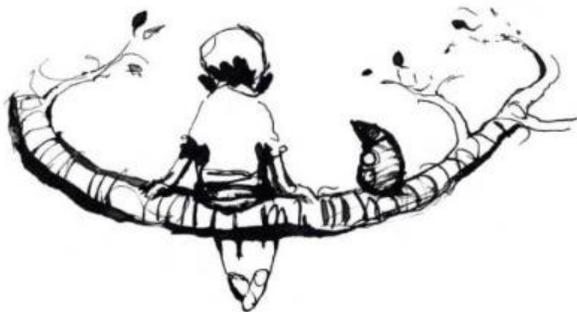




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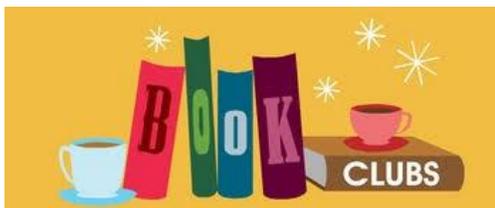
# Footnotes

*News for enthusiastic supporters of the New Castle Public Library*



"Sometimes all you hear about is hate, but there's more love in the world than you can possibly imagine."

*The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*  
by Charlie Mackesy



Given the Thanksgiving holiday, the book clubs will not meet in November. Also, please note that the dates for the December book clubs have changed so as not to conflict with the holidays. They will meet earlier in the month. See below.

Adult Book Discussion with Tyler Antoine, Tuesday, December 7th, 6:30 pm, Conference Room. Contact Tyler at 302.328.1995 for the upcoming book discussion title.

The Usual Suspects with Julie Kirk, Thursday, December 2nd, 5:30 pm, downstairs Community Room. Book selection is ***Truly Devious*** by Maureen Johnson.

## ***Event Recap: Books on the Green***



Two years ago, after the Separation Day Book Sale of 2019, I wrote, “Let’s do it again next year!”. Little did we know...

It looked like the NCLF would be unable to have our big book sale for a second year in a row. The two “pop-up” sales went well, but the book room was still overflowing with books that needed to be rehomed.

Then The New Castle Hundred Lions Club generously offered us 2 (TWO!!) vendor spaces to set up a sale at Art on the Green.

Not only 2 spaces, but prime, front row real estate!! Get off the bus, and there we would be. Impossible to miss.

But, we had never taken a sale off site. How on earth could this be done?

The call went out for volunteers, and the Book Sale Co-chairs (re)discovered yet again just how lucky we are to be blessed with creative, innovative folks who seem to be able to overcome any challenge with determination and good humor.

Many and heartfelt thanks to those who stepped up to volunteer their time, strong arms, kind hearts, and vehicles large and small. Your “can do” attitude and unwavering support kept hope alive.

Miracles happened, and Books on the Green was an unqualified success - almost \$900 into the coffers, plus some additional memberships!

Let’s do it again next year!!

Jeanne-Marie Camac, Book Sale Co-Chair

## *Meet the Staff*



**Ewa Wojciechowska**  
**Youth Services Specialist**

We are pleased to welcome Ewa Wojciechowska as our new Youth Services Specialist. Ewa is a New York City native who grew up on Staten Island, received her undergraduate degree in English and Linguistics from the College of Staten Island, and her Master of Library Science degree from Rutgers University. She is the first American born member of her family who emigrated here from Poland.

As Youth Services Specialist, her responsibilities will include programming for children pre-literacy to middle school (0-12 years of age), ordering books and materials for the library's children section, and developing an Outreach Program with local schools. Following the COVID shutdown, this is a period of rebuilding in-person activities. Social distancing will be respected, and masks will be required as part of the library guidelines.

One of the first activities to be reinstated will be Storytime for children 0-5, to be held the first and third Friday of every month. Ms. Wojciechowska also hopes to bring back the Paws Program and Lego Club, as well as a monthly Family Craft Night (gingerbread houses are scheduled for December). In addition to the Outreach Program with schools, where activities and events will take place in the library and/or in classrooms, Ewa also wants to implement a community partnership with the police and the fire departments called Hometown Heroes. This partnership could also include artists and other community members interested in sharing their talents at pop-up events to engage our youth.

Ewa the librarian is an enthusiastic professional, bubbling with ideas and energy. Ewa the person is just as dynamic. Although allergic to most animals, she rescued a cat named Duncan and her allergies have adjusted to her new pet. Ewa is an athlete who participated on her high school and college swim teams. She is also an avid reader who favors Fantasy/Sci-Fi and Young Adult Literature. Her all-time favorite book is *A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas (see Book Recommendations below). She likes to draw and her interest in technology has her drawing on the computer and playing strategy games on-line.

We welcome Ms. Wojciechowska to our library and our community family. We look forward to the rejuvenation of previous programs and the implementation of new ideas for our youth and their families.

## ***Children's Programs at the New Castle Public Library***

by Ewa Wojciechowska  
*Youth Services Specialist*



### **LEGO Club**

**Thursday November 4 and Thursday November 18**

**Thursday December 2 and Thursday December 16**

**4:30 – 5:30pm**

Lego Club, for grades K-8, is meeting every 1st and 3rd Thursday at New Castle Public Library from 4:30-5:30pm. Come build themed Lego designs with family and friends! Registration is required in order to abide by social distancing guidelines, and all supplies are included. For more information, please call 302.328.1995.

### **Storytime**

**Friday November 5 and Friday November 19**

**Friday December 3 and Friday December 17**

**10:30 – 11am**

Calling all little readers! Join us every 1st and 3rd Friday for stories, songs, and other activities! Storytime is for children 0-5 years of age and registration is required in order to abide by social distancing guidelines. For more information, please call 302.328.1995.

### **Family Craft Night**

**Monday November 22**

**4:30-5:30pm**

**Monday December 20**

**4:30-6:00pm**

Families with children of all ages are invited to come get crafty at the New Castle Public Library! In November, we will be making Fall/Thanksgiving themed crafts. In December, we will be making Gingerbread Houses. All supplies will be provided by the library. Registration is required in order to abide by social distancing guidelines. For more information, please call 302.328.1995.



## ***November Book Recommendations***

If there is a book you would like to recommend, email us at [nclibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:nclibraryfriends@gmail.com).

Ewa Wojciechowska

### ***The Court of Thorns and Roses***

by Sarah J. Maas

Bloomsbury Publishing (2015)

This romantic fantasy for young adults\* has been described as “thrilling, seductive and action-packed.” It follows the journey of a huntress Feyre Acheron into the dangerous realm of the Fae, where she unwittingly kills a member of this faerie land and loses her freedom. While Feyre is held captive, her feelings for her captor turn from hostility to passion. In this first of a five-book series, Feyre must face her demons and learn what she is capable of.

\*Contains mature subject matter

Bruce Burk

### ***The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse***

by Charlie Mackesy

Harper One (2019)

In this book, British illustrator, artist, and author Mackesy provides a journey for all ages, eight to eighty, to explore universal lessons as revealed in the conversation between a curious boy and his three new friends, as they walk along sharing their hopes and fears. The boy is filled with questions. The mole is greedy for cake. The fox is wary from life’s pain, and the horse, though the largest, is the gentlest. Each character representing life’s truths from their unique perspective.

This literary, graphic novel features 100 color and black and white drawings, and as described by the **New York Times**: “...not only a thought-provoking discussion-worthy story, the book itself is an object of art.” This book makes a perfect gift for young and old, family and friend.

David Henshaw

***The Silent Oligarch***

by Christopher Morgan Jones

Penguin Books (2011)

Jones writes from personal experience having worked at the world's largest business intelligence agency and having advised governments, oligarchs, mining companies, and hedge funds. The publisher describes this novel of international intrigue as "...a heart-pounding hunt around the world...where the wealthy buy the justice they want-and the silence they need."

This is the first Ben Webster novel in a series where British investigator Webster peels back layers of the antagonist, Malin's shell companies and criminal networks, exposing in fiction the realities of our time.

Patty O'Brien

***Nickel Boys***

by Colin Whitehead

Doubleday (2019)

Based on the real story of the Dozier School, this winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction explores the abuse at this Florida reform school. The narrative alternates between 2010's and the 1960's, as told by the adult, Elwood Curtis, a successful African American business owner and Elwood Curtis, the high school student, who was wrongfully sent to Nickel Academy, a juvenile reformatory.

This is more than a tale of injustice. It is a story of friendship, perseverance, and dignity. It is a moving recollection to redemption.

Recommendation and reiew by Roberta Yarker Smith

***The Word is Murder***

by Anthony Horowitz

Harper (2017)

This "brilliant, fun, well-written" crime novel was published in 2017, a sequel to "The Sentence is Death." Anthony Horowitz has written a number of successful mystery novels and collaborated on several popular TV programs such as "Foyle's War", "Midsomer Murders" and the James Bond series. He writes for both adults and children, with equal ease and accomplishment. He has said that he discovered early in life that he had a gift for story-telling and has written professionally since the age of twenty.

Chosen by “The Guardian” as Best Thriller of the Year, the author of this this novel becomes an important character in it. Horowitz has written that the idea of being a character in his own novel appealed to him as it would reverse the knowledge he would normally have of the plot (total control) to that of merely being a character who has only selective information. He also likes being able to impose modern technology (emails, texts etc.) into what he considers his fondness for the old-fashioned, Agatha Christie-like plots.

I really enjoyed this book and found the antipathy between Horowitz and the detective, Hawthorne, very engaging, especially as the reader, like the character of Horowitz, has to admire Hawthorne’s ability to recognize crucial details which lead to the solution. I agree with the reviewer who found this “a clever, droll and highly-entertaining mystery”. I hope you may too.