



The popular Books Sandwiched In (BSI) series, sponsored by the Friends of the Beaufort Library (FOL), will return in January 2017 with local authors, well-known community leaders and Gullah experts lined up as presenters for this free event.

With a wide-range of book selection and subject matter, the series has attracted large audiences for the past 30 years. Held at the University of South Carolina Beaufort's Center for the Performing Arts, the series schedule also leaves time after each presentation for audience questions and answers.

"The Books Sandwiched In series is sponsored by the Friends of the Beaufort Library as a community awareness event meant to introduce notable Beaufort characters and their interests in books and reading to a broad audience," said FOL President Marilyn Harcharik. "As a volunteer charitable organization whose mission is to raise money for the library branches north of the Broad, we're glad to be able to present this program without cost to the public."

Although the program starts at noon, doors open at 11:30 so that attendees can meet the presenter, chat with other book lovers and enjoy complimentary coffee and cookies. Of course, donations are greatly appreciated. It is also a great time to become a "Friend" of the Beaufort County Library or renew yearly memberships.

Sponsors for this year's event will be Beaufort Memorial Hospital, Palmetto State Bank, Verity Investment Partners, Levin Gilley & Fisher LLC, Modern Jewelers, McDonalds (Lady's Island, Port Royal & Walmart locations), Hand & Tanner Financial Group, State Farm Insurance and Beaufort Bookstore/McIntosh Book Store.

All BSI events take place at the USCB Center for Performing Arts, 801 Carteret Street,

Beaufort.

Books Sandwiched In 2017 Calendar:

Monday, January 30

Maxine Lutz presents Northern Money, Southern Land: The Lowcountry Plantation Sketches by Chlotilde R. Martin

Monday, February 6

Queen Quet presents her book Gullah/Geechee: Africa's Seeds in the Winds of the Diaspora

Monday, February 13

Andy Beall presents Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari

Monday, February 20

Jim Jordan presents his book Penny Savannah: A Tale of Civil War Georgia

Monday, February 27

Ray McBride presents The Immortal Irishman: The Irish Revolutionary Who Became an American Hero by Timothy Egan

Monday, March 6

Beverley Porter presents When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Monday March 13

Lynn Markovich Bryant presents her book "I'm Black and I'm Proud," wished the white girl.

Monday, March 20

Gene Rugala presents United States of Jihad: Investigating America's Homegrown Terrorists by Peter Bergen for more information, contact Lolita Huckaby Watson, 843-812-6490, bftbay@gmail.com
ail.com