

Friends FOCUS

SPRING 2017 FRIENDS OF THE HOCKESSIN LIBRARY

2017 BOOK SALE

Another year, another enormously successful book sale. All the effort and hard work by so many volunteers is rewarded by the sight of throngs of anxious buyers searching for bargains, or in some cases for a particular book. It is evident that most of them were very successful judging by the number of books we sold and the happy smiles of many of our patrons.

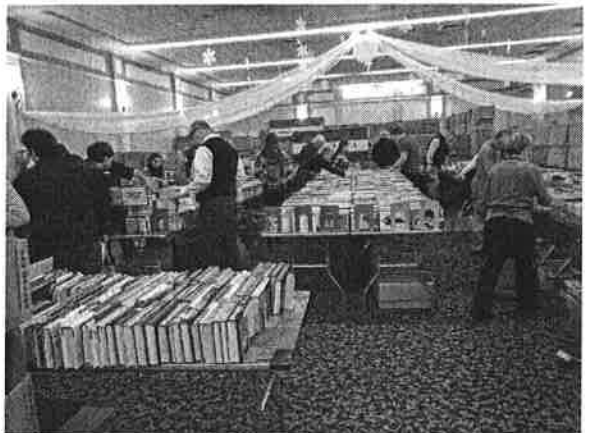
I mentioned our volunteers. Many have been helping for so many years that you wonder if they mark it on the calendar just after the previous year's sale.

Obviously, it would be impossible to organize a sale of this size without that dedicated help. As usual our student volunteers are a special feature of this sale by providing invaluable help in so many ways throughout the sale. In fact some of them are so dedicated that they keep coming back even after they have graduated.

Although the sale only lasts for four days, the work and preparation goes on all year. We have already had our first drop-off for next year's sale. So the sorting, packing and storing has already begun.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you again in January 2018. Please be sure to tell your friends about this sale, and bring them with you.

*Larry Thurrell & David Goldsworthy
Book Sale Co-Chairs*



PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

My time as President of the Friends is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a great experience for me. I am very happy to be handing over the reins into the very capable hands of Cathe Lawrence. I know the Board will continue to give her the support they have given me over the past few years.

While most of the memories are happy ones, there are some sad ones too. This year we lost two former Board members and Past Presidents, and then in December, Phoebe Mont died quite suddenly.

Since we all became good friends in actuality as well as in name, I know we are going to miss them. On a happier note, we have two new Board Members who will be bringing fresh energy and new ideas with them as we move forward.

So, I feel very confident in the future of the Friends of the Hockessin Library.

David Goldsworthy

TAKE A WALK

Walk a mile through the rolling hills of the Yorklyn countryside, hike the woodland and meadow trails of the Piedmont plateau, stroll along the Red Clay Creek or set a fast pace at a recreation center. Crushed stone, earthen or paved, the Hockessin and Yorklyn areas offer walkers an enticing variety of walking venues. At most of them dogs, and in one case even steam cars, are also welcome. Many are open to the public free of charge while a few require memberships or Delaware state park entrance fees. Starting in mid-April, Ashland Nature Center (Delaware Nature Society), Auburn Heights Preserve, Carousel Park, Delcastle Recreation Center, Mt. Cuba Center, Swift Memorial Park and Tweed's Park are featured in the memorial display case located in the library's foyer. Take a look, take a walk!



A NOTE FROM DAVE, A NEW BOARD MEMBER



As an avid reader, I have long frequented and benefited from the public library system, wherever I reside. I have tremendous value for the services provided for all ages and interests. This is certainly true of the New Castle County library system and its positive community impact (great use of my tax dollars!). My family and I have gained a lot from use of these resources.

I am also committed to volunteering and giving back to the community. With more free time, I saw involving myself with the NCC libraries as a perfect combination. So I inquired about related opportunities and was pointed in the direction of the many "Friends of the Library" organizations. As the Hockessin Library is my home away from home, I looked into the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) and visited their website. I liked what I saw and became a member.

This turned out to be a fine choice. To familiarize myself with FOHL activities, and meet other members, I started attending the monthly board meetings. I was impressed with the focus and energy of the board and organization. I was especially thrilled with the warm welcome I received. I have since been through my first used book sale (a lot of work, but a lot of fun). I am now regularly involved in the book collection and storage effort going forward.

Dave Brennan

IN MEMORIAM: PHOEBE MONT

The death of our Board Member, Phoebe came as a great shock to all of us. She was a past President of the Friends and she played a vital role in our organization. She arranged the publication of the Focus. She also handled most of the publicity for our book sale. Words do not really express her importance to us. Phoebe was also a talented artist and we hope to be able to display some of her works here in our library in the near future. She will be greatly missed by all of us who knew her.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy Spring! The Hockessin Library has a lot going on in the next couple of months. April is the month the nation celebrates National Library Week. Libraries all over the country show case their many resources and programming. New to the Hockessin Library are classes for those folks who have English as a second language. The library is partnering with Literacy Delaware to help people learn English better. The classes are held twice a week for 12 weeks.

New Castle County Reads: All of New Castle County is reading a book by Ayana Mathis called the *Twelve Tribes of Hattie*. Ms. Mathis will be speaking at the Chase Conference Center in Wilmington on April 26. Many book groups have received their free books and are anticipating this annual event.

Hockessin Library has many **book discussion groups**. If you're interesting in trying a new recipe you can come to the Cookbook Club on the third Saturday at 2pm. This group brings a sample dish from the cookbook that they have read to the meeting for all to try. The Tuesday night book group reads a different book each month and meets for spirited discussions on the third Tuesday of each month. Chick Lit group appeals to the young at heart and meets on the third Wednesday of each month. There are also book groups for children of just about any age!

Do you like to stitch? The yarn group meets on the second Monday at noon. They bring their favorite project and share their experiences.

Coming soon are 3D Printing classes and art shows, with art displayed on the Library's new art tracking system. The system was donated in memory of Phoebe Mont, a loyal and long time member of the Friends of the Hockessin Library.

Library Alert: Hockessin Library shares the parking lot with Piedmont Baseball and Goldey Beacom College. Games and tournaments will be taking place this spring. The Library is grateful to Piedmont for helped the library create signage for

the top tier of the parking lot that is designated Library Parking Only!

Many librarians and staff of libraries will be gathering in Cambridge, Maryland for the annual DLA/MLA Conference of their respective associations. Participants will learn what is new in libraries and will see demonstrations of best library practices.

Sue C. Rekart

AN EPIC BOOK BATTLE HAS BEGUN AT THE HOCKESSIN LIBRARY

We have tallied the statistics and have determined the top 16 circulating items in picture books, beginning readers, chapter books, and nonfiction. These books are going head to head and you get to help decide on the winners. Stop in the library between April 3rd and April 16th to vote in Round 1. Then make sure you come back every 2 weeks to vote in the next round. Who will come out as the Hockessin Book Battle Champion?

On April 9th New Castle County Libraries are launching the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative. In an effort to encourage parent and child bonding through the act of reading, to promote reading to our youngest patrons, to help children develop essential early literacy skills, and to help children develop an expansive vocabulary, we are inviting parents and caregivers to read to children every day. Visit the library to pick up your free materials that you can use to track your reading. After completing 1,000 books each child receives a small prize from the library.

The 2017 Summer Reading Challenge begins on June 1st. We will all be building a better world. *Come join us!*

Terri Jones
Youth Services Librarian
Hockessin Library

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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:

Friends of the Hockessin Library
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(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 Individual Member (1 yr.) \$20.00 Family (1 yr.) \$100.00 Lifetime
 \$40.00 Member/Family (5 yr.) \$25.00 Sponsor/Organization \$ _____ Other (Gift)

Name: Phone:

Address:

City/State/Zip

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

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

FOHL BOARD MEETINGS

The Friends of the Hockessin Library Board meets on the second Monday of each month from September through May. The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Community Room of the Library. All Board meetings are open to the public.

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Hedgehog drawing courtesy of Dave Brennan

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Friday/ Saturday:	10am-5pm
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