

FRIENDS FOCUS

78,100

Wow. 78,100 books. Yes, and about as many volunteer hours as well. The sale in January had more books than we could display so those that weren't shown (about 11,000) will be held for next year. The Friends have been blessed with not only wonderful, generous book donors, but also with a cadre of willing volunteers. There are those who come on the second Saturday of each month to unload cars at the book drop, which is located behind the Fire Hall. The sorters are there then, and also many days per week thereafter because we do go and pick up donations from folks, who are downsizing their homes, moving to warmer climates or for whatever reason, wish to give us books. The sorted books are then packed and stored at another location, which is why our shed always has room for more books!

Then comes the big push for manning the sale itself. Last calculation showed we had over 1100 man hours of help from the set up to the clean up. In fact we had volunteers from as far away as New Hampshire and the Atlantic City area of New Jersey. Many volunteers stayed on after their shift; in fact came back each day to make sure we had enough help. Those hours were not captured in the 1100 number.

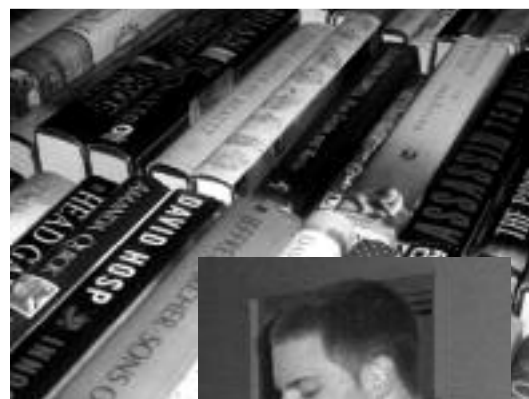
A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" TO YOU ALL.

We know we can improve the sale event and have come up with a number of action items; one of which is to find larger accommodations with more parking, but still in the Hockessin area. If any of you have ideas for improvements, please share them with us by dropping us a note, or placing a comment in our suggestion box located in the library, or emailing me, Larry, at summitcs@comcast.net.

Of course we wouldn't have taken in over \$40,000 again if it weren't for all of you, the buyers. This was our third best year (2009 was #1 and 2010 was just slightly better than 2012). So, thank YOU and enjoy the reading!

The recipients of our left over books included, VA Hospital in Elsmere, Stockings for Soldiers, BTL Foundation, Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children and Waveland Church in Waveland, MS. The last is still struggling from the ravages of hurricane Katrina.

Larry Thurrell & David Goldsworthy



We would never have been so successful without our wonderful volunteers. Pictured here are just a few of our hardworking Friends.

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Book Sale customers covered the gamut — from old timers who know to come early to new readers who we expect to see again next year.



Sophisticated shoppers are using e-readers to check our selections against what is available on-line!

Technology Fridays

Need Help with the latest technology?
No fear, we have the answers here!

- E-Reader
- Android Tablet
- iPad
- iPhone
- Kindle
- Nook
- Overdrive Media Console

Become an expert and one of the first to use our e-library. Registration is required. See the information desk or call the library at 239.5160.



Directors' Desk

Spring at the Hockessin Library

Greetings Everyone!

Kindles, Nooks, I-pads, Fires, OH MY! Hockessin Library is pleased to announce Technology Fridays! When you sign up at the Information desk for a session, Computer Aide Karen Higgins will make sure you receive the appropriate instruction for your specific e-reading device. The Friends have provided seed money for the core collection of e-books to the State Library in Dover.

The Friends of the Library are truly that! The library has received a portable PA system, a wooden coat rack, and in memory of Ann Loring, a subscription to the magazine Birds & Blooms. The Friends have supported the staff holiday luncheon and placed holiday poinsettias in the library for the season. The beautifully framed art work that you are enjoying in the library was spruced up by the Friends and one picture was re-matted by Page, Ginny Schlosser.

The library is assisting AARP with their tax appointment sign-up. AARP will be here at the Library every Tuesday until April 15.

The Hockessin Library is starting the spring season with some great programs for adults.

The Mason-Dixon Line and Mediation Redeux is
March 3 at 11am

Spring is in the Air: Crafts with Carol Dougherty is
March 5 at 6:30

Personal Safety Awareness is March 12 at 6:30

Retirement Planning Workshop is on March 26 at 10:30am

Please visit us at the Library where the world is at your fingertips.

Sincerely,


Sue C. Rekart



Check presentation on behalf of the Friends of the Hockessin Library.

E-book Library

January 17th was a very big day for the Friends of Hockessin Library. Not only were we holding our "preview event" for the annual book sale, but we also arranged to present our Library with a check for \$10,000. towards the startup of the e-book library. Our Friends Group, along with others, is helping to fund this initial startup so that a significant collection is immediately available for Library patrons. Future funding will be provided by the County, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Marcus Henry, Denis Phifer, Diana Brown and Sue Rekart were present to accept this check on behalf of the County. They also had an opportunity to view our book sale first hand and see why it has acquired a reputation as one of the best along the East Coast.

Tots to Teens

Did you know we have a foreign language collection in the Children's Room? This collection contains books, DVDs, and audiobooks to help you learn a new language but it also has books in many foreign languages for pleasure reading and to improve your knowledge of the language. Some of the languages include Arabic, Hindi, Chinese, French, Spanish, Bengali, and many many more. This collection can be found on the shelves under the windows that face the adult computers.

Are you a teen looking for volunteer opportunities? On March 20th the Delaware State Office of Volunteerism will be hosting a workshop at the Hockessin Library to help teens learn about the benefits of volunteering and how to find opportunities. Please contact the library to register for this event. On Wednesday April 18th over 20 organizations that are looking for teen volunteers will be on hand at the Hockessin Library to tell you about their organization and answer any questions you may have. Volunteering is great for your college and scholarship applications!

I have recently finished my program planning for the Summer Reading Club for this year. Some of the fun things I have planned are a Where the Wild Things Are Party, visit by the Delaware Chamber Music Festival, Lunch and a Movie sessions, book groups for kids and teens, and more. A complete list of programs will be available on the webpage, nccde.org/hockessin, by May 1st and in-house by May 15th.

Terri Jones
Youth Services Librarian

Is Your Friends Membership Up-to-Date?

How You Can Tell

This edition of the Friends FOCUS was mailed to you using the most up-to-date information we have regarding your membership status. Just above your name is our "secret code." The month and year indicated are the date that your membership expires. If it is time to renew, just fill out the form below and mail it—or drop it at the library.

New Arrivals



All books listed on the New York Times Best Seller list are available at the Hockessin Library. The easiest way to reserve a book is to visit the web site and log on with your library card. Most library transactions may be handled through your account at <http://ilsapp.lib.de.us/uhtbin/cgiisiri/x/x/0/49/>

New Castle County Libraries have a standing order with their distributor to provide their citizens with most of the best sellers on or very close to the release date.

Also available are:

Fiction

<i>Other Waters</i>	Eleni N. Gage
<i>Flea Circus</i>	Mandy Keifetz
<i>From Across the Ancient Waters</i>	Michael Phillips
<i>HG Wells: Complete Short Story Omnibus</i>	
<i>The Darkening Field</i>	William Ryan

Non-Fiction

<i>Lost Kingdom: Hawaii's Last Queen</i>	Julia Flynn Siler
<i>Roosevelt's Lost Alliances</i>	Frank Costigliola
<i>Gabby</i>	Gabrielle Giffords and Mark Kelly
<i>Collaborate or Perish</i>	William Bratton and Zachary Tumin

Don't forget to look at the Walk-In display for extra goodies that are available and are not "holdable."

Staff is always available to help anyone find what they are looking for.

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:

Friends of the Hockessin Library
PO Box 55
Hockessin, DE 19707

(or drop it at the library) with your payment.

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

- \$10.00 Member/Family (1 yr.)
 \$100.00 Lifetime
 \$25.00 Member/Family (3 yr.)
 \$40.00 Member/Family (5 yr.)
 \$25.00 Sponsor/Organization
 \$ _____ Other (Gift)

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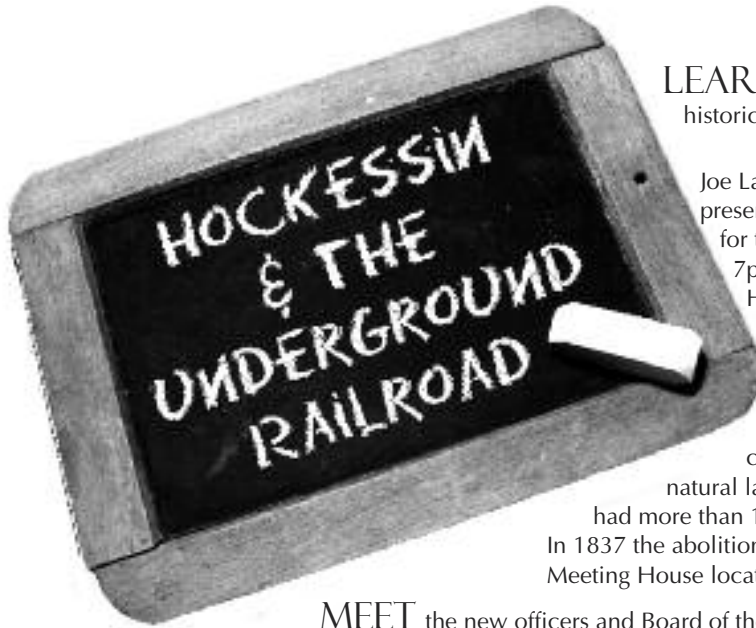
City/State/Zip

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

- Membership
 Book Sale
 Fund Raising
 Programs
 Hospitality
 Telephone
 Publicity
 Other _____

FRIENDS OF THE HOCKESSIN LIBRARY

ANNUAL MEETING—MAY 14



LEARN about the role Hockessin played in the historic Underground Railroad movement.

Joe Lake and the Hockessin Historical Society will present a program on the Underground Railroad for the Friends Annual meeting on May 14 at 7pm. A three person panel will discuss Hockessin during the time of the Civil War.

The American Antislavery Society, led by William Lloyd Garrison, was first organized in Philadelphia. The Society campaigned that slavery was illegal under natural law and within five years, the organization had more than 1,350 chapters and over 250,000 members. In 1837 the abolitionist group met in Hockessin at the Friends Meeting House located on Old Wilmington Road.

MEET the new officers and Board of the Friends of the Hockessin Library at our Annual Meeting.

THANK our wonderful library volunteers.

Book Drop

It never ends!

We know, the Book Sale was over just last month. But don't forget, this is a yearly event! We are collecting year round at the book shed behind the Hockessin Fire Hall on the second Saturday of every month. We're there from 9am until noon—so keep those wonderful book donations coming!

Annual Meeting

May 14, 2012—7 to 9 pm

Library Meeting Room

Look for a mailing with complete details next month.

Friends of the Hockessin Library

By-Laws:

Article II: Change to read: "Mission Statement. To promote public awareness of the Hockessin Library and its educational and recreational services. To assist the library in determining and responding to the needs of the greater Hockessin community."

Library Hours of Operation

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday

10am-9pm

Thursday-Closed

Friday-Saturday

10am-5pm

Sunday

1pm-5pm

Friends Focus is published quarterly by the Friends of the Hockessin Library.

Please send comments or questions to:

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