



New Castle Library Friends

Footnotes

News for enthusiastic supporters of the New Castle Public Library

“To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June.”
Jean-Paul Sartre



Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!

Dear Friends,

January is Membership Month for the New Castle Library Friends. Please join our organization for another successful year by renewing your membership today.

Membership dues are the major source of our funding. A basic membership is just \$10 per year and is open to anyone. We hope you can consider increasing your membership donation level to help grow our library's titles, services, and programs. As a member of the New Castle Library Friends, you receive a regular newsletter, information about upcoming events, and most importantly, satisfaction in knowing you are supporting a great organization.

As a result of the generosity of our members, in 2019 the New Castle Public Library was able to significantly upgrade their audio-visual system with the purchase of a 85" LED Smart TV with Bose soundbar for the Community Room. Moreover, we continue to fund the constantly changing walk-in book collection, additional staff education, and numerous programs including PAWS for Reading, the digitalization of *The Weekly*, Delaware Humanities speakers, and Library After Hours. New initiatives planned for 2020 include funding for virtual reality equipment.

Thank you for your generous support for our library and we hope we can count on you to continue your membership in 2020.

Irene Biggs and Amy Bishop-Ryan
Membership Co-Chairs

John F. Lynch, Jr., Benefactor



Christmas arrived early this year for the New Castle Library Friends. Our "Santa" was John Francis Lynch, Jr., in the form of a \$5,000 will bequest. Mr. Lynch, age 73, of Newport, Delaware, passed away March 15, 2019, at Select Specialized Hospital at St. Francis. He was retired from the New Castle County Public Works Department.

John is fondly remembered at the New Castle Senior Center as a frequent participant in their afternoon exercise classes, where he greeted everyone with a smile. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, he joined the rows of "regulars" to stretch, step, and move to the beat.

On a quieter side, John was also active in his church, Peniel United Methodist in Newport, where he was involved in feeding the hungry. John also enjoyed reading. It was his love for books that prompted his gift to us.

We are thankful to Mr. Lynch and his generosity. And we send our sincere sympathy to his family.

Friends' Annual Meeting

***Friday, March 20, 2020
6:00 pm
New Castle Public Library***



Come and enjoy a light supper featuring soups, stews, casseroles, and fixings from different cultures around the world. In keeping with our library's pledge to be a Net Zero Waste partner, we are asking all attendees to bring their own bowl or mug, and utensils.

After the meal and a short meeting, Joan DeFattore will present a program entitled, ***Fake News, Fraud, and Honest Error: The Psychology of Belief*** - *How we decide what we believe, and what we don't believe? Drawing on philosophical, psychological, and legal resources – and avoiding partisan politics – this talk outlines a few of the unconscious factors that influence the way humans reach conclusions and make decisions.*

This is a Friends' members only evening, although membership can be purchased at the door (membership starts at only \$10 per year.)

Please RSVP to nclibraryfriends@gmail.com or call the library at 302.328.1995.



Series Begins at New Castle Public Library on January 9, 2020

Have you ever wondered what happened in Delaware during the Revolutionary War? Have you wondered what Colonial Delawareans thought about the arrival of the British army, and what they shared in their letters to others? And have you imagined what the Founding Fathers' views would be about America today? If these are questions you'd like to have answered, the "Revisiting the Founding Era" series is for you.

Revisiting the Founding Era is an initiative to encourage understanding and appreciation of the Founding Era through community conversations about the enduring themes of the era. The library was awarded a grant by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the American Library Association, to plan and present a series of programs for the community. The project highlights lesser-known archival documents from the Gilder Lehrman Collection, and everyone who registers will receive a copy of the *Revisiting the Founding Era Reader*.

The series begins on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., with a Delaware Humanities presentation by Delaware history specialist, Kim Burdick. **Seized in September: Revolutionary**

War Comes to Delaware will highlight letters and writings by Colonial Delawareans describing the arrival of the British army and the social upheaval it brought to our colony.

Meet the Founding Fathers, the second program in the series, will be presented on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7 p.m. This special presentation by historian, Gene Pisasale, will delve into the statements and mindset of the Founding Fathers, delivering insights into what they felt about centralized authority, political power...and their likely views about America today.

A special presentation by Chris Mlynarczyk, President of the 1st Delaware Regiment, will take us into the lives of the Delaware Continentals, a regiment that was active throughout the American Revolution. Join us on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. for this exciting program.

The series also includes a program for youth (ages 12 – 18) on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 10 a.m. By attending this program, presented by Bob Vander Decker (Delaware HCA/Scout leader), Boy Scouts can earn requirements for a scout-related merit badge. Girl Scouts and all interested youth are also welcome. Lunch will be provided, followed by an optional tour of the New Castle Courthouse Museum.

We hope that you will join us for these presentations about the issues that faced Americans of the Founding Era, and join the discussions about how these issues still resonate today. Reservations for all programs can be made at the library's Reference Desk.

Library after Hours Update

*by Nicole Ballance,
Principal Library Assistant*



Library after Hours is a program open to adults who are 21 years old and older. Anyone over 21 is welcome. Whether you are close to the 21 or haven't seen 21 in a long while, please do not feel like the program is not for you! If you are interested in a program that is BYOB and after regular library operating hours, come see what Library after Hours is all about! There are many exciting Library after Hours programs planned for the year.

In November, we hosted our first, and certainly not our last, Candy Corn Bingo. Participants used candy corn as their markers. We had enough bingo rounds to fill two hours. Winners of each round had a choice of either a book or library swag. In total, we had 30 participants. We count that as a success and plan to start having bingo every other month, starting in February! If you enjoy a good

bingo game, look out for our February Library after Hours announcement, where we will be announcing all dates for bingo for the rest of the 2020 year.

This past December we hosted our annual Gingerbread House Construction Competition! This is a crowd favorite and participants go all out! Participants are encouraged to bring extra candy decorations to be more competitive. This year's winners (pictured above) won a \$10 gift card. A big thank-you to the Friends for supporting this program. All gingerbread houses were paid for by the Friends. Be sure to thank them for all that they do to make programs, such as Library after Hours, possible!

Coming up this January we will be hosting our first candle making program. Participants will be given all the proper supplies to create and take home their own candles! If you are interested in candle making, join us on Friday, January 17th at 7 p.m. Registration is required so call 302.328.1995 to register today!

Starting in February, the Library after Hours program will be changing. February we will be hosting Candy Heart Bingo (date to be announced). In March, we will be hosting Trivia, which will not be BYOB since we sell food and alcohol (date to be announced). We will be alternating months for Bingo and Trivia at Café New Castle. Once a year we will have our incredibly popular Murder Mystery Night, and in December we will host another Gingerbread House Construction Competition. We hope to bring more people into the library by doing this. These programs are our most popular and we can't wait to start this new change! We hope to see you there!

As per usual, Library after Hours is a BYOB, 21+, program. All LAH programs require registration so please call us at 302.328.1995 to register for any of the LAH programs. Hope to see you there!

Manage your Library Account Online and on your Devices

Recently, changes have been made to the way your account is maintained giving you more control over your library experience at the library, at home, and on the go. You are now able to renew your library card online through the DLC catalog. A month before your card is due for renewal, the option for renewal online will be visible.

Take these steps:

1. Log into *My Account* at <https://dlc.lib.de.us> with your library card number and PIN.
2. Click on the purple **Renew** button. Be sure your email address is on your account so you can receive a reminder one month prior to your renewal date.

Once you click on the renew button, it will go away. There is no confirmation but rest assured, your account has been renewed. And to make it even better, renewal period is now for 3 years!



Have you downloaded the [DLC app](#) yet? The app gives you access to the **Delaware Library Catalog** services and resources anytime, anywhere. You can place holds, check your account, renew your items, and store your card number (barcode) so you are never without your library card. Check it out today!

If you need help or have questions, your friendly librarians are here to assist.

Don't have a smart phone? Electronic resources are also available online at <https://lib.de.us>.



January Book Recommendations

If there is a book you would like to recommend, email us at nclibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Eileen Burk

Women Rowing North

by Mary Pipher

Best-selling author and psychologist Mary Pipher specializes in women, trauma, and the effect our culture has on women's mental health as they age. Recounting life's challenging experiences and the responses of acquaintances, and patients, this book offers the mature woman a guide for reflection, wisdom, and bliss. It stands as affirmation to the strength and resilience of women. It is a must-read for women 65 and older, as many find themselves rowing North, and it will serve as a springboard for discussion between partners, friends, and family members.

Roberta Yarker Smith

Circe

by Madeline Miller

#1 Best Seller in Ancient Historical Fiction, Miller revisits Circe, a daughter born into the house of Helios, and banished to a deserted island by Zeus, where she hones her powers of witchcraft and crosses paths with many mythological characters including Icarus, Medea, and Odysseus. Although the story of Circe is an ancient, epic tale of family rivalry, intrigue, and love and loss, it is timely as a celebration of a woman's strength in a man's world.