



FOHCL News

Members voted at the last general meeting for the following Officer Slate for this coming year:

President – Carolyn Crosby
VP – Beth Miller
Secretary – Sue Eaton
Treasurer – Laurie Via

All Board members serve for 2 years; Carolyn and Laurie will serve for this next year and will be up for reelection after 2026-27.

The Book locker is “live”! Holds can be picked up at a patrons discretion. The Book locker is located at the rear entrance of the library.

Check out the self-check kiosk that FOHCL helped fund. It’s quick, easy and fun to use!

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”

President’s Message:

A New Year with new Goals

Welcome to year three!!! We are looking forward to another successful year of fundraising and making an impact on our community library. If you haven’t made your way to the physical library, you are missing out on the brand-new Memorial park next door, our FOHCL funded self-checkout kiosk, and the book locker for which FOHCL funded the wrap. As an organization, we continue to raise money to add to the libraries budget. Our funds continue to help the Hardeeville Library enhance programs, purchase items outside of the budget (kiosk wrap, a new computer each year, etc.). The book sale along with grants we receive continue to upgrade the library.

This fiscal year FOHCL is working to transform the South Carolina room into a more usable and inviting space for the community. Look for more information about this transformation later this year.

I want to take this time to thank Brigid Schneider. Brigid was part of the group that helped brainstorm and start FOHCL. When the group was ready to go “live” she volunteered and was elected to be FOHCLs first secretary. Brigid has done an outstanding job and will continue to volunteer with FOHCL. Thank you Brigid!

Carolyn Crosby, FOHCL President



Summer Sale of FOHCL used books and puzzles is located in the library.

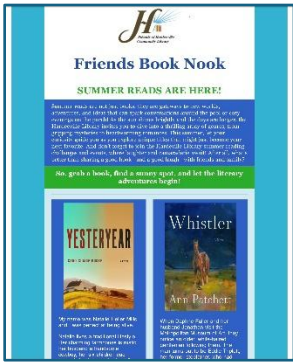
Our used book collection days have been tremendous, so much in fact that we are having a wonderful puzzle and DVD sale on our FOHCL sale shelf in the library. Many families need things to do during the summer, so FOHCL is helping them as they are helping us!

Another way for our members and the community to help FOHCL is to review our “wish list” on Amazon. We have several items listed that will help our book sale.

The wish list link is on the donation page on the FOHCL website – FOHCL.org.

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



Friends' Book Nook

Each month on the 15th we send all members an email titled "Book Nook". 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.

FOHCL would like to thank our Book Nook Editor Kelly Wittes for her great ideas each month. We hope everyone has enjoyed this wonderful feature we provide as a membership perk.



FOHCL future events

Last Book Sale drop off at the Community Room at Hardeeville Library:

- Saturday, July 18** – from 10-12pm
- Saturday, Aug 15** – from 10-12pm
- Saturday, Sept 19** – from 10-12pm

Next FOHCL General meeting is:

Wednesday, **September 2** at 5pm in the Community Room at the Hardeeville Community Library

What are Book Club Bags?



Book Club Bags/kits have been available throughout the AHJ system for about a month now.

To view available titles go to SLENDS and in the search bar type "Book Club Kits." You will see kits with multiple book selections available for book clubs to check out. Each kit has anywhere from 6-15 books.

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Currently, all Book Club Bags are housed at Pratt Memorial Library. However, these are Allendale Hampton Jasper Regional Library collections that were purchased with regional funds and are available to patrons throughout the system.

As funding and space permit, we plan to continue expanding the collection by adding both new titles and additional locations. There are also a few titles that are still being processed at Headquarters; once cataloging is complete, they will appear in the catalog and be available for circulation.

Patrons may place holds through SLENDS and have Book Club Bags delivered to their local library, including Hardeeville. The 4-month new book rules apply, so patrons only in our system will be able to access them for the first 4 months, then after that anyone in SLENDS. Other SLENDS libraries are also looking at opening up their Book Club Bags to this rule too - so it may be wise to look at all of SLENDS in the future when looking for Book Club Kits.

Book Club Bags circulate for six weeks to provide groups with adequate time for distribution, reading and discussion. At this time, they do not automatically renew and are not available for advance reservation. We are monitoring usage and interest as this new service launches and will evaluate future enhancements as demand grows.

Membership Highlights



Membership updates:

Membership total: **76 members**

All donations small and large are welcome!

Renewal notices have been sent by email. Please look for the email – we'd love our members to renew, YOU are the backbone of the organization.!

All renewals/donations are tax deductible, use the link below for all credit card purchases and the mail-in form for checks. You can use the link below for credit card renewals. Renewals/donations are tax deductible.

[Renewal/Membership form](#)

Membership Options:

- *\$25 individual membership
- *\$35 family membership (resides in the same household)
- *250 lifetime membership
- *Corporate memberships are available upon request

The By-laws, events calendar, membership, library gifts/needs, library wants/needs, and general FOHCL info can be found on our [website](#).

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