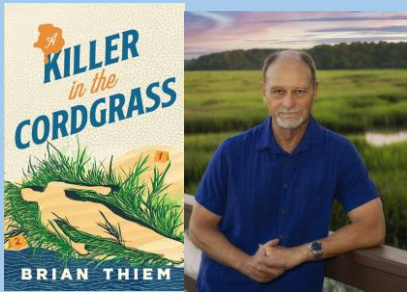


Inaugural Author Luncheon at Frankie Bones



We are hosting our first author luncheon, Wednesday March 11 at Frankie Bones in Bluffton.

Brian Thiem is a Sun City resident and local author. He'll be talking about his Mud Flat Murder Club series – the second book in the series arrives this February!

Brian had an illustrious 25 year career with the Oakland Police Department, much of it working Homicide before retiring as a lieutenant. His experience is incorporated in his books; they are creative, easy to read and you'll notice similarities to our low country area.

Sign up will be available on our [website](#) after January 15th. We are limited to 60 attendees – Tickets include lunch, beverage, tax and tip. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Members get a discount! Please tell your friends, the general public is welcome.

THANK YOU for being a member!!!

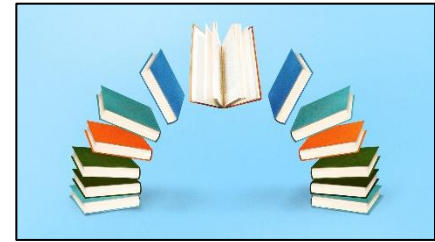
FOHCL recently held our 2nd annual book sale! Due entirely to our many volunteers and patrons it was another successful sale raising over \$4,400 for the library. Our book sale donations encompass many income opportunities, including \$1,400 from the actual book sale along with approximately \$1,900 of slightly used books that went directly to the library circulation for patron use. In addition, FOHCL earned \$1,100 from on-line and the FOHCL used book sales area at the library. Add all of these book donations over the year have made a huge impact for the library!!

During the sale one volunteer asked if all the work the volunteers put into the sale is worth the time and effort? The short answer is YES! Look at how much we have raised! By taking in donations from the community FOHCL is able to rehome unwanted books and fundraise without spending money on product. Also, one of FOHCL's missions is to promote literacy throughout the community. By selling books at bargain prices FOHCL can put books into the hands of new owners in the community. Was the book sale a lot of work? Absolutely!!! But with the help of our volunteers, it was completely worth it.

Income from memberships, donations, book sale, garage sale, a grant from Latitude at Hilton Head Foundation and the upcoming author talk, FOHCL will fund two Gateway projects for the library. One project is a book locker wrap. The book locker will be outside the library and will allow patrons to request their hold books be put in the book locker so the patron can access it at any time. The wrap will be a colorful covering around the book locker.

The second project is a self-check-out kiosk. When installed patrons can use their library card to check out their own books. This frees up library staff to work on other projects and answer patron questions. Imagine the excitement of a small child checking out their own books! The cost to fund both is just over \$10,000.

Carolyn Crosby, FOHCL President



Friends' Book Nook

We've sent to our members the Book Nook on the 15th of each month. If you haven't seen it, please check your spam folder and mark the email as "not spam" so it will go to your inbox folder.

We'd love suggestions for topics for the Book Nook. Topics can include a specific book review, a genre or a topic about books/reading. Send suggestions to our [email](#).



Do you have suggestions or ideas of what you'd like to see FOHCL implement? Local authors who may want to expand their market? Literary events that you've attended in the past? Feel free to send us your ideas to:

FriendsofHCLibrary@gmail.com

"It takes a village to build a community"

Remember to join our Facebook page (Friends of Hardeeville Community Library).

Need to contact us, email at FriendsofHCLibrary@gmail.com or by mail: PO Box 1837 Hardeeville, SC 29927



FOHCL News:

~ A HUGE thank you to the Marga-Read-Aville Book Club for their generous \$425 donation! Each December the book club collects money to donate to an organization at their Holiday party. This year they generously donated to FOHCL.

Membership

Membership Options:

- *\$25 individual membership
- *\$35 family membership (resides in the same household)
- *\$250 lifetime membership

*Corporate memberships are available upon request
Please look for our renewal emails the month before your membership is due to expire.

You can always renew and or add a donation through our website:
Tinyurl.com/FOHCLibrary

FOHCL future events

Book Sale drop off dates are below. All drop offs are in the Community Room at the Hardeeville Community Library. See our website for descriptions of items we will accept.

- Sat, January 17 - from 10-12pm
- February – no drop off
- Sat, March 21 – from 10-12pm

Next FOHCL General meeting is:

Wednesday, February 4th at 1pm

Do you know your family heritage?

The library has 2 wonderful resources to help you discover your background. Both options need to be accessed while in the library, you can use the library's computers or bring your laptop.



Ancestry.com

Ancestry Library Edition is a new genealogy research tool that provides library patrons instant access to a wide range of resources for genealogical and historical research. Ancestry Library Edition includes records from the U. S. Census; military records; court, land, and probate records; vital and church records; directories; petitions for naturalization; passenger lists, and more! Access is granted with an AHJ Library card.



Heritage Hub

Heritage Hub is a genealogy resource that explores family history with the premier collection of U.S. obituaries and death notices for in-depth genealogical research from 1704-today. Heritage Hub helps you identify relatives, uncover new information and potentially unknown family members. Includes deep coverage from all 50 states, hard-to-find content from the mid 1900's, and original obituary images. Access is available 24/7.



HarLi the Library Mascot

FOHCL Board Review

Volunteers are the backbone of FOHCL. Without volunteers we wouldn't be able to raise any money to assist Hardeeville Community Library in its mission.

We are at the midway point of our second year and according to our by-laws Board members need to be elected every 2 years.

Our FOHCL Secretary will be stepping down at the end of June so we will need someone to fill that position.

The positions of President and Vice President will also be up for election this year as well. Both officers have said they will continue, but if there are other members who would like to run as well please either speak with a current Board member or send us an email to let us know and we will put you on the ballot.

Current Board Members:

- Carolyn Crosby – President
- Beth Miller – Vice President
- Brigid Schneider – Secretary
- Lauri Via – Treasurer

There are always plenty of volunteer opportunities, please let us know if you'd like to help with the Book Fair, Author Luncheon, Technology (web page, newsletter, Book Nook, Facebook)

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