

@The Library

Happenings for March at Bogue Banks Public Library

Book exchange and sale. Stop by the paperback Book Exchange and trade for a free paperback book. The Book Nook is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with lots of used books for sale.

Silent auction. Be sure to check out the ongoing silent auction; new items are added frequently.

Activities for children. Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 is held each Thursday at 10 a.m. with Ms. Brita.

- Thursday, March 7, will be "Artsy Craftsy."
- Thursday, March 14, will be "Wee Bit Irish."
- Thursday, March 21, will be "Spring So Sweet."
- Thursday, March 28, will be "Sense-ational Senses."

Featured artwork. The art gallery will showcase a collection of watercolors by award-winning artist Dixie Leibert of Morehead City. On display will be some of the seascape, figurative and abstract paintings for which she is known.

Ms. Leibert grew up on the south shore of Long Island, where she developed her appreciation for the natural beauty of the seashore. Her formal training began with advertising studies at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Farmingdale. After graduating from this two-year program, she decided to become an art teacher and completed a BS degree in Art Education from SUNY New Paltz. Before raising three children, she taught art in two public schools, and later in Kansas City she enjoyed a varied career teaching K-12 in a rural school and in elementary grades for the Kansas City public school system.



"Ice Cream Girls" (above) and "Man in the Wind" (left) by Dixie Leibert

Since moving to Morehead City, Ms. Leibert has become an active watercolorist. She has exhibited her work in the Mattie King Davis Gallery, local libraries, St. Francis by the Sea, the Bank of the Arts in New Bern and the gallery at Carteret Health Care. She is a member of a number of art organizations, including the Arts Council of Carteret County and the art societies of both North and South Carolina. Last year she achieved Master Member status in the North Carolina Watercolor Society for being juried into 15 annual shows—and for a number of years she and her husband have designed sets for the Carteret Community Theater.

The library's display cases will display carved decoys by John Boykin, a member of the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild. He has enjoyed whittling all his life, but with the encouragement of his wife and help from the instructors and fellow students at Carteret Community College, he is transforming from a whittler to a carver. Mr. Boykin enjoys working with other carvers from the Decoy Carvers Guild to improve his techniques and discover new decoys to carve. He encourages everyone to enjoy the sound and beauty of all the songbirds and waterfowl in our area.

Please plan to join our gallery artists at the public reception on Friday, March 8, from 3 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served, and all are invited.



John Boykin with examples of his carvings.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

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ance for yielding at crosswalks. It was then we realized two key things were missing: public education and appropriate engineering of our highway and crosswalks. The Watch for Me NC program offered free training for our police officers and gave us educational materials, bicycle lights and reflective arm and wristbands valued at thousands of dollars. Town officials worked with NC DOT and re-engineered our crosswalks and had LED lights installed to make them more visible at night. We started hosting pedestrian and bicycle safety classes and crosswalk enforcement campaigns. As a result, we began to see a decline in the number of vehicle collisions at our crosswalks, more voluntary compliance and fewer citations being issued.

This year, Community Resource Officer Nancy Montanino will be heading up our Watch for Me NC program. We are partnering again with local groups such as the Trinity Center, the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, and local law enforcement agencies to reach as many individuals as possible. We will be passing out bumper stickers, posters, reflective arm and wristbands and bicycle lights. There will be more crosswalk enforcement campaigns, and we will host pedestrian and bicycle safety classes throughout the county—because this isn't just a Pine Knoll Shores problem. This is a North Carolina problem.

Hopefully, you are asking yourself how you can help. You can help by slowing down when you approach a crosswalk, by sharing the highway with bicyclists, by staying off your cell phone and going hands-free while you drive, and having more patience for individuals who are not familiar with our roads. Thank you all for helping make Pine Knoll Shores safer for everyone.

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