

Odds and Ends



State Park Passes

Did you know you can check out a state park pass from the library, so your visit is free? The library now has 6 passes to check out and the Literacy Lander (book mobile) has 4!!! At this time passes cannot be put on hold like a book, but you can pick them up at the library.



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."

Another years' gone by (and it's been a wonderful year)!

It is hard to believe FOHCL is coming to the end of year two! What began as a meeting held to gauge interest in establishing a Friends of the Library group has grown into an established and successful fundraising organization.

What has FOHCL done in year two?

- Membership has increased and members responded positively to the introduction of the Household membership.
- Published 4 quarterly newsletters and began the monthly Book Nook for all members.
- Hosted a very successful garage sale and our 2nd annual book sale.
- Sold donated books on-line to raise funds.
- Donated recently published books to the library for circulation.
- Applied for and received FOHCL's first grant (\$3,500).
- Hosted a very successful author luncheon.

What is coming in year three?

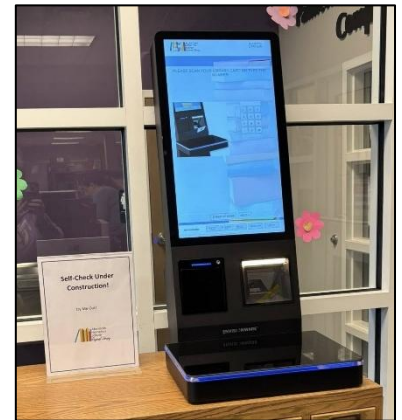
- 3rd Annual book sale and possibly the introduction of a mini book & yard sale in spring 2027.
- Another author luncheon.
- Applying for more grants.
- All fundraising ideas are welcome.

One fundraising suggestion is a Mah Jongg Tournament; but we need a chairperson! Email FOHCL if you'd like to help.

As FOHCL closes out this fiscal year three positions are open for election. The positions up for vote at the June General Meeting are President, Vice President and Secretary.

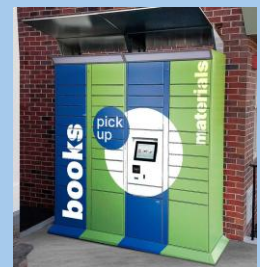
If you are interested in growing this organization, please reach out with your suggestions/questions.

Carolyn Crosby, FOHCL President



New additions to the library

FOHCL has purchased the self check out kiosk for the Hardeeville Library. You can get your book from the hold shelf or pick out a book from the stacks and check out!



The library will be installing "book lockers" outside the back entrance. If you have a book on hold and you'd like to pick it up after hours, you'll be able to with the locker system. Look for more news about how this will work from the library going forward. FOHCL has purchased the wrap around the book locker – AHJ is still working on the design.

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:

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).

Did you know that there is an Amazon "Wish List" to purchase items that FOHCL uses on a continual basis for the library and the book sale. Click on the link below to "shop" for FOHCL.

[FOHCL Amazon Wish List](#)

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

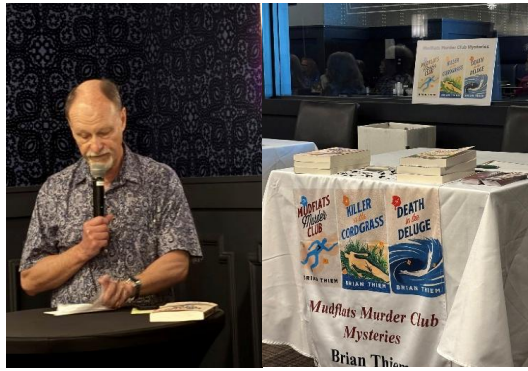
FOHCL future events

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, May 16 - from 10-12pm
- Sat, June 20 - from 10-12pm
- Sat, July 18 - from 10-12pm
- Sat, August 15 - from 10-12pm

Next FOHCL General meeting is:

Wednesday, June 3 at 5pm



Sold Out Inaugural Author Luncheon!

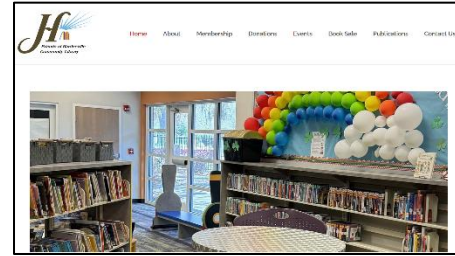
FOHCL hosted the first author luncheon fundraiser at Frankie Bones in Bluffton. We had over 55 attendees that enjoyed lunch and hearing Brian Thiem talk.

Brian was very interesting and entertaining. He told us about his military and law enforcement history and how he switched careers to become a writer. His first three books are based on a homicide detective living in Oakland, CA.

Brian's current series, *The Mudflats Murder Club*, is based on a retired homicide detective living in the Low Country. While he changes the location names the geography will be recognizable to all that live locally. Books 1 and 2 are available now, 3 comes out in July, 4 is in the process of being written, and 5-8 are under contract!

FOHCL welcomed 19 new members for this event. New memberships, along with ticket sales and a wonderful \$1000 donation from a community member allowed us to raise close to \$2,000 at this event!!!

FOHCL is hoping to host two author events a year as fundraisers. If you know of any local authors that would like to speak at an event, please email us. Also, please contact us if you know of a local community member that will help sponsor the author. Look for future events in the quarterly newsletters!



FOHCL Board Review

FOHCL has been extremely lucky to have many people willing to volunteer for our organization. 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.

Board members are elected every 2 years. We have staggered our Board members so 2 need to be (re)elected each year. This year the President and Vice President positions will be voted on in our June meeting. Both Carolyn Crosby and Beth Miller have agreed to stay on for the next 2 years. As of this newsletter, there are no challengers for those positions.

Our wonderful Secretary, Brigid Schneider has decided to step down and travel! We will miss her and her leadership skills.

We need a volunteer for the Secretary position – is that YOU?

Current Board Members are:

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

Please let any Board member know if you are interested in joining our Board.

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