

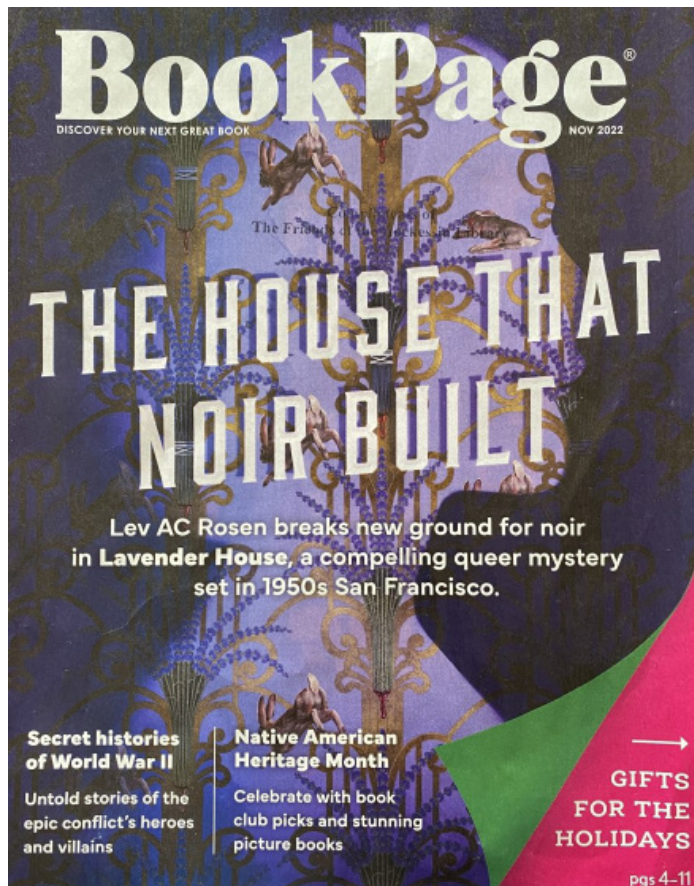
Next Book Drop on Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

## BookPage - Compliments of the Friends of the Hockessin Library

Looking for a good read that suits your individual taste? Look to BookPage, a selection guide for new books available at the Hockessin Library. BookPage highlights the best new books across all genres, as chosen by their editors. Every book they cover is one BookPage is excited to recommend to readers; a star indicates a book of exceptional quality in its genre or category.

Perhaps you love dogs; editor Deborah Hopkinson reviews *The Year of the Puppy* by Alexandra Horowitz in the October 2022 issue. This memoir, in which Horowitz becomes more aware of the incredibly rich and complex world dogs inhabit, is resoundingly recommended by Hopkinson as "a must-read." *The Year of the Puppy* may be reserved though the New Castle County library system today.

Your membership dues and proceeds from the Friends of the Hockessin Library book sales pay for the BookPage subscription. Find the most recent issue of BookPage at the Hockessin Library or online at <https://www.newcastlede.gov/374/What-Do-I-Read-Next>.



## Reading Garden Benefits from Eagle Scout Project



**Top:** Alex Walck shares his Eagle Scout Project results during the Friends of the Hockessin Library's October Board meeting.

**Bottom:** Refurbished benches in the Larry Thurrell Reading Garden welcome Hockessin Library patrons.

For my Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Eagle Scout project, I renovated the Hockessin Library's Larry Thurrell Reading Garden for the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL). First, I drafted a proposal outlining the complete scope of work that included costs and construction diagrams in order to obtain final approval from the BSA. After getting approval for my initial project proposal and obtaining clearance from all major utility providers, I removed all of the non-native plants currently in the garden, which were inhibiting the growth of the indigenous plants. New plants were transported and planted in the garden with a coating of topsoil added to promote growth. Once the new plants were properly planted, the next phase of my project was to restore the garden's benches. The benches were power washed and sanded, and then I applied a coat of sealant. As a final step, I constructed a small, raised garden bed for

library youth groups to use to grow vegetables. The garden bed was constructed out of cedar to withstand the weather without chemical treatment. I funded my project by holding a carwash, which raised just over \$600.

I would like to thank the FOHL for being my project beneficiary, as well as all of my family and friends who helped me complete my project and guided me on my way to achieving Eagle Scout.

**Alexander Walck, Eagle Scout, BSA Troop 50**

## Sponsor a Book This Holiday Season

Remember someone special this holiday season by sponsoring the purchase of a new book for the Hockessin Library – give the gift of reading as a holiday present.

The Friends of the Hockessin Library holds a complete list of desired books to be purchased in every genre and category from fiction to biography to youth to reference. Each sponsored book will bear a nameplate dedication that can be customized. Most of all, this is a gift that keeps on giving, as it will be enjoyed by others for years to come.

For more information about the Friends of the Hockessin Library Gift Program, call Board member Cindy Gamble at (302) 489-9061 or email [membership@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org](mailto:membership@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org).

### Yes, I want to give the gift of reading this holiday season.

Donor Name: .....

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Notify? Yes ..... No .....

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Enclosed is my donation for \$ .....

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Please make check payable to Friends of the Hockessin Library and

mail to P.O. Box 55, Hockessin, DE 19707

## Among Friends

Welcome to fall. There is a new way to check out library books. Just like at the grocery store, the Hockessin Library now has a self-checkout station, located across from the checkout desk. If you don't want to wait in line to check out an item, you can use this self-scanner. The self-checkout may be a bit quicker, but it isn't as friendly as our library staff members!

### Museum Passes

Have you reserved a museum pass yet? To find one, type "museum pass" into the search bar of the online catalog, and you'll get a list of the passes for places like the Brandywine Zoo and Longwood Gardens. Take a look and reserve a pass today. The Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) donated funds for some of these passes.

### What the FOHL Funds

The purpose of the FOHL is to support the Hockessin Library, and we do that primarily through funding. In addition to the museum passes, we also funded a new 3D printer and the subscription to BookPage.

### Thank you to Retiring Board Members

Two FOHL Board members recently retired: David Goldsworthy and Crystal Langstaff.

David has been a driving force behind the FOHL since the early 2000s. As with many of our Board members, he started working on the book sale and was cochair of the Book Sale Committee for many years. In 2012, he was elected Board president and served in that capacity until 2017. After stepping down as president, David continued on the Investment Committee and as a book sale volunteer. He is a valuable resource on the history of the FOHL, and his input will be missed.

Crystal also became involved with the FOHL through the book sales, and she and her husband Robert chaired the Collectibles division, which was a profitable endeavor. Crystal joined the Board in 2018 and was the project manager for the Barbara Miller Memorial Bench, which sits outside the library's front door. She worked diligently with the sculptor on the design of the bench and its installation. We thank both David and Crystal for their service and dedication to the FOHL Board.

### Welcome New Board Members

The FOHL Board recently welcomed three new members: Cindy Gamble, Becky Green, and Cameron Green.

Cindy, an avid reader and library patron, has a wealth of experience in the nonprofit world in fundraising and donor relations through her work with Hagley and the Ministry of Caring. She is the editor of this newsletter and will also work on publicity.

Becky, like many of our Board members, first became involved with the FOHL through our book sales and book drops. She is a senior threat intelligence editor with ZeroFox, Inc. and very active with Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 50, where she is the PR and Marketing chair as well as the Advancement chair. Becky is also mom to our youngest Board member, Cameron Green.

Cameron will provide a younger perspective to the Board as a junior FOHL Board member. He is an Eagle Scout with BSA Troop 50, a senior at Cab Calloway School of the Arts, and a dedicated volunteer with our book drops and book sales. He also refurbished our book shed for his Eagle Scout project in the late Fall of 2021.

### Book Sales and Book Drops

It's been a year since we started our quarterly book sales, and they have been very successful. While we miss the large January sale, these smaller sales have been easier to manage and more fun as there are not as many moving parts to track. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the sales and book drops. Contact the FOHL if you'd like to help. Dates for upcoming sales and book drops can be found on our website.

### Geri Krolin-Taylor, President

## From the Director's Desk

Happy Autumn, everyone! We are finally back to our regular hours, having added back Sundays in September. Welcome back to one and all at last!

We sadly had to bid adieu to one of our 3D printers last month, as it had a system failure. However, with the help of the Friends of the Hockessin Library, we have added a brand-new Prusa 3D printer. Once staff are trained on this shiny new device, we will once again be offering print jobs on demand. See our website, <https://www.newcastlede.gov/2289/3-D-Printing>, for more information on how to submit a 3D print request.

Some highlights from our upcoming winter calendar include coding programs for youth and teens and a series of family programs during



school winter break. We are also adding a monthly upcycled book craft program (plus a repeat of the popular paper rose craft) in January and beyond. Finally, we are happy to announce a new partnership with the University of Delaware Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Starting in January, they will be offering single classes on cultural and historical topics to the public. Please check out our online calendar, <https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar>, for more information on all our upcoming programs!

**Beth Borene, Hockessin Library Manager**

## Readers Swam in "Oceans of Possibilities"

The Hockessin Library again experienced a successful Summer Reading Program for Adults! The library welcomed 78 registrants and had 53 active participants who received a certificate of "Congratulations." To complete and receive a certificate of "Congratulations," participants read and logged four books on the Beanstack website. Many read more than four books and wrote reviews. The Hockessin Library had the most completions of all New Castle County Libraries! New Castle County stats: 779 readers registered, 331 completed, and 5,218 books logged. Kudos to all who participated and enjoyed this year's Summer Reading Program for Adults.

A heartfelt thank you and much appreciation to the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) for ongoing support of the library's summer reading program. All who completed the program received a gift card to the Hockessin BookShelf, compliments of the FOHL. The theme for the 2023 Summer Reading Program has been announced: All Together Now.

**Shelley Stein, Adult Services Librarian**



**Share the Love of Reading**

Perhaps you know a teacher who would like some books for their classroom or someone with a "Little Free Library"? Friends of the Hockessin Library donates books to individuals and organizations who encourage reading and make books available to readers. Contact Linda Lauria at [booksale@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org](mailto:booksale@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org) for more information.

## Book Tasting for Children with Pickier Palates

This summer during our Summer with the Library program, we had a great amount of fun exploring the ocean and all of its possibilities. I was so happy to see so many faces back in the library checking out material and taking advantage of our programs once again. I've already started to plan Summer 2023, but while you wait don't forget that each month we are running a challenge for children and teens exclusively through Beanstack, <https://nccde.beanstack.org>. Did you know we have two ways for children and teens to become published creators? We have *PAGES* for children ages 4 – 12 and *IMAZINE* for teens 13 – 19. Both of these publications feature original content created by children and teens across New Castle County. The submission period is currently open for both. More information can be found here: <https://www.newcastlede.gov/1517/Children-Teens>

When it comes to reading, just like eating, some kids have pickier palates than others. I'm hoping to pique their appetites for a good read with a book tasting on Tuesday, December 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Readers will sample some juicy reads to expand their palate. This is a perfect way to gather some titles that might be good for upcoming gift opportunities.

Beanstack Friend Code: WH58M1G

**Terri Jones, MLS, Youth Services Librarian**

**Left:** Adult Services Librarian Shelley Stein, on right, presents an award certificate and Hockessin BookShelf gift card to FOHL Board Member Cindy Gamble.

## Sign Me Up!

Just clip this coupon and mail it to:  
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55, Hockessin, DE 19707 (or drop it  
by the Library) with your payment.

Yes, I'd like to join the Friends or renew my membership! Enclosed is a check made payable to "Friends of the Hockessin Library, Inc." for:

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  \$20.00 Family (1 yr.)   
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Is there a special area in which you would like to volunteer?

- Book Sale                       Publicity                       Fund Raising  
 Board                               Reading Garden Maintenance

# Famous Delawareans on Display Now

If you haven't had the opportunity to see the current exhibit in the display case of the Hockessin Library lobby, make sure to check it out on your next visit. Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) Board Member Terri Ristine, who is chair of the Display Case Committee, has created a marvelous display of Famous Delawareans, some of whom you may not know.

Since joining the FOHL Board in 2019, Terri has executed two displays. The first was a thank you to the Hockessin Library staff members for their extraordinary efforts to make sure library patrons had books to read during the pandemic. These staff members exemplified the definition of personal service as they delivered book selections to patrons in the parking lot for curbside pickup. Terri's display recognized each staff member for his/her contributions to keeping the library as involved with the community as possible. The current display, Famous Delawareans, was inspired by the election of Joe Biden as President of the United States.

Elaine Serpe, a member of the FOHL Board and Terri's neighbor, recruited Terri for the FOHL Board. While Terri has lived in Hockessin since 1995, she grew up in Delaware County, PA, and also lived in Connecticut before moving to Delaware. The Famous Delawareans exhibit reflects Terri's desire to learn more about the First State. Elena Delle Donne, Clifford Brown, George Thorogood, and more are highlighted. Terri's favorite Famous Delawarean? Valerie Bertinelli.

Famous Delawareans will be on display through the end of November 2022.



Famous Delawareans exhibit now on display in the Hockessin Library lobby.

## This is the last print issue of *FRIENDS FOCUS*

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If you do not have email and would like to continue receiving the print version, please call the Hockessin Library at (302) 239-5160 and ask to be put on the print mailing list for *FRIENDS FOCUS*.

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Monday-Wednesday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday/Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

This schedule remains fluid, so please check the Library's website at <https://www.nccde.org/329/Hockessin-Library>, or their voicemail for updates; or call before you visit.

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