



## WE HAVE A DATE!

### Book Sale January 17-20, 2013

The best book sale in Delaware (our view and according to many past patrons) will be happening a week earlier than we expected.

We have survived floods and snow storms and we will continue to do so! Save the dates **January 17 thru 20**. We will again be at the Hockessin Memorial Hall (firehouse). For those folks from out of town, the GPS setting is 610 Yorklyn Road.

The book count will be over 70,000. Our Science and Nature category has had a magnificent donation of astronomy related books. The Cooking section (both premium and regular) is bulging with great buys. And of course we have a great collection of mysteries, biographies, science fiction, children's books, gardening, art books, literary classics and much more!

**Friends Preview Night (is your membership up-to-date?) is Thursday, January 17. Doors open at 5 pm.** Numbers for opening position will be given out starting at 2 PM on Thursday as we have done in the past. Get "first dibs" at the wonderful collection we have to offer. And then come back to take advantage of "Bargain Sunday." We will be replenishing books on Friday and Saturday.

If you love books and you love bargains, then mark these dates on your calendar, because this is a sale you do not want to miss.

Volunteers are always welcome; email Larry at [summits@comcast.net](mailto:summits@comcast.net) if you are so inclined.

**Sale Hours:** Thursday Jan. 17 5-9 pm    Friday Jan. 18 9 am-9 pm    Saturday Jan 19 9am-5 pm    Sun, January 20 9am-3pm.

## And the winner is...

### iPOD TOUCH 8G awarded

**F**OHL ran a contest in September where everyone was a winner...and Virginia Germano, pictured here, hit the jackpot.

There were three big ways to win during the month of September. If you:

1. Became a member of our library you certainly won the privilege of enjoying all the library has to offer!
2. Became a member of the Friends you won the privilege of helping the Hockessin Community and a chance to meet great people too.
3. You became eligible to win an iPOD TOUCH 8G.



Left: Our winner Virginia Germano with Library Director Sue Refart.

Note: This prize was awarded at random from all eligible entries. The iPOD was generously donated by a member of the Friends.

# What Should FOHL Fund?

Applicants for the 2012 FOHL Scholarships were asked to suggest ways in which funds raised by the Friends could be used for the benefit of the library. Some of the suggestions with responses from the Library Manager and Board are:

**1. Establish a book mobile** for nursing and retirement homes.

**Response:** Currently, the library has two programs serving those unable to access the library in person. There is a buddy system in which volunteer "buddies" check out and return books for the home-bound. No late fines are assessed, and patrons may keep the materials for longer than usual.

A rotating selection of large print books are taken to Cokesbury, The Methodist Country House and The Masonic Home. A member of the FOHL Board will be talking with other area facilities about being included in this program.

**2. Provide a foreign language area** in the library.

**Response:** Currently, the library has foreign language books in the 400 section of the library, near the Reference Desk and in the CD section. More books in Chinese as well as some Arabic language books are being ordered. In the future, the FOHL may help purchase and publicize the availability of foreign language books.

**3. Purchase materials** for the library.

**Response:** The FOHL does purchase materials, has donated \$10,000 to the State Dept. of Libraries for the purchase of E-books and will continue to do so in the future.

**4. Provide a non-profit educational organization** based in Wilmington with books for its library.

**Response:** The Library Manager is alerting the Wilmington Free Library of the need, and the FOHL is contacting the agency about books which will be available at the used book sale in January.

## IT'S BENEFICIAL FOR YOUR HEALTH

According to the Literature, volunteering is one of the activities which can be very beneficial for your health. We are, of course, delighted to offer you the opportunity to enjoy these healthful benefits by participating in our annual book sale in January. There are a number of opportunities to help out in different areas, in this, our major fund raising event. This year our sale will be one week earlier, but the quality and number of books available will be as great as ever.

Betty Russell, our longest serving board member, has just resigned and we are so grateful for her years of dedication and service. So, if you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining our Board, please contact me through our web site, and I will be delighted to discuss this opportunity with you.

David Goldsworthy  
President

## Director's Desk



### Greetings Everyone!

Fall and winter are my favorite times of the year. I realize that may sound a little strange but there is no better time to read. I like to grab some time out of the hectic holiday season and either listen to a good audio book, find my favorite fiction or log on to my e-reader. So in order to find a book, the library is a good place to start. Hockessin Library has an automatic order of multiple copies of all the best sellers. If you are the lucky one you might catch a good title on our walk-in shelf located on the large display furniture in the center of the room by the circulation desk. We are increasing the numbers of walk-in titles soon so that you will find a larger selection of new books.

Media items, (music cds, audio-books, and DVDs) are also available. New titles are ordered regularly so there is a good selection. I usually have an audio book traveling with me in the car to and from work as well as when I am on road trips. The Hockessin Library staff is ready to assist everyone in navigating through the various music genres, fiction and non-fiction audio-book titles, or popular, TV series, and non-fiction DVDs. New items are always displayed on the first shelf of the section.

A local favorite this fall has been our e-reader tutoring sessions. Karen Higgins, Hockessin's Public Computer Aide, takes reservations for her Technology Friday classes and one-on-one Saturday sessions. If you have a Kindle, Nook, IPAD, or the newest e-reader, Karen will be able to walk you through the steps to find FREE books to download and read.

You may have noticed all the beautiful plants at the front door. Hockessin Library is one of the sites that is housing Rockwood Museum's plants for the winter. Don't forget to meander to the back of the adult book section and the Hockessin room...our staff has prepared fancy display cases on current topics. October and November were celebrations of the Girl Scout's 100th anniversary year.

We have some great programs coming up at the Hockessin Library. The reading of Jill Biden's new book *God Bless Our Troops* for the November 14th story time; December 8 - First State Ringers Hand Bell Choir will perform at the Holiday Open House; Make a wreath for the holidays on December 11 (limit 12); and get Crafty with Carol on January 8.

We have two new part time circulation staff members, Ann and Tom. Come in and introduce yourself to them!

New Castle County Library Cookbooks are on sale for \$15, a great holiday gift. The proceeds will benefit the library.

Sincerely,

Sue C. Rekart

# Tots to Teens

The leaves are falling outside of my window and the wind is blowing. It's time to snuggle up with a good book. This time of year is bringing about a couple of good new releases.

Fancy Nancy has a new book coming entitled *Fancy Nancy Too Many Tutus* by Jane O'Connor. Everyone's favorite llama

is back with *Llama Llama Time to Share* by Anna Dewdney. Mark Kelly is bringing us the story of *Moustronaut: a partially true story*. The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series continues with *The Third Wheel* by Jeff Kinney. Lemony Snickett is back with a new series with book #1, *Who Could That Be At This Hour?* For our teen audience Daniel Handler is bringing us *Why We Broke Up*. Jay Asher has released *The Future of Us*. Neal Shusterman has released book 2 of the Unwind Trilogy, *UnWholly*.

Don't forget that we have book groups going on all the time if you're looking for a good book to discuss with some new friends. We have a group for 9—11 year olds, a group for 7 & 8 year olds, and a group for 5 & 6 year olds. Each group meets once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. Contact the library to find out what the next book is and to sign up! We always welcome new faces.

We also have a new group meeting at the library that you might find interesting. On Tuesday evenings at 7pm we are again hosting a Chess Club. This is for children and teens who are 5 and up.

Instruction in playing chess is provided. Participants are matched with other players of their skill level. Please contact the library to sign up.

It hardly seems possible but Summer Reading Club has come and gone. This summer of the 840 children and teens who were active in the program we had 720 children and teens who read at least 10 hours and earned their free book. This gives a great completion percentage of 85%. Great job! Congratulations go out to Joshua Awokuse, Maggie Bobka, Lillian Conroy, Jordan Koss, and Emily Palmer. These boys and girls won the raffle for their age group for reading at least 60 hours this summer.

Finally, I would like to thank the Friends of the Hockessin Library for their generous donation of a new puppet stage to the Children's Room. Our previous puppet stage had been well loved and was showing some rough patches. The Friends of the Hockessin Library board approved the purchase of a new stage for everyone to enjoy. This new stage stands on the floor and provides plenty of space for new shows. We also received a donation of hand made puppets from the Ditzie Dolls of Elkton Maryland.

Terri Jones  
Youth Services Librarian



Our new Puppet Theater is a big hit!

## Book Reviews

### *The Stockholm Octavo* by Karen Engelmann

Late 18th century Stockholm is the setting for a relationship story involving a fortune teller and her unsuspecting target. Historical characters and fictional characters are brought together in "political conspiracy, love and magic."

The author, Karen Engelmann, lived and worked in Sweden for 8 years.

### Large Print

#### *The Bridesmaid* by Beverly Lewis

*The Bridesmaid* is book 2 of the Home to Hickory Hollow series. Book 1 is entitled *Fiddler* and Book 3, *The Guardian*, is due out at the end of March 2013. Ms. Lewis is known for her various series featuring Amish characters.

### Non-fiction

#### *The Fiddler on Pantico Run: an African warrior, His white descendant's search for Family* by Joe Mozingo

The journey begins in Jamestown with the freed indentured servant Edward Mozingo. His descendent Joe is a light skinned blue eyed award winning reporter for the Los Angeles Times who pulls out all the stops to find his roots.

#### *Round About the Earth: Circumnavigation from Magellan to Orbit* by Joyce E Chaplin

Ms. Chaplin documents many attempts to circumnavigate the earth with an extensive bibliography to back up her stories. Readers with a hunger for adventure will enjoy this book.



## Be a Friend! Renew Today

Is your Friends membership current? Check the mailing label above your name to see when your membership renewal is due. To continue receiving *Friends Focus*, just clip this coupon and mail it to:

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PO Box 55  
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## Stocking Stuffers



### Note Cards

We have packs of note cards for \$5.00. There are 8 pen and ink drawings of 4 local structures.

You'll find them at the library check-out desk. Wrap them in a Friends Book Bag (only \$2) - a perfect holiday Gift!



## Library Hours of Operation

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday

10am-9pm

Thursday-Closed

Friday-Saturday

10am-5pm

Sunday

1pm-5pm

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