

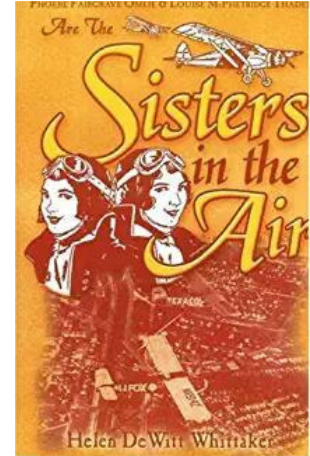
Helen Whittaker

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 4:30pm
8200 E. Oak Island Drive, Oak Island

Sisters in the Air

A special Women's History Month program for older children, teens, and adults

Local author Helen Whittaker will present her book, *Sisters in the Air*, the true story of two amazingly independent, adventurous women who became daring airplane pilots in the 1920s - 1940s. Helen's presentation will be in period costume and is sure to be entertaining and inspiring for older children, teens and adults.



These were pioneer days in aviation and the risks and opportunities were great. Louise Thaden beat Amelia Earhart in both air races they participated in and she is in 7 aviation halls of fame, including the national hall of fame. Phoebe Omlie started out as a wing-walker doing dangerous stunts and then she entered air racing and ended up working for the government in aviation.



About the Author

Helen is a retired public library director and lives in Southport with her private pilot husband, Gary. Helen has a bachelor's degree in English from Agnes Scott College, a master's degree in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in journalism from the University of South Carolina.

Helen's writing has appeared in newspapers, professional library journals and aviation magazines and her first book, *Sisters in the Air*, was published by Overmountain Press. She is also a volunteer with the Friends of the Libraries Southport and Oak Island.

Seating is limited!

Stop by Barbee Library to register or call (910) 278-4283
Registration opens March 6.