

FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Susan Pryon

Summer is almost upon us, and the FOLSOI are pleased to announce that we are once again sponsoring the annual Summer Youth Programs. The library staff has been hard at work selecting and scheduling a nice variety of activities for this summer. If you have or know some children who would like to participate, be sure to read the article found in this issue for details.

Children and young people's services have been a focus of ours since October. The library staff informed us last fall that they were looking to expand services to children as well as provide activities that will occupy children while their parents are browsing the collection or by tutors to supplement skill work. To this end, we financed the purchase of an Early Literacy Station (ELS) for each library to enhance the skills of children aged 2 – 8. Because the ELS is a closed system (no Internet), parents do not need to fear that their children will accidentally end up on an undesirable website. The ELS features more than 60 top-rated educational software programs spanning seven curricular areas. All of the programs are kid-friendly and require no technical support. If you haven't used the ELS for your child or grandchild, please stop by either library to give it a try.

While writing this letter I took a call from a library patron who is moving and cannot take her personal library with her. She asked if we could send someone to collect her books for our monthly book sale. The answer was "Yes!" Please think of us if you find yourself in a similar situation. We are happy to take your books, CDs, and audiobooks and will come to your home to get them if needed. The FOLSOI could not provide the library with the kind of support described above without the generous donations of people like you.

Thanks to all of you who have donated even one book or who have become a member of the FOLSOI.

Have a great summer.

HOMEBOUND LIBRARY PROGRAM ONGOING

Barbee Library, with FOLSOI and BEMC funding, continues to seek persons who desire books, DVDs, and books on tape delivered to their homes. A full compliment of books and other items are available, including books in large print. Family members or caretakers of persons who cannot travel to the library may also want to take part in this service. Participation can be short or long term. At this time, the program serves persons living on OI.

If you know anyone who might be interested have him or her contact Linda Pelcher at Barbee, 910-269-8935.

A Tribute

It is with the utmost gratitude we thank the family of the late Clara June Cunningham for following their mother's request that her remembrances be recognized by furthering resources within our libraries. We came to know Ms. Cunningham through contacts with her daughter and learned, among other attributes, her love of children.

With support from Ms. Cunningham's daughter, children became the focal point of this special project. Our libraries are now enriched by the purchases of several book series and a collection of DVDs. The decisions expanded the present library holdings and were made with input from library personnel, parents, teachers, and, most importantly, the expressed requests of young readers themselves.

Titles such as Henry Winkler's Hank Zipper, Ursula Vernon's Dragonbreath, Adam J. Epstien's The Familiars, Steven Brezenoff's Field Trip Mysteries, Dan Gutman's My Weirder School, and even Captain Underpants by Dave Pilkey will adorn shelves by the time this publication reaches our membership. DVDs bring to children and their families the ever popular: *Peter Pan*, *Jungle Book*, *Tigger*, and *Aristocrats*, while the more recent stars of the small screen include: *Cars*, *Finding Nemo*, *Madagascar*, *Frozen*, *Ice Age*, and *Tangled*.

The special reading collections will be identified with Ms. Cunningham's full name and the inscription, "Sharing the Joy of Reading." The DVDs will also be labeled with Ms. Cunningham's name. In a final effort to reach as many children as possible, we will fund one of this summer's reading program events presented by Mad Science of Myrtle Beach, entitled "Fire and Ice."

In learning more about Ms. Cunningham, we found she was most recently employed as a "greeter" at Southport's Wal-Mart. With tears in her eyes, a coworker described Ms. Cunningham as kind, outgoing, and caring. She was known as a person who was friendly to the people she came in contact with and was noted as a genuinely interested listener.

We thank again Cara June Cunningham's family for giving FOLSOI the honor of remembering their mother.

By Judith Kurzer



USED BOOKS SALE

Upcoming Dates for 2014

Southport Realty
727 N. Howe St
(Next to Taylor's)

**Used books always
needed.**

**Donations accepted
at both libraries and
Southport Realty.**

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

VOLUNTEER COFFEE MAY 28TH

Greetings to all FOLSOI Volunteers! It's almost time to get you all together on May 28th for our third volunteer get-together. By now, all volunteers, both old and **new**, should have received an invite to attend the meeting at the home of President Susan Pyron, 4304 E. Yacht Drive, Oak Island. We're looking forward to a fun, productive gathering.

In addition to the refreshments that will be available and the great conversation and friendly discussions that usually happen at these events, one of our main objectives for the day will be to explain in specific terms the important jobs and positions open to volunteers this coming year. In particular, we're looking to fill several Board positions that will begin on October 1st. We will describe the positions, tell you about the activities involved, and answer your questions.

Please know that your input is vital and your continued involvement absolutely necessary if we are to continue as a vital force in our communities as a sincere true help to the libraries that we all serve. We'll be picking your brain about the job we're doing.

Be prepared for a fun, informative time! Contact Marge Golas at margegolas@gmail.com if you have any questions. See you there!

Membership News

As you know, our membership monies are used to support the many programs we sponsor at both the Harper and Barbee Libraries. These include, among many others, the children's summer program, the Opera Appreciation Day, and the Lifelong Learners Series.

We are pleased to have 171 members at this point, of whom 61 are new members. We also are pleased that more Oak Island residents are joining us and hope that trend continues. Give a warm welcome to our new members. A reminder to our 2013 members who haven't yet renewed that Membership cards are available at both libraries and at our monthly book sales.

Welcome New Members

Valerie Armstrong	Prentice Crenshaw	Jackie Krieger	Janet & Steve Pung
John & Mimi Bach	Howard Crusey	Michael Lerner	Pat Rodrech
Kimberly Bandera	Rev Lowe Davis	Kay Mann	Russ Roakes
Dale Barry	Nancy Dudley	Keith Martin	Lori Roshon
Diane Batounis	Marti Fowle	Bruce Maso	Alice & Bob Seidel
John Bosick	Gail Gaddy	Richard&Kay McKnight	Jude Skowron
Jackie Brzezniak	Jacklyn Gorton	Carolee & Ken Morris	Stacy & Beck Smothers
Richard&Laura Cacchione	Rachael Kurzer Givens	Nancy Nagy	Kathleen Stanton
Sandi Cash	Prentice Halladay	Paula & David Paxton	Stephani Thompson
Mary Carter	Candace Hobbs	Janet & Bob Porterfield	Flora Towery
Iris Cavin	Linda Huff	Jackie Prell	Beverly Weinstein
Joanne Commins	Joan Ilchert	Luigi Previosi	Priscilla White
Robin Conklin	Karen Kenah	Susan Reed	Emily Wilson



Once again we were fortunate to have Nancy King and her students join us for an afternoon of music. As always, the audience was full and very appreciative.

The raffle of gifts generously donated by local sponsors was enjoyed as well. Please see below for our fortunate winners and on the last page the generous sponsors who made the raffle possible.

Door Prize Winners

Bill and Gayle Allen	Nancy Dudley	Luigi Preziosi
Dale Barry	Doris Krauss	Janet and Steve Pung
John Bosnick	Bruce Mason	Barbara Reed
Jackie Brzeniak	Janet and Bob Porterfield	

Harper Happenings – Signa Simpson, Branch Manager

There have been a lot of exciting happenings at the Harper Library since the first of the year. January started off with a big crowd for a genealogy program presented by the Shallotte Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and we hope to have another class in the fall.

Let's Talk About It also kicked off in January. Always a popular reading program we had another large group of ladies waiting to sign up for this. Thanks again to Marge Leuschner for Organizing, ordering the books from the State library and making sure all the guest speakers are here. It is a big job and Marge does it with ease.

The eBooks continue to be popular with two recent large quantity purchases. Martha Johnson has given three classes to help library patrons connect their reading devices with the county online catalog. If you are interested contact the library to sign up for her next class.

The FOLSOI sponsored a "Meet the Author" program in April with Southport native, Tommy Harrelson. Tommy talked about the book he wrote on a well-known Southport artist, Art Newton. Art painted many pictures of the Southport waterfront, local homes, and buildings. Harper Library has two of his paintings.

We have had books and DVDs donated in the memory of a local patron for the junior fiction section. A visitor passing through sent us a wall map of Brunswick County from his store in Charlotte and we inherited seven new computers through computer services of Brunswick County.

We are looking forward to a busy summer. In June we will be starting our Children's Summer Reading program. Stop by or call for the events that are scheduled.

We hope to see you in the library soon.



HARPER SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Summer Reading 2014 Program that is sponsored by The Friends of The Library!

Monday at 11:00 AM (all ages)

- June 16 Registration – Gracie the Clown with a Big Heart
- June 23 Fort Fisher Aquarium, Aquarium Life Cycles
- June 30 Sharon Clarke: Storyteller/Musician/Puppeteer
- July 7 To be announced
- July 14 Mad Science of Myrtle Beach "Fire and Ice Show"

News from Barbee Library – Linda Pelcher, Branch Manager

The E-books have been successful at the Library. We especially at Barbee are very fortunate to have the expertise of Martha Johnson who has been so accommodating to the Library. She held two different classes for us on learning how to download E-books on all kinds of devices. All the patrons who attend her classes be it E-book or computers, are always very pleased that they attended.

We had a Genealogy program sponsored by FOLSOI, which was very successful and had a waiting list for a second program, which we had several weeks after the first one.

If anyone has friends or family that might like a book, DVD or audio book delivered to their home on Oak Island, please let them know about the Homebound/Outreach Program. They can call 910-269-8935 Monday thru Friday and speak with Linda. She'll be glad to sign them on and give them details. You may recall FOLSOI and BEMC Community Service Grant fund this program.

We have a display in our Children's area of the Clara June Cunningham books and DVDs. We greatly appreciate the donation to enhance the collection of worn books or the addition of new books and DVDs.

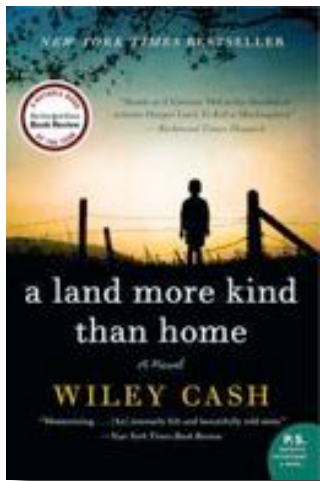
The Friends have generously supported us in many ways throughout the year and we appreciate all that you do for us. We also welcome Judith Kurzer as the new Liaison from FOLSOI Board to us.

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| May 27 | Pre-Registration |
| June 17 | Registration – Gracie the Clown with a Big Heart |
| June 24 | String Celebration: A Science Musical Program |
| July 1 | Sharon Clarke: Storyteller/Musician/Puppeteer |
| July 8 | Birdman Dave: How Birds Learn To Read |
| July 15 | OKI Ocean Education Center: Explore the Beach! Last Day |

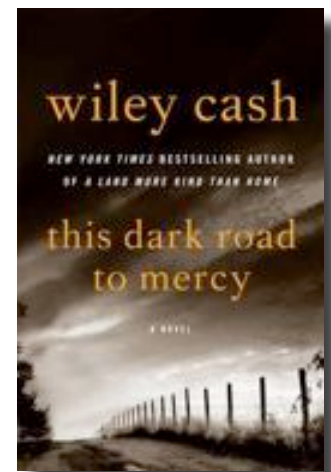




SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, September 23

The General Membership Meeting will be held at the Southport Community Building on September 23, 2014. FOLSOI guest speaker will be **Wiley Cash**. He is The New York Times best-selling author of *A LAND MORE KIND THAN HOME* and *THIS DARK ROAD TO MERCY*.



Fall Film and Literature Series

In order to observe the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, John Whiting, professor emeritus, SUNY Orange, will present an October program entitled *All Quiet on the Western Front*: novel and film. He will examine first how Erich Maria Remarque's novel reveals the daily lives of soldiers who face combat in the trenches and then how the film adaptation reflects the intent of the book. This event is scheduled for Harper Library on Tuesday and Thursday, October 21 and 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration begins on Monday, October 6 at 9:00 a.m., and enrollment is limited to 30. Participants will receive a complimentary copy of the novel. Sponsored by FOLSOI.

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