

FOBL NEWS

| Newsletter of the Friends of the Bear Library |

Contact Information

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Phone: 302 838-3323 and a leave message.

E-mail: FOBearLib@DE-FOBL.org

Facebook: Friends of the Bear Library.

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

Friends of Bear Library Website

Our new FOBL website, DE-FOBL.org, was launched following approval at the FOBL Executive Board Meeting in September.

Please note that our email address has changed. Our new email address is:

FOBearLib@DE-FOBL.org.

We will, however, continue to monitor our old email address for a limited time. We love hearing from you.



Greetings Friends!

With so many holidays crammed together at the end of the year, we all can feel a bit overwhelmed. Shopping, family activities and get togethers, decorating, last minute errands.... It can be exhausting! The Friends of the Bear Library and the Bear Library staff hope that you will take time during the holiday season to visit the Library to "chill out". Movie nights (with popcorn), workshops and first-rate presentations, Story Times and holiday-themed activities for children, teen movies and activities, plus the ongoing traditional offerings ("A Good Yarn - Bear Library Knitting Circle", Bear Book Group, Tech Tuesday, Computer Classes, Adult Education Classes) will help you through the stressful times.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4th (2 pm) for the annual visit by First State Bill Ringers of Newark United Methodist Church. As usual, all ages are welcome. Refreshments, provided by the Friends, will be available during the performance. Arrive early to get a good seat for what promises to be a dazzling, joyful experience! (Check the New Castle County program guide, the Bear Library Website at nccde.org/Bear or call the INFO desk at 302-838 3300 for a detailed list of programs and presentations.)

Some last minute shopping suggestions:

1. Buy a FOBL book bag. (It is sturdy, durable, roomy, attractive – and only \$5.00.)
2. Buy and then design a tile for our tile wall art project. (Create your own legacy on our Library wall)
3. Buy FOBL memberships for family and friends. (Invest in the future of our Library)
4. Renew your own membership in the Friends. We can't exist without YOU!

Have a joy-filled holiday season. See you at the Bear Library!

Connie Malin, President

Memberships & Donors

Memberships:

Owen Thorne
Judith Jennings
S. D. Anderson
Elizabeth Schnepf
James/Debra Bertrando
Cheryl L. Moore
Connie Malin
Luisa Georgov
Mrs Wm. Georgov

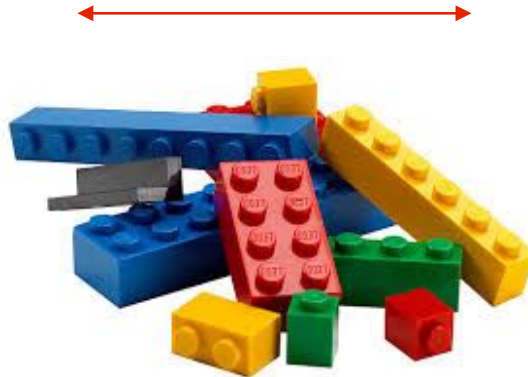
Donations:

Cheryl L. Moore
Connie Malin

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

Your help is needed!!!

The Executive Board of the Friends has an open position to fill. **2nd VP Membership:** We need a volunteer to maintain the membership list on the computer in our office. That person is responsible for keeping the list up to date and for printing the labels for the newsletter from that list four times a year. The process is already set up so minimum work is needed. Leave contact information at FOBearLib@DE-FOBL.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



Bear Library is setting up a Lego Club. We are in need of Legos. If you are getting rid of Legos, consider donating them to the library. If you would like to donate money to purchase new sets, contact us at the INFO desk.

From Beth Borene, Reference Librarian, Bear Library

New Castle County Libraries have recently formed a Technology Programming Committee. With representatives from each library branch in the county, we were formed to explore, discuss, and implement current and future technology programming in New Castle County Libraries. Ultimately, we want to make technology programming more accessible to our staff so we can bring technology learning to more of the public.

We will be looking at coding, gaming, robotics, digital literacy and makerspace programming specifically. For example, some of us have recently acquired new 3D printers, and we'd like to make them available to the public soon! We'd also like to get coding workshops into more of our branches (we do have some at Bear in January and February). In addition, we will be looking for ways to better market our programs both to the public and our coworkers, acquire and implement more equipment, and identify and create new community partnerships. If you have a background in technology and would like to share your talents with the libraries, please contact me at Bear Library today!

Holiday Ideas

BIGGS MUSEUM - biggs.museum.org

DELAWARE PUBLIC ARCHIVES - archives.delaware.gov

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS - history.delaware.gov/museums

FRIENDS OF OLD DOVER - www.friendsofolddover.org

SCHWARTZ CENTER FOR THE ARTS - schwartzcenter.com

WOODBURN (Governor's Mansion) - woodburn.delaware.gov



In the spirit of Christmas!!!

Prom'iere

A Prom Dress Giveaway 2017

Beginning on January 3, libraries will begin collecting gently used, dry-cleaned formal dresses on hangers.

Don't throw that dress away.....

Every Donation Matters!

Ask at the INFO desk for details.

Introducing David Guinnup

Dave Guinnup is a relative newcomer to the Friends of the Bear Executive Board, although he and his wife Diana have been FOBL members for many years. As a valuable member of our team, Dave has streamlined our efforts to communicate with Friends members and Bear Library patrons by setting up the FOBL website.

Born in Indiana, Dave is the son of a letter carrier father and homemaker mother. He has one sister and two step-siblings. As a kid, he helped on the family-owned farmette, which was diversified and self-sustaining. "Some of everything," Dave recalls from farm crops to animals. A proud "Hoosier", Dave graduated from Ball State University, studying urban and regional planning. Later he did graduate work at Wright State University, majoring in applied social and applied economics, and business administration. He met Diana, also a Ball State alumna, at a college dance. They have three grown children, two boys and one girl and three grandchildren, 6 months to 4 years of age. Living in Delaware since 1987, Dave worked for 20 years with New Castle County as a planner and land use specialist. More recently, he did some consulting and part time teaching and lecturing at Temple University within the planning and community development department. Volunteer activities with Scouts, church, civic groups, and professional organizations keep him busy these days.

Dave developed an interest in Boy Scouts when his sons were young and he volunteered with their Cub Scout Pack. His hobby is bicycle riding, including trail bikes. Combining his two interests, Dave has helped organize and participate in two bike/camping excursions on the 184+ mile Chesapeake & Ohio National Trail with Boy Scout Troop 50. Dave prefers non-fiction books, especially focusing on energy (which he has taught at Temple), and American history. He is researching his own family history: although he claims to be a "mutt" of mixed ancestry, he believes his name may be Welsh. He has researched eight generations so far, to the late 15th century. While digging into his past, he found a handwritten letter dated 1847, indicating that he is a distant cousin of the Studebaker brothers, the pioneer automobile designers! Encouraged by this family history find, Dave is eager to do more research. Who knows what he might discover?

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 FOBearLib@DE-FOBL.org. 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.

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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