

FOBL NEWS

| Newsletter of the Friends of the Bear Library |

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Meetings: Third Wednesday of January, May, July, September, and November at 7p.m. in the library.

This year's **Annual Meeting** is Sunday, March 12th.



We continue to work to finish the tile wall in the hallway to the meeting rooms. If you or an organization that you belong to would like to create a tile, please, email us at the above address to set up an appointment

Tile cost is \$25.00 which includes tile, glazes, firing and placement.

Greetings Friends!

I was thrilled to see a flock of about 12 bluebirds (mostly males) in my yard early in February. A true harbinger of Spring! I was equally thrilled to discover that the Spring 2017 New Castle "Happenings" program guide is already in local libraries, replete with seasonal offerings. Another sign that Spring is coming soon.

February's Black History programs at the Bear Library were informative and well attended. March recognizes Women's History, and several innovative programs are scheduled to celebrate the contributions of women ---past, present and future! Offerings include: "The Story of Hannah Penn" (second wife of Quaker William Penn), portrayed by Jean Norvell, on Saturday, March 4 (1pm); "Women in Space Exploration", presented by Delaware's Teacher in Space, Dr. Stephanie Wright, on Sunday, March 12 (3pm); and "A State of Immigrants: Delaware Stories", which reveals our state's rich immigration heritage (with emphasis on Women and Irish stories), on Saturday March 25 (11am).

Get a head start on the Spring season with "Attracting Hummingbirds" on Monday, March 13 (6:30pm). UD Master Gardener Ron Simpson will share his expert tips on how to create a hummingbird garden. Join us on Wednesday, March 29 (6:30pm) for "Plant a Bee-Friendly Garden". Master Gardener Rick Judd will share the science of "Basic Vegetable Gardening" on Sunday, March 19 (2pm); then learn how to prepare easy, tasty and healthy meals and snacks by attending "Cooking from the Spring Garden" (a popular encore presentation) on Tuesday, March 21 (6:30pm). Other offerings include the very entertaining Dr. Eric Mease, who will reveal the truth about Alexander Hamilton with "Hamilton: More than a Musical" on Sunday, April 2 (2pm), and a lengthy list of Ongoing Programs. Pick up a copy of the "Happenings Program Guide" or call the INFO desk at the Bear Library (302 838-3300) to see what else our Library has to offer. Additional information can also be obtained by going to the Bear Library's website: NCCDE.org/Bear to see "UPCOMING EVENTS"

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 12 (2pm), when the

Memberships:

David & Beverly Wright
Mary Ann Giordano
Karen McLachlan
Maria Stewart
Sondra E. Draper
Susan Menson
Cheryl Smith
David B. Murphy
Dave Guinnup
Barbara Yotter
Mary Sienkiewicz
James and Eileen Burget
Ken & Rosa Berk
Kelly Golden
Patricia Golden
Kathleen Heston

Donations:

Brynn Miller
Cheryl Smith

See where your money goes. A list of programs recently sponsored by the Friends:

FOOD SKILLS AND NUTRITION
MAC PRODUCTIVITY
INTRODUCTION TO GOOGLE DRIVE
INTRODUCTION TO
WORDPRESS
WOMEN IN SPACE
EXPLORATION HISTORY
ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS
DÓ CAIRDE IRISH DANCE
PERFORMANCE
BASIC VEGETABLE GARDENING
COOKING FROM THE GARDEN
UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAMERA
BASICS
UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAMERA
ADVANCED
TERRIFIC TRAVEL PLANNING!
MOTHER'S DAY CUPCAKE
DECORATING
ZONE-BUSTING GARDENS
FOBL purchased the GREEN SCREEN

THANK YOU!!!!

Friends of the Bear Library welcome Do Cairde Irish Dancers to our Annual Meeting. All ages are welcome to enjoy a performance of rousing dance favorites. Refreshments will be available during the performance.

In the words of writer Anne Herbert:

“Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries.”

See you at the Bear Library!

Connie Malin, President



Invitation

In keeping with the season, the Friends of the Bear Library invite you to a performance of Irish dance by students from the Dó Cairde School of Irish Dance located in Middletown. The performance will be in the Bear Library on Sunday, March 12th at 2pm. Irish step dancing is a traditional form of dance from Ireland often performed socially and in competitions and popularized by River Dance.

Please Join Us!!!!

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends.

Introducing Zy'rin Smack

Zy'rin Smack knows a thing or two about heroes. In fact, his spoken word performance piece, "My Hero", was presented at "Delaware Celebration of the Arts" at P.S. DuPont Middle School on January 14, 2017. In the words of Governor John Carney "(The) celebration is focused on how art education programs in our classrooms and communities help shape our youth in positive ways." Those words certainly apply to Zy'rin! He says his real hero is God, and he tries to live by those values instilled in him by his parents (Hollis & Trista) and his church. He also looks for those values in other people.

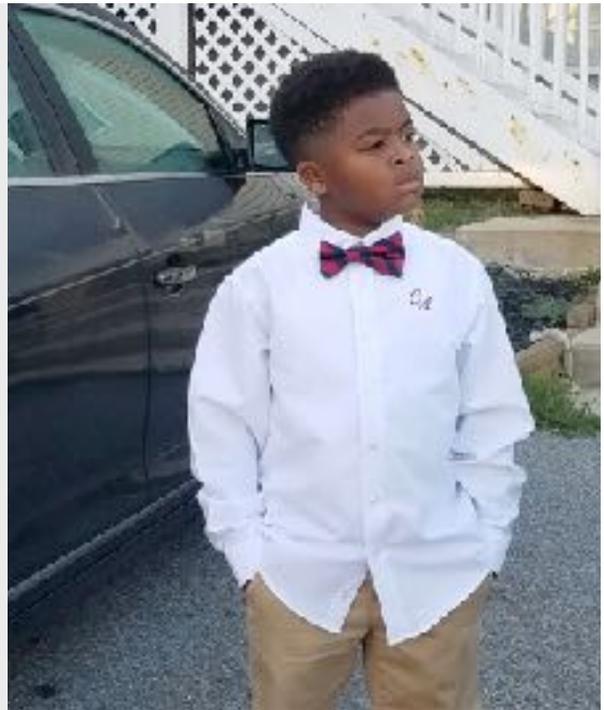
"Zy", an 8 year old "A" student at Caravel Academy, is amassing an impressive list of achievements! At 6 years old, he created his own ongoing program, "Fun and Learning with Zy" he shows kids at the Greater Newark Boys and Girls Club how to enjoy research and learning about Black history, and how to have fun while learning through activities, games and community service. Mom (Trista) acts as his assistant, but Zy is now acquiring his own research skills. The "heroes" he has researched include Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Madame C. J. Walker. He also created "Sight Word Bingo," which helps reinforce reading skills.

A sports enthusiast, Zy plays basketball, baseball, and football. Besides his interest in Black history, he enjoys math and playing chess at the Bear Library. He also uses the library as a source for favorite movies, computer games, sports and biography books. He especially likes the "Who Was" series of biographies and recommends the book about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Zy is very proud of his participation in last year's Writer Workshop, created by former NCC Community Services Director Sophia Hanson. Zy helped to create the book "The Photobomb Time Machine," a copy of which is in the Bear Library. He loves being a published author, and likes to draw, color, write and "use my brain a lot". Possessed of leadership ability and stage presence, Zy is participating in "One Community, One Mission", an event at Kingswood Community Center in Wilmington DE, where he gave his speech on his "Hero". Recently, he read "My Hero" to Wilmington Manor and Eisenberg Elementary Schools for World Read Aloud Day, an event sponsored by the United Way. He also takes part in Young Leaders Institute run by Stacey Key-Davis at the Greater Newark Boys and Girls Club.

Zy and his parents enjoy traveling, bowling, movies and going to the mall. Zy is one of five children and a large extended family. He loves the big yearly Christmas Day family party, but he wishes he lived in a bigger house so more people could visit.

Zy's future plans include being a sports star and making money to run for President when he's 35. Until then, Zy enjoys going to his church (Holy Hill Worship Center), school, the Bear Library, and initiating new programs. His latest community service initiative is picking up trash to help keep the Boys & Girls Club clean Doing the right thing. Because that's what leaders do!



Membership Application

- Student \$ 5.00
- Senior \$ 5.00
- Individual \$ 10.00
- Family \$ 15.00
- Business/Civic Organization \$ 25.00
- Good Friend \$ 50.00
- Better Friend \$ 100.00
- Best Friend \$ 500.00

- New
- Renewal

I would like to help in the following areas:

- Newsletter
- Hospitality
- Membership
- Fund-raising
- Public Relations

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail:* _____

*We will NOT share your email address with others.

The Friends of the Bear Library, Assoc. is a not for profit 501(c)3 organization. Your donation should be tax deductible.

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We would like to thank those members that agreed to receive the FOBL News via email. It saves us postage and printing. Email us at FOBearLib@DE-FOBL.org if you would like to join them. Thank you!!!! Your membership and donations are used to provide enrichment to the library. The Friends provide extra programs and items to the library that make the Bear Library the best library in the state!!! Thank you to all who provide support.

Please check address label for membership expiration. Your membership helps our library! Thank you.

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