



It's all about our...**COMMUNITY!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Mission Statement of our organization is my guiding light. In part, Friends of the Library Southport and Oak Island is dedicated to supporting the Harper and Barbee libraries' missions and programs, aims to engage the community in library programs, and seeks to upgrade the quality of library services. Our Board of Directors often focuses on technical aspects like needs

assessments and strategic planning processes, but the core of FOLSOI is the relationships we establish with one another, our volunteers, and library staff and patrons. In other words: community.

As your President, one of my desires is to inspire that sense of community with the Harper and Barbee libraries as nuclei for learning, meeting, and sharing. Members' dues, proceeds from our monthly Book Sales, and the amazing work of our even more amazing volunteers help FOLSOI do that. Consider programs like Lifelong Learners, Let's Talk About It, Socrates Café, and Meet the Author Events with quality speakers, facilitators, and authors for adult patrons' pleasure. Opera Sunday every March draws many devotees to delight in UNCW students' talents. Children learn how to form community with one another during Story Time, the Lego Club, and the activities of the annual Summer Reading programs at both libraries.

Thankfully, we at FOLSOI have help supporting our libraries. Individuals, organizations and businesses such as North Carolina Humanities Council, Southport Women's Club, Lions Club, and BEMC provide funding through gifts and grants. When we all work together to promote our libraries, we are making a difference in the Southport and Oak Island communities.

Come join our community by becoming a member of FOLSOI.

Donna Morgan, President

MONTHLY BOOK SALES DATES

Time: Monthly on Saturdays, 9 am–12 noon

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

Hardcover and paperback books in good to excellent condition are available, along with music CDs, puzzles and children's books. Most books are one dollar or less.

DATE	THEME
May 26	Get Ready for the Sun & Sand (Bag O'Words and Music for the Beach \$2)
June 30	There's No Place Like Home (Travel Books will be 1/2 price)
July 28	Feel the Heat
August 25	Back to School
September 29	Turn Over a New Leaf

BARBEE BUSINESS

We have been busy this spring preparing for the upcoming season. We had John Whiting here in March presenting his Spring Literature and Film Series. The program was "Fred and Ginger come to Oak Island: Hollywood as their ballroom." It was such a hit, he ended up holding two different sessions. We also had a Meet the Author in March. Carol Cini discussed his book "The Spy and His CIA Brat." We had a large audience attend the program and it seemed to be a success. Local author Anne Barnhill was here in April dressed up in Tudor clothes, talking about how the wardrobe reflects the politics and culture of the time. Jim McKee from Brunswick Town will be here in May to present a program on the history of Fort Caswell.

We are looking forward to the 2018 Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Libraries Rock!" Registration begins on June 11, with the first program Tuesday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m. See the schedule on the next page. Have a fun and safe summer!

Erika Doshier, Branch Manager

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Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm; Closed Sunday

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Closed Saturday and Sunday

HARPER HAPPENINGS

We had a special visitor at the Harper Library on March 26th. The Easter Bunny came for our Easter egg hunt. The Southport Woman's Club hid the eggs for us and everyone had a great time. We wrapped up our Let's Talk About It program in March. It was well attended as usual. We want to thank Pam Collins and our FOL for putting on this program for us. It takes a lot of hard work and time.

The Southport Woman's Club was very generous again this year. We were able to purchase 26 new children's books. Come in and check them out.

The Southport Historical Society will continue their Second Tuesday Talks. On May 8th Nancy Christianson will speak about the development of the Old Jail Museum. On June 12th Tim Terman will speak about the threat of German U-boats during World War II. All programs start at 10:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. No registration necessary.

We are looking forward to our Summer Reading program. Registration starts June 11th at the Harper Library. Come by to register and pick up your materials packet. We have a lot of new performers coming this year. We want to thank our FOL for supporting this program. We want to give all of the children in Brunswick County and visitors an incentive to read all summer. See the schedule on the next page.

We will have author Julie Maloney at Harper Library on May 10th at 2:00 pm. She will discuss her book "A Matter of Chance" about a mother's search for her missing daughter. On June 28th at 2:00 pm we will have author Stephen Patterson discussing his book "The King's Last Ride" about the death of Elvis Presley and the controversy surrounding his funeral. We would like to thank our FOL and Maureen Panek for bringing authors to the library. Registration will be required for the Meet the Author programs. We will post the start date for registration for each of our authors on our calendar.

We started our Lego Club again Wednesday April 11th at 4:00 pm. It will continue the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month through September. We provide the Legos. All children are welcome to come.

Our Life Long Learners Great Courses discussion group will continue on Wednesdays from 10:00 am-11:00 am. On May 2nd the group will begin the topic of "The Great Debate: Advocates and Opponents of the American Constitution". This session will last for six Wednesdays. Next up will be "The World's Greatest Geological Wonders: 36 Spectacular Sites" which will begin on June 13th, lasting 18 weeks. There is no registration required.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Library.

Denise Ballard, Branch Manager

***Both libraries will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th.**



2018 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Please Note:

Registration is required for each individual program at each library

BARBEE LIBRARY

Register in the Library or by calling 910-278-4283
Programs are Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

- June 11 Registration Begins**
Stop by Barbee Library to register for special programs and to pick up your materials packet.
- June 19 NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher**
“Nature Music: Frogs & Toads”
- June 26 Capital Balloon Studios**
“Magic, Music, Mayhem & More”
Magic, comedy, general silliness, music and detailed balloon art.
- July 3 *No Summer Reading Program***
- July 10 Mark Daniel, Magical Storyteller**
“Books Rock”
Great children’s books, storytelling, puppetry, magic tricks, book talking and terrific music!
- July 17 Ingram Planetarium**
“Rocks in Space”
This is an interactive opportunity to learn about our Solar System and space “rocks” that interact with our planet.
- July 24 Big Bang Boom**
Parent-friendly Children’s Music
- July 31 Celebration Party with Fish the Magish: “Rock ‘n Read”**
Magical and musical fun

You must turn in your Reading Log by 6 pm on **Tuesday, July 24** to receive a ticket to our End-of-Summer Reading Party!

HARPER LIBRARY

Register in the Library or by calling 910-457-6237
Programs are Mondays at 11 a.m.

- June 11 Registration Begins**
Stop by Harper Library to register for special programs and to pick up your materials packet.
- June 18 Stevens Puppets**
“Rumplestiltskin”
Fast-paced, action-filled rhyming rendition of the classic tale
- June 26 NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher**
“Nature Music: Frogs & Toads”
- July 2 *No Summer Reading Program***
- July 9 Mark Daniel, Magical Storyteller**
“Reading and Rocking”
Great children’s books, storytelling, puppetry, magic tricks, book talking and terrific music!
- July 16 Ingram Planetarium**
“Rocks in Space”
This is an interactive opportunity to learn about our Solar System and space “rocks” that interact with our planet.
- July 23 Big Bang Boom**
Parent-friendly Children’s Music
- July 30 PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!**

You must turn in your Reading Log by 6 pm on **Monday, July 23** to receive a ticket to our End-of-Summer Reading Party!

Want to Volunteer?

We need volunteers to do recycle runs to the Southport dump location every other week and to pick up donations.

- 1-Someone for recycle runs every other Friday
- 2-Two people for recycle runs every other Wednesday
- 3- Someone to be a back-up to the person who transports book donations from Barbee Library (on OKI) when this volunteer is out of town



Recycle Run Job Description: Pick up 10-20 boxes of books at Southport Realty, take them to the Southport dump recycle dumpsters, then return the empty boxes to Southport Realty. Boxes weigh approximately 20-25 lbs each. Recycle runs will be made every Wednesday and every Friday, but volunteers will alternate weeks. Time is flexible within the hours the dump site and Southport Realty are open. Volunteers will be able to call on the other members of the team to cover for each other to allow for schedule changes for personal plans or to assist each other if donations are heavy and there are an unusually high number of boxes for recycling. An SUV or pickup truck is not necessary. Time commitment is 60-90 minutes for each run.

Donation Pick Up Job Description: Pick up book donations once a week, when necessary, and transport them from the Barbee library to Southport Realty. (Would be several times a year for a week or two at a time.)

Please contact:

Kathy Fleming, Used Book Sale Chair
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FOLSOI Receives Grant for STEAM Makerspace

The Friends of the Library of Southport Oak Island (FOLSOI) has received a \$1,000 grant awarded by Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC).



The funds were given as part of BEMC's 2018 Community Grants Program to improve the quality of life for citizens in its service area. The grant will be used to create a STEAM Makerspace in Southport's Margaret & James Harper, Jr. Library.

The Makerspace will provide age-appropriate opportunities to develop skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) through productive, hands-on educational activities for children. Grant funds will purchase components for robotics and electronics projects, tools for cardboard recycling projects, and a STEAM book collection. These materials and books will cultivate the next generation of problem solvers, allowing children to practice team-building and collaboration with an emphasis on 21st century skills such as innovation, creativity and critical thinking.

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Get to Know Us!

If you need information on:

- Programs
- Author talks
- Events
- Our monthly book sales

Just log onto our website, <http://folsoi.org>,

Like us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/folsoi/>

Follow us on Twitter, [@FOLSOI](https://twitter.com/FOLSOI)



We keep these sites updated with the latest information on the services we provide and the events scheduled at both Barbee and Harper libraries.

SPREAD THE WORD! Help us spread the word about Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island.

Please invite your book-loving friends to Like us on Facebook or Follow us on Twitter too.



Become a FRIEND

For a minimal annual fee, you can help our community's libraries by becoming a FOLSOI member. There are no commitments and you'll receive special discounts at select book sales.

Join the 288 current members of *Friends of the Library of Southport and Oak Island*. Go to folsoi.org for more information.

FOLSOI Board Members 2017-18

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