

ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022



Supporting our
libraries.
Strengthening our
communities.



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On the cover: Top Right: Harper Library patrons enjoy quiet study time. Center Left: Harper Library patron peruses the collection. Bottom Right: Curtis brothers have fun during Family Game Friday at Barbee Library.

OUR MISSION

Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island (FOLSOL) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing financial and operational support to the Harper Library (Southport) and Barbee Library (Oak Island), enabling them to remain current, accessible, and appealing.

FOLSOL raises money for upgrades to book collections, equipment and facilities.

Its volunteers sponsor educational and cultural programs to engage library patrons of all ages.

FOLSOL's vision and dedication enable our libraries to thrive as vibrant assets to our community.



At left: Carol Brolley, FOLSOL President, delivers flowers to Erika Doshier, Barbee Library Branch Manager, and Ann Duckworth and Sarah Wilson, Library Assistants, during National Library Week. Flowers were also delivered to Heather Donnell, Harper Library Branch Manager.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The past year has been very exciting and rewarding for Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island, as well as our local branches, Margaret & James Harper, Jr. Library in Southport and the G.V. Barbee, Sr. Library on Oak Island.

We began the fiscal year being unanimously voted as recipient of Friends of the North Carolina Public Libraries 2021 Frances B. Reid Friends Group of the Year for our support of two branches, our Annual Report and our Voice of the Customer strategic planning initiative. It was quite an honor and proved what a dedicated group of volunteers working together can accomplish.

Our library branches returned to in-person programming and have exceeded pre-pandemic attendance at Meet the Authors, Lifelong Learners, Summer Reading Program, and Lego WeDo Robotics. Other popular programs such as Opera Sunday and Let's Talk About It are planned to return in 2023. Please continue to monitor our website at folsoi.org for updates and calendar of events.

Our ever-popular used bookstore in Southport has begun a transformation that I'm confident our patrons will appreciate. We held a Name the Bookstore contest earlier this year and the winning entry of Once More Bookstore will be our new brand. In addition to expanded hours, we will be giving our space a new look to enhance your shopping experience. Please come visit us behind Southport Realty at 727 N. Howe St. in Southport to witness the transformation and pick up some gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and vinyl records.

The primary mission of Friends of the Library is to raise money to financially support the local library branches; 2021 proved to be an exceptional year in this area. We received grants from BEMC and Dollar General. Our extremely generous donors continued to exceed our expectations as our donations increased 144% over the previous year. Our bookstore team did a fabulous job keeping the doors open during challenging times and increased revenues by 115%. With the annual dues from our 237 members, including 54 Lifetime Members, our total revenue allowed us to support our branches as never before. If you have not already done so, I ask that you take a moment to renew your annual membership and continue your support of our libraries.

Of course, we could not do what we do without the unwavering support of our volunteers. This past year, we had 107 volunteers contribute 6000 hours to support our libraries, bookstore, publicity, strategic planning and board activities.

To each of our volunteers, donors, customers, and members, I say thank you for believing that investing in our libraries is a smart investment for our community.

Thank you and stay well,



President, Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island

INVESTING IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY



Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.

~Sidney Sheldon

PROGRAMS

The Summer Reading Program at Harper and Barbee Libraries was made possible this year thanks to a grant from BEMC and Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island.



OUR BOOKSHOP

The Friends of the Library used bookstore located in Southport Realty has a new name, Once More Bookstore. We have thousands of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, puzzles and vinyl records. Stop by to pick up some wonderful treasures while supporting your local library branches.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITY

Strengthening our Communities Through Partnerships

We are in a time where community could not be more important. Our FOLSOL mission, for the most part, is about strengthening our communities, and having our libraries become and remain “community hubs” of learning, resources and social connection. Whether it be digitally or in person, we want our libraries to be inviting, relevant and safe spaces for everyone.

The pandemic highlighted the importance of community. In one of the most challenging times, local communities created support systems, volunteering increased, and people helped one another in myriad ways. We were all reminded that you don’t need to go it alone. Our FOLSOL Board shares that sentiment. While we have always been committed to partnering with the library branches, with our bookstore host (Thank you, Southport Realty), and with our generous donors, grantors, volunteers and FOLSOL members in the community, we felt we could make a larger impact if we expanded that view.

So, last year we made it a strategic priority to seek more partnerships in our community, looking for ways to bring together talent, volunteers, event space, and financial resources to accomplish more than we could on our own. FOLSOL has always done some of this in the past, but we are now more proactively exploring these options.

Just a few examples of these initiatives from 2022 are listed in this annual report – our Robotics program with the Kiwanis Club, as well as a sponsorship of their Speaker Series; the Southport Woman’s Club and their work with the Middle School Book Club; our donation of new parent reading kits for Samara’s Village; a sponsorship and a competing team at the Brunswick County Literacy Council Spelling Bee; the St. James Artisans hosting a Crafts 4 Kids program at Harper; a space sharing effort with the Southport Historical Society; and two outdoor library enhancement projects in the works with the St. James Woodworkers and the St. James Garden Club. Lastly, we participated in a program with the Oak Island Recreation Center to grow awareness of the resources in our community.

Looking ahead, we plan to expand our involvement in the Chamber of Commerce, grow our outreach to local churches, explore ideas with Brunswick Community College and Up Your Arts, raise awareness with newer residents at the Brunswick Newcomers Club, and strengthen our relationship with the homeschool community and our local schools.

Even though Brunswick County is growing, resources are still limited. By coming together as community partners, we can leverage all we do have, continue to drive positive change, collaboratively influence local government, and reach more of our citizens, patrons and children, ensuring all are aware and have access to a robust library system. If you have ideas on partners who could make us stronger, please let us know!



Cindy Phillips receives BEMC grant

Cindy Phillips

Vice President, Friends of the Library Southport & Oak Island

Investing in Opportunities

Grants & Nonprofit Donations

- Dollar General - \$4,000 for Wonderbooks and Launchpads
- BEMC - \$1,000 for Summer Reading
- St James Garden Club - \$3,000 for Harper outdoor space
- Southport Woman's Club - \$1,500
- Orton Foundation - \$1,500
- Southport Lion's Club - \$1,200 for audio books
- Cape Fear Singers - \$375 in memory of Hank Steffens
- Southport Coffee Co - \$377
- Wilmington East Rotary Club - \$100 in memory of John Whiting



Meet the Authors at Harper Library

Sponsored Programs & Activities

- Meet the Authors
- Children's Summer Reading Program
- Lego WeDo Robotics
- River Readers Middle School Book Club
- STEAM Team
- S.M.ART Kids Club
- Barbee Bookworms Elementary Book Club
- Craft & Create
- Lifelong Learners
- Libre Loot
- Read Away Boxes
- Children's Holiday Programs
- DIY Storytime
- Family Game Fridays
- Opera Sunday



LegoMania at Harper Library

INVESTING IN OUR BRANCHES

Meet the new County Library Director

It's no surprise that Patricia Dew, recently named Library Director for Brunswick County, is right at home in any library. "My mom has told me she was prepared to read the first book I brought home from my elementary school library to me. Instead, I sat down and read it to her," Dew said.



It was the beginning of a lifelong love of books. And libraries.

Dew got her first public library card from the North Durham Branch of Durham County Library, Durham, North Carolina at age six. Mrs. Scott, the children's librarian, encouraged her to read anything and everything and introduced her to her first book without pictures. "It was a biography of Annie Oakley. I loved that book and the 'don't tell me what a girl can't do' story," Dew recalled. Dew volunteered at that library throughout her teen years which eventually led to a summer job during college.

Dew's bachelor of music degree with a concentration in music education from the University of North Carolina Greensboro and a master of library science with a concentration in public libraries from North Carolina Central University demanded lots of days in college libraries. "I spent a lot of time in the music library using print and audio resources. And I spent a semester with an honors professor working on bibliographic research," she said.

In 20-plus years of public library service, including her most recent position as Supervising Librarian for New Hanover County Public Library Pine Valley Branch, Dew has performed almost every possible library role including shelver, assistant, local history assistant, interlibrary loan assistant, reference librarian, and branch manager. The positions have given Dew a broad perspective of public librarianship. She considers it a privilege to have experienced all of these roles. Library Director is her dream job and career goal.

"This position was the right opportunity for me at the right time," Dew said. Her role oversees the operations of the five libraries in Brunswick County: Margaret & James Harper, Jr. Library, Southport; Rourk Branch Library, Shallotte; Leland Library, Leland; G.V. Barbee, Sr. Library, Oak Island; and Southwest Brunswick Branch Library, Carolina Shores. Dew is responsible for budgeting, developing employment and service policies, strategic planning, public and governmental relations and reporting, ensuring compliance with laws, fundraising, and staff.

Meet the new County Library Director - Continued

Driven by the 3.84% county population growth in Brunswick County in the past year, Dew said, "Our libraries are on the edge of a great opportunity. Our sleepy rural beach towns are transforming into vibrant communities with more social, educational, artistic, and recreational possibilities. I want to bring Brunswick County libraries fully into the 21st century."

Dew has hit the books running in her first 60 days as Library Director. She implemented OverDrive, giving readers access to hundreds of e-books online, and started a presence on Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor. She is actively updating the county library website.

Dew's longer-term goals include adding staff and resources, expansion of hours and locations, enhanced e-book collections, access to online services, and programming, all in a friendly and welcoming environment.

The Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees is also under the new leadership of Brunswick County resident Jeff Mount as of January. The board is excited to welcome Dew as the new director. Mount said, "The Trustees will take a much more proactive role as an advisory council to Ms. Dew." Together they will strive to create a vibrant, lively and enriching patron experience. A listening campaign throughout the county will be launched to uncover how to increase library services and a county literacy summit will be formed joining together teachers and nonprofits engaged in literacy initiatives. The Trustees will research the feasibility of a bookmobile and will continue to leverage existing partnerships with nonprofit groups including Friends of the Library, Kiwanis, Smart Start, and the Brunswick County Literacy Council.

Dew said, "Jeff and I have gotten off to a good start with our working relationship. The Board of Trustees is already working on updates to library policies."

She concluded, "Libraries are for everyone. I'm excited to have so many opportunities to grow the library system and create friendly, welcoming, useful community centers and places of 'yes' that meet the needs of everyone in the community."

And this may be the best news of all. It's free! For everyone!

Learn more about the library and connect with Patricia Dew and the library team on the Brunswick County Library System webpage at www.brunswickcountync.gov/library or follow Brunswick County Library on Facebook and Instagram for more information on events and updates.

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Story by Beth Klahre; photos by John Muuss.*

INVESTING IN OUR BRANCHES

Harper Happenings

What a great year it has been at Harper Library! Thank you FOLSOL for your support in everything we do at Harper!

Community partnerships are vital to meeting the needs of our patrons and the community. I would like to thank the Southport Historical Society, Southport Lions Club, St. James Artisans, St. James Garden Club, Kiwanis, and the Southport Woman's Club for their support.

Through the continued generosity of the Southport Lions Club and the Southport Woman's Club we have been able to grow our audiobook and children's books collections.

FOLSOL was awarded a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, which enabled Harper and Barbee to purchase Wonderbooks and Launchpads for our youth collections. Wonderbooks are audiobook/print book hybrids and Launchpads are tablets pre-loaded with apps that encourage learning and play. Both have been very popular among our Harper youth.

Lifelong Learners, which meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m., watched and discussed "Churchill, Biology and Human Behavior, Old English Literature: Language as History," and "A History of British India." The new session, "George Orwell, A Sage for All Seasons," begins September 7, 2022.

Meet the Author programs have been well attended. Check our calendar to see the local authors who will be joining us to speak about their books, their writing processes, and tips on publishing in the coming months.

FOLSOL is also working to bring back our beloved Let's Talk About It program. The Let's Talk About It program involves participants reading four books, which are provided, and scholars then visit the library to discuss the books with participants.



*Caroline Heilmann
at Harper STEAM*



*Mayor Joe Pat Hatem and Thomas Kelso
at Harper Meet the Author*

Harper Happenings - continued

Harper staff is planning some new programs for adults for this fall. Ms. Megan will host Trivia and a Writer's Group. Ms. Candice will host Bingo and Adult Crafting. Please check the FOLSOL website or Harper calendar for all the details.

I am overjoyed that Harper was able to host in-person children's programming for Summer Reading for the first time since early 2020! The theme this year was "Oceans of Possibilities." Thanks to FOLSOL and a grant from BEMC we hosted six Monday morning programs including the NC Aquarium, a FoamNFun party, a theater group, a magician, face painting with Gracie the Clown, and a musician. We had 67 children registered and they logged 20,409 minutes read! In addition to these programs, Kiwanis returned with their very popular Lego We-Do program and St. James Artisans returned with their Crafts 4 Kids program. Ms. Tammy, youth programming library assistant, also hosted some new programs: Craft & Create, Legomania, Steam Team and Family Game Day. The Southport Woman's Club hosted a new middle school book club, River Readers, that they have been planning since before the pandemic. All the programs were well attended, and we will be continuing them in the fall. Be sure to check the FOLSOL website for all the upcoming youth programs.

Our newest program for children is Books for Bailey, offered at Harper and Barbee. The program helps to improve children's confidence and literacy by reading to therapy dog, Bailey.

Story time will start back with Ms. Tammy on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10 a.m. Bring your littles for stories, songs, rhymes, and coloring! Libre Loot is also returning in September. Call Harper now to register your 6th through 12th graders for a fun monthly subscription box with new books to read, loot to keep, and snacks to enjoy.

I look forward to seeing you all in the library!

Heather Donnell

Heather Donnell

Branch Manager, Harper Library



Megan Mabee assists a patron at Harper Library

INVESTING IN OUR BRANCHES

Barbee Business

It has been a tremendously exciting and busy year! The generosity of FOLSOI allowed us to add more to our collection, initiate new programming and add to existing programs more than ever before! In addition to the extra funding FOLSOI provided, we have been very lucky to receive donations from the Southport Woman's Club, the Elks Club and many kind and generous donors. FOLSOI also helped us apply for grants from Dollar General Literacy Foundation and BEMC, both of which we received.

The grant received from Dollar General Foundation was used to purchase Wonderbooks and Launchpads. A Wonderbook is a print book with a ready to play audiobook inside. Launchpads are pre-loaded tablets with collections of learning apps, videos and comics grouped by age and ready to play. We were able to order even more Wonderbooks with the additional funding from FOLSOI. The kids have really enjoyed these new additions!

We received a grant from BEMC that helped supplement our Summer Reading Program. It was joyous to be able to offer an in-person Summer Reading Program for the first time since 2019! The kids really enjoyed the performances this year. We had 93 kids registered and they logged more than 34,000 minutes! It was a lot of fun for all of us!

We started offering Read Away Subscription Boxes for elementary and middle school students at the beginning of the year. We pick out two books for them based on their favorite genres. We also include goodies and snacks that they get to keep! They return their boxes each month and we fill it up again. It has been a huge success! It has been nice to be able to offer this as an option during this time of transition when in-person programs are just beginning again.

We offered our first program giving kids a chance to read to a therapy dog. We all really enjoyed "Books for Bailey." The kids who came to the first program received a paw print fleece throw. We have a second program planned and are planning to offer more in the future.



Children enjoy Summer Reading Program at Barbee Library

Barbee Business - continued

Adult programming has slowly been starting back in person. We brought back “Meet the Author” this year and have some authors scheduled for the fall with more in the works. Socrates Café Discussion group continues to meet every other Monday. Check out the FOLSOL calendar if you want to join in on some intellectually stimulating conversation. The Max and Sarah Williams Lifelong Learners group has been meeting through Zoom since 2020. The good news is that because of the flexibility of Zoom the already largely popular program has continued to grow. We are starting a hybrid version in August; people can attend in-person at the library, or via Zoom at home if they prefer.

We have been so fortunate this year to be able to add so much to our collection. We have added some of everything. Fiction, non-fiction and biographies have been added in both adult and youth books. We added to our Graphic Novel Collection including some Manga titles. We ordered lots of new DVDs and books on CD. We also added a considerable amount of large print books this year. Part of this addition was funded by donations in honor of John Whiting. For those of you who may not have had the pleasure of being acquainted with him, he provided the Literature and Film series to both Barbee and Harper Libraries for years. His programs were always wildly successful and entertaining.

The newest additions to the library are handmade benches created and designed by the St. James Woodworkers. The benches were modeled after a book bench near the city library in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. This project was initiated and funded by FOLSOL. They really are beautiful and help to give us some curb appeal. Hopefully they will help draw some attention to us. The thought and time that went into making this a reality was such a kind act that I can't express my appreciation enough! If you haven't had a chance to see them, you should come check them out.

Make sure to check out our calendar of events each month to learn about our programs. We have some exciting programs in the works! Also, story time starts back in person Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Thanks so much to the board of FOLSOL for making all this happen! Your work and dedication have made this a year to remember. Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who offered their time and money to help make our libraries a better place! We couldn't do this without all your help.

Erika Doshier

Erika Doshier

Branch Manager, Barbee Library

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

In memory of John Whiting FOLSOI Board President 2005 - 2006

Friends of the Library Southport and Oak Island (FOLSOI) were saddened to hear the news of the passing of John Whiting on January 26, 2022. John served as president of FOLSOI in 2005 and 2006. His outstanding dedication to the libraries was recognized when he was named Friends of the North Carolina Public Libraries Volunteer of the Year in 2008 for generously and unselfishly sharing his time, knowledge and experience.



John was born in Wakefield, Rhode Island. He spent his teenage years working in his father's diner and left high school early to enlist in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After the service, John attended the University of Rhode Island followed by graduate school at the University of Connecticut where he majored in English. John taught at Rhode Island College and Radford University before moving to SUNY Orange in New York where he was an English professor. He retired as the Vice President of Academic Affairs and was awarded the prestigious title of Professor Emeritus.

John's true passion was the history of movie films. He introduced a film studies curriculum at SUNY Orange and wrote movie reviews for the local newspaper. After moving to Southport, North Carolina in 1999, John started the very popular Film and Literature Series at the Harper Library in Southport and the Barbee Library on Oak Island, comparing books to films. He ran this program for 15 years, capturing the attention of hundreds of library patrons over those years.

John was an avid reader of poetry and, surprising to many, the author of many published poems, including "Gus" and "Night Lights" that were read at his service.

Jane Warren, past FOLSOI president 2009 - 2010, first met John and his wife Pat in 1999. Jane recalls, "They were both so gracious and friendly. John was always furthering the mission of Friends of the Library and he always wanted the best for the local libraries."

John's many contributions to our libraries over the years have made an indelible mark. He was a wonderful Friend of the Library and will be greatly missed.

By Beth Klahre

**"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time ...
they have the heart." ~ Elizabeth Andrew**

This year 107 FOLSOI volunteers donated 6000 hours of their time.

Spotlight on Volunteers



When Yvonne Moody was five years old, she fulfilled her dream of getting her own library card. Ever since, libraries have loomed large in her life. When she moved to Southport in 1999, a good library was a key prerequisite; Harper Library did not disappoint.

She soon discovered FOLSOI and volunteered when the “bookstore” was situated in the old jail building with substandard heating, air conditioning, and plumbing. Thanks to Southport Realty’s generosity, Yvonne relocated to more welcoming surroundings, shelving donated books as FOLSOI book sales grew from monthly to nearly daily. She loves seeing Once More Bookstore patrons find an elusive book at a bargain price.

Book Sales Chair Kathy Fleming says “Yvonne has been a terrific volunteer... reliable, flexible, and always ready to step up when extra help was needed, and she is a kind and lovely person. She will really be missed when she moves to Wilmington.”

When Donna Morgan and her husband Dave found their “for good” home in Brunswick County, she attended a FOLSOI event and was promptly recruited as Vice President in 2015. This turned out to be a very wise move for all involved, as Donna became President in 2017, Past President in 2019, and concurrently served as Ways & Means Chair, supporting FOLSOI’s robust growth.

While much of Donna’s fundraising work has been solitary, she has been impressed with the caliber of FOLSOI’s volunteers and loves working with them at book sales or membership drives. She has been an enthusiastic contributor to FOLSOI’s strategic planning to ensure that our libraries continue to serve our evolving community needs.

FOLSOI President Carol Brolley noted, “Donna has been a tireless volunteer and Board Member, providing leadership, vision, mentorship, and dedication for the betterment of our library branches. She will be greatly missed.” Donna’s impact on our community will continue with her work as a Brunswick County Library Trustee and Guardian Ad Litem.

Volunteer Spotlight by Barbara Lemos

Barbee Library Team: Erika Doshier - Branch Manager
Ann Duckworth, Sarah Wilson, Lori Akers, Eileen Minto,
and Karen Roberts - Library Assistants

Harper Library Team: Heather Donnell - Branch Manager
Candice Eagles, Tammy Tackett, and Megan Mabee - Library Assistants

Brunswick County Library Director - Patricia Dew

Thank
you

2021 - 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

After a year of uncertainty, 2021 - 2022 proved to be an unprecedented success, thanks to our generous donors, volunteers and friends.

- Many popular programs were reinstated and our patrons have returned in great numbers.
- Improvements to donor relations practices resulted in a 144% increase in donations.
- Our bookstore was open for business and increased revenue by 115%.
- FOLSOI donated 20 bags of children's books and blankets to Samara's Village.



Barbee Summer Reading Program attendees



Bailey and a young reader at Barbee Library

Items directly funded by FOLSOI:

- Bookpage Subscription
- The Battle of the Books collection thanks to the Judith Kurzer Battle of the Books Fund
- New Dell laptops
- Summer Reading Program
- Wonderbooks and Launchpads
- Large print books
- Audio books, CDs, and DVDs
- Children & Young Adult Collection
- iPad & Osmo Creative Starter Kit
- STEAM related items
- Supplies for Libre Loot & Read Away take home boxes



Help us raise funds every time you shop on Amazon!

Go to Smile.Amazon.com, log in with your regular Amazon info, and select "Friends of the Library-Southport Oak Island." Then use Smile.Amazon.com instead of Amazon.com every time you shop, and FOLSOI will receive a percentage of each order!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DONORS AND MEMBERS

We are deeply grateful to our donors at every level, all of whom make it possible for our branch libraries to provide reading materials, programs and other services to the residents of Brunswick County.

To learn more about how you can become a "Friend," please email us at friendsoflibrary910@yahoo.com, look for a membership application at each branch, or visit us online at www.folsoi.org.

237 "Friends" in fiscal year
2021-2022

83 new Friends

109 renewals

55 Lifetime members

including 9 new Lifetime
Memberships!



WHO are we?

A non-profit organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors working closely with the library staff in our two local libraries, Harper and Barbee.

Lease new book titles, purchase needed library equipment and supplies, sponsor adult and child library programs, and support the libraries in meeting their literary, technology, cultural, and community goals.

WHAT do we do?

HOW do we do this?

Earning funds with our monthly used book sales, writing grants for special programs, developing special fundraising programs, and most importantly by soliciting memberships from folks like you who want to see their local libraries grow.

Local libraries are essential for growing communities to enhance the quality of life in a diverse population by providing opportunities for lifelong learning, by creating spaces and opportunities to connect and engage, and by fostering a love of reading and commitment to literacy.

WHY do this?

PROGRAMS
we sponsor

- "Kids' Summer Reading"
- "Afternoon of Opera" (UNCW's Nancy King)
- "Literature and Film Series"
- "Meet the Author" programs
- "Let's Talk About It" (NC Humanities Council)
- "Socrates Cafe"

HOW you can help

Become a Friend of the Library as a member, patron, sponsor, or donor! Complete the following form and mail to us with your check.

If you include your email address, we will keep you updated on all library events, used-book sales, and our many special programs.

FOLSOI Membership Form

Date _____
 Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City, ST Zip _____
 Phone (opt.) _____
 Email _____

CONTRIBUTION Type:

- Friend - \$10.00 _____
- Family - \$15.00 _____
- Patron - \$30.00 _____
- Sponsor - \$50.00 _____
- Benefactor - \$100.00 _____
- Lifetime Member - \$250.00 _____
- Donation \$ _____

AMOUNT Enclosed: \$ _____
 (Please make check payable to FOLSOI)

MAIL Form and check to:
 FOLSOI c/o Harper Library
 109 West Moore Street
 Southport, NC 28461

FIND us: folsoi.org



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CONNECTING WITH OUR PATRONS AND MEMBERS



The Southport Book Festival: Authors We Adore By the Shore

at FOLSOM's Annual Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 1 - 3 PM
Southport Community Building, 223 E. Bay St., Southport NC

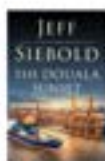


Randy Aldridge, former WWAY News Anchor and a hometown favorite, will be our Master of Ceremony for this year's Annual Meeting and Southport Book Festival, featuring award-winning and well-loved local authors

- Meet our Author Panelists -



TERI M. BROWN's first book follows three generations of women in the Ukraine and highlights the tenacity and resilience of women against all odds, even in the worst of times.



Three of **JEFF SIEBOLD's** mysteries have won national awards. He was also a finalist in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards in the Thriller category.



JOHN GRAVES is the author of three non-fiction books and two novels. He was awarded a Bronze Medal for best first-time fiction from Readers-Favorite.com. His works of fiction are of a dystopian future.



An investigative journalist and author, **JEAN HELLER** has received eight Pulitzer Prize nominations and has been a finalist twice, including once for her first book, *Maximum Impact*.

This event is free and open to the public, as part of FOLSOM's Annual Meeting 2022. Authors' books will be available for purchase; cash or check only please.

Annual Meeting Agenda

September 13, 2022
1 - 3 PM

Welcome and Acknowledgments

Introduction of Board Members

President's Report

Recognition of Branch Managers

Introduction of Guest Speakers

Moderated Author Panel

Questions & Answers

SLATE OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023

Carol Brolley, President

Cindy Phillips, Vice President

Lynne Sniffen, Secretary

Diana Weaver, Treasurer

Kathy Fleming, Book Sales Committee Chair

Judith Kurzer, Library Liason

Julie Paladino, Volunteer Chair

Paula Paxton, Programs and Special Events Chair

Gail Sawchuk, Membership Chair

Open, Publicity Chair

Open, Ways & Means Chair

BOARD, COMMITTEE ADVISORS, & PROGRAM COORDINATORS



Carol Brolley & Cindy Phillips outside Harper Library

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carol Brolley President	Gail Sawchuk Membership Chair
Cindy Phillips Vice President	Paula Paxton Programs/Events Chair
Beth Klahre Secretary	Diana Fotinatos Ex-Officio President & Publicity Chair
Diana Weaver Treasurer	Donna Morgan Ways & Means Chair
Kathy Fleming Book Sales Chair	Julie Paladino Volunteer Chair
Judith Kurzer Library Liaison	

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Patricia Langer - Barbee Meet the Author (MTA)
Jayne Pavlik - Harper Meet the Author (MTA)
Kim Bandera - Opera Sunday
Linda & Jay Railey - Hospitality



Patricia Langer introduces Dennis Hetzel at Barbee MTA

COMMITTEE ADVISORS

Florence Mason - Board Advisor
Jeff Mount - Trustee, Youth Programs & Board Advisor
Helen Whittaker - Grant Writer & Board Advisor
Susan Reinecke - Bookstore
Carol Pearson - MailChimp & Publicity Strategist
David Conrad - Webmaster
Carolyn Bowers - Writer & Photographer
Patricia Langer - Writer & Media Relations
Barbara Lemos - Roving Reporter & Twitter Advisor
Jullie Paladino - Community Calendars
Jayne Kirk - Publicity Strategist
Tracy Barton - Facebook & Instagram Advisor
John Muuss - Photographer



Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees with Chair Jeff Mount and Director Patricia Dew

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020 - 2021

	2020	2021	Difference	%
Funds beginning of Year - Jan 1	\$24,864.15	\$21,819.75	-\$3,044.40	-12%
INCOME				
BOOK SALES	\$7,394.83	\$15,952.81	\$8,557.98	115.73%
DONATIONS	\$5,790.32	\$14,130.94	\$8,340.62	144.04%
TOTAL GRANTS (1)	\$500.00	\$5,250.00	\$4,750.00	950.00%
- BEMC	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$750.00	150.00%
- DOLLAR GENERAL	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
INTEREST R'CVD	\$1.65	\$1.92	\$0.27	16.36%
MEMBERSHIPS	\$12,326.30	\$8,662.28	-\$3,664.02	-29.73%
MISCELLANEOUS (2)	\$1,352.93	\$1,114.65	-\$238.28	-17.61%
REIMBURSEMENT	\$250.00	\$934.20	\$684.20	273.68%
TOTAL INCOME	\$27,616.03	\$46,046.80	\$18,430.77	66.74%
EXPENSES				
ANNUAL MEETING (3)	\$47.00	\$1,494.91	\$1,447.89	3,079.31%
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS (4)	\$2,473.03	\$200.00	\$2,273.03	-91.91%
DONATIONS & HONORARIA	\$459.00	\$162.50	\$296.50	-64.60%
LIBRARY SUPPORT	\$12,868.04	\$15,011.50	\$2,143.46	16.66%
LIBRARY YOUTH	\$6,625.71	\$12,555.95	\$5,930.24	89.50%
NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE (5)	\$1,413.57	\$421.74	\$991.83	-70.16%
OTHER OPERATING (6)	\$6,066.18	\$3,423.48	\$2,642.70	-43.56%
SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$707.88	\$707.88	\$0.00	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,660.43	\$33,977.96	\$3,317.53	10.82%
Funds end of Year - Dec 31	\$21,819.75	\$33,888.59	\$15,113.24	55%

- (1) In 2020 BEMC donated \$500. This grant increased in 2021 to \$1,250. These grants were part of BEMC's community grant program and were used to support summer reading programs at both branches. In 2021 FOLSOM received \$4,000 from Dollar General's Literacy Foundation to support our "Making Books Come Alive" project.
- (2) There was a sales tax refund in 2020 in the amount of \$911.90. In 2021 the sales tax refund was \$803.63
- (3) In 2021 the Annual Meeting was held in person once more. Two authors spoke at this event and were each paid \$500 for their time.
- (4) Community programs were severely cut back in 2021 due to the Covid outbreak. However, FOLSOM did contribute \$222.50 to sponsor a spelling bee program in 2021.
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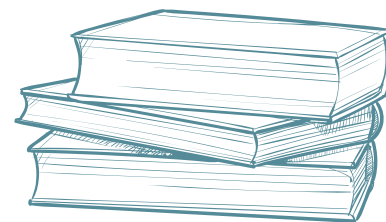
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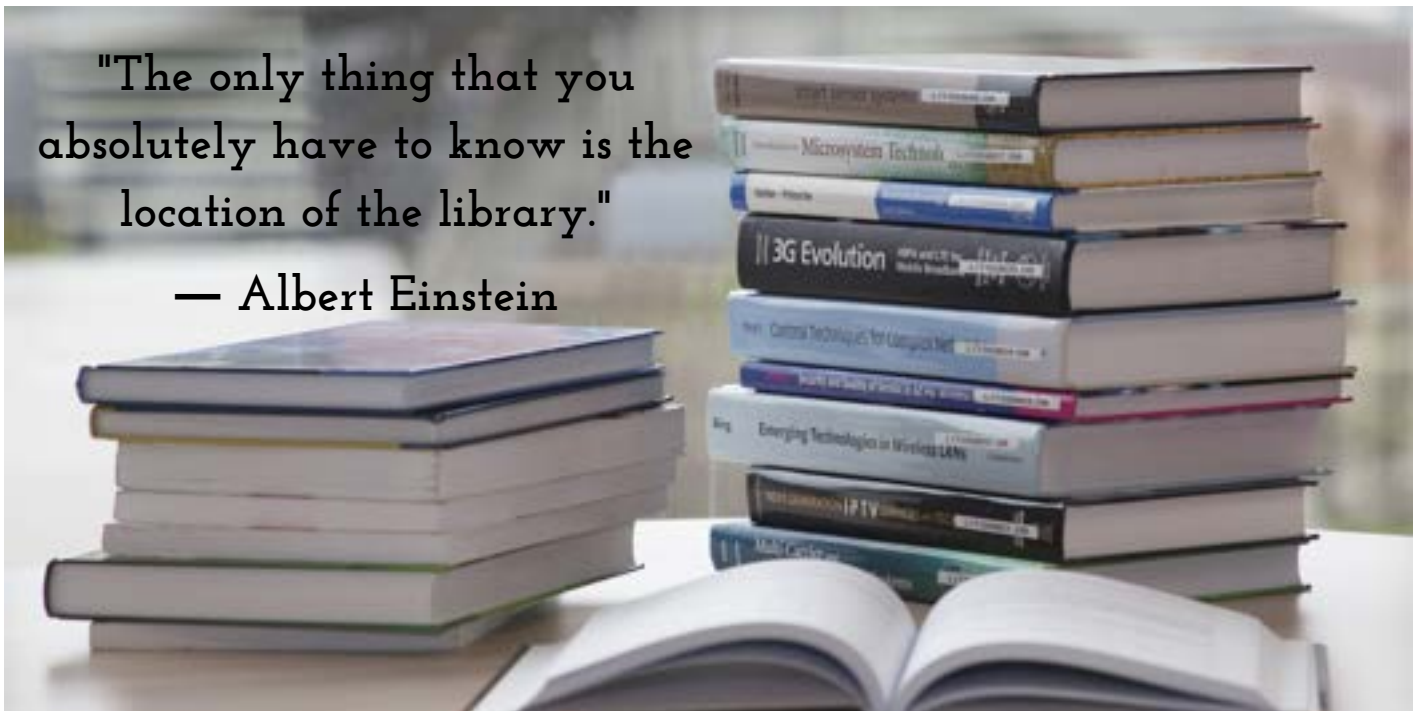
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