



New Castle Library Friends

Footnotes

News for enthusiastic supporters of the New Castle Public Library



2022 NCLF Membership Meeting



In order not to leave out anyone who would be uncomfortable attending either in person or by Zoom, this year's Annual Meeting of the Friends will be held via written correspondence. In the next few weeks (once we have fundraiser results to share), members will receive a meeting packet, either by email or USPS mail.

The Meeting packet will include:
2021 Annual Report(s)
2022 Calendar of Events
Proposed 2022 Board Slate
Proposed 2022 Budget

Once you receive it, please use the contact info provided to send your vote on the proposed Board back to NCLF. Results will be announced in late March or early April.

Meet the Nominees

The current Friends board unanimously indorse the following two nominees to be submitted for approval by the membership later this month:

- Judy Panzerella of Historic New Castle
- Robert Wingle of Washington Park

These nominees, along with current Board members — Amy Bishop-Ryan, Matt Alexander, Irma Benedek, Jeanne-Marie Camac, Julie Kirk (ex officio), Angela Marconi, Connie Reese, Suzanne Sounder, and Susan Swansburg — constitute the entire slate.



My name is **Judy Panzarella**, and I recently became a resident of Historic New Castle in 2020, after relocating from Long Island, New York.

I've been visiting Delaware and spending time with local friends since 1988. My introduction to this area began with a colleague I worked with at Pan American World Airways. Prior to my retirement from the airlines, I spent 30 years, with three different companies, in the industry. My experiences as a Flight Attendant, Instructor, and New Hire Trainer led to management promotions inclusive of Supervisor, General Manager, and Director positions.

I am a graduate of Cornell University. Those years of learning and the wonderful years of worldwide travel in the airline industry have provided me with education beyond my expectations. My work background contributed significantly to the development of customer service, human resources, team building, communication skills, and the planning and development of key departmental initiatives. In addition, my training and management skills benefited from direct coordination and support of cross-departmental projects and negotiations.

However, my most significant life experience is about the good fortune of being a part of a wonderful and quite extensive family. There has always been profound respect for learning, growing, and looking at life as a great opportunity. In addition, our family has always been a group of avid readers and supporters of local libraries and their ongoing educational opportunities.

I look forward to being a part of the team in this amazing community of Historic New Castle.



My name is **Robert Wingle**. I was born in Dover and got my first library card when I was nine years old. I helped out as an aide in the library while in school and loved to read fantasy, sci-fi and how-to books of all kinds. I studied computers and accounting at DelTech and am still a technophile, currently working on training to use the equipment at another nearby library's Maker's Lab. Science, engineering, and how things work all fascinate me. Videos on those topics dominate my Youtube feed, along with videos about cosmology, games and current events.

In 2000, I was involved in a house fire. Since that time, I have been disabled and, for a long time, fiction – in games, books and anime – was a huge part of my world as I recovered. I love being transported to other places and stories that feature strong 'world-building,' especially by authors like Anne McCaffrey, David Gemmell and Raymond E. Feist. McCaffrey weaves our own world into amazing new civilizations, blending fantasy and sci-fi. Gemmell's *Legend* opened my eyes to the possibilities of the genre. The story that unfolds through Feist's series is a fascinating clash of civilizations between two worlds, their cultures and politics, and the consequences of their meeting.

Since moving to New Castle in 2019, I have been a member of the Library Friends. I am a *frequent* patron whose Hold List is often close to maximum, so being part of an organization to support and boost the library just feels right. I have also enjoyed helping out at Book Sales, working to get and keep the book storage room in order and sitting in on several Friends' Board meetings. I'm grateful for the chance to be more involved with the Friends.

Thanks for your Service

Thanks are due to two amazing board members, Irene Biggs and Kim Wipf, who are both retiring from the Friends' board at the end of this term. Best wishes to you both. You will be missed.



Irene has been a member of the board for nearly a decade and has served NCLF in every imaginable capacity, including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Membership Chair, and ADIONC Chair. She has dedicated uncountable hours to raising funds, through our book sales, art raffles, and other special events. Irene has graciously agreed to continue as Membership Chair for another term, and to serve, along with Eileen Burk and Amy Bishop-Ryan, as editor of Footnotes.



Kim Wipf, another long-time board member, most recently served as Liaison to the Library Board. She served many years a Membership Chair and worked diligently to expand membership and improve the diversity of our Governing Board.

Call for Volunteers



We need Friends who can lend a hand for various activities coming up in 2022. Whether you are a social butterfly or a total bookworm, NCLF needs your help to gear up for a great year!

The Book Room – where our collection of gently-used tomes lives in the library basement between sales – has been reorganized to make sorting a breeze and has donations arriving regularly. If you'd like to join fellow bibliophiles as part of an *ongoing team* that can check on our 'Intake' shelves regularly, sort new donations, and keep the room in order, please reach out!

May Market Book Sale, Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th. We will need help to cover shifts at our tables and to help move our stuff to and from the Arsenal, before and after the event. Arasapha Garden Club has graciously kept the Friends on as their *sole* non-food vendor for this year's 80th Anniversary event, and they also need volunteers.

A Day in Old New Castle, Sunday, May 21st. We are excited to announce that planning for the 98th A Day In Old New Castle day is well underway! This event is a major fundraiser supporting the New Castle Library Friends, our community partners & organizations and local residents. Volunteer assistance will include ticket sales, staffing information tables, and being available to answer questions and distribute event guides.

Please e-mail nclibraryfriends@gmail.com if you have some time to help out with one of the needs above, or for something else!



March Book Recommendations

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

Matt Alexander

The Sirens of Titan by Kurt Vonnegut
Delacorte (1959)

"A purpose of human life, no matter who is controlling it, is to love whoever is around to be loved."

Questions of free will, self-determination, human meaning and more underpin a mind-bending and highly amusing trip into space and the future in Vonnegut's second novel. With characteristic snark at the real world unfolding around him, Vonnegut takes us into one where Martians have invaded, the 'Church of God the Utterly Indifferent' is growing and one very rich, very lucky man finds himself swept up in quantum drama. Outlandish as he is, Malachi Constant channels questions we all have. The answers take him – and the reader – from Earth to Tralfamadore and beyond.

Judy Panzarella

The Lost Queen: A Novel by Signe Pike
Touchstone (2018)

Celtic history, myth, and folklore come to life in Book One of this historical trilogy. Pike takes the reader to 6th century Goddeu, a small kingdom in Scotland, where Languoreth, a ten-year old princess and her twin brother, Lailoken, are mourning the death of their mother.

Over time, Languoreth becomes the most powerful queen of early medieval Scotland, while Lailoken provides a fresh look at the legend of Arthur and Merlin.

This well researched story, forged in strong prose, tells the tale of bravery and conflicted love.

Joanne Viola

Testament of Youth by Vera Brittain
Penquin (1933)

In this autobiography, Vera Brittain (1893-1970) captures her young adult life from 1914 to 1925. Leaving Oxford in 1915, she enlisted as a nurse in the British armed services. This story is Brittain's personal account of a young woman living, loving, and working on the frontline in WWI.

Her inclusion of poetry and excerpts from personal letters documents the impact of the war and the significant contributions women made to the war effort. Her lifelong stand for peace and feminism rings true today.

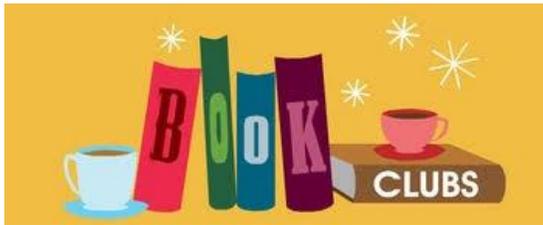
Vera Brittain's story was made into a mini-series in 1979, and into a movie in 2015 under the same title.

Robert Wingle

Legend by David Gemmell
Century (1984)

With *Legend*, best-selling, British author Gemmell gives us the first in the eleven book Drenai Saga. In this novel, Druss is the Legend, a grizzled veteran who has retired to his mountain lair, but who comes out of retirement to stop barbarian hordes from toppling the Drenai empire.

Legend is considered a classic in the heroic fantasy genre. In 1993, Stan Nicholls created a graphic novel adaption with artwork by Fangron.



Book Clubs... Read, Reflect, Share

The library currently has two ongoing book clubs, which are open to the public. Please call the library at 302.328.1995 to express your interest in joining one or both of these groups.

Adult Book Discussion, Hosted by Tyler Antoine, is held on the third Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 pm.

- Tuesday, March 15: ***The Songs of Trees: Stories from Nature's Great Connectors*** by David George Haskell
- Tuesday, April 19: ***This Tender Land*** by William Kent Krueger
- Tuesday, May 17: ***We Have Always Lived in the Castle*** by Shirley Jackson
- Tuesday, June 21: ***Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague*** by Maggie O'Farrell

The Usual Suspects, Hosted by Julie Kirk, is held on the third Thursday of every month, at 5:30 pm.

- Thursday, March 17: ***Bad Boy*** by Peter Robinson
- Thursday, April 21: ***The Thursday Murder Club*** by Richard Osman
- Thursday May 19: ***The Various Haunts of Men*** by Susan Hill



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