

# FOBL NEWS

| Newsletter of the Friends of the Bear Library |

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

## Friends of Bear Library Website

At the last Board meeting, creation of an FOBL website was authorized. The FOBL website is scheduled for review and approval at the September Board Meeting with an anticipated launch within a few days of approval. Members are welcomed to visit and comment on the draft (under construction) FOBL website at <http://www.de-fobl.org/>. Comments and suggestions should be sent to: [DRGuinnup@aol.com](mailto:DRGuinnup@aol.com)

## Greetings Friends!

Labor Day marks the unofficial end of the season when we attempt to cram the last vestiges of summer into one long weekend. To help our patrons transition into fall, the wonderful Bear Library staff, with support from the Friends group, is offering several outstanding workshops, classes and presentations. Of course, the popular **Ongoing** and **Technology** programs, **Teen Movie Night** and **Wednesday Night at the Movies** will continue as scheduled.

Fall into healthy eating habits with **Food Skills and Nutrition** (Thursdays, September 8 – October 6, 11am). This popular course from the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension promises nutrition tips, recipes, free kitchen tools, and great food samples. Register early to guarantee a seat! **Healthy Living with Chronic Disease** offers ways to improve general health and communication for patients and caregivers struggling with diabetes, hypertension, and other chronic diseases (Thursday, October 13 – November 17, 11 am). **You and Health Care Insurance** will help you to make the smartest choice for health insurance, based on family needs and affordability (Tuesday, October 18, 1pm). Learn how to incorporate seasonal, locally grown foods into meals for more healthy eating with **Cooking from the Fall Garden** (Monday, October 3, 6:30pm). Desserts by Allison offers **Holiday-themed Cupcakes** to teach you basic cupcake decorating and how to cheat on your diet (Sunday, November 13, 2pm.)! Teens, 15 and older, are welcome. Registration required.

Design a workable plan to manage and control your financial health with **Developing a Spending Plan** (Saturday, September 17, 12pm), and **Saving on a Shoe String Budget** (Saturday, November 5, 12pm). While you become healthier and wealthier (thanks to our Bear Library programs), learn ways to safeguard your identity with the University of Delaware's Cooperative Extension program **Protect Your Identity** (Saturday, October 15, 12pm). Learn about wills, and medical and estate planning from Register of Wills, Ciro Poppiti, III's offering **Why Everyone Needs a Will and a Living Will** (Saturday, September 24, 11am). Photo expert Jeff Kontur will be on hand to teach cell phone camera techniques with **Cell Phone Photography Demystified** (Monday, September 26, 6:30pm), and how to take better pictures with **Understanding Your Camera** (Monday, November 14, 2pm). Keep a photographic record of important possessions!

Other fun and informative programs complete the fall schedule at the Bear Library, with visits from old friends Mike Dixon, **"You lie!" Civility and Incivility in American Politics** (Sunday, October 16, 2pm), Ed Okonowicz (**Meet the Presidents**, Sunday, September 11, 2pm and

## Memberships & Donors

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A huge thank you to all our new and renewing members. We couldn't support the library without you!!!

*Presidents letter continued.*

**Predictions That Turned Out Wrong!**, Sunday, October 2, 2pm); and Syl Woolford (**Remembering Frederick Douglass**, Saturday, October 15, 2pm). Daniel Pritchett shows us how our contentious political climate is not a modern phenomenon with **Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United States** (Sunday, November 6, 2pm). View **Bridge to the Ballot**, a new and compelling documentary about people who have made a difference in our social and political systems (Sunday, October 9, 1:30pm). Take a break from the mind-numbing political banter on TV and join us for **Election Series Movie Matinee** (Wednesdays, September 7, 21, October 5, 19, November 2, 23, at 3pm. Contact the INFO Desk for film titles). Kids aged 10 -17 can learn about banned books with **Playing in the Banned** during Banned Books Week (Tuesday, September 29, 7pm); and those of you just itching to get published will enjoy **Writers Workshop** (Sunday, October 23, 1:15pm). Learn tips and techniques for successful writing and publishing – perhaps a banned best seller!

*(Get detailed information about current and upcoming Bear Library programs by visiting the F.O.B.L Facebook page or NCC Fall Happenings guide.)*

Finally, some very exciting news: **LEGO** is coming to Bear Library! **Bear LEGO Club**, led by a LEGO Company trained staff member, will begin in late fall. According to Youth Services Librarian Lisa Burris, our goal is to incorporate LEGO bricks as an element of learning with **STEM** (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics), while simultaneously connecting to literature and history. Younger kids (ages 6+) will read a story and then create a LEGO structure that predicts a scene from the story. Older kids (8-12 years) will connect to technology with motorized LEGO structures that they create. According to Lisa, anything they can imagine, they can create. "The sky's the limit!" **We are soliciting intact LEGO pieces (bricks and figures) from our Friends members and library patrons. Orphan pieces, incomplete and complete sets, any size, are welcomed. Contact Lisa with your donations or drop them off at the Bear Library Kid's Desk. The Friends of the Bear Library wholly supports this program.** Please consider joining the Friends or renewing your membership so that we may continue to support LEGO and other programs.

See you at the Bear Library!

Connie Malin, President

## From Youth Services Librarian: Lisa Burris

Whew! It's been another busy summer for Bear Library. Almost 900 children and teens participated in our **2016 Summer Reading Challenge**. This year, we put a laser focus on technology programs, and visitors to the library learned about cutting edge technology like 3D printers and green screens, with instruction from our Team Talent members, who were all local teens. Summer reading is ever evolving, with that in mind, we changed things up a little this year. Lots of people helped us kick off **On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!** with a concert by library favorite, Uncle Pete. Though in past years, we've also had the Mr. Softee truck at our SRC kickoff, this year, we moved it to the end of the program, as an additional incentive to read all summer, and it worked. One hundred and sixty-five kids and teens came to the library on the last day of the program, August 20<sup>th</sup>, to enjoy free ice cream provided by our Bear Library Friends. As the kids head back to school, we look forward to another jam-packed Fall at the library. We are on a roll with technology programming, with our **Minecraft** program picking up steam over the summer. In fact, all of the participants in our weekly summer **Minecraft** programs were so pleased with the castles they created in the program, that we threw them a big party, the highlight of which was having their photographs taken with the digital castles they built. How did we do that? By using our green screen technology, the same type of green screen that you've seen professional TV presenters use. The kids enjoyed the party, and we used one form of technology to introduce them to a second type. For the fall, we plan to build on the popularity of **Minecraft** to do the program more frequently: every other week. We will also continue teaching kids **Scratch** and other forms of coding.

We've got a lot planned for the fall, so stay tuned.

## Sampling of Fall Library Programs

### BEAR BOOK GROUP

Join us if you enjoy reading new or classic fiction and nonfiction, then discussing with other readers in an informal setting. Contact the Info Desk for books and details. Snacks provided. **Adults. 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays: September 14, October 12, November 9**

### TECH MAVEN

Walk-in for hands-on help with many of your technology needs. Drop in to the Bear Computer Lab with your device or use library PCs. **Adults. 1-4 p.m. Thursdays: September 1-November 17**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

#### Get Active, Stay Active

Experienced and novice alike enjoy this Wilmington Trail Club overview of the healthy, safe and fun activities available in our area for hiking, cycling, paddling and more. **Registration recommended. Adults/Teens/Kids with caregivers. 2-3 p.m.**

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

#### Color My World:

#### Create Your Own Coloring Page

Adult coloring has become quite popular. Take the next step and try designing your own coloring book. New Castle County Art Studio's Sarah Dressler shows how to design simple patterns using basic drawing materials. **Registration required. Adults/Teens. 7-8:30 p.m.**

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

#### International Games Day

Bring friends and family, meet new people and learn lots of new games. Join the crowd that loves playing games and help celebrate this worldwide event. **Registration requested. Adults/Teens/Kids with caregivers. 1-3 p.m.**

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

#### Brief Introduction to Beekeeping

DelawareBeekeepers.com teaches why bees are crucial to our ecosystem and how you can help nurture and protect them. Learn about pollination, delicious honey and how to create a home-based apiary business. **Registration requested. Adults/Teens. 7-8:45 p.m.**

## Introducing Carlтина Hall

Carlтина (Tina) Hall loves working with young people. Although her official job title is "children's aide", Tina resides as den mother in the children's section of the Bear Library, assisting children and parents with computers, showing them where to locate books and reference materials, and informing them how to sign up for library cards. Tina also helps to facilitate and promote the myriad activities offered in the children's section, such as reporting on children's progress, overseeing behavior and safety, and reading to kids in the "Bear Cave" during preschool Story Time (Six different Story Times are offered at the Bear Library.)

Tina's affiliation with public libraries began in 1978 as a summer youth worker at the Kirkwood Highway Library. She subsequently worked as page, circulation aide and children's aide at Kirkwood before coming to Bear Library in 2012. Besides children's programs, her responsibilities at Bear include helping with "Color My World", with emphasis on special needs adults, and displaying the Blue Hen Book Award nominees and the Weekly New York Times Bestseller List.

A Delaware native, Tina graduated from William Penn High School. She attended Delaware Technical and Community College and the University of Delaware, is a Licensed Practical nurse, has an associate degree in medical technology, and worked at St. Francis Hospital for 19 years as a laboratory aide and medical laboratory technician. Tina has a degree in elementary education from Wilmington University and spent several years teaching in the Colonial and Christiana school districts. She is currently working towards a Master of Library Science degree at Drexel University.

Tina has been married for 36 years to her high school sweetheart, a retired military pilot and mechanic who now works for the FAA. They have no children of their own, but as the eldest of six, Tina has done her share of mothering! She is proud of her niece, a nurse, and three nephews who volunteer at our library. She is pet parent to Terri Pepper, a 10 year old Skye terrier, and Miss Kitty Garfield, an orange tabby that hitched a ride in her car one rainy night three years ago. An avid reader and book collector, Tina is a huge fan of Laura Ingalls Wilder. She also enjoys historical novels, juvenile literature, and audio books, and Christian fiction—especially Terri Peterson's At the Edge of the Orchard. Other interests include volunteering at Mustard Seed Pantry at St. Hedwig's Church, doll collecting, needlework, crocheting and knitting. Tina initiated Bear Library's "A Good Yarn" program, where participants may learn or hone knitting and crafting skills. Many items from the classes are donated to various local charities.

Meet Tina in the children's section. She would love to hear about your interests!

## Tile Wall in the Bear Library

Decorate a tile for the library's tile wall. Leave your name and contact information at the Info Desk or email us at [FOBL@live.com](mailto:FOBL@live.com). We will contact you to set up a time for you to work on your tile. Tile cost has been reduced.

Cost is \$25.00 per tile.

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- Family                             \$ 15.00
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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.

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