



# THE FOTL IN-BOX

October 2017

## A Message from the FOTL President

Your FOTL Board members recognize the need for more frequent communications with its members to keep you current on the organization and its progress. We hope you like the new newsletter format and invite contributions from the members. It is our intention to publish every other month.

FOTL also has a newly designed membership brochure which debuted on October 10<sup>th</sup> and can be seen in a brochure holder on the main desk at the library. Along with the new brochure and new newsletter format, FOTL has a new email address that we are publishing:

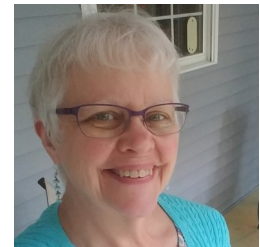
[friendsnewbern@gmail.com](mailto:friendsnewbern@gmail.com)  
 We have had this email address for a while, but have not been using it. The email address associated with the library has had some issues and thus we are switching to this new email address. Additionally, we are looking into organizational management online software that will further enhance communication and give us a website that we can have control over its content and updates.

In this edition of the newsletter you'll find a report on the Fall Book Sale. I am always impressed with the way that our members respond to our call for help with the book sale! You did not

disappoint again this fall. Thank you!!!

On Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 PM at the Library Pat and Vaughn Purnell will take us on a virtual trip to Yosemite and Death Valley National Parks. We do hope you will attend.

Lastly, October 15-21 is National Friends of the Library week. It is an occasion to celebrate all the good work being done by Friends groups throughout the United States—ours included. So again on behalf of the community, the county, the city, and the library staff—we say THANK YOU for everything you do to help our public library!!!



Joanne Straight  
FOTL President

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### QUOTE:

"If we didn't already have libraries they would have to be invented. They are the keys to American success in fully exploiting the information super-highways of the future.

James Billington  
Library of Congress

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## Fall Book Sale

Thanks to all who: contributed books, helped set up, worked the sale, sold raffle tickets, helped break down and helped store boxes of books in the storage unit. The sale was even more successful than the last one. Here are a few photos from the fall sale.



# What have we done lately for our public library?

Items requested by the library and approved at August FOTL meeting:

5 packs - kids webbed nylon wrist bells (1 dozen per pack) to be used in children's story times

The following were approved but have not been ordered (looking for less expensive shipping fees)

Double sided end of range book-truck; 3 raised back lounge floor cushions & 4 square floor cushion pillows.

General Programs & materials for all programs from Sept. 2017-May 2018: includes refreshments, paper products & craft materials

\$2,000 - Children's programs: Monthly Children's Movie Day, Children's Story Hour,

Story Seekers, Poetry Pizza, InbeTWEEN Wednesdays, Special themed programs and outreach



\$1,000 - Young Adult programs: Monthly Teen Scene (Gr. 6-12), Book Club, Teen Library Council, Special themed programs and outreach

\$1,000 - Adult programs: Monthly Book Club, Saturday at the Movies, Guest speakers, craft programs, Educational programs and outreach

\$1,500 - Let's Talk about it: covers the cost of refreshments, paper products, publicity, travel & meal expenses for visiting scholars for fall & spring sessions

\$200 - Artist of the month: refreshments & paper products for monthly receptions July 2017 - June 2018.

## Member Spotlight: Audrey Williams

FOTL nominated our own Audrey Williams for the 52 Faces of the Community award. Audrey Williams has been an active and valued volunteer with the Friends of the New Bern Public Library for many years.

She began working at the book sales, the Friends major fund raiser in 2003. As one of the younger volunteers, Audrey assists in moving boxes of books, sorting and displaying them before the sale. Once the sale begins, she can be found assisting customers to find their desired book, restocking or serving as cashier.

Audrey also served on the Friends board from 2011 through 2017, including a term as secretary. She also handled publicity for all Friends activities, contacting area media and distributing fliers around the community.

She is willing to help whenever and wherever she is needed, whether setting up chairs for a public lecture, promoting upcoming events, or providing refreshments.

A familiar figure around town Audrey traded in the snow and cold of the Buffalo New York Region for the longer growing season found in New Bern. Audrey is a Master Gardener and can be found working in the Cooperative Extension Gardens, the Riverbend organic Gardens or the community garden plots.

Audrey is always willing to share her time and knowledge to benefit one person or the community. Audrey exemplifies her belief that one person can make a difference.

We hope that you read this article in the Sun Journal on Monday October 9th. Thank you, Audrey, for helping us to promote FOTL!

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## Pat & Vaughn Purnell: Yosemite & Death Valley NPs

Did you know that the National Park Service was created by an act signed by President Woodrow Wilson on August 25, 1916 but that the first National Park was designed on March 1, 1872 by President Ulysses S. Grant? That first NP was Yellowstone. The system includes 417 areas covering more than 84 million acres in every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. There are a



number of these areas in NC. Check them out online at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

FOTL is extremely pleased to have local residents Pat and Vaughn Purnell share insights on two of their favorite parks, Yosemite and Death Valley. They have locked on to National Parks because they consider them to be our country's national treasures. The event is free to the public and will be held in the library auditorium at 3:00 PM on Sunday October 22nd. Please attend if you are available.

## Children's Gift Baskets—Holiday Fundraiser

Our popular holiday gift baskets will be available at the library beginning Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Children's baskets feature board books, classics such as Frog and Toad and the Berenstain Bears, chapter books and cookbooks. Contents will vary but can include a plush stuffed animal, cooking utensils and a snack. The baskets also make great birthday or special occasion gifts. Prices range from \$15 to \$35. Proceeds benefit children and teens with special



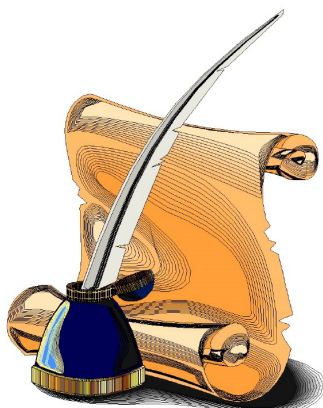
events and new materials.

We have over 30 baskets to assemble and volunteers are welcome to join us in the library's Conference Room at 9 am on Tuesday, November 7th. Donations of gently used baskets are welcome and may be dropped off in the Youth Services Department.

Contact Joanne Straight at [jostraight@gmail.com](mailto:jostraight@gmail.com) to sign up to assist with this project.

## National Friends of the Library Week October 15-21

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! United for Libraries will coordinate the 12th annual National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 15-21, 2017. The celebration offers an opportunity to celebrate Friends. Use the time to creatively promote your group in the community,



to raise awareness, and to promote membership.

The Aldermen of the City of New Bern and Craven County Commissioners will proclaim October 15-21 as National Friends of the Library Week to recognize the impact that our FOTL has had in supporting our public library.



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**Membership Chair** Ann Niethamer

**Positions needing to be filled at this time include:**

- Five At-Large Board Members,
- Publicity Chair,
- Programs/Events Chair,
- Big Book Sale Chair, and
- Nominating Chair.

The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests for the library; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community; to lend legislative support where needed and when in compliance with the regulations governing a 501(c)(3); and to support the freedom to read as expressed in the American Library Association Bill of Rights, Articles 1-4.

The "Friends" is organized for charitable, educational and scientific purposes including making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any future Federal tax legislation.

**Helping to Create A Community of Readers**

## Calendar of Noteworthy Events

We invite you to support the events and programs hosted by the public library. [Click here](#) to access the calendar.

10/15-21 National Friends of the Library Week celebration

10/22 Fall program: Pat & Vaughn Purnell—National Parks Up Close & Personal. Library at 3 PM

10/31 Halloween

10/29-11/4 International games week

Nov National Picture Book Month

11/1 National Author's Day

11/5 Daylight Savings Time—fall back

11/4 Annual Friends of NC Public Libraries meeting at Chapel Hill Public Library. [Click here to view](#)

11/7 Assemble Children's Baskets at Library at 9 AM

11/8 National Parents as Teachers Day

11/8 National STEM/STEAM Day

11/10 Marine Corps Birthday

11/11 Veterans Day

11/12 National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day

11/13 World Kindness Day

11/15 National Philanthropy Day

11/16 Great American Smokeout



11/17 National Family Volunteer Day

11/18 National Princess Day

11/19 National Play Monopoly Day

11/23 Thanksgiving Day

11/24 Black Friday

11/25 Small Business Saturday

11/28 National Day of Giving Day

12/2 FOTL Christmas program. Singing of Christmas Carols. Library 3 PM

12/25 Christmas Day