

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE RETURNS



Who wants to buy Christmas books in January? Are you looking for instructions on how to make a unique Christmas wreath in January? Are you listening to Holiday songs while trying out a new Christmas cookie recipe for your Super Bowl party? Are you reading “*The Night Before Christmas*” to your children at bedtime? Are you curling up with “*Skipping Christmas*” after a hectic day of gift shopping” NO! No one wants Christmas Books in January!

That is why the Friends of the Hockessin Library decided to hold a Christmas Used Book sale BEFORE Christmas! The first sale was held last November and was well received. The sale will be held again this year on Saturday November 17th. We will be set up in the Hockessin Library Lobby from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We have a lot more items than last year, since we have been collecting Holiday books all year long. We have a large selection of children’s books, music CDs, DVDs, holiday fiction, cook books, decorating books and some books that include a little of everything Christmas. We even have a few Chanukah and Kwanzaa items. Pricing is comparable to the January Sale prices.

Do you have Holiday books you would like to donate? Please drop them off at the collection shed on Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you can’t make the November collection, you can donate books on the second Saturday of the month year round. The collection shed is located in the gravel lot behind the fire house on Old Lancaster Pike.

Don’t despair if you actually do buy Christmas Books in January and you can’t make the November sale. All unsold items will be available at the Big Sale January 24th – 27th.

Linda Lauria, Book Sale Chair



SAVE THE DATE!

Used Book Sale January 24-27, 2019

Sale Hours:	Thursday, Jan. 24 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Friday, Jan. 25 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Saturday, Jan. 26 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Sunday, Jan. 27 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

While the Board does not officially meet during the summer months, the Friends of the Hockessin Library supports the staff and numerous activities at the library: funding for the “Libraries Rock” children’s and adults’ summer reading programs; a raffle basket for the DE/MD Library Association’s annual meeting (with assistance from *Wild Birds Unlimited in Hockessin*); refreshments for three concerts; Reading Garden maintenance; purchase of a new microwave for the staff break room and a Blu-ray DVD player. In the community, financial support was again provided for the Hockessin Fourth of July event. Photographs were taken by professional photographer Ann Norsworthy to update the Friends website.

This Fall, as in past years, memberships in the Delaware Library Association for the staff and the library’s membership in the Hockessin Business Association are being funded.

A subscription to *Teen Ink* has been renewed providing 30 copies each month during the school year, and patrons will continue to have access to *The Epoch Times* in English. A subscription to *Birds & Blooms* was also renewed. Treats and comic books were available to costumed visitors during “Halloween in Hockessin” and refreshments are being served during special programs.

The Friends Facebook page and Twitter account are featuring upcoming library events.

Preparing for the used book sales is a year-long process with volunteers undeterred by this past summer’s heat and humidity. We are most grateful to all who make the Christmas-themed sale in November and the annual sale (Jan. 24-27, 2019) so very successful.

The Board extends its best wishes to the Friends and their families as they observe holidays during the upcoming months.

- Cathie Lawrence, President

DIRECTOR’S DESK

The leaves are turning bright colors and the days are getting cooler. Pumpkins and apples, warm sweaters and boots are everywhere. Happy Autumn, everyone! We are well into the school year, and Hockessin Library is a great place to find educational tools and community engagement.

The Friends’ art tracking system, or “art rail” as I like to call it, in the Community Room is full of local masterpieces this season, and I encourage you to stop by and be inspired! In partnership with the New Castle County Art Studio and Art Therapy Express, the Library is proud to show artwork from this year’s Kaleidoscope Summer Camp. Entitled *The “Master” in Me*, this season’s exhibit is created by students with disABILITIES, using adaptive art tools to recreate well-known art by the Old Masters. The exhibit will be displayed until November 16. In the winter months, we will host a display of woven textiles by Art Studio weaving students.

You may have noticed that parts of the interior of our building are a little brighter these days. This is due to some hard work by Larry, our main maintenance man, who is changing out all of our old warm lighting for newer, brighter, lighting. He has recently finished the areas above the adult collections and checkout desk and is now moving on to other areas of the library. Thanks, Larry!

Yarn Group is going strong. For some added incentive to try your hand at this calming and satisfying hobby, we are adding a special treat at the beginning of each quarter. Join us on Wednesday, December 5 at noon to make a beautiful multi-colored chain scarf with your own hands, no previous experience required!

We have some great programs coming up in the next few months. In addition to our 11 book groups – so many choices for a community that loves to read! – we offer classes in technology, arts and culture. Stop by the library or check out our website <http://nccde.org/Hockessin> to get more information today. We hosted a popular program in mid-October on light-up greeting cards that we will be hosting again on December 3. I urge you to sign up soon, as seats are expected to go fast. In addition to our ever-popular collaborations with the Hockessin Business Association – Halloween in Hockessin and the Grinch Who Stole Who-ckessin – the library will be the place to be for families the week after Christmas. Check out our Happenings Guide to learn more about Building Extravaganza, Game Day and Movie Day for kids of all ages.

- Beth Borene, Library Manager

3D PRINTING AT HOCKESSIN

So have you heard about this thing called 3D printing? Folks are using these gadgets to create some marvelous things! And in libraries, people are having a ton of fun learning how to create their own designs and watch the printer bring them to 3D-life. While 3D printers are becoming more popular and have recently dropped in price, there is still a significant time and money investment to set up and use one in your home. The library is a great place to experiment and experience new things – and to see if this might become a passion for you. Hockessin does offer a 3D printing program for those who are interested. Held every 1-2 months, these classes have become a popular way to learn about this free service to our patrons. Once you know how to design a creation, you are welcome to submit a file to be printed. Turn-around time is 1-2 weeks, and you can ask to see your print job being printed if you like. Most files are downloaded from popular sites; however there are several folks who are now designing their own objects in CAD software and submitting them for printing. See the Information Desk to learn more about 3D printing classes and services.

PASSPORT PROGRAM

Another reason to join the Friends of the Hockessin Library!

Want to win a \$100 Amazon gift card or a one year DLA membership? Participate in the Public Library Division’s Passport Program!

The Delaware Public Library Passport program provides an incentive for library employees, volunteers, and DLA Members to explore neighboring and distant Delaware public libraries. To participate, simply visit one or all of the Delaware public libraries, snap a picture, post the photo to Facebook and tag @PLDpassport. Don’t want to use Facebook? Email your photo to catherine.wimberley@lib.de.us. Remember to identify the library you’ve visited.

Each picture you submit is a raffle entry. The more libraries you visit, the greater your chances of winning. Entries must be received by April 30, 2019. Must be a library employee, volunteer, friend of the library, or DLA member to participate. Please e-mail catherine.wimberley@lib.de.us with any questions.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS, 2018: LIBRARIES ROCK!

This year's Summer Reading Program for Adults took the library community on an exciting, amplified musical journey. For the second year in a row all New Castle County libraries offered a coordinated Summer Reading Programs for Adults, using the Beanstack online platform. Hockessin Library made the successful technological transition as adults ably switched from print and used computer devices to track their summer reading with few relying on staff for registration and online participation. Again, Hockessin Library had the highest number of participants, books read, completions, and reviews for adult readers across New Castle County. Hockessin Library rocks!

A total of 90 adults registered for the program, 61 read and logged books, and 52 completed the program by reading/logging four or more books. Hockessin readers logged the most books at 723, and submitted 115 online book reviews (this year book reviews remained an optional feature).

From June 1-August 11, patrons also had the chance of playing Book BINGO, a fun way to promote reading. Ten enthusiastic BINGO players read books from different categories and genres all summer long.

Hockessin Library had two Grand Prize Drawing winners:
Meredith Prince and Patti Fisher

Hockessin Library's Most Bingos:
Leah Loke

Hockessin Library's BINGO Grand Prize Drawing winner:
Paula Tipping

As always, 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 and Beanstack Library Administrator**

2018 YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAM

With the help of the Friends of the Hockessin Library, Summer Reading for youth at the library was a huge success again this year! 498 children and teen participants read 17,581 hours. I hope you all had as much fun as I did Rocking out at the library.

Fall always seems like a great new time to introduce new programs, and this year we are introducing two new programs for kids. We have started a Cooks and Books, Jr. program here at the library for kids aged 5-12, in which we choose a cookbook each month, and each participant makes a recipe from the book. We then come together to discuss what it was like making the recipe, bringing our final products with us to the session so everyone can sample our recipes. We are meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. The cookbook we are currently using can be found on the Children's Desk. We have also brought back Story Time with a Twist on a new night and time. This is a family story time held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Each week we will read some stories and then do a craft. So put on your PJs, come on in and join us for the fun!

In 2017 we introduced the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten campaign in which parents are asked to read books to babies, toddlers, and preschoolers and log those books on paper or online. We have a small token for each 100 books and then a nice incentive for the 1,000 book goal. This year we are adding the 500 Books before Middle School campaign to our lineup. For this campaign, Kindergarteners- 5th graders are asked to read 500 books before the first day of 6th grade. They too can track their books on paper or online and receive a small token for each 100 books read and a nice incentive when they reach the 500 book goal. Please remember, though: whether you do it at the library or at home, in a box or on a truck, with a parent, child, pet, friend or on your own – for whatever timeframe you choose... the most important thing to do is to always read for pleasure every day!

- **Terri Jones, Youth Services Librarian**

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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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Yes, I'd like to join the Friends or renew my membership! Enclosed is a check for:

- \$10.00 Individual Member (1 yr.)
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- Book Sale
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- Hospitality
- Telephone
- Publicity
- Board
- Other

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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