
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.

Annual Meeting is held in
March. Date and program to be
announced.

Greetings Friends!

Did you know that the Bear Library is the busiest library in the state, and has been since its opening in December 1998? That information, supplied by Library Manager, Eric Kuhn, inspired me to uncover other interesting facts about the Bear Library. For example, the ongoing Tile Wall Project began as a Friends of the Bear Library fundraiser for the proposed new library in 1997. Joe and Jill Biden, who read about the project in the newspaper, helped their then 3-year-old granddaughter Naomi, paint a tile to contribute to the wall. (I don't know where the tile is located. That fact remains a mystery!)

By June 1998, the friends group had raised \$1,000,000.00 toward funding the building of the library- through grants, community awareness and outreach, fundraising efforts, and sheer hard work.

A more recent fact puts the Bear Library into statewide library circulation. In her children's picture book *The Littlest Bunny in Delaware*, author Lily Jacobs' bunny character visits the Bear Library as he travels to important sites throughout the state. Everyone wants to visit the Bear Library!!

See you at the Bear Library!

Connie Malin, President

Meet "LIBBY"

The New App For eBOOKS & eAUDIOBOOKS

Overdrive (the vendor that provides us with eBooks & eAudiobooks) is promoting a new Libby app for tablets and smartphones. It performs in many ways like the current Overdrive app, but has some additional features. Currently, both apps are available from the App Store or Android Marketplace.

One important difference is that with Libby, you can "stream" eBooks or eAudiobooks to your device without having to download them. If you stream over Wifi, there is no data charge to your phone (but if you stream over your cellular network, you are using your data plan).

Another feature is that "send to Kindle" is built into the app (you don't have to leave the app to go to the Amazon website). Give Libby a try – you might find you like it even more!

New Members and Renewals

Gay Corrie
Lorraine Grier
Katherine Smart

A huge thank you to all that are members of the Friends. Your support and donations have helped our library!

Wednesday Movies @ the Bear Library

WEDNESDAY MOVIE MATINEE

Experience award-winning documentary films up on the big screen at our monthly daytime screening.

Adults 3-5 p.m.

Wednesdays: September 27, October 25, November 22

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Enjoy films selected especially for teens. Snacks provided.

Ages 12-17 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays: October 4, November 1

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Enjoy recent, Academy Award nominated films on the big screen at our monthly movies-for-grownups nights. Snacks provided.

Adults 6-8 pm.

Wednesdays: September 27, October 25, November 22

NEW MAGAZINES IN FLIPSTER

Twelve new titles have been added to our popular online database of magazines, Flipster:

Architectural Digest
Better Homes & Gardens
Discover
Glamour
GQ
The New Yorker
Vanity Fair
Vegetarian Today
Wired
Writer's Digest
Discover Girls (juvenile)
Highlights for Children (juvenile)
Sports Illustrated Kids (juvenile)

No titles were dropped. Flipster now offers 72 magazines to choose from. Popular Flipster titles include **Clean Eating, Coastal Living, Cooking Light, Consumer Reports, Cosmopolitan, Delaware Today,**

Kiplinger's Personal Finance & Retirement Report, Men's Health, Money, People, Popular Science, Real Simple, Shape, Southern Living, This Old House, Time magazine, US Weekly, Vegetarian Times, and **Women's Health.** Almost 4300 issues of Flipster magazines were used by Delaware library patrons in a single month (July 2017).

To access Flipster, go to www.lib.de.us. Click on the Flipster icon (top right). With Flipster, library patrons can read digital copies of magazines on a computer, smartphone, or tablet. The Flipster app also allows you to download items for reading offline without Wifi.

NEW LOAN PERIOD FOR eBooks and eAUDIOBOOKS

Our collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks now consists of over 30,000 titles. Patrons have sometimes been frustrated by long wait periods for popular titles. Budget realities do not allow for purchasing more and more duplicates of popular eBook titles. In an effort to reduce long wait times, the Delaware Division of Libraries has eliminated the 21-day checkout option for eBooks. Patrons can choose to check out their items for either 7 or 14 days. The change began September 1, 2017.

Introducing Beth Borene

Elizabeth (Beth) Borene has a penchant for English history-after all, she was named for a British queen! Her father, an industrial engineer, and mother, a history teacher and scholar, named her after Elizabeth I of England. However, while Mom favors the Elizabethan period, Beth inclines toward the Regency and Victorian eras. She favors Jane Austen's novels and recommends *Pride and Prejudice*.

The oldest of three children, Beth has two brothers: Bill, a lawyer, resides in China with his wife and 4-year-old daughter; Brad, who lives in Allentown, PA with his wife and works for Barnes and Noble. Beth and Brad, who share a birthday month, take yearly vacations to celebrate. They have visited several beaches and amusement parks over the years. Lately they are especially drawn to Civil War battlefields, having seen Gettysburg and Antietam so far. Well-traveled, Beth has also visited England, Spain, Switzerland, and France, and is planning on making her first ever trip to the Caribbean this November. Fluent in French, Beth is also planning another trip to Paris.

Beth was born in St. Paul, MN and raised in Racine, WI. She was a competitive swimmer (long-distance freestyle) from 8th grade through her sophomore year of college. She was an amateur rower from 2013-2014, and helped put the County in touch with her former team to obtain the 8 oar boat display for the New Castle County Reads event (*The Boys in the Boat*) at the Chase Center a couple years ago.

Beth received her Master's in Library Science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She also attended Gustavus Adolphus College (spending her junior year in Paris), and ultimately earned a Bachelor's degree in French Language and Culture and a Minor in International Studies from Penn State University. A reference librarian with 11 years' experience, Beth worked as a children's librarian at the Woodlawn Library from 2006 – 2011 and as an adult librarian at the Bear Library since October 2011 (spending the year Bear was closed for renovation at the Brandywine Hundred Library). Her duties at Bear include supervising the information and computer desks, adult book purchasing and collection oversight, acting as an assistant library manager, and helping to bring technology to the county libraries (3D printing and Makerspaces - and coding with Zip Code Wilmington).

Beth is a theater buff and cites *Hamilton* (Broadway) and *Woman in Black* (London) as her favorite shows. Unfortunately, there was also a poor production of *Macbeth* that she saw - in England! Beth collects frog-themed stuffed toys and figurines. Although she does not have a real frog, Beth is a proud parent to a 9-year-old domestic shorthair tabby cat that has the coloring of "a melted chocolate and vanilla sundae". His name? Samuel "Darcy" Borene.

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Fall Programs—following is a list of some of the programs offered in the Bear Library:

Color My World

A popular program for adults that offers a fun, unique way to unwind through creativity. Enjoy fellowship, light music and artistic crafts with basic materials provided. **Adults. Times Vary**
Weekly, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. September through November 30. No program November 23.
Monthly, Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. October 16, November 13

Shop-Cook-Eat Healthy

Food and nutrition skills are shared in weekly, fun and educational University of Delaware, Cooperative Extension classes Enjoy healthy snacks, free tools and fellowship. Registration requested. **Adults, teens and kids with caregiver.**
Thursdays: 12:30-2 p.m. September through October 5

Everyone Needs a Will and a Living Will

Not just for seniors or families with aging parents. New Castle County’s Register of Wills, Ciro Poppiti, III, leads everyone in a fun, disarming way how to quickly and easily take control now of medical and estate planning. **Registration recommended. Adults.**
Sunday, 2-4 p.m. October 1

Caregiver Resources 101

Those caring for others need help, too! Get reliable information on home care, rehab services, financial planning, Medicaid and Medicare and hospice. Get prepared as someday you may be in need and Comfort Keepers, Delaware Elder Law, Season and Swank Memory Care are here to help. Snacks provided. Registration recommended. **Adults.**
Wednesday, 5:30-7:15 p.m. October 4

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

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
E-mail:* _____

*We will NOT share your email address with others.

- New
- Renewal

I would like to help in the following areas:

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

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!!!