

FRIENDS FOCUS

You Did It!

Yes, some of us on the Used Book Sale Committee helped, but you, the book donors, buyers and volunteers raised our sales to an all-time high – over \$45,000. Thank you! The weather cooperated, all of the books in storage went on display, and we had an increased attendance. While we don't know the exact number of patrons, we do know that we offered over 72,500 books, sold well over 40,000 of them and appreciated the 1300 volunteer hours donated to the event.

What happens to the remaining books after the sale? A number of non-profits are among the organizations which receive books, including the Wilmington VA Medical Center, Nemours/Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children, Stockings for Soldiers, local retirement and nursing homes, children's charities, and the Lions Club. In the past, books have even found their way to Belize, Haiti and Mississippi (the ravages of Katrina are still being felt). We welcome your suggestions for new recipients of leftover books from future sales.



The Fire Hall before and after set-up.



Volunteers sport the uniform of the day. Do you know these hard workers?



A teen Volunteer signing in.



Keeping track of finances.



Elanor Schroeder, a discerning reader and possible future President of FOHL.

She is 10 months old and is named after a yellow flower found in Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*. (There is also a character Elanor the Fair in *Lord of the Rings* named after the same flower). She goes by the name Ella and the cat on the cover of the book she is holding tightly looks like her own cat.



Where would we be without our volunteers?



Finding Treasures.

Musings from the President

This has been a particularly hectic time for our Friends Group. The book sale requires an enormous amount of effort from our dedicated group of volunteers. So it is particularly rewarding to be able to say that those efforts lead to record sales, a fantastic result (More details elsewhere in this issue.)

On Friday 18th January we were invited to join ACME in celebrating the grand reopening of their refurbished, and greatly enlarged, store in Lantana Square. As part of the

celebration they chose to make a very generous donation to our organization for which we are very grateful.

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome two new (Board) members...Joyce Konwinski and Cindy O'Neil. I know we will all benefit from the fresh ideas and enthusiasm which they will bring to the Board.

David Goldsworthy
President

New FOHL Board Members

Introducing Cindy O'Neil

Cindy moved to Hockessin in 2000 from CT. She worked as an Event Planner at Winterthur until 2004 and moved on to the Dept. of Correction. Although she has been "retired" since 2012 she is very active with CareWear Project, a group of seniors who knit and crochet for less fortunate in New Castle County. In addition, she is President-elect of the Congregation Beth Emeth Sisterhood.

Still skiing (albeit much slower now!) Cindy loves knitting, is an avid reader and enjoys listening to music (favorites are 40's, 50's, Classical.)

Her library experience started way back in her student days, working in the library while attending Adelphi College (Garden City, NY) and she helped to create and run the Professional Library for teachers in the Manhasset (LI) school district.

Introducing Joyce Konwinski

I was born and raised in Vancouver, Canada. I started a teaching career in the village of Houston, British Columbia, one of the best and most unusual experiences of my life, then emigrated to the Wilmington, Delaware area in the late 1970s. I worked as a Library Assistant in the Lamborn library in Hockessin and as a result of the experience decided that library work was a perfect fit for me. After attending Drexel for my MLS, I then took a position at Goldey Beacom College, eventually becoming the Library Director. In 2000, I moved on to Middletown and worked as the school librarian, retiring in 2009. I have one husband, two adult step-children and an adorable granddaughter. My interests include anything even remotely pertaining to history, travel, classical, jazz, and Broadway music, genealogy, photography, gardening, cooking and reading. I love being outdoors, but particularly in the mountains, hopefully by a lake or river.

Why not join us

Being on the Board of FOHL is not all work—you have the opportunity to meet some wonderful people while making a difference in the greater Hockessin community.

Directors' Desk

April commemorates Hockessin Library's fifth year in the newly renovated and enlarged building. Staff will be celebrated on bulletin boards and library displays. Celebrate with us by bringing a friend to the library who does not have a library card.

Spring is right around the corner and the library has a large collection of gardening books you can use to spruce up the yard and self-help books along with exercise books to spruce up yourself.

Now is the time to join a book group. New Castle County is reading the book *March* culminating with a visit from author Geraldine Brooks at St. Marks High School Auditorium on April 11 at 7pm. The noon book group is reading *The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks in March and *We need to talk about Kevin* in April. We also have a small book group called "Chick Lit" who are reading *March in March* and *If I stay* by Gayle Forman in April followed by *Come Home* by Lisa Scottoline in May.

Each month the Hockessin Library creates a beautiful display that focuses on a theme appropriate for the month. March is Youth Art Month so do not miss the student art of Sanford School and HB DuPont Middle school that will be displayed in the two glass display cases and along the wall that leads to the children's area. Staff have pulled biographies of Louisa May Alcott into a display by the copy machine for those people reading the Brooks book *March*. The Library is grateful for those in the community who loan interesting collections to be displayed along with the Library's books.

Two websites that are full of information about library events are the Library's website www.nccde.org and the Friends of the Hockessin Library's website www.friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org

When you visit the Library's ongoing book sale, you are likely to find fiction gems, unusual music cds, and this month we are offering manga and graphic novels, formerly known as bound comic books.

The Hockessin Library would like to thank the community for all the wonderful books donated to the Terry Children's Center. The Library has collected close to a thousand books for children.

Sincerely,



Sue C. Rekart



Tots to Teens

It hardly seems possible but it has almost been 5 years since we moved back into our renovated library. I think this is a cause for celebration. During the week of April 1st we will be doing fun and exciting things every day to salute our five years. On Monday April 1st we will have games and puzzles set up in the meeting room to play from 10 - 2:30. On Tuesday April 2nd the Rags to Riches theatre group will be here at 10:15 to put on a production of Rumpelstiltskin. On Wednesday April 3rd we will be showing some family movies in the meeting room; *The Last Mimzy* at 10:15, *Wreck It Ralph* at 12 (bring your lunch), and *Rise of the Guardians* at 2:15. On Friday, our 5 year anniversary, we will have activities going on all day including the Marshall Steam Museum who will be here at 11 and Bricks for Kidz who will be here with some Lego fun at 1. Join us every day for some new and different things.

Speaking of Legos - this summer I am going to start a Lego club. This will be an opportunity for Lego enthusiasts to come together and build and make Lego creations. To that end I am collecting Legos to get our club started. Legos will be collected from March 18th - April 30th. If you have spare Legos lying around, consider giving them new life with our Lego club.

Teens did you know there was a Governor's Award for teen volunteers? Do you know where to find volunteer opportunities? Maybe you should come to one of the Volunteer Workshops being held around New Castle County this year during March and April to learn the ins and outs of volunteerism. Then on April 23rd at the Bear Library come to the Volunteer Fair where at least 15 organizations will be on hand to answer any questions you have and get you started volunteering with them. The Governor's Award will be yours before you know it!

Finally - in April come check out our displays to find out what we are reading now and what we read when we were kids and teens!

Terri Jones
Youth Services Librarian

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/cgiisirs/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.

Reading lists are on the front page of the New Castle County Library Catalog. Go to the web address listed above.

Every month the Readers' Advisory Group publishes "Staff Picks." Hockessin's own Shelley Stein (Adult Services Librarian) is a member of the group and recommends the following for March, 2013:

Fiction:

- Too Bright To Hear, Too Loud to See* by Juliann Garey
- Swimming Home* by Deborah Levy
- Kapitoil* by Teddy Wayne
- Scent of Darkness* by Margot Berwin
- The Lost Art of Mixing* by Erica Bauermeister
- The Good House* by Ann Leary

Non-Fiction:

- Servant's Hall* by Margaret Powell
- Call the Midwife* by Jennifer Worth
- The 4-hour Chef* by Timothy Ferriss
- The Butler's Guide* by Stanelly Ager and Fiona St Aubyn
- Juvenile*
- The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

Popular DVD picks: *Downton Abbey*, *Homeland*, *Call the Midwife*. We always buy multiple copies of the NY Times Best seller list and those books that are featured on the talk shows.

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 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 Other



Library Hours of Operation

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday

10am-9pm

Thursday-Closed

Friday-Saturday

10am-5pm

Sunday

1pm-5pm

ACME Presentation to FOHL

David Goldsworthy, President of FOHL (far left), Sue Rekart, Library Director (center), and Phoebe Mont, Past President of FOHL, (2nd from right) were invited to join the festivities celebrating the reopening of the Hockessin Acme. They gratefully accepted a generous donation to the Friends.

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Please "like" us and spread the word to your Facebook friends."

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SAVE THE DATE

FRIENDS^{OF}THE HOCKESSIN LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 13 7 PM HOCKESSIN LIBRARY MEETING ROOM



SEIZED IN SEPTEMBER

The story of New Castle Countians in 1777, the year of the Philadelphia Campaign. What happened to New Castle County residents as competing armies occupied New Castle County.

Presented by Kim Burdick, Founder & Chairman of the American Revolution Round Table of Delaware, life member of American Friends of Lafayette, and Chairman Emeritus of W3R-USA, Kim is the first (and only) woman to have been elected to the Board of Delaware's George Washington Society.

She is Chairman Emeritus of the Delaware Humanities Council and a member of the Delaware Humanities Forum's Speakers Bureau.