

## Annual Book Sale



# Mother Nature Didn't Get Us Down!

The 2014 Friends of Hockessin Library book sale was held at the Hockessin Fire Hall from January 23rd to 26th. While the frigid temperatures and snow kept attendance and receipts below those of past years, shoppers who braved the cold were rewarded with an abundance of bargains. The sale offered a huge selection and a wide variety of good quality books at very low prices – a tradition that will continue in the future.

### The Friends of the Hockessin Library Board extends its sincere gratitude to:

\*Larry Thurrell who took over a small annual book sale and has, with the help in recent years of Co-Chairman David Goldsworthy and a host of others, made it what it is today - the largest revenue source for the Friends.

\*Donors who donated approx. 60,000 books.

\*The myriad of volunteers - 250 of them - who gave generously of their time before, during and after the sale to make it a reality. This included a number of high school students who received community service credit for assisting with the sale and who represented A.I. DuPont High School, Cab Calloway School of the Arts, Delaware Military Academy, Sanford and Salesianum. The fact that so many of our volunteers return year after year proves that they not only recognize the value of their participation but that they thoroughly enjoy the experience

\*The patrons who braved the ice, snow and cold to obtain great bargains - purchasing nearly 40,000 books.

\*Our corporate partners, Acme, Giant, RMS Spawning Company, and Serpes Bakery.

### What happens to the remaining books after the sale?

Books are donated to local non-profits such as the Wilmington Veterans Hospital, area children's charities, retirement and nursing homes and Stockings for Soldiers. Suggestions for other recipients are always welcome. The remaining books are taken by a company which assists libraries and book sales all over the country by selling, shipping or recycling the books.

*Our hard-working president never stopped.*



### Setting Up



*Browsing for Bargains*



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# Musings from the President

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We held our annual book sale in the last week of January. You are all aware this is our major fund raising event. This year we probably had the best organized event we have ever managed to put on. All our volunteers made a tremendous effort to ensure that everything was arranged properly. The only thing beyond our control was the weather. Mother Nature was not feeling benevolent towards us and the result was a smaller than usual attendance. Those that managed to attend got some great bargains. The sale is over, so

now we start collecting, sorting, and storing books for the sale in January 2015.

I am always interested in any feedback which members of the FRIENDS want to give to the Board. We got at least 50 new members in January and if any of you have a particular interest in helping us in any way, please contact a Board member, or through our website, because we are always looking for fresh ideas.

*David Goldsworthy, President*



## Directors' Desk

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Will Spring ever arrive? Hockessin Library Staff have prepared great programming for the Spring. We have invited the Written Remains Writers Guild's J. M. Reinbold to present her current book and discuss how to write for a genre. Allison Sullivan is presenting a workshop on writing at the end of March.

In April the Zero Waste Team Delaware will share their research concerning curb-side organic recycling. Are you curious about how to read a book? On April 7 the Reading Council of Northern Delaware will explain. The end of April finds the plant-swap and fold art at the Hockessin Library.

Dr. Kathy Spreen will present a program May 3 about Lyme disease and May 6 come and hear Bob Palandrani's workshop on left brain/right brain art. Scapegoat of New Sweden celebrates the 375th anniversary of New Sweden with David Price on May 18th.

To sign up for all these programs call the Hockessin Library Information desk at 302.239.5160.

There are three new media display racks of popular DVDs – Irish movies, award winning movies and a variety of music genres are the themes for the March displays. Don't miss the three special large glass display cases that feature a new topic each month.

Are you free at noon? Join Heather and the Noon Book Group on the second Wednesday of the month for interesting book discussions.

Spring is a great time to refresh your yard (if the snow will ever leave!). Hockessin Library has many gardening and landscaping books.

See You in the Library!

Sue Reckart

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## Save the Date Annual Meeting Monday, May 12

### "The War of 1812- The Conflict That Forged A Nation"



An historical mystery about the War of 1812 & the Star Spangled Banner

Gene Pisasale is an author who lives in Kennett Square, Pa., a lifelong student of history who focuses his work on topics of historical interest, specifically in the Chester County/Philadelphia/mid-Atlantic area. His historical novels delve into topics from Lafayette and the Battle of the Brandywine to the Industrial Revolution and the Star-Spangled Banner. Gene "semi-retired" in 2010 after working for 30 years in both the energy and investment industries to pursue his true love- writing and giving presentations on fascinating topics from American history. Gene is a member of the Historical Societies of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, the American Historical Association, the American Friends of Lafayette and is on the Board of Directors of the Chadds Ford Historical Society, Brandywine Battlefield Park and the Sanderson Museum in Chadds Ford, Pa. He has traveled to many historical sites and battlefields, including Gettysburg, Bull Run, Antietam and Fredericksburg Battlefields, Fort Mifflin, Fort Delaware and Fort McHenry as well as the 'Liberty Trails' of Boston and Philadelphia. His latest historical novel is "The Forgotten Star" which delves into the War of 1812, along with true-life mysteries surrounding an American icon- the Star-Spangled Banner. The book is dedicated to all our Veterans, especially those who served in the "forgotten wars" of 1812 and more recently, Korea and Vietnam

Learn about the War of 1812, and the true-life mysteries surrounding an American icon—the Star-Spangled Banner. Don't miss this fascinating presentation by local Author/Lecturer Gene Pisasale. Look for details coming soon to in your mailbox.

# Tots to Teens

Spring is in the air and with it has come a new perspective to the library. We have recently made some changes in the teen section. We rearranged some furniture and started to think about the space from a different angle. We will continue to make changes to this space in the coming months so I hope you'll stop in and check it out. We will again be offering teens an opportunity to volunteer this summer during the summer reading club. A mandatory volunteer orientation will be offered on April 25th at 11am, may 5th at 7pm, and May 17th at 3:15pm. One parent must attend the orientation with the teen volunteer. You can contact the library to register for an orientation session or sign up online.

It's award season in the library. The American Library Association recently announced their nation awards including the John Newbery Medal and the Randolph Caldecott Medal. The Youth Services Division of the Delaware Library Association announced the Blue Hen Award Winners as well. This award is a Children and Teen Choice award where children and teens across Delaware vote on their favorite book to choose the winner. We are highlighting these winners around the library through the end of April. Join us to read a winner!

Finally through the generosity of you our Friends, we now have two new children's learning computers in the Children's Room. These computers replace the aging children's learning computers that we had in the Children's Room. The new computers have more than 60 educational software programs across seven curricular areas. Thank you!

Terri Jones  
Youth Services Librarian



Be sure to stop at the Children's Room Hallway Exhibit featuring the American Library Association National Awards.

## In memoriam Robert Tarney

Dr. Robert (Bob) Tarney was elected President of FOHL on February 6, 1976. Bob, along with his wife Corlinda, recognized the need for a library to serve the growing community of Hockessin. Bob instituted a plan of action, obtaining grants with matching funds from Hockessin Community Club, GHADA and a private donor.

Lamborn Library became a reality in November, 1977. In 1980 the library celebrated its third anniversary by opening the children's room on the second floor—a great change for residents from being served by a scheduled book-mobile.

In 1994, the library was moved to its present site into a new building. Today our library provides a multitude of services to our community and near-by areas.

As a tribute to Bob's leadership and his love for our library his family has requested that donations be made, in his name, to Friends of the Hockessin Library, PO Box 55, Hockessin, DE 19707. The Friends have dedicated a bench in our reading garden in Bob's honor.

Today FOHL continues with an active volunteer board and memberships supporting our library.

*The photo at right appeared in the Hockessin Community News in Sept., 1977. Dr. Robert Tarney, Mrs. Diane Francis and County Councilperson Lois M. Parke and County Executive Mary D. Jornlin look over agreement providing funding for the new Lamborne Library. Dr. Tarney is president of Hockessin Public Library, Inc. Mrs. Francis is New Castle County director of libraries.*



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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

# DISPLAY CASE

Be sure to visit the informative showcase now located in the library entrance. It's full of interesting facts and photos of our Hockessin community.

The exhibit will change on a regular basis and will cover both current library events and Hockessin history.

*Eleanor Smith*



## Library Hours of Operation

**Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday**

**10am-9pm**

**Thursday-Closed**

**Friday-Saturday**

**10am-5pm**

**Sunday**

**1pm-5pm**

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