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March into Change!

As noted by Reading Rockets, "March is a month filled with celebrations like Dr. Seuss' birthday, observed by Read Across America Day. It's also Music in Our Schools and Women's History Month. March's wind sometimes brings about an almost magical change with the start of spring — a salute to green. So, mark March with books and make everyday a day to celebrate reading!"

Check out these great books! If you find an interesting article or resource consider passing it along to a friend, family member, or colleague.

From the FOLSOI blog...

Homeschoolers Discover Once More Bookstore

by Marian Dieter

Recently Cindy Phillips, Vice President of Folsoi, invited three homeschooled kids and their mom to the FOLSOI bookstore. 6th grader Vivian Henry wrote a wonderful review of the bookstore for the *Homeschool United Newsletter*, a monthly newsletter...**read more**

"An Enemy Like Me" Meet the Author Teri M. Brown

Brunswick County. Well known for her award-winning debut novel, *Sunflowers Beneath the Snow*, she returned to greet readers and discuss her latest award-winning novel, *An Enemy Like Me*. ... **read more**

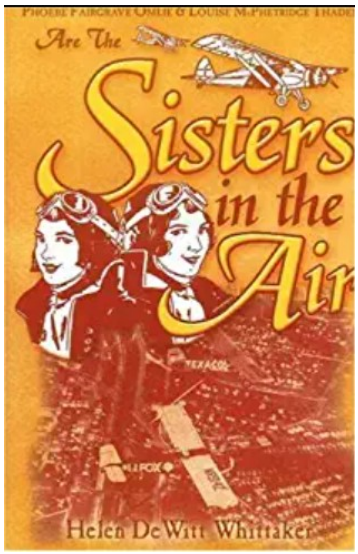
Upcoming March Programs...

You won't want to miss these!

- **Meet Jeanne Connolly**, author of two children's books at Harper Library on Thursday, March 16 at 2:00pm. Click for full details and registration information.

- **Meet Author Pete Hoyer** at Barbee Library on Wednesday, March 22 at 11:00am. Click for full details and registration information.

- Harper & Barbee Library present a special Women's History Month program for older children, teens and adults: Author Helen Whittaker will discuss her book ***Sisters in the Air*** at 8200 E. Oak Island Dr., Oak Island on Monday, March 27 at 4:30pm. Click for full details and registration.



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Libby Life

For your love of books and reading

Check out Libby Life, a great new blog from Libby, the library reading app. It is

Take a look at this post! *"30+ books becoming movies or TV adaptations in 2023."*

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Channeling your inner writer?

Why not volunteer to write a blog post for the FOLSOI website? We are looking for a few volunteers to serve as roving reporters to write short summaries of various FOLSOI events, such as our monthly Meet the Author programs. If you are interested, please e-mail friendsoflibrary910@yahoo.com.

Once More Bookstore News...

Look for our new sign out front of Southport Realty, 727 N. Howe St., in Southport. Be sure to stop in for some great reads.

Our regular hours are Monday-Friday,1:00-3:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Donor News...

Many thanks to our generous donors this month

Jackie Blevins
Carol Brolley
Elizabeth Szala

Member and Volunteer Update

Membership

Thank you to the eleven people joined or renewed their memberships in February. There were two Sponsors, one Patron, three Family, and five Friends memberships, for a total of $225. There were seven brand new memberships this month!

Jackie and Jack Blevins
Marjorie and David Chodikoff
Jill Cortina
Ellen Dambach
Sherrie Faulk
Marion Gunther
Nancy Lukowski
Vicki Nault
Dave and Claire Simek
Elizabeth Szala
Sarah Watson

We Love our FOLSOI Volunteers!

In February, volunteers contributed 649 hours to FOLSOI activities. Thanks to everyone who provided their time and energy to FOLSOI. A special thanks to all those who helped in the preparation for our **Opera Sunday**!

We would also like to thank Carol Brolley and Cindy Phillips for talking about FOLSOI at the Brunswick Newcomers Club meeting! Read more...

For Our Young Readers...

2023 Student Library Ambassador Program!

Announcing the return of NC Library Association's (NCLA) Student Library Ambassador Program! The Association is seeking one K-12 or college student from each of North Carolina's 13 congressional districts to serve as advocates by showing their love and support of libraries. Each winning student ambassador from each individual district will receive a free t-shirt, framed certificate, be profiled on NCLA's website, and meet with their members of congress to discuss the importance of libraries.

This year's theme is ***There's More to the Story***. Libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to eBooks, and more. But there's so much more to the story. What's your library story? Why are libraries important to you and what keeps you coming back? NCLA wants to know.

How to Enter:

Create an essay, video, presentation, etc. to tell us your library story and what libraries have meant to you in your life. All submissions should answer the following questions:

3. **How are libraries important for the future of North Carolina?**

Submit via website, fax, email, or mail by Monday, March 27th, 2023

Email: nclibraryadvocacy@gmail.com

Website: http://www.nclibraryadvocacy.org

Fax: 704-416-7500

Mail: LaJuan Pringle, West Boulevard Library, 2157 West Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28208

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