President’s Message

I’ve often stated how fortunate we are to live in a community of retired and semi-retired individuals, who are willing and eager to lend a hand. Most of the projects that FOSCL undertakes involve the actions of many to make them successful. Projects that should be complicated are run effortlessly due to the dedication and commitment of our volunteers.

The foundation of FOSCL's success is due to the unsung heroes who volunteer to work in our fundraising activities. For example, it takes over 80 volunteers to run the semi-annual book sales. Each house on the Beach and Bay Cottage Tour requires anywhere from 32 to 48 volunteers, plus parking personnel. In 2013 the Beach and Bay Cottage Tour required over 400 volunteers to ensure its success.

Beyond the actual days of the fundraising events, the success of these operations is due to many committee members who work tirelessly throughout the year laying the foundation of organizing, planning, and publicizing the event.

We need people like you to continue to support these events. Buying tour tickets; purchasing books at the book sales; donating; and, of course, offering to lend a hand are greatly appreciated. Remember, proceeds from our activities benefit The South Coastal Library enabling us to fund programs and purchase books and equipment. I thank you for your continued support of FOSCL’s activities and the South Coastal Library.

So why not reach out and tell a friend or bring a friend to or one or both of our summer events.

Sincerely,
Lois M. Rubinsohn

And the winning bid is...

Our Winter Book Sale’s special event this year was a silent auction featuring a collectible 1908 copyrighted title of L. Frank Baum’s Dorothy And The Wizard in Oz. The book was reprinted in 1919 when its publisher changed its name from Reilly and Britton to Reilly and Lee. The illustrator is John R. North, and this copy has 15 of its original 16 color plates as well as black and white ink drawings throughout the volume. Mr. Bob Seams, owner of Ocean View’s Antique Prints, placed the final bid of $34.
**Director’s Report**

**What a diff’rence five years make...**

(With apologies to Dinah Washington)

Time really does fly. April 20th marks the 5th year we’ve been in our beautiful new library! (I don’t think any of us feels five years older. That’s my story and I’m sticking to it.) It’s taken us a bit to “nest”, but the community really seems to feel at home now. In looking over the photos from the “renovation”, it’s amazing how much work it took to get to this place. Come take a trip with me down Memory Lane—you’ll be surprised.

**September 17, 2007** Library closes to finish packing and begin the move to the temporary location in Millville—which really worked fairly well as a provisional “nest.” Yes, we really did pack all those boxes—and many more.

**November 7, 2007** Library reopens in a 3,000 sq. ft. storefront in Millville, leaving over half our things in storage. Cozy, but it worked.

**November 2007 to March 2009** Construction phase of a new library, going from 10,000 sq. ft. to over 22,000 sq. ft., from the ground up.

**April 20, 2009: Reopening Day!** A big homecoming event for all—happy kids in their own Children’s Library, with plenty of room for programs, books, A/V, even their own educational computers, furnished by FOSCL. Grown-ups were thrilled too—the atmosphere was almost that of a big family reunion. One image I will never forget is that of a man, who had a foot-high pile of magazines next to him on the couch, happily diving into his reading, his shoes off and tucked neatly under the couch. It showed me how much he felt “at home.”

My future office!

More on the next page...
All FOSCL-ers should pat themselves on the back at this point. The tireless fund-raising efforts of FOSCL were vital in seeing the library renovation project started and carried through to a successful result. You raised $2 million dollars and not only got the building started, but brought about many upgrades so things would be perfect for the community. Take a bow, and take an extra cookie out of the cookie jar. You deserve it.

For myself, I was glad to be able to clean out the office and move in, just as everybody else was eager to “nest” in their new spaces. Would I make any changes? Maybe just one . . . I really liked the little Bobcat. I still say it would have come in handy here—getting books to the top shelf, emptying the book drop . . . if only the construction company had left it behind. Maybe I can add it to next year’s budget . . . it was sooo cute.

What has happened in the last 5 years? With double meeting rooms, children’s program room, and dedicated space for teens, we have been able to provide increasing numbers of educational and recreational programming. The number of programs, as well as attendance increases every year, with over 400 programs offered in FY13 and over 8,700 people of all ages attending. Topics range from treasure-hunting to cooking to knitting, traditional book clubs to teen martial arts classes to line dancing, historical and musical programs, “Kindle-garten” classes, and don’t forget the children’s story times, including the standing-room-only Stuffie Library Sleepover for your child’s favorite toy. Oh—over 900,000 items (books, audios, videos) were checked out too—never forget the items on the shelf.
Neither snow nor sleet nor rain... 

Neither snow, nor sleet, nor rain could stop our community from holding a book sale. Even though the Washington/Baltimore area received some 10 inches of snow on President’s Day weekend and many people couldn’t make it to the beach, the Friends of the South Coastal Library (FOSCL) had a very successful Winter Book Sale. Over $2,800 was raised to enhance the library’s programs and services.

We had approximately 50 outstanding volunteers who contributed their time and expertise to organizing and running the sale. Volunteer jobs included designing promotional materials, transporting boxes of books to the library meeting room, arranging the books by various categories on the display tables, working as cashiers and support personnel during the sale, and boxing up any remaining books after the sale. If you would like to volunteer and your name isn’t already on the list, please contact me.

We are now preparing for the summer sale which will be held August 14, 15 and 16 at the South Coastal Library. You can help us by donating your gently used adult, teen and children’s books, CDs and DVDs by bringing them to the front desk at the library. We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like additional information, please email me at joh@msmary.edu. Judy Ramoy Johnstone, Ph.D., Co-chair, FOSCL Book Sale Committee

What’s the latest news of Library advocacy in Delaware?

It is not too late for Friends, Trustees, and all library lovers to register to take part in Library Legislative Day in Dover on Tuesday, April 29th. Participants will meet with legislators to urge them to increase State Standards Funding by $1,000,000. The Friends of Delaware Libraries will be sending a letter to Secretary Bullock and the General Assembly stating the request. Keynote speaker for the morning program will be ACLU of Delaware Executive Director and Lobbyist, Kathleen McRae. So become part of the advocacy process and register to attend and raise your voice for our libraries. To register go to tinyurl.com/DELibLegislativeDay2014.

National Library Legislative Day, an ALA lobbying event, is scheduled in Washington, D.C. in May. On Tuesday May 6th, a group representing Delaware libraries will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with our state legislators to present the case for continued and increased federal funding of libraries. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the Nation’s Capital and hopefully exert influence for the benefit of our treasured resource, Delaware libraries.

The Maryland Library Association and the Delaware Library Association have once again combined their resources to hold a joint MLA/DLA Conference at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City. The Pre-conference takes place May 7th followed by regular conference on May 8th and May 9th.

Finally, June 5th is the date for the bi-annual statewide Library Town Meeting in Dover. These Library Town meetings give staff, Friends, and Trustees from all over the state the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas on current library topics and issues. At the upcoming meeting, the newly resurrected Friends of Delaware Libraries will hold their first Annual Meeting following the morning’s program.

If anyone would like more information on any of the mentioned events, contact Theo Lopatto at theofulton@verizon.net.

Staffer’s Picks: The Children’s Library... 

Not just books any more by Priscilla Scott

I was giving a tour of the children’s library recently, and I was reminded about all the things that are available to children who visit the library. Other than to check out items, children do not need a library card to enjoy all we offer.

In addition to story times held four times a week, there are special programs. One newer program is PAWS for Reading which gives children who are often unsure about reading the opportunity to read to a dog (real dogs who are trained for the job). In summer we ramp up the number of programs and host magicians, musicians, storytellers, crafters, and more.

Popular with all the children are puzzles, toys, blocks, and concept boxes. The library is a great place for kids and family to hang out on rainy days or to keep cool in the summer.

The summer reading program is always a big hit with local children and young vacationers, as well. Last year, more than 420 children, ages 3 to 11, signed up for the program. This year the theme is “Fizz, Boom, Read,” and registration begins on June 1.

Digitalization has arrived in the children’s library with unique offerings such as designated Early Literacy Stations. The Early Literacy Station (ELS) is an all-in-one digital learning solution for children ages 2-8. No internet connection is required, so it is safe and secure. More than 60 educational programs covering seven curricular areas are available in the latest version. Many thanks to the Friends of the South Coastal Library for providing 5 Early Literacy Stations.

In addition to music cds, book cds, and dvds, children may check out Playaways, a complete book on a small device (only 2” x 3 ½”) with easy to use controls on one side. Children listen to the books using ear buds. Also from the Playaway folks are Playaway Views (3” x 4”). They feature anywhere from 3 to 5 animated stories, including sound (no ear buds required).

Magazines, including National Geographic for Kids; Sports Illustrated for Kids; and a dozen more, are available for checkout.

And now for the BOOKS -- soft and hard cover. We have more than 8,300 books in the children’s library. Children can choose from picture books, boardbooks (for the wee ones), beginner reader books, graphic novels, and non-fiction and fiction for independent readers.

So, take your own tour through our children’s library. Bring your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or a young friend and discover all that we have waiting for you here at the South Coastal Library.
**Friends of the South Coastal Library**

**23rd Annual Beach & Bay Cottage Tour**

**What:** The 23rd Annual Beach & Bay Cottage Tour

**When:** Wednesday, July 23rd & Thursday, July 24th, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**Where:** Along the shore including North Bethany, Bethany Beach, Ocean View and South Bethany

**Why:** Your opportunity to visit ten exceptional homes in a variety of ages, styles, sizes and locations to benefit the Friends of the South Coastal Library

**How:** Reserve your tickets now at $30 each by:
1. Using the order form on page 3 with a check or credit card and returning it in the enclosed envelope
2. Stopping by the South Coastal Library at 43 Kent Ave., Bethany Beach
3. Visiting the tour’s secure website at [www.beachandbaycottagetour.com](http://www.beachandbaycottagetour.com) and ordering your tickets with a credit card

We expect the tour to be a sell-out and recommend reservations.

With your ticket you will receive a sturdy grocery tote bag sponsored by Bethany Beach Books, G & E/Hocker’s, Leslie Kopp, PNC Bank, Sea Colony Recreational Association, the Town of Bethany Beach, and Vickie York. Along with your ticket and booties in the bag, you will receive copies of Coastal Style, Delaware Beach Life and going green on Delmarva magazines.

We can not mail tickets. You may pick up the tickets you have reserved in advance at the South Coastal Library starting July 17th at 10 AM. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase July 17th – 22nd at selected local merchants. Any tickets remaining on the days of the tour will be available only at the South Coastal Library. Please remember that no children under twelve, babies or pets are permitted in the tour homes. Please note that you will be visiting private homes which are not handicap accessible.

For updated information visit [www.beachandbaycottagetour.com](http://www.beachandbaycottagetour.com) and LIKE US on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/beachandbaycottagetour](http://www.facebook.com/beachandbaycottagetour)

**Volunteers Wanted**

If you would like to spend a few hours as a coordinator, host or hostess in one of our lovely tour homes, or if your organization would like to Adopt-a-House and staff a tour home, please contact Lindy Griffith at [TourHostess@gmail.com](mailto:TourHostess@gmail.com) or 410.707.7141

If you would like to assist with parking at a tour home or help with transportation logistics before the tour, please contact Carol Brigleb at [cbrigleb@gmail.com](mailto:cbrigleb@gmail.com) or 703.405.2711

If you would like to sell raffle tickets at the library July 17-24 or at one of the tour homes on a day of the tour, please contact Linda Kulin at [lindak@mchsi.com](mailto:lindak@mchsi.com).

You’ll enjoy being part of our team!

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**Adopt-a-House Sponsors**
- The Barefoot Gardeners of Fenwick Island
- Bay Forest Homeowners
- Bear Trap Dunes Friends
- Beta Sigma Phi
- Bethany Lakes Book Club
- Cripple Creek Ladies Club
- Gardeners by the Sea
- Lord Baltimore Women’s Club
- Salt Pond Women’s Club
- Shore Democrats
- South Bethany Women’s Club
- Villages of Southampton HOA
- Women’s Civic Club of Bethany Beach
- Women’s Council of Realtors (WCR)

**Categories are:**
- **Underwriter**/$1000
- **Benefactor**/$500
- **Sponsor**/$250
- **Supporter**/$150
- **Patron**/$100
- **Contributor**/$50
- **Friend**/$25

Your donation of $150 or more (received by July 16) will entitle you to an invitation for you and a guest to the gala July 17 Cocktail Reception honoring the owners of the homes featured on the 2014 tour. This party has become one of the top social events of summer in Bethany.

**Make A Donation!**

Use the enclosed coupon or our secure web site to contribute to the 23rd Annual Beach & Bay Cottage Tour to assist in our fund raising efforts. If your donation is received by June 5th, your name will be included in the program booklet which serves as the tour ticket. Please consider making a donation even if you cannot attend the tour.
**To benefit the Friends of the South Coastal Library**

**Important Information**

Please return this form with payment to: Beach and Bay Cottage Tour, P.O. Box 753, Bethany Beach, DE 19930. Must be postmarked by **June 5th** for donations to appear in the book or by **July 12th** for ticket reservations.

**Please complete form CLEARLY and include your email address**

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**Ticket Orders & Donations**

- **Tour Tickets:**
  - I would like to order:
    - _____ tickets x $30 each = _______

- **Charitable Donation:**
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  - $25
  - $150
  - $250
  - $500
  - $1000

- **Total Donation Amount** $

*Your contribution of $150 or more entitles you to an invitation for you and a guest to the July 17th Homeowners’ Cocktail Reception.

**GRAND TOTAL** $

Thank you

**Save the bottom portion of this sheet for your records.**

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- Your tax deductible donation as an Underwriter, Benefactor, Sponsor, Supporter, Patron, Contributor, or Friend entitles you to a listing in the program booklet. Donation must be postmarked by June 5th to ensure inclusion in the program book.

- You can reserve your Tour tickets in advance ($30 per ticket) and may combine the purchase of tickets with your donation. Advance ticket orders must be postmarked by **July 12th**. Please return the form above with your check or credit card information to:
  - Beach & Bay Cottage Tour
  - P.O. Box 753
  - Bethany Beach, DE 19930

- You may reserve tickets online [www.beachandbaycottagetour.com](http://www.beachandbaycottagetour.com) until **July 16th**. All payments are non-refundable.

- **We do not mail tickets.**
  - You may pick up tickets reserved in advance at the South Coastal Library starting **July 17th through July 24th**.

- **Tickets are now on sale at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach.** Select local merchants will have a limited number of tickets in July. Tickets may be available at the library on the days of the tour if supplies last.

- For additional information, call Kathy at 302-539-9442 or e-mail info@beachandbaycottagetour.com

Visit our web site at [www.beachandbaycottagetour.com](http://www.beachandbaycottagetour.com)