

**Imagination \*\* Education \*\* Information**

# **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

## **Friends of the Library - Rourk Branch**

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## Who We Are

As Friends of the Library, we promote and support the library staff through donations and advocacy. We are a collection of committed caring individuals dedicated to helping the Rourk Library provide excellent services to all our patrons.

## What We Do

The Friends support library projects that encourage reading and lifelong learning; we work to increase library access to the public; we support and encourage local authors; we also promote librarianship as a career.

## Directors

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Lois Martin – Director  
Barbara Stephens - Director  
Kelly James - Rourk Library Manager; Chair of Programming

## President's Letter

September 2023

Dear Friends,

The Friends of the Library found the past year exciting, while at the same time both challenging and daunting. Change is often hard. Although a lot has been changing, we are learning that change is how we expand and develop our skills. As president of the Friends of the Library at Rourk Branch, I am proud of the scope of the accomplishments of the FOL Board this year as we embraced those changes.

New leaders stepped up, committees met and planned, volunteers helped within the library and the community, bringing us closer together and closer to our goals. From STEM and STEAM kits, a Lego wall, and a light table for children to programs such as Summer reading, Story Time, Lego and Eggos, an adult art class, community partnerships, Mulberry Markets, Read-to-Me pillows, StoryWalks®, e-books and Libby, we have had a busy and productive year. We learned that change can enrich us. With the talent and energy of the FOL Board and members, we had an amazing year of advocacy and fund raising, bringing to life much we had hoped to achieve.

Change reminds us to be grateful. There are a number of people to thank for making it all happen. To the committee chairs, who planned and led meetings, set goals, and shared ideas, to committee members who gave time and ideas, to members who spoke at County Commissioner's meetings, to Board members who partnered with community book clubs and organizations, and with the town of Shallotte, you have my deepest appreciation and gratitude.

We also owe thanks to the Brunswick County Library Director Patricia Dew and the County Commissioners whose forethought and budget supports the libraries as they evolve to meet the needs of a growing community. Last year, and in the coming fiscal year, the allocation of library funds for more books, staff, databases, online reading and renovations is improving library service for the community and refining our focus as we support the library.

Walk into Rourk Library now and you will see new carpeting, a modern and attractive circulation desk, and a large meeting room. A sense of peace, focus and comfort greets you right at the door. New patrons and lifelong Rourk library users alike feel welcomed and at home. Many thanks are owed to FOL members individually and collectively who advocated for these upgrades, making changes evident to all who enter the library.

Changes can lead to clarity. This year we approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Brunswick County Library and the Friends that clarifies our role as a Friends group. The MOU, states, "The Friends' mission is to raise money and public awareness in the community to support the services and programs of the Library." We rededicate ourselves each year to that mission.

Some things never change. The three simple words of our FOL vision statement—**Imagination\*Education\*Information**—explain our continued commitment to the Brunswick Library System. Regardless of changes, good or bad, libraries have always afforded people opportunities to explore their dreams, keep informed about the world around them, and educate themselves. The importance of libraries cannot be overstated. Join us in supporting and celebrating our freedom to imagine, learn and grow.

Karen Robbins, President FOL Rourk Branch

## Committee Reports

### Communication Committee

**Committee Members:** Karen Robbins, Kathy Sasso, Susann Thompson, Jo Ann Bass

Over the past year, the Communications Committee has been working hard to increase our web presence and to provide a steady flow of information to our members in collaboration with the Brunswick County Library.

- We maintain a Facebook page, which shares information from the Brunswick County Library and other relevant community organizations and highlights library events. Susann Thompson assists with posting to our new Facebook page. If you haven't followed us yet, please do at: <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Library-Rourk-Branch-102016625764239>
- The Brunswick County Library and Rourk Library have also created Facebook pages so be sure and follow them as well for the most updated information on what's happening at the Rourk Library.
- Kathy Sasso continues to update information on the FOL Rourk website. To find us on the web, go to [www.folrourk.org](http://www.folrourk.org)
- We also send a monthly newsletter by email the first week of the month. To subscribe to our emails, go to this website: <https://bit.ly/3dDSQ3P>

### Ways and Means

**Members:** Barbara Taylor, Marti Hozey, Barbara Stephens, Suzanne Gurski

The Friends of the Library (FOL), supporting the Rourk Branch Library in Shallotte, is extremely excited to launch our first year-long quarterly visiting author series. On Thursday, September 28, 2023, we will welcome renowned novelist Wiley Cash as guest speaker at the FOL Annual Meeting to be held at the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation meeting room. It is anticipated that upwards of 100 community members will flock to the gathering as Wiley Cash is an award-winning New York Times best-selling author. Key to the success of this gathering, as well as the launch of the visiting author series, is the support of many good friends, business partners and organizations in the Shallotte community.

The Friends of the Library support library projects that encourage reading and lifelong learning, increase library access to the public, support and encourage local authors and promote librarianship as a career. Our priority funding focus areas enhance library offerings:

- S.T.E.A.M kits, available for check out at no cost to the patron, are designed for ages 2-12 years old and help families explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math in fun and interactive ways
- Healthy Aging will provide memory kits and more to the growing senior population in our community

- Outdoor EcoSpace on the library grounds is evolving to bring the community up close and personal with local flora, fauna and wildlife.

The visiting author series is just one of many ways Friends of the Library is working to engage our community in the multitude of educational, entertaining, and inspirational offerings hosted by our local library.

## **Grantwriting Committee**

Grants are a challenging task. With donations to charities down, more organizations are turning to grants to make up the shortfall. In 2023 the Grants Committee applied for 3 grants with one winner, the application to the Brunswick County Arts Council for a 6-week painting class with artist Joan Hoyle was successful. The class held this summer was well attended.

We were not as fortunate with our 2 other grant applications. A grant to the FOCUS for Alzheimer/Dementia kits and a large grant for \$10,000 to the Catherine Kennedy Home Foundation in Wilmington for an expanded version of the Alzheimer's kits with educational seminars. At this time, we will continue to seek funding for the Alzheimer's kits from alternative sources.

## **Book Committee**

As people around the county donate books to the library, many of those books are not needed for the library collection. The remainder of the donations are sorted and used for several things. First of all, the FOL offers some of those books to patrons for donations. There is a box in the library for these donations on the honor system. Second, books that are not going to be used on the donation shelves are shared throughout the community.

Rourk FOL shares some of the donated materials and books with the Hope Chest Thrift Store, which benefits the only women's domestic violence shelter in the county. We also donated some children's books for all ages to the Hope Harbor Home. The staff and others are always thanking the volunteer who takes the books to them, so she shares their gratitude with all of the Rourk friends.

Another beneficiary of our unused donated books is Arbor Landing. The library at Arbor Landing also appreciates our recycling books to them. Through the FOL book committee, books find their way around the county and into homes. This is an activity of which we are proud.

## **Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee, JoAnn Bass, John Causey, and Sheila Umbricht want to thank the members who renewed their commitment to Rourk Friends. Although we had 24 people who did not renew, we welcomed 27 new members, bringing total membership to 125. We thank you all for your financial support. Because of your generous contributions, we met and surpassed our budget goal. This was the first year we tried emailing membership renewal forms. Thank you to all who provided their email addresses. We were able to save on postage and copying. Less than 20 members are without emails. With the membership dues the FOL can continue to enhance the library experience of

all our patrons.

Included below are the names of the 125 members and their membership levels. The asterisks \*\* next to the names signify those members who sent in an additional donation. We thank them for the extra funds.

The renewal forms for 2024 will be emailed or mailed by December 1, 2023. We look forward to your continued support of the Rourk Friends.

### Friends of the Library - Rourk Membership Form

*You are invited to join the Friends of the Library - Rourk Branch. All proceeds received from membership dues and fundraisers are used to enhance your library experience by providing funding for books, programs and needed library upgrades. FOL Rourk is a 501 (c)(3), nonprofit organization. Membership and other donations are tax-deductible. Dues rates are effective January 1st thru December 31st.*

**Contact Information**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Our monthly newsletter is sent by email)

I would like to volunteer, please contact me.  
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**Join/Renew at the Level Checked Below:**

Individual \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Donor \$25 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contributing \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ Patron \$100 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Benefactor \$150 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with your check made payable to:  
 Friends of the Library Rourk Branch  
 c/o Rourk Library  
 5068 Main Street  
 Charlotte, NC 28470  
 Please call 910-754-6578 if you have any questions.



## Thank you To Our Members

### Benefactor \$150.00

Charles & Page Coker  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hopkins  
\*\*Amanda Parrish  
Susann & Paul Thompson  
Marty & Carolu Waldron

### Patron \$100.00

Jo Ann Bass  
Davina & Stephen Candela  
John & Margaret Causey  
Eileen Ceponis  
Elliot Eigen  
Rabbi Jeff & Mindy Glickman  
Suzanne Gurski  
Robert & Debra Nowak  
Carol Partridge  
Maury & Maria Paslick  
Karen Robbins & Michael Collins  
Marilyn Shapiro  
Adrianna Sidelinger  
Bob & Judy Snopek  
Jennifer Tritt & Kevin Talhelm  
Barbara Taylor  
Bonnie Therrien  
Mari Van Schaften  
\*\*Judy Vasile  
Diana White  
Lori & Rich Wilson

### Contributing \$75.00

Fran Donaway  
\*\*Diana Dornfeld  
Janie & Wray King  
\*\*Donna Trest

### Donor \$25.00

Terry Alston  
\*\*Marlene Barz  
\*\*Ray & Lou Bell  
John Bryant  
Deborah Buck  
Roberta Chopko  
\*\*Caroline Cole  
Kristina Crane

Jack & Sally Dambaugh  
Betty G. Dattler  
Sandy Devine  
\*\*Denise Donnelly  
Lynda Eagle  
Thalia Fleetwood  
Sandy Forde  
B G French  
Ginger DeBerry & Mary Gatton  
Noreen Gilmartin  
Lynn Hart  
Ricki Hiatt  
Lorraine Hiester  
Marti Hozey  
David D. Igelman  
Donna Kaas  
Barbara Kellett  
Shirley Knight  
\*\*Joseph Koletar  
Joan & Brian LaLone  
\*\*Joseph Levinson  
Mary Pat Lynch  
\*\*Dolores MacConnachie  
Robert Mann  
Diane Marinella  
\*\*Lori Martin  
Jean & John Maykuth  
Bernice McRoberts  
Violet Murphy  
Jeanne Nelson  
Kathy A. Noel  
\*\*Helen Pate  
Betsy Pepe  
\*\*Ann & Don Pike  
Marilyn Priddy  
Mike & Ellen Prokop  
Carol Reynders  
Kathy Sasso  
Mary-Liz Scharf  
David Sellers  
Sheila Stachura  
Georgette Steckler  
Barbara Stephens  
\*\*Colleen Terry  
Nancy Testa  
Sheila Umbricht  
Audrey Werner  
Linda Williamson  
George & Ruth Woodard

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Julie Adams  
Jeanette Billie  
Cynthia Boland  
\*\*Larry & Liz Boyer  
\*\*Ms. Sharon Cassell  
Trinity Clark  
\*\*Martine Fee  
Gail Fitzpatrick  
Donna and Geoff Gatton  
Mary & Don Godfrey  
Mr. & Mrs. B. Gruzlewski  
\*\*Len & Joan Henderson  
Susan Kennedy  
Alison & Tom Kukla  
Paula Liland  
Winona MacKinnon  
Julia Messineo  
Bobbi & Jim Platukis  
\*\*Martha Richitelli  
Penny & Charlie Sillery  
\*\*Sharlene Streeter  
Linda Swanson  
John H II & Peggy Truesdale  
Wynn Wagenseil  
Marybeth Walker  
Rudy & Jody Wilbert

### Individual \$5.00

Laura Bradt  
Geraldine Candela  
Dagny Coe  
Nancy Fenstermacher  
\*\*Mindy Geuy  
Patti Hogan  
\*\*Ruth Linder  
Alma J. McClune  
Maxine K. Nance  
Florence Presant  
\*\*Shelia Schreiber  
Jane Wilmer  
Virginia Winfree



## What We've Accomplished

### What we did and why:

#### New Front Bench!

The Friends of the Library Board Director Lori Martin has been a tireless advocate, both for the library, and lately for the renovations we have finally received. As part of her efforts to provide a more modern and workable circulation desk, she donated a generous sum of money to help us make that happen. As it turned out, her advocacy helped spur the creation of a new circ desk from county funds, and thus her money could be used in other ways.



A wish of the Rourk Library Manager Kelly James was to have a sturdy bench out front for patrons to wait on, read on, or on which to get themselves organized. Thanks to Lori Martin's donation, we were able to buy a beautiful outdoor bench that fits perfectly near the front doors. This new bench is part of the whole new look for Rourk: new sign painting, bench, carpet, circ desk, and meeting room. What a wonderful gift.

Thank you, Lori!!

## Notable Children's Books

The Friends of the Library Rourk Branch recently purchased 61 new children's books and created a display for the books at Rourk Library. These books are special because each one received a Notable Children's Book Award from the Association for Library Service to Children. A Notable award means the book is of commendable quality, exhibits venturesome creativity, and reflects and encourages children's interests in exemplary ways.



These books include winners of many distinguished awards such as the Coretta Scott King Award for continuing the work of MLK for peace and brotherhood; the Pura Belpre Award for celebrating Latino culture; the Theodore Geisel Award for a book with art, imagination and creativity that engages beginning readers; the Robert Sibert Award for the best informational book; the Caldecott Medal, for the most distinguished art; The Newberry Award for the most distinguished literature for a children's book; and the Mildred J. Batchelder Award for books written outside of the US, not written in English.

This purchase was made possible because of donations from the Rivers Edge Book Club, John and Georianna Folkins and River's Edge Ladies Golf Association. The Book Club collected funds in memoriam for one of their members who had been an educator of young children, Sandy Keck. The funds were presented to the Friends of the Library Rourk Branch and they were specified for the purchase suitable books for young readers at Rourk Library.

Karen Robbins, the President of the Friends of the Library Rourk Branch, said "It was an honor for the Friends of the Library to help bring this exciting collection of new books to Rourk Library on behalf of the Rivers Edge Book Club, in memory of their friend, Sandra Keck, who loved both books and learning. We thank them for their continued support of our library, so that all young readers in Brunswick County have access to these distinguished new books."

## StoryWalk®



The Rourk Branch Friends of the Library made Earth Day special for families in Shallotte. Using the children's book, **Earth Day Every Day** by Lisa Bullard and illustrated by Xiao Xin, and working in cooperation with the City of Shallotte, the StoryWalk® was installed along a portion of the city's Riverwalk.



As families walked along the beautiful nature trail, they read about things we can do every day to help the earth. Young readers found activities on each page, so as they walked and read, they also enjoyed physical fitness moves to try.

We want to give special recognition to Megan Bellamy from the City of Shallotte and Parks and Recreation department, who not only installed the Walk for us, but publicized it on their Facebook page. Many thanks.



Last November 2022, the Friends of the Library installed a StoryWalk® in Partnership with Shallotte Kiwanis. Some may have seen the book **Veterans: Heroes in our Neighborhood** by Valerie Phunstein, at Mulberry Park both in November of 2021 and 2022 at the Flags on Honor Memorial sponsored by Shallotte Kiwanis. Thanks to Bob von Sprecken, president of Kiwanis, for allowing us to be part of Veterans Day. We hope to continue the tradition of placing interesting books with physical fitness activities at other places around the local area.



**The Rourk Library has recently joined NC ECOEXPLORE and is an ecoExplore Hotspot.**

The library received a \$200 grant from the NC Arboretum to install a wildlife viewing station in the newly cleared backyard. This program and grant provided a birdbath viewing station, sponsored by the NC Arboretum and various other agencies such as the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. This program/grant also provides three backyard ecoExplore discovery backpacks available for checkout and free inhouse and zoom programming on Nature. Families can learn more about the eco Explore program by visiting <http://ecoexplore.net> and backpacks can be checked out for 7 days.

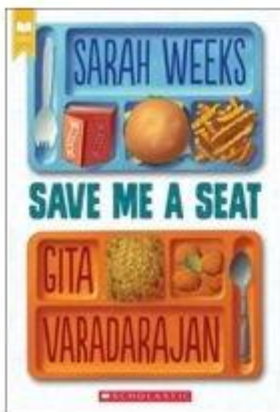


## School Liaison Committee Report

### One Book for every 5th Grade Student at Supply Elementary

Rourk Friends of the Library works each year with the local schools to develop a close relationship between the schools and the library.

This year, in May, every fifth grade student at Supply Elementary received the book *Save Me a Seat* by Gita Varadarajan as they prepared to leave elementary school and head to middle school in the fall.



The book was purchased with FOL funds and the title was suggested by the fifth grade teaching team at Supply Elementary. Librarian Kasey Mcgougan was the liaison between the FOL and the school.

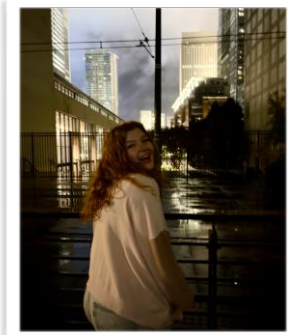
Karen Robbins, FOL Rourk president, went to the school to personally hand the books to each student and speak to the classes about the library. From her perspective, it was a great day! It continued a precedent of sharing books and library information over the years.





## Teen Spotlight

This year the FOL has invited Grace Watson to be a part of our FOL Board of Directors as a teen representative. Our library director Patricia Dew and library manager Kelly James have been interested in creating a welcoming teen space inside Rourk Library. The timing could not have been better as Grace is filled with ideas and suggestions that she believes will encourage teens to start coming to the library again.



Grace Watson is an incoming senior at West Brunswick High School. She is committed to service and sharing her love of literature with her peers and community. In her spare time, Grace surfs, bakes, and reads. Grace is the founder and president of the West Brunswick High School Book Club. In honor of Women’s History Month, the club reads *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*. The Book Club attracts all characters of West Brunswick. It provides the opportunity to offer unique perspectives on literature and life. In addition to her book club, Grace founded a backpack program that includes hygiene items for incarcerated juveniles. She hopes to expand upon this initiative and offer various novels to detained individuals. Grace is passionate about literature and hopes to share further her love of reading with her peers.

She aims to create a safe space for all teens through the public library. Grace is a very busy student and class officer, maintaining high grades while working. We hope to include her as often as possible for board meetings, for smaller meetings to help us brainstorm and design a friendly teen space, and to lead our efforts to bring teens to the library.

Some of her ideas include: an Instagram account; monthly staff picks and reviews; “Movie vs Book Night” to discuss movies developed from novels; Community Themed nights; partnership with local fitness center where teens like to hangout and train—just to name a few. She is a leader in National Honor Society as well and said that they all need volunteer hours, so we should partner with the NHS to get volunteers for special events.

Grace’s voice is a welcome addition to our Board, and to our library.

## Volunteer Spotlight



Helen Pate moved from here from Raleigh in 2017 and had time on her hands. She began using the Rourk library and very soon after that, she asked about how to join the volunteer program. She has contributed her time ever since. Last year, she became the volunteer coordinator. The duties include keeping track of the hours each volunteer works per month. She keeps a calendar that shows when they will be out for their volunteering day. Knowing ahead of time, other volunteers are encouraged to fill in if possible. Volunteers primarily shelve books but can be asked to assist in other ways. This group of twelve regulars (and one student volunteer on Saturdays) have already put in about 500 hours this year ... a very reliable and dedicated group.

## **New Full-time Staff at Rourk Library!**



### **Jeff Maynard/Youth Services Library Assistant**

Jeff taught in Wake and Brunswick County schools before joining the staff at Rourk. He is married, has three daughters, and five grandchildren. He looks forward to doing activities with the children of Rourk Library.



### **Karen Roberts/Library Assistant**

Karen is a Brunswick County Native attending West Brunswick High School and Cape Fear Community College. She worked for the BC Register of Deeds office for a number of years before starting with the Library at the SWB branch two years ago and then transferring to a shared position here at Rourk Branch and the Barbee Branch. Karen assists Patrons at the front desk and makes excellent book selections.

## **Diana Dornfeld—Trustee District 2 Shallotte**

Diana Dornfeld and her family have lived in Brunswick County for almost 20 years. They became sole proprietors of swimming pool maintenance company Carolina Sun Pool Doctors in 2004, which had been started by her father-in-law. Her husband, a Search and Rescue Corpsman while serving in the USN, loves Emergency Medicine and worked as a paramedic for Brunswick County EMS for 15 years. Daughter Sarah, her husband 1st Sgt. Bryan Stephenson of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, and six-year-old grandson live nearby.

As a military spouse she learned the best way to get to know people was to find ways to serve in both military and civilian communities. When asked to serve on the Library Board as a trustee for District 2 she jumped at the chance. Diana is an avid reader, her favorites being mysteries, historical fiction and Amish fiction.

Meeting with Karen Robbins from the FOL and Kelly James, branch manager at Rourk, Diana commented on the condition of the Rourk Branch sign. Unfortunately, there were no funds to replace the sign at the time. Diana noticed that the sign was difficult to see from the road and looked a bit worn. She and her husband prepped it, donated paint and painted the sign. Now our sign is visible and welcoming from the road. People had told us they didn't even know the library was there. Now they can find us much more easily. Thank you, Dornfelds.

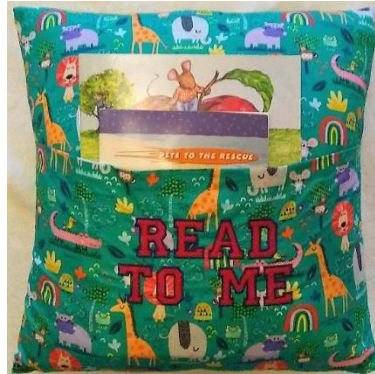
Diana says it has been a pleasure to serve as a Trustee on the Brunswick County Library Board for the past year and a privilege to serve the community in this capacity. She has been attending Rourk FOL meetings and looks forward to continuing as Rourk's representative.





# THANK YOU!

To our many friends who donated this year and made all of this possible, we are grateful beyond words.



The Read To Me pillow and book fundraiser raised \$665 supporting educational items for the library. Twenty-three pillows with books were purchased then donated to Smart Start for distribution to children without financial means to purchase

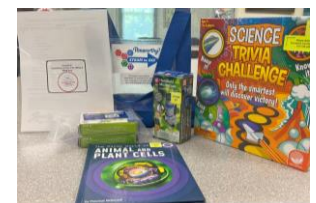


Your donations helped to buy a Lego wall, lots and lots of Legos, and all the fixings for Legos and Eggos at the library. And you helped to purchase a really awesome light table for kids to explore shapes and colors.



You put big smiles on lots of faces, young and old, with your donations toward STEAM kits. One of many extremely popular items for families to check out and experience at home, as well as at the library.

You supported our Hwy55 Dine In Night which raised \$345 help support many new library items.

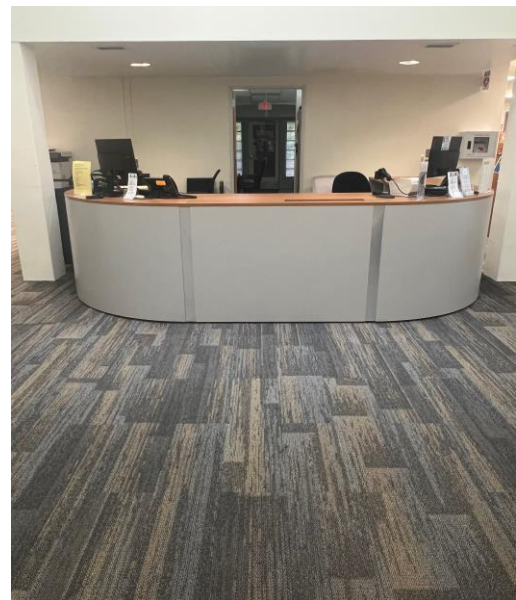
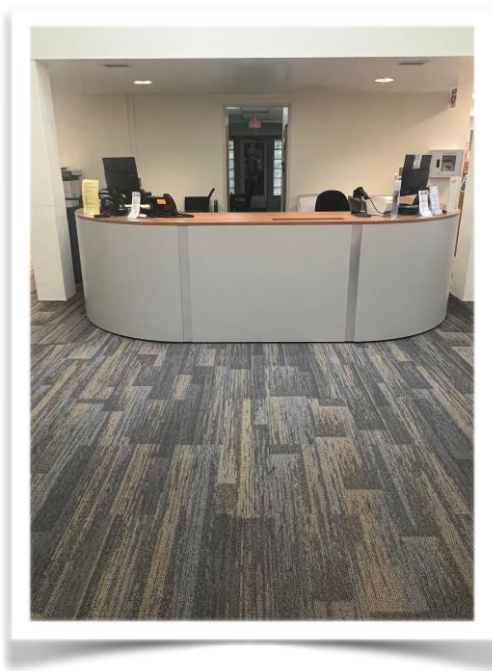


## OUR FRIENDS ARE AWESOME!

### Renovations

Thank you Brunswick County Libraries!

Rourk Library has waited a long time, but this year was our year. We got a makeover that has not only made the library more beautiful, but more functional, and more user-friendly. Working with Library Director Patricia Dew, Kelly James helped plan and select the sort of carpet and desk that would not only freshen up the looks of the library, but gave library staff a better work environment, better work stations, and computer access, and a more welcoming appearance as patrons enter the library. She also planned and got an enlarged meeting room area that will give clubs and programs more room to work. Hats off to all concerned! We love the new look.





## **Treasurer's Report**

Susann Thompson, Treasurer

## Friends of Library - Rourk Branch FY 2022

### Annual Report

07/01/2022 - 06/30/2023

Presented: July 13, 2023

FOL-Rourk Branch - 7/1/22-6/30/23	Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
<b>Income</b>					
Memberships	\$4,840.00	-	\$4,840.00	\$5,200.00	-\$360.00
Book Sales	\$5,029.06	-	\$5,029.06	\$3,700.00	\$1,329.06
Book Market	\$166.50	-	\$166.50	\$1,000.00	-\$833.50
Fundraisers	\$2,152.10	\$882.00	\$1,270.10	\$800.00	\$470.10
Memorials	\$1,140.00	-	\$1,140.00	\$300.00	\$840.00
Business & Org. Sponsors	-	-	-	\$750.00	-\$750.00
Grants	\$500.00	\$500.00	-	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Other Income	\$2,414.47	-	\$2,414.47	\$650.00	\$1,764.47
Bank Interest	\$4.66	-	\$4.66	\$25.00	-\$20.34
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>\$16,246.79</b>	<b>-\$1,382.00</b>	<b>\$14,864.79</b>	<b>\$13,425.00</b>	<b>\$1,439.79</b>
<b>Expenses: FOL OUTREACH &amp; SERVICES</b>					
Equipment	-	\$167.00	-\$167.00	-\$100.00	-\$67.00
Supplies	-	\$175.54	-\$175.54	-\$400.00	\$224.46
Printing	-	\$175.00	-\$175.00	-\$600.00	\$425.00
Postage	-	\$49.35	-\$49.35	-\$200.00	\$150.65
Web Site	-	\$338.95	-\$338.95	-\$1,000.00	\$661.05
Maintenance, Dues & Subscriptions	-	\$314.00	-\$314.00	-\$250.00	-\$64.00
Volunteer/Employee Program	-	\$150.00	-\$150.00	-\$500.00	\$350.00
Special Programs	-	\$2,252.79	-\$2,252.79	-\$300.00	-\$1,952.79
Story Walk	-	\$147.09	-\$147.09	-\$450.00	\$302.91
Miscellaneous	-	\$99.07	-\$99.07	-\$200.00	\$100.93
<b>Expenses: FOL OUTREACH &amp; SERVICES Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$3,868.79</b>	<b>-\$3,868.79</b>	<b>-\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$131.21</b>



FOL-Rourk Branch - 7/1/22-6/30/23			Income	Expenses	Year to Date	Net Budget	More/-Less
<b>Expenses - Library Support</b>							
Movies			-	-	-	-\$225.00	\$225.00
Other Special Programs			-	\$1,377.74	-\$1,377.74	-\$1,100.00	-\$277.74
Summer Reading			-	\$760.53	-\$760.53	-\$2,000.00	\$1,239.47
Book Club			-	\$76.58	-\$76.58	-\$100.00	\$23.42
Story Time			-	\$133.56	-\$133.56	-\$1,000.00	\$866.44
Multi-Sensory Learning			\$25.59	\$5,656.95	-\$5,631.36	-\$2,500.00	-\$3,131.36
LS- Supplies			-	\$117.24	-\$117.24	-\$600.00	\$482.76
Books			\$29.88	\$1,304.96	-\$1,275.08	-\$1,000.00	-\$275.08
LS- Memorials			-	\$1,198.73	-\$1,198.73	-\$200.00	-\$998.73
LS- Equipment			-	\$100.52	-\$100.52	-\$500.00	\$399.48
LS- Miscellaneous			-	\$23.87	-\$23.87	-\$200.00	\$176.13
<b>Expenses - Library Support Totals</b>			<b>\$55.47</b>	<b>-\$10,750.68</b>	<b>-\$10,695.21</b>	<b>-\$9,425.00</b>	<b>-\$1,270.21</b>
<b>FOL-Rourk Branch - 7/1/22-6/30/23 Totals</b>			<b>\$16,302.26</b>	<b>-\$16,001.47</b>	<b>\$300.79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$300.79</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>							
			<b>\$16,302.26</b>	<b>-\$16,001.47</b>	<b>\$300.79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$300.79</b>
<b>Bank Account Balances</b>	<b>07/01/2022</b>	<b>06/30/2023</b>	<b>Last reconciled</b>	<b>Summary for the Period</b>			
First National Bank - Shallotte	\$26,332.68	\$16,633.47	06/30/2023	Starting Total		\$26,332.68	
First National Bank - Certificate of Deposit(1)	-	\$5,000.00	06/30/2023	Income		\$16,302.26	
First National Bank - Certificate of Deposit(2)	-	\$5,000.00	06/30/2023	Expenses		-\$16,001.47	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$26,332.68</b>	<b>\$26,633.47</b>		<b>Ending Total</b>		<b>\$26,633.47</b>	

## Members/Donors

### Outstanding Members/Donors

Judy Vasile - \$100

Amanda Parrish -\$350

HWY 55 – Shallotte - \$345

Mindy Geuy- \$132

St. James Book Club – Bookmobile - \$260

Greater Federal Women’s Book Club – SBI -\$1,063

Grant - Brunswick Arts Council \$500

In Memory of Sandy Keck

River’s Edge Book Club \$910

John and Georianna Folkins \$100

River’s Edge Ladies Golf Association \$130

## Treasurer's Fiscal Year 2023 Report Footnotes

**Details – Annual Report FY22-2023  
July, 2022 – June, 2023  
Reported on July 13, 2023**

**Income:**

Membership: Membership income made Budget Goal with donations over and above the membership fee reported in Other Income (approx. \$800) this year. Draft Budget for FY23-24 has been adjusted accordingly

Book Sales: Book sales covered the Book Market shortage and had an additional overage of \$495.56.

Book Market: Did not produce the expected income and has been removed from the budget for FY23-24. Any additional Book Sales, i.e. Christmas Table at Holiday Market will be shown in the Donation Category.

Fundraisers: Reading Pillows (\$665), Bookmobile (\$260) and HWY 55 (\$345), STEAM Kit(1)

Memorials: Keck Memorial from River's Edge Book Club and River's Edge LGA

Business/Org Sponsors: No activity

Grants: Brunswick Art Council grant for the Adult Art Classes

Other Income: Approximately \$800 from member additional donations; GFWC-SBI \$1,000 Donation for STEAM; Sales Tax Refund \$525.

Bank Interest: Under budget due to low interest rate on Checking account.

**Expenses: FOL Outreach & Services**

Membership: No expenses

Fundraising: Over budget due to the Read Me Pillow expenses and STEAM Kit(1)

Equipment: Over budget; minor; Folding table and FOL table cover for Fundraising

Supplies: Under budget

Printing: Under budget

Postage: Under budget

Web Site: Budgeted over actual cost; Reduced for next year

Maint., Dues & Subscriptions: Over budget; minor; Money Minder, FONCPL, NCPLDA

Volunteer/Employee Program: Gift Cards for Library Staff; Under budget

Special Programs: Purchase of bench with Martin grant for Circ Desk; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Books; W.Cash deposit for Annual meeting

Story Walk: Under budget

Miscell.: Donation to church for meeting room; Combo lock/extension for Donation Box

**Expenses for Library Support**

Movies: Program on hold; no expenditure

Other Special Programs: Over budget; Adult art supplies; STEM Program for Kids - Science is Elementary Program; Seed Bomb

Summer Reading: Under Budget;

Book Club: Reimbursement for 4 books

Story Time: Under budget

Multi-Sensory Learning: Over budget; STEAM kits for FOL(9) and GFWC (8); Light table; Lego Wall, accessories;

Supplies: Under budget

Books: Over budget;; Carry-over purchases from June 2022; Board contribution for eBooks to County

Memorials: Over budget; Memorial Book purchase for Keck & Levinson

Equipment: Under budget

Misc.: Under budget

Total Bank: \$16,633.47

CD's \$10,000.00

Total Funds:\$26,633.47

**Friends of Library - Rourk Branch FY 2023  
Budget Report**

Final FY 2023-2024

July 13, 2023

<b>Funds available at beginning of financial year (07/01/2023)</b>			<b>\$26,633.47</b>
<b>FOL-Rourk Branch - 7/1/23-06/30/24</b>	<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>Budget Net</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Memberships	\$5,200.00	-	\$5,200.00
Book Donations	\$4,000.00	-	\$4,000.00
Fundraisers	\$1,750.00	-	\$1,750.00
Grants	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00
Donations	\$1,300.00	-	\$1,300.00
Memorials	\$450.00	-	\$450.00
Other Income	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
Bank Interest	\$25.00	-	\$25.00
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>\$14,225.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$14,225.00</b>
<b>Expenses: FOL OUTREACH &amp; SERVICES</b>			
Fundraising	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
Equipment	-	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
Supplies	-	-\$400.00	-\$400.00
Printing	-	-\$600.00	-\$600.00
Postage	-	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
Web Site	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
Maintenance, Dues & Subscriptions	-	-\$350.00	-\$350.00
Volunteer/Employee Program	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
Special Programs	-	-\$1,400.00	-\$1,400.00
Story Walk	-	-\$450.00	-\$450.00
Miscellaneous	-	-\$125.00	-\$125.00
Prior FY Carry-over Restricted Funds (Bal. \$307 - Martin/Hindmarsh Circ Desk)	-	-\$307.00	-\$307.00
Prior FY Carry-over Restricted Funds (Bal. \$260 - St James BC/Bookmobile)	-	-\$260.00	-\$260.00
<b>Expenses: FOL OUTREACH &amp; SERVICES Totals</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-\$5,592.00</b>	<b>-\$5,592.00</b>



FOL-Rourk Branch - 7/1/23-06/30/24	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expenses	Budget Net
<b>Expenses - Library Support</b>			
Summer Reading	-	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
Other Special Programs	-	-\$1,100.00	-\$1,100.00
Story Time	-	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Multi-Sensory Learning	-	-\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00
Books	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
Book Club	-	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
LS- Supplies	-	-\$600.00	-\$600.00
LS- Memorials	-	-\$200.00	-\$200.00
LS- Equipment	-	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
LS- Miscellaneous	-	-\$200.00	-\$200.00
<b>Expenses - Library Support Totals</b>	-	<b>-\$9,200.00</b>	<b>-\$9,200.00</b>
<b>FOL-Rourk Branch - 7/1/23-06/30/24 Totals</b>	<b>\$14,225.00</b>	<b>-\$14,792.00</b>	<b>-\$567.00</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>			
	<b>\$14,225.00</b>	<b>-\$14,792.00</b>	<b>-\$567.00</b>
<b>Projected bank balance if on budget</b>			<b>\$26,066.47</b>



### **In Memoriam**

The Friends of the Library wish to recognize those members who have passed away in the last year.  
Please join us in remembering **Alma McClune & Florence Hopkins**

## Annual Meeting, 2023

Agenda  
Annual Meeting  
Friends of the Library Rourk Branch

September 28, 2023, 1:30pm

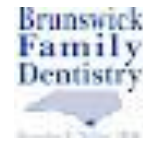
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### Call to Order

1. Welcome; Thank you to our sponsors
2. Short business meeting:
  - a. Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report from last year's Annual Meeting, September 23, 2022; and Approval of By-Law Revisions. Copies are provided.
  - b. Elected Board Officers and Directors: Karen Robbins-President; Sheila Umbricht-Vice President; Barbara Taylor-Secretary; Returning Directors: Noreen Gilmartin, Suzanne Gurski, Barbara Stephens; New Directors: Mindy Guey, Lynn Hart, Judy Vasile.
  - c. President's Report—Karen Robbins: Overview of Annual Report
3. Introduction of Speaker by Patricia Dew, Director of Brunswick County Libraries
4. Speaker Author Wiley Cash
5. Questions for speaker
6. Meeting Adjourned

Refreshments. Author book sales and signing courtesy of Pelican Bookstore in Sunset Beach.

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