



Friends of the South Coastal Library

Mission, Objective, and Purpose

The mission of the Friends of the South Coastal Library (FOSCL) is to raise funds to supplement the services and resources provided by the county to meet the needs of the South Coastal Library:

- for the maintenance, improvement, and expansion of the Library's physical plant and grounds;
- to provide additional materials, books, and equipment for the Library;
- to sponsor programs and activities for the benefit of patrons of the Library and the larger community; and
- to support, encourage, and assist the Library staff and volunteers in the performance of their duties.

Board Membership and Service

Board Membership includes the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Systems Manager, and Immediate Past President. The Board, including officers, consists of not fewer than 13 nor more than 19 members, and is intended to represent the diverse communities that the Library serves.

The term for a FOSCL Board Member is a 3-year term with a limit of 2 consecutive terms. (Board members are often elected to serve a consecutive second term. However, after completing two terms, they may be invited to return, but first they must cycle off the Board for at least two years.) If the Board Member is an Officer, his/her term as a Board Member shall be extended, if necessary, to complete the term of the office. The Chair of the Beach and Bay Cottage Tour Committee is automatically a member of the Board and not subject to term limits as noted above.

Board Committees

Building and Grounds

Finance

Nominations

Publicity

BBCT

Ad hoc:

School Partnership

Development

Computer Systems

Expectations of Board Members:

- Strive to attend all Board meetings in person – at least 4 (out of 7) a year, particularly the annual meeting in September and the Budget meeting in December. Attendance may be virtual when necessary.
- Actively seek opportunities to serve on one or more committees. Time commitment varies, depending on the committee. The base average service is 15-20 hours per year but can fluctuate thereafter depending on specific committee work.
- As board members, support the Friends of the South Coastal Library in our personal charitable giving plans so we may represent ourselves as a “giving Board.”
- Know that other financial support, as able, is welcomed, e.g., to the annual campaign and events such as the Bethany Beach and Bay Cottage Tour.
- Endeavor to attend FOSCL programs and events in support of the efforts of fellow Board Members and FOSCL.
- Serve as an ambassador on behalf of FOSCL in the community. This includes, but is not limited to recruitment of board members, promoting events, and encouraging participation from the larger community.