



2018 Book Sale

OVER 50,000 BOOKS! That's how many books were for sale at the annual Friends of the Hockessin Library Used Book Sale held January 25th through the 28th. Hundreds of eager buyers filled Memorial Hall to participate in one of the East Coast's largest and best used book sales.

Thursday night was for FOHL members only, and set an all-time high for opening night sales. Dealers, both local and from several mid-Atlantic states, started lining up at 8:00 a.m. for a chance to be one of the first through the doors at 5:00 p.m. Friday was open to the general public, and again many were in line when the doors opened at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, the final day of the sale, featured our \$8 bag of books sale.

Over 100 volunteers help make this event possible. Some sort and collect books year round, while others help set up the sale, serve as cashiers, keep things in order during the sale and help clean up when the

sale is over at 3:00 on Sunday. At 3:01 volunteers and a crew from Discover Books remove all unsold books for recycling, box up books to be donated to the VA Hospital, local nursing homes and various children's charities, stack tables and store supplies in a large trailer for next year. This year was the quickest cleanup ever, with everything done in just one hour!

Sales for the event totaled over \$44,000. All profits from the sale are used to support the Hockessin Public Library. In the past year, some of the projects supported were prizes and supplies for both the Children's and Adult's Summer Reading Programs, the purchase of books and magazines, new furnishings, staff professional dues, a staff Holiday lunch, maintenance of the Reading Garden and an art display system for the Community Room.

You can help support the sale by donating your used books, DVDs, CDs, VHS movies, puzzles and games for resale. A collection is held from 9 to noon on the second Saturday of every month at the shed in the lot behind the Fire Hall on Old Wilmington Road. Sorry, no encyclopedias or old text books. Mark your calendars for next year's sale – January 24 through January 27, 2019. ~ **Linda Lauria, Book Sale Chair**



Among Friends

The past few months have been a time of departures and arrivals.

In early December Sue Rekart retired after five years as Library Manager at the Hockessin Library. She and her husband will winter in Arizona and spend summers on the Eastern Shore. We appreciate the support we received from NCC Manger of Libraries, Diana Brown, and Steve Davis (Library Manager of the Kirkwood Library) who served as Interim Library Manager following Sue's departure.

January brought the arrival of over 50,000 books and AV materials from storage at the Hockessin Memorial Hall along with an army of volunteers for the Friends annual used book sale. With the capable leadership of Linda Lauria and her committee; generous book, CD and DVD donors; dedicated volunteers of all ages; and loyal customers the 2018 sale was the fourth most financially successful sale since its inception in 1978. A sincere and heart-felt thank you to everyone who made this possible.

In February the Board welcomed new members Crystal and Robert Langstaff. They have chaired Collectibles and Selectables during the last two book sales.

On March 9th a friend, long-time Board member and dedicated library supporter, Barbara Miller, passed away. A very special lady who will be greatly missed.

The end of March brought the arrival of Beth Borene who traveled north from her position as Adult Reference Librarian I in the Bear Library to become the Hockessin Library Manager. We are delighted to welcome Beth and look forward to working with her. ~ **Cathe Lawrence, President**

What's Happening @ The Library

During the spring and summer, the library offers activities for all ages. Check out a book or movie; participate in the summer reading programs; have fun during a scavenger hunt; discover musical instruments from different countries; join a Lego, book, knitting, technology or cookbook club; enjoy a concert; learn to belly dance, learn English, learn about gadgets and gizmos or about art; watch a movie; listen to a story or play a game with your toddlers; explore the world of finance. The opportunities abound. To access the Hockessin Library calendar go to nccde.org/329/Hockessin-Library and click on "See more events at the library" under "Upcoming Events" or consult the New Castle County *Happenings* publication.

Hockessin Welcomes A New Library Manager

A warm welcome to Beth Borene who became Library Manager at Hockessin on March 26th. A graduate of Penn State (French Language major and International Studies minor), Beth received her MS in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After serving as the Head of Youth Reference at the Woodlawn Library for 5 years, she moved to the Bear Library in 2011 as Head of Adult Reference. Her first year at Bear was actually spent at the Brandywine Library while the Bear library underwent renovations. Among her major responsibilities were technology programming and education. Active in the Delaware Library Association, she served as its President (2014-15) and on the Executive Board from 2013-2017.

Born in St. Paul, MN and raised in Racine, WI Beth enjoys going to the theater and traveling, especially with one of her two brothers. Of particular pleasure was a trip last fall to snorkel in the Caribbean for the first time. It is not surprising that she favors the beach, having been a competitive swimmer for a number of years while in school. Her favorite author is Jane Austen. She collects stuffed frogs and turtles, and her tabby cat is named Samuel "Darcy" Borene.

In Memoriam: Barbara Miller

The death of Barbara Miller on March 9th came as a great shock to all of us. She was one of our longest serving Board Members, with over twenty years of service. She was loved by everyone who knew her. Her cheery disposition warmed up any room she was in, or any meeting she attended. Barbara was a former President of our Board and continued to play an active role in Board affairs.

She was a Hockessin native and was very active in the community, she volunteered for numerous local organizations. A few years ago, Barbara gave a wonderful talk about gardening and plants at our Annual General Meeting. She was clearly an expert on the subject and enjoyed sharing her knowledge with us.

The Board intends to commemorate her years of service and will be discussing with the library manager and her family what would be an appropriate memorial. Barbara we will all miss you very much. ~ **David Goldsworthy**

New Castle County Reads

For its 14th annual event, the New Castle County Reads program selected *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.

Between 1854 and 1929 thousands of abandoned children were transported from the East Coast to find homes in the Midwest. *The Orphan Train* tells the story of one such child, now a 91 year old woman, who reaches out to a troubled teen in present-day Maine.

While supplies last, free books have been made available to book groups which register with the program. There are also 65 copies available at libraries throughout the county. The Friends of the Hockessin Library provided funding for 30 young reader editions to be used by two book groups meeting at the library. In addition, the Friends funded ten copies of *Fly Little Bird, Fly* by Donna Nordmark Aviles whose grandfather, Oliver Nordmark, traveled on an orphan train.

Since 2010 the New Castle County Reads program has featured an author talk and book signing. This year Christina Baker Kline will appear at The Chase Center on the Riverfront on Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. for a free lecture.

Saturdays in the Children's Room & Family Fun

Did you know we have something going in the Children's Room every Saturday? On the first Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. we have a Scavenger Hunt going on around the Children's Room. On the second Saturday explore books and their art deeper in Art + Books = Cool! from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.. Board games and card games are set up during Games Galore on the third Saturday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.. Finally, on the fourth Saturday we explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math during S.T.E.A.M. Lab from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

On May 2 from 6:30 - 8:15 pm we invite you to turn off the screen and join the fun with us at the library. Games, crafts, and activities are going to be set up around the library to get you up from in front of the screen and moving as part of Screen Free Week, 2018.

Your library is so much more than just books.

Don't forget, the Summer Reading Challenge begins Friday June 1. Libraries rock! ~ **Terri Jones, Youth Services Librarian**

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Please check your areas of interest if you would like to volunteer:

- Membership Book Sale Fund Raising Programs 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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