashes announcing the upcoming programs from each month, and will be automatically enrolled in our annual raffle for prizes. Later in this edition, our Membership Chairperson will tell you how you can join.

We had such good response to our book suggestions in the last edition of the newsletter that we decided to share some other favorites with you. Take a look and enjoy reading this winter.

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USED BOOKS SALE 2014 Dates

Located at Southport Realty
727 N. Howe Street

JANUARY 25	10AM - 1PM
FEBRUARY 22	10AM - 1PM
MARCH 29	10AM - 1PM
APRIL 19	10AM - 1PM
MAY 24	10AM - 1PM
JUNE 28	10AM - 1PM
JULY 26	10AM - 1PM
AUGUST 30	10AM - 1PM
SEPTEMBER 27	10AM - 1PM
OCTOBER 25	10AM - 1PM
NOVEMBER 15	10AM - 1PM
DECEMBER 13	10AM - 1PM

Save the Date!

Lets Talk About It Series

January 9, 2pm – 4pm
Not for Children Only FILLED

Genealogy Program

January 23, Barbee (1:30pm-3:30pm)
Harper (10am-12pm) FILLED
Family History Library

Opera Sunday

March 2, 2pm – 4pm
UNCW Prof. King will return with
her opera students.

Lit & Film Series

March 24, 10am – 1 pm
Jay Gatsby Comes to Barbee

Registration Monday, March 17 at 9am
Limited to 25 seats

Lifelong Learners Series

Thursdays 10am
Discussions on history

Additional Information Following

Used books needed!

Any and all book/CD/DVD donations are welcomed.

Please drop off at either library or Southport Realty.

Membership News

Time to Renew

THE NEW YEAR IS HERE ... and it's time to renew your FOLSOI membership!

We're looking forward to having you back and welcome your support for the many wonderful programs FOLSOI funds for both our local libraries.

Membership cards are available at both Harper and Barbee. Renew now, and think about giving a friend or family member a membership as a gift. It's sure to be appreciated!

New Members 2013

We are pleased to announce the addition of twenty-two new Friends since the last newsletter:

Sandra Bell	Doug Jones
Fisher Broadwell	Karen Kenah
Gail Bramble	Kathleen Kitchings
Margaret Chizeck	Miles & Jenny Kurzer
James and Jane Clemmons	Rachael Kurzer Givens
Linda & Don Daily	Marty Loughlin
Carolyn Erlingheuser	Pat & Don Lund
Pat Evans	Yvonne Moody
Bob & Ann Fry	Anthony & Deborah Vitale
Kay Gallotta	Mary Walker
Wendy & Mike Hicks	

Ways and Means

Identifying funding resources for additional library projects and unmet needs is more than challenging – it is a difficult and highly competitive task. We need ideas to explore for insuring continuation of our many programs. If you have any ideas related to fundraising or are interested in exploring opportunities with the board, do not hesitate to contact me directly. I can be reached at 910-278-4297. Judith Kurzer

Volunteers' Recipe Request

Rosemary Lemon Cookies

1 C butter, room temperature	¾ C Sugar
1 egg and 1 egg white (for brushing)	1 tsp vanilla
1 Tbsp fresh rosemary, finely chopped	1 tsp grated lemon zest
2-¼ C flour	½ tsp salt

1. Cream the butter and sugar until pale, light and fluffy, add the egg and vanilla and mix until well blended. Add the rest of the ingredients and mix well.
2. Divide the dough in half and roll pieces into logs about 1 ½ in diameter. Chill for at least an hour or more.
3. Preheat oven to 375F. Take logs out and brush with egg white and roll in sugar. Cut into ¼" slices and place on parchment paper covered baking sheet. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the edges are golden brown. Cool on a wire rack before eating.

Upcoming Events for 2014

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island (FOLSOI) have supported the Harper and Barbee libraries and aims to engage the community in library program by arranging varied events. The following are scheduled for 2014.

Opera Sunday

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island Opera Appreciation Series was first presented to the Southport and Oak Island community in February 2003. The series was held in memory of Mary Jean Cornish, a past member of the Friends of the Library. Due to audience enthusiasm and demand it has been held every year since on the first two Sundays in February at the Southport Community Center

The lectures are presented by soprano and UNCW Professor and voice instructor Nancy King and in collaboration with her accomplished accompanist Patricia Ainspac. The series is designed for those in the know and those who want to be! Each Sunday we explore the musical, historical, and cultural elements of opera, enhanced by live performances from the members of UNCW's Opera Outreach Project (UNC-WOOP).

There will be one performance this year on the 1st Sunday in March. This is necessary because Dr. King is going to Austria with the students this year (studying choral music with a choral meister in Austria).

Performance is free and open to the public.

March 2 at 2:00 pm

Literature and Film Series

Join John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, for a program entitled Jay Gatsby in the Movies: Alan Ladd, Robert Redford, and Leonardo DiCaprio at Barbee Library on Monday March, 24 from 10am to noon. He will examine how well three Hollywood films portray F. Scott Fitzgerald's elusive main character in the novel *The Great Gatsby*. The presentation will combine references to the novel and viewing of selected scenes from each movie.

Registration begins at Barbee Library on Monday, March 17 at 9 am. Enrollment is limited to 25 seats. Sponsored by FOLSOI, this event is free and open to the public.

Lifelong Learners Series

The FOLSOI continue to sponsor a Thursday morning lecture-discussion group at Barbee Library. After a lecture given by someone chosen by the Teaching Company, Max Williams facilitates a discussion; the session considers two thirty-minute lectures and lasts about two hours. They could accommodate a few more. The discussions are respectful and free ranging over history, philosophy, and literature as we seek to grow as human beings and citizens. The present topic is "United States in the Middle East from 1914 to 9/11".

AUTHORS FOR GUYS by Bill Leuschner

It seems as though most of our Friends are of the fairer sex and that their choice of authors is affected somewhat by this condition. Consequently, many of the book reviews and author recommendations in our Newsletter are not as appealing to me as they might be. Thus, at the risk of displaying my chauvinism and egocentrism, I volunteered to offer a few of my favorites.

Patrick O'Brian has written 20 novels which follow the career of Jack Aubrey in His Majesty's Navy, from Lieutenant to Rear Admiral, at the time of the French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars. Jack is accompanied by his friend Stephen Maturin who is a natural philosopher, talented ship's surgeon, and British spy. Their adventures cover the globe in fair weather and foul. The sailors among you will enjoy the detailed descriptions of life at sea, piloting a ship, and setting the sails. "Master and Commander" starring Russell Crowe is a film adaptation of the first two novels in the series.

Bernard Cornwell is an even more prolific historical author – I can count over 40 novels. Many follow a single character and most contain battle sequences that elucidate the weapons and tactics of the era. The Warlord series tells the Arthur legend in three books. You'll recognize many of the characters but the story differs from the usual. The Grail Quest is another trilogy that follows Thomas Hookston, an archer, who tracks the rumor that his family possessed the Grail. This series amply illustrates the use and importance of the longbow in warfare at the time. Perhaps my favorite series follows Uthred, the Saxon – the seventh novel in this series has just been published and Uthred ain't dead yet. Uthred was captured as a child and raised by the Danes (who were marauding England at the time) but becomes inextricably tied to Alfred the Great, King of Wessex, throughout his reign in 9th century England. Uthred fights for Alfred, the Danes, and himself throughout England. The 20+ Sharpe books follow Sharpe in his career in the 1800's British army from India to Waterloo and beyond but I find stories set in the earlier time periods to be better. A BBC series starring Orson Bean contained adaptations. Visit bernardcornwell.net to get the book titles and the proper sequence.

Finally, try James Lee Burke if you want a Southern author and modern times. Most novels follow Dave Robicheaux, recovering alcoholic and detective in the Sheriff's department in New Iberia, LA. He is usually assisted by his buddy Cletus, a PI and wild cannon, who was once his partner when both were in the NOPD. They foil local bad guys, gangsters, and other no goods. Descriptions of the bayou country are outstanding and stories are well plotted and engrossing. "Heaven's Prisoners" starring Alec Baldwin and "In the Electric Mist" starring Tommy Lee Jones are film adaptations. Two novels each follow Billy Bob Holland, an ex Texas Ranger in Montana and Hackberry Holland, a sheriff in Texas. Don't remember if they're related but the books are worth reading.

All three authors, but not all titles, are available through the Brunswick County Library system. Many are also available as audio books. Just look for them in the library section at brunco.net, order them if not located at Barbee or Harper, and enjoy them.



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- Fund Raising Activities
- Publicity
- Refreshments
- Serve on FOLSOI Board
- Special Events

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