



New Castle Library Friends

Footnotes

News for enthusiastic supporters of the New Castle Public Library



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

Charles Dickens, Great Expectations



Delaware's Giving Day.
3/5 - 3/6 • 6 PM - 6 PM
DoMore24Delaware.org

New Castle Library Friends will be taking part in a statewide Day of Giving on March 5-6, working with Spur Impact and United Way of DE to energize community-level charitable giving in Delaware. You can find out more about the event and set yourself a reminder to give at our page on the DoMore24DE website, or on our [NCLF Facebook Page](#).

We know that Members are already invested through their membership and volunteer activities, but we ask you to consider a special gift on this focused Day of Giving. In addition to directly helping us reach our goal, every dollar we raise will help us to earn matching funds and other benefits being offered by the main sponsors of the event.

Whether or not you choose to donate for #DoMore24DE, you can also help us by sharing the event and our posts about it on social media. In addition to our activity on Facebook – where every Like, Comment and Share helps – our [DoMore24DE](#) page can be shared to any social media using the “Share” link right on the page.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to reach new supporters, and to bolster our efforts to support our beloved Library. Thank you so much for your consideration!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION

**@ New Castle
Public Library**

**424 Delaware St.
New Castle, DE, 19720**



Sponsored by:
Patio Printing,
James Whisman,
The Flower Place,
New Castle
Weekly,
Cobblestones,
Cafe New Castle



**Fun,
Informal,
Challenging,
Bring a friend!**

**Sunday, March 15
Doors open @ 12
Puzzles start @ 1
\$5 Entry Fee**



REGISTRATION REQUIRED - CALL 302-328-1995 TO REGISTER



Friends' Annual Meeting

Friday, March 20th

6:00 pm

New Castle Public Library

The food for this year's Annual Meeting will celebrate diversity as is evidenced by the slate of nominated candidates for the Friends' Board. The menu will include Indian, Italian, Mexican, Greek, African, and American dishes. If you would like to bring a dessert or other dish from your heritage, or are willing to donate wine or beer from various countries, please contact Kathy Tidball by March 10th at 302.584.3777 or kathytidball@hotmail.com.

After supper and a short meeting, a special presentation of the DLA Trustee Award will be made to **Carlo Viola** in recognition of his many years of dedication and advocacy for the library. Finally, Joan DelFattore 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?*

RSVP to nclibraryfriends@gmail.com or call 302.328.1995.

Meet the Nominees

Six new nominees will be submitted for approval by the membership at the Friends Annual Meeting on Friday, March 20th. Community leaders and frequent library users were asked to recommend potential nominees that would add new perspectives and help with outreach beyond the Historic District to provide more inclusive service to the community. The Nominating Committee interviewed the candidates and presented a diverse slate that includes five nominees that reside outside of the historic district in a variety of neighborhoods, two mothers with school age children, and one high school student. These six nominees, along with current Board members — Irene Biggs, Amy Bishop-Ryan, Jeanne-Marie Camac, Julie Kirk (ex officio), Connie Reese, Suzanne Sounder, Susan Swansburg, and Kim Wipf — constitute the entire slate. The current Friends board unanimously approved the following nominees to be presented to the membership:



I am **Matt Alexander**. I grew up in Trenton, NJ, and relocated to Delaware in 2010 for work and to be closer to friends in the area. I moved to the Washington Park neighborhood in March 2019, and New Castle Library Friends was the first civic organization in town that I joined. I graduated from McDaniel College in Westminster, MD, with a degree in English Literature, and am currently Coordinator of Inspections for rental-assisted units with New Castle County's Department of Community Services. I have experience with non-profit management and desktop publishing, among other skills I hope to put to use on behalf of NCLF. A lifelong reader, I especially love epic fantasy fiction and biographies, and want everyone to know the enjoyment and enrichment of getting lost in someone else's story.



I am **Irma Benedek**, and I currently reside in Greenville DE. I am retired, after having worked for over 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry as a Clinical Pharmacologist at Dupont and Endo Pharmaceuticals, respectively. I am an avid reader and have been a supporter of local libraries for many years. I have been a member of the Friends of the Hockessin Library for over 10 years. In 2018, the local library in the village in upstate New York where I grew up, renamed their library in honor of my parents who were very supportive of the community they lived in for over 50 years. I am very active with that library and their Friends group as well. I have volunteered at the Old New Castle Library's book sale held on Separation Day for the past several years.



I am **AdithCharan Thyagarajan**, a Junior from Charter School of Wilmington. I love reading books and libraries. I am joining the board as a Youth Committee member in order to spread my passion for reading to others in my generation, as it is vital for our future. I believe I can make a difference in our youth community, and I sincerely thank the board of New Castle Library Friends for giving me this great opportunity.



I am **Indumathy Jayaraman**. I was born and brought up in India and moved to the US after marriage. I have been living in the New Castle area for 19 years with my husband, Buyan and kids, Adith and Neha. I work at Bank of America in the information technology field. I am passionate about giving back to the community. I am involved in several charity initiatives through a non-profit organization called Charity Crossing. My kids grew up spending memorable moments in libraries. I would like to join hands with my son, Adith, to contribute to and make a lasting impact on our library. I am honored to be part of the New Castle Library Friends community and am looking forward to helping nurture our library's legacy.



My name is **Angela Marconi**, and I've lived in Old New Castle with my family since 2004. Our family has always gravitated toward the library because it's a great place for kids activities and resources. We have participated in the PAWs program for many years. My current favorite program at the library is the summer reading program. The adult challenge always gets me to think outside the box and choose books that I otherwise might not consider.



I am **Rev. Vera Worthy**. I am active in my community, currently serving as the Treasurer (also served as Secretary and as President) of the Board of Directors of the Boothhurst Maintenance Corporation. I served a four-year term on the Board of Elections, and currently serve as a Commissioner on the Planning Board for the city of New Castle, both positions were Mayoral appointments. I am an ordained minister in the A.M.E. Church and am assistant to the pastor at New Elizabeth A.M.E. church in Newark. My husband and I will celebrate twenty-six years of marriage on July 31, 2020. We have seven children, 30+ grandchildren, and ten + great-grand children between the two of us. I am a retiree from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) since July 31, 2013, after 40 years of dedicated service.



Join the Library's Mailing List!

Remember, to get a **weekly email from the library** with all the programs, movies, events, activities, etc., for that week, subscribe [here](#) or contact Sara Thomas at Sara.Thomas@lib.de.us and ask to be added to the mailing list.



We invite you to come out to the library for two exciting Delaware Humanities presentations in March and April 2020.

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, Mike Dixon will present his program, **Voters at Last: Battling for the Ballot**, on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 7 p.m. This lively program presents the history of the expansion of suffrage, with particular attention paid to women's suffrage in Delaware.

If you've been wondering about some of those family heirlooms found in the trunk in your parents' attic, **Those Alluring Accessories**— presented on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. — is for you. This new presentation by Karen Jessee combines history, humor, and fun to help you learn about some of the lovely things you see in museums, antique stores, and as family treasures.

For a complete listing of all programs, please pick up a copy of the winter/spring program brochure. Registration is requested for all programs. Register at the Reference Desk or call 302.328.1995.



Sally Hatton is retiring!

On Thursday, April 30, from 4-6 PM on the main floor of the library, join us in celebrating her career of nearly 40 years.



New Castle Past and Present - A Diverse Community

Saturday, May 16, 2020

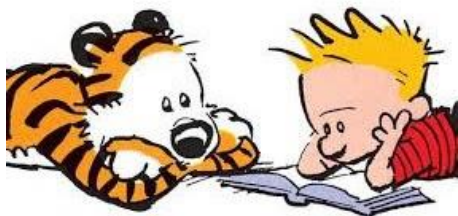
Volunteers, Homes, and Gardens are Needed

Preparations for this year's DIONC have been underway for months. The DIONC Committee is hard at work, but as with many successful ventures, it takes a village.

This major community fundraiser supports us, as well as Arasapha Garden Club, and New Castle Community Partnership. Volunteers are primarily needed with day-of ticket sales, but also as docents at the homes and as bus greeters and selling advertising in the DIONC program. If you are able to help in any capacity, please email nclibraryfriends@gmail.com.

In addition, Arasapha is requesting assistance with finding homes and gardens for the day. If you are willing to open your home, or know of someone who might be willing, please contact Tom Maddux and Linda Merry at tcmaddux@verizon.net or 302.328.8990.

Each volunteer receives a free pass to the homes, gardens, and Kalmar Nyckel.



March Book Recommendations

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

Jo Viola

Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II

by Robert Matzen and Luca Dotti

Audrey Hepburn remains a beloved Hollywood actress, twenty-five years after her passing. Her stardom has been chronicled in several biographies, but none (up until now) has covered her life-forming experiences during the five years of Nazi occupation in her home country, the Netherlands.

Hepburn's war experience included her participation in the Dutch Resistance, working as a doctor's assistant, and surviving the Dutch famine of 1944-45. She also had to contend with her parent's pro-Nazi involvement for the first two years of the occupation.

Matzen and Dotti (her son) do a masterful job, researching classified Dutch archives, wartime diaries, and personal reminiscences, to expose Hepburn's untold, wartime story.

Eileen Burk

Love and Other Consolation Prizes

by Jamie Ford

Many may know Jamie Ford for his bestselling, debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, set in Seattle, following WW II. In *Love and Other Consolation Prizes*, Ford goes back in time to the turn of the century. Inspired by a true story of an infant boy raffled off at the 1909 Seattle World Fair, he draws on history to weave fact with fiction. Set in Seattle in the post-Victorian era of vice and suffrage, it is a time when everything and everyone is for sale. This is a tale of innocence, friendship, and devotion, where a brothel becomes a home, and friends become a family.