



New Castle Library Friends

Footnotes

News for enthusiastic supporters of the New Castle Public Library



A well-stocked, well-staffed library is like a gardener who plants books, knowledge, and dreams, and grows readers, learners, and doers.

Laura Purdie Salas



Friday
May 6

Saturday
May 7

Meet Friends & Support New Castle Public Library...
at the **May Market Book Sale!**

NCLF is seeking some Friends to help out for a few hours at a time at our booth at May Market.

Just follow the link to sign up!

Would you like to hang out with Friends - and make some new ones - while being part of a New Castle tradition and - of course - helping to raise funds for [New Castle Public Library](#)? We're still looking for a few volunteers to help out, for a few hours each, at our Book Sale at May Market.

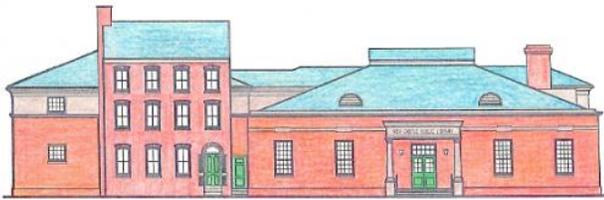
Sign-up is easy! Just click on [this link](#) and pick a time slot. Thanks!



A Day in Old New Castle (DIONC) Committee is looking for volunteers. **This event is a major fundraiser for the New Castle Library Friends**, so it is important that the members of the Friends are well represented in the volunteer bank for DIONC. All volunteers receive free admission to the homes and gardens, as well as a tour of the Kalmar Nyckel.

NCLF primarily provides volunteers for the ticket sales and information tables at the Courthouse; but people are also needed to serve as greeters for the people arriving on the shuttle buses, or as docents for the homes and gardens.

Please email Judy Panzarella at jphistoric21@gmail.com if you are interested in being involved in this festive day.



Event Recap - 2022 Membership Meeting

Again this year, we opted to hold our 2022 Membership Meeting via written correspondence. The correspondence included a brief report on our previous year’s activities, along with a summary of our financial standing, and the proposed slate of 2022-2023 Governing Board members.

Approximately 65% of members read the correspondence, and many of you voted on the proposed slate for the 2022-2023 Governing Board. The slate was unanimously approved. Thank you to those who participated.

NCLF 2022-2023 Governing Board

Name	Role	Term Expires
Amy Bishop-Ryan	President	2023
Matthew Alexander	Vice-President	2023
Susan Swansburg	Secretary	2023
Suzanne Souder	Treasurer	2024
Irma Benedek	At-large	2023
Jeanne-Marie Camac	At-large	2024
Angela Marconi	At-large	2023
Judy Panzarella	At-large	2024
Connie Reese	At-large	2024
Robert Wringle	At-large	2024

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Growing Together Presentation: *Making Your Garden Eco-Friendly*

Join Eileen Hazard, Community Outreach Coordinator at Mt. Cuba Center, and learn how taking small steps in your yard can positively impact our environment. We will share eco-friendly gardening actions, practical examples, and native plant suggestions to inspire and equip you to enhance your yard and community garden this spring!

This presentation is part of the New Castle Public Library's Growing Together initiative, a series of programs and presentations aiming to help our patrons strengthen their green thumbs and the sustainability of our community. For more information, please give us a call at (302) 328-1995.

This program will also be screened remotely in our community room at the New Castle Public Library, located at 424 Delaware St. in Historic New Castle.

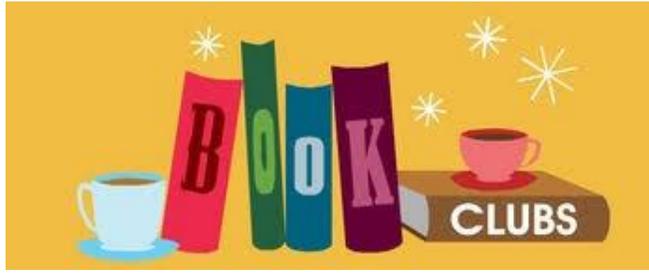
This is an online event, and registration is required. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.



National Night Out
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
6 pm - 9 pm
Battery Park

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

New Castle Public Library staff will be there with the Bookmobile, and the Friends will be there giving away gently used children books. Hope to see you there.



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, 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 May 19: ***The Various Haunts of Men*** by Susan Hill

May Book Recommendations

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



Matt Alexander

Drawing the Line: Tales of Maps and Cartocontroversy by Mark Monmonier
Henry Holt & Co. (1994)

“Like other artists, map authors select what suits them... Militant informed skepticism is the citizen’s best defense against cartographic harassment by bureaucrats or ideologues.”

Delving into cartographic topics both ancient and modern, and from all over the world, Monmonier explores how maps are created, the ways they are influenced by and influence culture and how they can be – and have been – misused to benefit some while harming others. He looks at several specific topics, bringing a witty if occasionally grim resolve to each issue. These include age-old questions like how best to project the earth onto a flat map, how maps are drawn after armed conflicts, as well as more modern and local topics like zoning and gerrymandering. Maps shape our consciousness of and perspective on the world around us and Monmonier invites us to examine those influences and how they can shape our communities and society.

Amy Bishop-Ryan
Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan
Scribner (2017)

Anna Kerrigan, nearly twelve years old, accompanies her father to visit Dexter Styles, a man who, she gleans, is crucial to the survival of her father and her family. She is mesmerized by the sea beyond the house and by some charged mystery between the two men.

Years later, her father has disappeared, and the country is at war. Anna works at the Brooklyn Naval Yard, where women are allowed to hold jobs that once belonged to men, now soldiers abroad. She becomes the first female diver, the most dangerous and exclusive of occupations, repairing the ships that will help America win the war. One evening at a nightclub, she meets Dexter Styles again, and begins to understand the complexity of her father's life, the reasons he might have vanished.

Bruce Burk
Think Again by Adam Grant
Viking (2021)

Best-selling author Adam Grant is a Wharton professor of management and organizational psychology. In his recent book, he looks at cognitive errors, biases, prejudices, and mental blind spots which lead to poor decision-making, and closed-minded thinking based on our tendency to rely on our cognitive resources.

In looking at the error of our ways, Grant proposes a new approach to improving one's thinking, which he calls rethinking. The process of rethinking asks us to doubt what we know, be curious about what we don't know, and update our thinking based on new evidence.

This book will make you reconsider your cognitive resources and be open to rethinking.

Suzanne Souder
The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story by Nikole Hannah-Jones
Random House (2021)

This collection of essays, poetry, and short fiction was originally created for the *NY Times Magazine* to mark the 300th anniversary of the arrival of enslaved people in Virginia. The essays were written by academics and journalists. The literary additions illustrate the points made in the essays. The essays begin with the parts of our history not usually taught in school such as the horrors of slavery, the contributions of Black people to the US economy, and the persistence and impact of racism in our culture. Later essays discuss the impact of racism on our politics, our ideas about citizenship, our criminal justice system, inherited wealth, our health care system, our churches, and highway construction.

I found it very worthwhile reading and gained new insights on these issues even though I didn't agree with everything presented. I found this book to be a good balance to the White-centric history taught in schools. Standard history texts almost totally ignore the work and contributions of Black people. They rarely go beyond the "first Black" in this or that position and usually fail to acknowledge the benefit White people received from both racism and the contributions of Black people. If you want to gain a more balanced sense of our history, I urge you to read this book.