President’s Column, Marilyn Harcharik, FOL President

Our biggest fund-raising event of the year — the Annual Book Sale — will be the weekend of September 22–24. This event attracts thousands of book lovers from all over, garners great media attention, and sells thousands of books, DVDs, and CDs, all donated by the community. The money raised goes right back into supporting our library branches — Beaufort, Lobeco and St. Helena.

As always, Friends Members get first access on Friday from 10 AM to 12 NOON. If you are not already a member, you can go to our website and join or sign up at the gate. Memberships start at $15. We hope to see you there and watch you walk away loaded with good reads. See Kinsey Baker’s column on page 2 for more details.

Last year, we asked you to help us raise money for the total renovation of the inside of our Scott Street Library and your response was amazing. Everything except some furniture for the Childrens’ area has been ordered and is in. We are very close to totally completing this major facelift — carpeting, furniture, a new circulation desk, a new conference room, and so much more. Thank you so much for your great generosity and continued support. (See photo of our new circulation desk on page 3!)

The Friends, in concert with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the Santa Elena Foundation, are sponsoring a trip to Spain next April with a special visit to the Count whose ancestor landed in what is now Parris Island in 1566. Trip details are available on our website and on page 2 of this newsletter. It’s not too late to sign up but space is limited. We will offer a Trip Overview on October 16 at 2:00 PM with Jim Buckley from Island Travel who will describe the stops (Madrid, Cordova, Seville, Granada, Valencia, and Barcelona), the sites and what to expect on this amazing “locals” trip into present-day Spain with a detour into our past as well. There are other great classes being planned to help you enjoy the trip. See page 2 for a list of the classes we have planned now . . . and watch your email or our website for more.

Books Sandwiched In 2018 will kick off on Monday, January 22 and run every Monday at noon through March 12 — our usual eight presentations. You will love the series this year! We are changing some small details, just to add a little spice to the stew. (See page 3 for a sneak look at the books that will be reviewed!)

See you at the Book Sale!
Fall Book Sale! **Kinsey Baker, Book Sales Chair**

This Book Sale is like Christmas for book lovers — thousands of gently used books at give-away prices. Most hardcovers are $2 and paperbacks are 50¢ (pocket sized) with the larger ones selling for $1.50. Some children’s books start as low as 25¢. **And whatever is left on Sunday will be half priced.** If you are truly a book junkie, you need to come every day of the sale since new books are being put out all the time.

This year’s Silent Auction is going to be bigger and better than ever! With more than 50 lots, including many **Signed Pat Conroy books**, watch our website as the date nears for an announcement of the list of books in the auction. Bidding on the silent auction items will close at 3 pm on Saturday with winners announced shortly thereafter. We will contact you if you are not present for the announcement.

Donations of books throughout the year have been strong, and it’s shaping up to look like we will be bringing over 40,000 books, CDs and DVDs to this years sale. Many of the exceptional books you will see are from an outstanding Natural History reference collection, which includes books on Gardens, Freshwater Fishes, Tropical Plants, Wildflowers and Aquarium Fishes of the World. **ALL** of these are in Like New condition. A small but charming collection of Vintage Christmas books also came in, as did a large reference library on Astrology. With more coming in every day, who knows what else might turn up between now and the end of September!

As always, there will be a good supply of children’s books. However, if you are interested in children’s books, you should also check out the greatly expanded Children’s section in our Friends Book Store located at the downtown Scott Street branch of the Beaufort Library.

The Fall Book Sale is the culmination of thousands of hours of volunteer time spent collecting donations from the community, sorting and categorizing them, and then bringing them to the sale. This would not be possible without their help — so thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have donated their time to make this happen.

**TRAVEL TO SPAIN . . . with links to the Lowcountry!**

**Conrad Farrell Scudder**

It’s time to plan your next fabulous vacation and what could be better than our educational and fun trip with your fellow Lowcountry travelers to Spain next April (April 14–22, 2018)! In concert with Osher Lifelong Learning and the Santa Elena Foundation, we have put a trip together tailored to explore not only the sites and sounds of Spain but also our unique link — through the founding of Santa Elena in 1566. Pedro Mendez, the explorer who settled Santa Elena (now Parris Island) is an important part of the history of Beaufort and his direct descendant, Count Alvaro, is hosting our group in Madrid and then again in Seville where we can learn more about the history and see the archives and family records. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to get the inside story.

In addition to the Beaufort historical highlights, we will have many other exciting things to do and places to see, plus great food, superb wines, the beautiful Spanish Sol (sun), and landscapes whose beauty is unrivaled. Make your reservation now so you don’t miss out on this superb opportunity. Seats are filling up so get your deposit and reservations in as soon as possible. For complete information on the trip, go to our website ([Friendsofthebeaufortlibrary.com](http://Friendsofthebeaufortlibrary.com)) and click on the icon on the right of the Home Page — Spain Trip.

We are also planning some exciting events to be held at the Scott Street Library and the Bluffton Library related to Spanish culture, history, language, and an overview of the trip. (See block to the left.) These are also listed on our website as well, on the Spain Event page. Contact me if you have questions. (954-909-3146, cfmscudder@yahoo.com)

**Volunteer! Help the Friends!**

Want to help out at our Fall Book Sale? The Book Sale is the Friends’ main fund-raiser. It takes a LOT of volunteers to make it a success. Come work with us and show the world how much you value your local library! To volunteer or get details, contact Danielle Gillespie at dgillespie301@gmail.com.

**Travel to Spain . . . with links to the Lowcountry!**

**Connie Farrell Scudder**

The route of the trip! Sponsored by the Friends of the Beaufort Library, Osher and the St. Elena Foundation.

Travel to Spain . . . with links to the Lowcountry!
From the County Library Director … Ray McBride

There are numerous exciting events happening in the Library System. The success of these events is directly attributable to the Friends of the Beaufort County Library. The Scott Street Branch recently saw the entire first floor recarpeted after 23 years. At the same time we converted the Branch Manager’s office to a much-needed six seat conference room with a significant donation by St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Port Royal which funded a new conference table and chairs for this area.

The Friends of the Beaufort Library have also funded a new circulation desk for the Scott Street Branch. This is a significant commitment and will not only make the Library more attractive but will help staff provide more efficient service. The new desk has been delivered and went into operation on August 9, to rave comments from both staff and customers.

The Summer Reading Program that ended on July 31 was one of the most successful ever. We expanded the time frame from five to seven weeks and our children’s programs were packed. It would not have been as successful without the help and sponsorship of prizes and programs by the Friends of the Library and our business sponsors. We saw a 20% increase in participants (2,695) and a 150% increase in finishers (1,548).

Library to Pilot Curbside Hold Pickup Service

In an effort to expand customer service, the Beaufort County Library System will test a new Curbside Hold Pickup Service at its Scott Street branch in downtown Beaufort. The service will be available only to Beaufort Branch customers who have a previously reserved item (considered a “hold”) and have been notified by the system that the item is ready for pick up. To all Library cardholders, the online catalog sends an automatic message (via text or email) that a reserved item is ready for pick up at their branch library. With the new curbside hold pickup service, Beaufort customers will call the branch prior to arriving and the Library staff will confirm that their reserved item is available. Upon arrival, customers will call the Library again at which point a staff member will deliver the hold to the vehicle.

The pilot will run for two months with service beginning Tuesday, September 5. To expedite the process and to help ensure a swift turnaround, staff requests that customers have their Library card ready at time of pick up.

Thank you to all who are members of the Friends of the Library and especially those who volunteer their time in support of this Library system.

2018 Books Sandwiched In, a popular program sponsored by the Friends of the Beaufort Library, is returning for the 32nd year on January 22, 2018, and will be held at USCB every Monday through March 12. The list of presenters will be released in our January newsletter and online at the Friends website: FriendsoftheBeaufortLibrary.com. But here’s a sneak peek at the books to be previewed!

January 22: Do the Movies have a Future by David Denby
January 29: Driving With the Devil by Neal Thompson
February 5: Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance
February 12: Found Anew by R. Mac Jones and Ray McManus
February 19: The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
January 26: The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hammer
March 5: The Death of Caesar by Barry Straus
March 12: Who Do You Love by Jennifer Weiner

Beaufort Branch Manager: Stacey Inman

The Beaufort Branch would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their contributions to the Summer Reading Program. Summer reading was a great success this year.

The staff is thrilled about the new circulation desk and would like to thank all the generous donors that made this possible. The feedback from our customers is very positive. Thanks again for all the support you give us and the citizens of Northern Beaufort County.

St. Helena Branch Manager: Maria Benac

Building a New World, evoked many different programming ideas from building a new you by getting organized, building with Legos, designing and making 3D objects, getting in touch with nature, building with giant Jengas, and making salads from around the world and designing those salads to represent something from that country’s culture.

The statistics reflect how many children, teens and adults participated in summer reading. At St Helena, we had 215 adults competing for one of two Kindle Fire 8 HDs (grand prize sponsored by the Friends of the Beaufort Library). Adults had to read at least seven adult fiction/nonfiction books, writing down the title, author, main character, and a synopsis of the story. This coveted prize not only attracted 215 participants but it encouraged many young adult males to also participate. 54 people completed two entry forms of seven books each! This was made possible through the generous support of the Friends of the Beaufort Library. Thank you for making these and other special reading moments special.
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