



FRIENDS *of the* LIBRARY

SOUTHPORT & OAK ISLAND, NC

Message from President Chris Geering

Dear Friends of the Library:

As we welcome in 2016 there is plenty of news about ways to support the Friends of the Library Southport/Oak Island. Here are just a few:

- Like us on Facebook! FOLSOI has a new Facebook page which can be found by going to “Groups” and searching for “Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island.” Then simply like our page. You will receive posts about all the activities going on at both Harper and Barbee libraries. Our goal is to get 200 “likes” by the end of 2016. We are only up to 72 so please help us achieve this milestone.
- Shop online through Amazon Smile. Log onto Amazon Smile and create a log in name and password. Choose Friends of the Library Southport/Oak Island as your charity. When shopping on Amazon, log into Amazon smile and a portion of your purchase will be donated to the Friends.
- Come to our monthly book sales at the rear of Southport Realty (next to Taylor’s Restaurant) in downtown Southport. Our sales are still the best deal around with most books under a dollar. Also, don’t forget to donate any used books when you visit the sale. Please see the item in this newsletter detailing the dates and times of the sales.
- Buy or renew a year- long membership to the Friends. It’s another great deal at only \$10. You will receive a Friends of the Library tote bag with your membership; a new member benefit.
- Volunteer with the Friends. There are a host of volunteer opportunities available that utilize a myriad of talents – one of which could be yours! We currently are looking for volunteers to provide technology training to library patrons. This could be done at either Harper and/or Barbee and would include the use of such technology as Kindles, iPads and smart phones.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of FOLSOI thank you for your support today and throughout the year. We look forward to your help in this new year in improving our public libraries.

2016 Board Members**President:** Chris Geering**V.P.:** Donna Morgan**Secretary:** Barbara Sammons**Treasurer:** Bill Leuschner**Liaison:** Judith Kurzer**Publicity:** Nan Becker**Book Sales:** Kathy Fleming**Membership:** Judy Steffens**Ways and Means:** OPEN**Webmaster/Newsletter:** Susan Pyron**Volunteer Coordinator:** Lois Taylor**Programs/Sp. Events:** Paula Paxton

Meet Our New FOLSOI Board Members

Lois Taylor, Volunteer Coordinator

In 1998, after spending my life until that time in cold Ohio, I decided to join my elder daughter who moved to Wilmington directly after graduating with a degree in library science in 1980. By 1998, she was branch manager at Myrtle Grove Library. I shortly became involved as a volunteer shelver there. In 2013, I moved to Southport and quickly volunteered at Harper. I was told I would have to join the Friends, who make the volunteer assignments, so I did. Somehow I was drafted to be on the Board as Volunteer Coordinator. Being a library volunteer is a very meaningful and rewarding use of your time. I hope you will choose to join us!

Barbara Sammons, Secretary

Growing up in Los Angeles, California, my family had access to its many libraries where I would spend my time reading everything from children's stories to classics. Several years ago I lived in Nashville, Tennessee and worked for the Nashville Public Library Foundation whose main goal was to support the programs of the Nashville Public Library. Many lunch hours were spent reading the latest novels or attending one of their many puppet shows. I recently moved to Southport and immediately became involved with the Friends of the Library. I look forward to learning more about my new community and its library system.

Notes from the Branch Managers

Harper Happenings

Our Meet the Author programs went very well. Our first author was David Wilson who wrote High Crimes in North Carolina. We also had guest author Arleen Mercorella who wrote A Matter of Survival, a story about her mother. Both programs were well-attended, and we would like to thank Marge Leuschner for organizing these programs and our Friends for enabling us to provide these programs to our patrons.

In October, John Whiting presented his two-part program on Shakespeare's Henry V: From page, to stage, to screen. As always he had a packed room. We want to thank him for always providing a wonderful program and for the Friends for funding it.

We had special story times for the kids in October, November, and December. The Friends paid for Heroes for Hire to come and put on these programs. We had special story tellers, Pocahontas, as well as Christmas stories and songs with Elves. The kids really enjoyed these special programs.

I had my new blinds installed in my office. They are beautiful and provide me with privacy when it gets dark. Thank you, Friends, for buying those.

We are looking forward to the New Year and will have a lot of exciting things going on at the Library. We will be providing an e-book class here at Harper on Feb. 22. Our new employee Heather will be giving it and using our new Kindle Fire that the friends bought us. Sign up begins on Feb. 8.

Denise Ballard
Branch Manager, Harper Library

Barbee Business

I have been working on creating a reading nook in memory of my sister Charmaine Hutcheson and have finally received the last of the books I ordered. We had an overwhelming amount of donations from family and friends and are certain the nook will be a great success for children to enjoy. You can read more about this later in the newsletter.

I'd like to thank all of the Friends for their support of the Library for the many things you help with throughout the year. Many thanks to the volunteers that help us with shelving on a weekly basis and the many other little projects you assist us with. We look forward to another great year.

Special thanks to Ben Hinson for picking up the books for the book sale and to Diane Batounis of the Friends for all her hard work and dedication in helping to bring programs to the library.

Without the assistance of the Friends we would not be able to offer all the services we do. I purchased six new stacking chairs and hope to get some more from next year's budget. The Friends purchased a Kindle for the library so we can become more efficient in the download process of e-books and maybe offer a class after the holidays for all those who received a Kindle or other device during the holidays.

If there is anyone who has any type of collection they would like display at the library in our locked display case, please give us a call at 910-278-4283 to make arrangements.

Linda Pelcher
Branch Manager, Barbee Library

USED BOOK SALE 2016 Dates

Located at Southport Realty
727 N. Howe Street

JANUARY 30	9am – 12 noon
FEBRUARY 27	9am – 12 noon
MARCH 26	9am – 12 noon
APRIL 30	9am – 12 noon
MAY 28	9am – 12 noon
JUNE 23	9am – 12 noon
JULY 30	9am – 12 noon
AUGUST 27	9am – 12 noon
SEPTEMBER 24	9am – 12 noon
OCTOBER 29	9am – 12 noon
NOVEMBER 17	9am – 12 noon
DECEMBER 10	9am – 12 noon

Program Highlights

Let's Talk About It

Feb. 18, Mar. 3, Mar. 17, and Mar. 31
Harper, 2 pm – 4 pm
Sign up begins Monday, January 25

E-book Class at Harper

February 22, 2 pm
Sign up begins on Feb. 8
Seating is limited to 15
Call 910-457-6237

Opera Sunday

March 6, 2 pm
Southport Community Center
Opera TBA

Lit & Film Series

March 21, 10 am – 12 noon
Barbee Library
The Mockingbird Meets the Watchman
Registration Monday, March 14, at 9 am
Limited to 25 seats
Call 910-278-4283

Lifelong Learners Series

Thursdays, 10 am at Barbee
Current topic is "Inventions"
Wednesdays, 10 am at Harper
"The World was never the
Same: Events That Changed
History"

Used books needed!

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

Please drop off at Southport Realty.

Too many for you to manage? Let us know and we'll come pick them up!

Upcoming Programs and Events for 2016

The Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island (FOLSOI) support the Harper and Barbee libraries and aims to engage the community in library program by arranging varied events. The following are scheduled for 2016.

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.

The lectures are presented by soprano and UNCW Professor and voice instructor Nancy King. The series is designed for those in the know and those who want to be! On Opera 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).

This year's Opera Series is set for March 6st at 2:00 p.m. at the Southport Community Center. The opera to be featured will be announced in February.

Performance is free and open to the public.



Literature and Film

Curious about or disappointed in the role of Atticus Finch in Harper Lee's recently discovered second novel?

Join John Whiting, professor Emeritus, SUNY Orange, at Barbee Library on Monday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon when he presents his topic *The Mockingbird Meets the Watchman*.

He will examine the connections between **To Kill a Mockingbird** and **Go set a Watchman**, especially Scout's evolution from child to adult.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 14 at Barbee Library. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants.

This event is free and open to the public.

Let's Talk About It Series

Tar Heel Fiction: Stories of Home

This reading and discussion series will feature visiting scholars from North Carolina's literary hall of fame in a series which invites us to deepen our appreciation for the South from the perspective of some of the strongest works of authors who call this state home. This year's selections are:

Raney by Clyde Edgerton

Oral History by Lee Smith

Ferris Beach by Jill McCorkle

I Am One of You Forever by Fred Chappell

This project is made possible by a grant from the NC Humanities Council.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We currently have 171 memberships for the 9/2015- 9/2016 year. Of those, 31 joined us as patrons, sponsors, beneficiaries, and lifetime members. The additional monies they've pledged are a big help to the monies we raise for the libraries. Members hail from Southport, Oak Island, St. James and beyond. Some are here only part of the year, but want to show their support through their membership. We're really appreciative of all of our members and encourage many more to join us in the months ahead. We're a volunteer organization, so all the monies we collect directly benefit Harper and Barbee Libraries.

The teal-colored book bags we've been distributing for new or renewed memberships have been a big hit – and it's nice to see so many people shopping at the monthly book sales carrying the bags for their books. We have a membership table set up at each book sale to make it easy for people to join or renew, and enjoy talking with those who stop by. We're so fortunate to have our book sales at the Southport Realty Company; it's a "permanent" location that allows our volunteers to keep the books organized in a useful, colorful way – much like a used book store!

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Sale Membership Table on January 30th.

Judith Steffens
Membership Chair

THE 2016 **Workshop**
for all **FRIENDS OF LIBRARY** groups
in SOUTHEAST NORTH CAROLINA

Saturday, March 5, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

at the Onslow County Public Library

In Sneads Ferry, near Jacksonville

Visit our website at www.folsoi.org for more information.

The Charmaine Hutcheson Family Honors Barbee Library

If this were not such a solemn and heartfelt expression of appreciation, one would start with “Once upon a time.” Even so, once upon a time a baby was born and if the persons who were there had listened very closely, they would have heard her cry, “Hello, world, here I am.” From the very beginning, Charmaine C. Hutcheson left an imprint on life few others can equal. She embraced a variety of passions: a love of family, a commitment to learning, an excitement about all aspects of life, an enthusiasm about the environment ranging from the mountains to the ocean, and most of all, a consuming devotion to young people. Mrs. Hutcheson dedicated her entire professional life to teaching.

It becomes obvious that Mrs. Hutcheson's devotion to youth and guiding children in their transition to adulthood was not simply measured by the number of years in her chosen profession. She was truly “there” for her students, assisting those who faced challenges in learning and reaching out to others who might have been troubled or were experiencing difficult times. The depths of these achievements are reflected in the words of her family, friends, and students as they shared their memories. She “lit a lantern by which so many were able to carry a lifetime of light.”

It is amazing that this wonderful person also nurtured her inner self. She lived a life of giving and receiving: from gardening to camping, from cheering for her favorite football team to dancing to the music of the contemporary bands of her liking, from sewing to the love of wildlife and nature. She lived a life of loving and being loved. How fortunate it was for those persons who were touched by Mrs. Hutcheson in life.

And now her lifetime achievements will continue to touch the lives of children. Her family has chosen to further a celebration of life through the development of a special “nook” just for children. Nestled in the midst of Barbee Library activities, child size rockers are now perched on a beautiful carpet depicting the countries of the world. A broad selection of children's books has been added to the existing library collection, and the books are easily reached on new, accessible bookcases.

Library patrons are urged to bring their children and grandchildren to use this area. Children visiting the library in any capacity are welcome. The Friends of the Library Southport/Oak Island sincerely expresses appreciation to the family of Mrs. Charmaine Hutcheson.



Prepared with input from the family by Judith Kurzer, FOLSOI Board Member.



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New Member? YES



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Please contact me about becoming a volunteer!

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