

FALL 2017

FRIENDS OF THE HOCKESSIN LIBRARY, INC.



2017 Summer Reading Program for Adults “Build A Better World”

This year's Summer Reading Program for Adults contributed to building a better world at Hockessin Library. For the first time all New Castle County libraries offered a coordinated Summer Reading Program for Adults, using the Beanstack online platform. Hockessin Library experienced a successful transition as adults ably switched from print and used computer devices to track their summer reading. Although the number of Hockessin registrants was lower than in past years, Hockessin Library had the highest number of participants, books read, and completions for adult readers across New Castle County.

A total of 70 adults registered for the program, 46 read and logged books, and 41 completed the program by reading/logging four or more books. Hockessin readers logged the most books at 574, and submitted 65 online book reviews (this year book reviews were an optional feature).

From June 1-August 12, patrons also had the choice of playing Book BINGO, a fun way to promote reading. Nineteen enthusiastic BINGO players read books from different categories and genres all summer long.

Hockessin Library had 2 Grand Prize Drawing winners:

Sue McCann and Patricia Sine

Hockessin Library's BINGO Grand Prize Drawing winner:

Martine Long

I thank the Friends of the Hockessin Library for their generous, unwavering support, making the purchase of “thank you” gifts for the Grand Prize drawings possible as well as the purchase of promotional materials and BINGO incentives.

Gratefully submitted,

Shelley Stein, Adult Services Librarian, Hockessin Library

SAVE THE DATE!

Used Book Sale January 25-28, 2018

Sale Hours:	Thursday Jan. 25 5 p.m.- 9 p.m.	Friday, Jan. 26 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Saturday, Jan. 27 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Sunday, Jan. 28 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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Check our Facebook page and web site (friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org) for further information. Avoid delays on Thursday evening – renew your membership now! Books are collected at the book shed behind the Hockessin Memorial Hall on the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m.- noon.



AMONG FRIENDS

The Board expresses its sincere gratitude to David Goldsworthy for his many years of service as President and as Co-chairman of the Annual Used Book Sale. Fortunately, he will remain on the Board and continue to be very active with the sale. Appreciation is also expressed to Lois Heesters and David Brennan for their dedication to the Friends as they retire from the Board. Recently, Maria Iversen and Trina Ristine were welcomed as new Board members.

Earlier in the year, the Board approved funding for an Art Track system for the Community Room, a DVD cleaning machine, a child's footstool for the water fountain, a laptop computer charging cart, staff break room refreshments and appliance repair, incentives for the children's and adult summer reading programs, a subscription to The World Journal (in Chinese), a donation to "Hockessin in July", a gift basket for the Maryland & Delaware Library Associations scholarship raffle and Hockessin Business Association dues for the library. Most recently, three magazine subscriptions (*Teen Ink, Birds and Blooms and BookPage*), Delaware Library Association dues for the staff, treats for the Hockessin Halloween Event, poinsettias for the library in December, support for the staff holiday luncheon, youth headphones for the children's computers and books for the 2018 "New Castle Reads" program for use by book groups were funded. In cooperation with New Castle County, funding was also provided for the purchase of four new chairs for the Hockessin Room. Other necessary refurbishment needs and replacement of furnishings have been identified and will be acted upon in the near future.

In May Judith Scarani presented the Friends with two paintings by her late mother, Phoebe Mont, which are to be hung in the library. Phoebe was a past President of the Friends and responsible for most of the organization's publicity, including that for the used book sale.

Recent exhibitions in the Friends display case in the library foyer have featured area walking trails and local bridges. Currently, the exhibit encourages library patrons to visit some of the area's museums.

Board members extend their warmest wishes to the Friends and their families for the upcoming holidays.

~ Cathe Lawrence, President

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Fall programming at the Hockessin Library is in full swing.

Eleven middle school students are meeting at the Young Writers Workshop program Tuesday nights to write a book about the Underground Railroad and using Hockessin as the setting. Dr. JoAnn Balinget, former Delaware Poet Laureate, is leading the group that is also partnering with the Hockessin Historical Society. The Young Writers Workshop is offered each quarter to give children and teens an opportunity to experience the processes needed to write, illustrate, and publish a book.

The Foreign Films and Food program has been a big hit. Upcoming programs are on the third Saturday of the month at 1 pm in November and December. The November 18th film is from India called Dangal. The December 16th film is a Japanese film called *Y our Name*. Snacks from each country are sampled by attendees.

Free Chinese newspapers and the daily World Journal are available at the Hockessin Library. Purchased by the Hockessin Friends of the Library, the World Journal in the Mandarin language reports the current news here in American and abroad.

Need a job or thinking about a job change? Visit the Hockessin Library November 17th and staff from the Delaware Division of Library's Inspiration Spaces project will provide individualized consultations demonstrating the latest resume writing tips. On December 15th they will be speaking about Emotional Management and Stress.

Hockessin Library is partnering with the Hockessin Business Association to hold the fourth annual "Grinch Who Stole Who-ckessim" program December 9th at 1pm. The Grinch is an interactive family viewing of the original cartoon movie.

Hockessin Library is looking forward to the Holiday season's music programs that will include First State Bell Ringers on Saturday December 16th at 10 am and St. Mary's Hand Bell Choir Concert on Tuesday December 12th.

Check out our NEW BOOK section for all the recently published books and pick up a copy of Book Pages for ideas on future reading.

~ Sue C. Rekart

eMEDIA REPORT

According to Robert Wetherall of the Delaware Division of Libraries, the September 2017 circulation of eBooks and eAudiobooks increased by 8.3% over the same period last year.

The long wait times for popular titles has forced the division to limit the check-out options to only 7 or 14 days. eAudiobooks, however, may still be checked out for 21 days. Twelve titles have been added to the Flipster magazine service including *The New Yorker, Vanity Fair, Better Homes & Gardens, GQ and Wired*.

For more information and to access the eMedia catalogs go to: lib.de.us/emedia.

BRIDGE DISPLAY

During the summer the entrance foyer display case featured an exhibit about area bridges. With that in mind, enjoy a bridge story and ponder the concluding questions.

Once upon a time, many years ago, there was a West Point cadet whose unconventional comportment had been noted with prejudice. He did, however, possess a talent for drawing sketches, a valuable contribution for combat intelligence in an era before aerial photography.

One day he had the assignment to draw a bridge, and he set himself to the task with dedication. His drawing contained all the Essential Elements of Information (EEI) that the Army could hope for. An infantry officer could see how many foot soldiers could cross; a cavalry officer could see how many horses could cross; and an artillery officer could see what caliber canons could be supported. A brigade commander could see how best to attack or defend the bridge as needed. The cadet added, as a personal flair, four young boys fishing from the bridge.

His instructor reviewed the work approvingly but requested that it be done again after removing the boys from the bridge. No sooner said than done with the boys now shown fishing from the shore. This time the instructor exercised his military command voice. "Mister, I want those boys completely eliminated!" While preserving all the EEI, the cadet submitted a new sketch showing four white Christian crosses representing the boys that in strict compliance with instructions had been "completely eliminated".

This earned the cadet a trip to the Commandant's office where he had been before one too many times. His tolerance exceeded, the Commandant ordered the cadet's expulsion.

Questions:

Who was the cadet? Who was the Commandant?
Answers on back page

ART TRACKING SYSTEM

In memory of long-time Board member and former Board President, Phoebe Mont, the Friends donated an art tracking system which has been installed in the library's Community Room. Currently, two of Phoebe's own paintings, donated to the library by her daughter, Judith Scarani, are on display. Library Manager, Sue Rekart, envisions future art shows featuring works by local artists and art students.



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FRIENDS OF THE HOCKESSIN LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at 7:30 pm in the Library's Community Room on the second Monday of the month from September through May. If the library is closed due to a holiday, the meeting will be held in the Lamborn Library building at 1041 Valley Road. Open to the public.

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*Answers to "Bridge Display" questions:
Artist, James Whistler and Robert E. Lee

LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Wednesday:	10am-9pm
Thursday:	Closed
Friday/ Saturday:	10am-5pm
Sunday:	1pm- 5pm



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