
FOBL NEWS

| Newsletter of the Friends of the Bear Library |

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Meetings: Third Wednesday of Jan., May, July, Sept. & Nov., at 7p.m. in the library.

Annual Meeting: in March. Time and date to be announced.

Greetings Friends!

In the Fall Newsletter of 2015, I took readers on a virtual tour of the Bear Library, unearthing the many “treasures” that our Library has to offer—from the tile art wall that welcomes visitors in the lobby entrance, to the children’s section: to the INFO and CHECK OUT desks; and finally to the staff and volunteers (who are our most valuable treasures). However, many of our patrons still are unaware of the many *other* hidden gems in the Bear Library: activities, ongoing programs, events, and new offerings on a consistent basis. The Bear Library is recognized as a job and opportunity center, a place to learn and hone computer, language, and resumé skills necessary for employment; as a venue to explore creative outlets; as a reference area to conduct research on a variety of topics and interests; as an area to learn and to be entertained—or as just a place to “chill out”. Plus, we are family-friendly and community-oriented.

Check out the New Castle County Summer HAPPENINGS guide, available in the Library (pages 37-41), for a list of current programs, including our renowned Summer Reading Challenge for all ages, children to adults. (This year’s theme is “Libraries Rock!”) As usual, Bear Library boasts more programs than any other library in New Castle County! In the words of County Executive, Matt Meyer, “.....libraries are about so much more than books.”

Many of these programs, including the Summer Reading Challenge, are supported by the Friends of the Bear Library. The Friends are *your* friends, co-workers, neighbors, and business people in your community. We provide volunteers, special programs, and financial assistance to enhance Library services. With Countywide funding cuts, libraries rely on Friends groups and community support to sustain educational, cultural, and entertaining programs for all ages. Please join us, or renew your membership in the Friends so that the Bear Library may continue to be the most outstanding library in the State.

Rock on!
See you at the Bear Library!

Connie Malin, President

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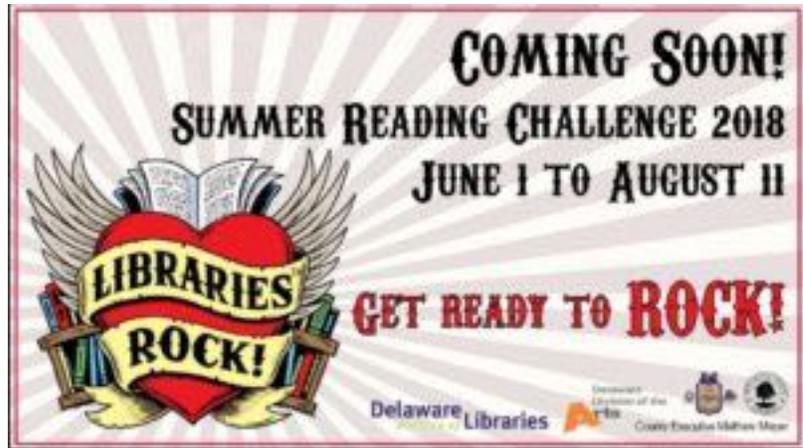
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Your donations and membership dues are used by the Friends to support extras for the Bear Library.

THANK YOU!!!!

We thought you might be interested in these library statistics for April:

Check outs:	Brandywine	48,733
	Newark	43,762
	Bear	41,105
User visits:	Bear	32,224
	Wilmington	21,863
	Newark	21,861
New users:	Bear	365
	Route 9	299
	Newark	186



Summer Reading

The **Summer Reading Challenge** began June 1st and runs through August 11 at all NCC libraries. This year's theme is **Libraries Rock!** Children ages birth to 17 are encouraged to participate. At sign-up, children and teens will receive a log to record time spent reading, and at specific milestones – 10 hours, 30 hours, and 50 hours – they receive prizes when visiting the library. Bear Library offers a variety of programs this summer such as Lego clubs, Robotics, story times, movie nights, and arts & and crafts workshops. In addition to these year-round offerings, we will also welcome musical presenters **Uncle Pete** and YouTube star **Miss Nina** as well as **New Moon Theater** and **Baba Bomani**. Libraries Rock with Uncle Pete and the End of Summer Ice Cream Party are sponsored by the Friends of the Bear Library.

Kick Off is June 11th @7-8 p.m. with Uncle Pete and a special Musical Performance. Get tickets at the INFO Desk 15 minutes before the program starts. All ages welcome.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is for adults, too!! Interested adult readers can register at the INFO Desk so that they can keep track of the books they have read, write reviews and earn free books, and earn points toward a grand prize drawing courtesy of the Friends of the Bear Library.

Reexamining the Tulsa Massacre, 1921. Monday, June 25, 2018 (6:30 P.M.)

Experience the true story of the destruction of Greenwood, an African-American community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, also known as the "Black Wall Street". The community boomed until a contrived incident led to terror. Learn the story through a powerful documentary film and discussion where you are encouraged to participate. Panelists: Dr. Abdullah Muhammad, Historian and Delaware resident; Mr. Syl Woolford, Historian and Delaware resident; Special guest: Dr. Lawrence Smallwood, *PhilaFilm* Festival Director and program co-moderator. Ages 16-Adults. Registration requested at the INFO Desk or call 302 838-3300 for information.

Introducing Renate Cumming

A lifelong lover of books, Renate Cumming, Bear Library's new Children's Services Librarian, seized the chance to volunteer in her children's elementary school library 15 years ago. The experience afforded her the best of both worlds: the opportunity to spend time with her daughters in an environment she loves! Renate later substituted for the school librarian, who was on maternity leave, planning lessons and teaching classes. Her professionalism and expertise impressed the school librarian, who encouraged Renate to pursue a degree in Library Science. Since earning a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of South Florida, her career certainly has been impressive! Renate spent 3 years as a middle school librarian in the Appoquinimink School District; became a Bear Library contract person 8 years ago; worked at Garfield Park Library as a Library Specialist; and served the Appoquinimink Public Library before being selected for her current position. At Bear, she is responsible for programming for children birth to 18 and for other youth services. She is vice president of the Delaware Library Association for youth services and serves on both the Teen Blue Hen Selection Committee and the New Castle County Technology Committee.

Renate attended the College of Public Administration in her native Switzerland, earning degrees in economics and foreign languages. She is fluent in French, German and English, and speaks some Spanish. She transferred from employment in Switzerland to New York to work in the airline industry as an on-ground staff manager. However, Renate learned that her Swiss college credits would not transfer, so she worked towards another degree, cultural studies with a concentration in literature, from Empire State University, New York.

Renate met her husband, Todd, a former U.S. Department of Agriculture employee, while working at the airport. She and her family have lived in New York, California, and Philadelphia-the latter location while Todd pursued a doctorate in physical therapy. The Cumming family also lived in Switzerland for 3 years, where Renate taught computer systems for various airlines, a job which afforded her worldwide travel. Her daughters, now 23 and 24, have established careers (one is a high school teacher, the other a geologist), so the Cummings travel whenever they can. Last year, they vacationed in Germany. Nowadays, Renate is pet parent to 2 rescue dogs: "Chase", an 11 year old black lab; and "Lulu", a 4 year old mixed breed. Her reading preferences include young adult (for her job), historical fiction (especially the Tudor period), and international authors. She prefers fiction over non-fiction. She does not have specific reading recommendation, but urges everyone to occasionally "read outside your comfort zone." She believes that literature is a reflection of culture, that it "opens your eyes" to the world.

An avid crafter, Renate has many interests: emergent technology, cement sculptures, jewelry making (especially metal smithing), quilt making, quilling, embroidery, mosaics, paper crafts and paper jewelry, sewing, knitting and crocheting. She believes that sewing especially is an important basic skill to be taught. She hopes to incorporate her love of crafts into library maker space-oriented programs, a hands-on experience where the participant takes home an item he or she made in class.

Renate proudly became a naturalized U.S. citizen in April. However, she is bemused when people ask her when she plans to lose her accent! (It doesn't matter-Renate is very fluent in American Standard English.)

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Let Freedom Ring Concert! Saturday, June 30, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

First State Bell Ringers from the Newark Methodist Church perform patriotic and popular favorites celebrating America at the library. Refreshments supplied by the Friends of the Bear Library.

All welcome!!

Special One-Time Programs for this Summer:

Master Gardeners' Introduction to Composting

Saturday, June 16

Need compost? Gail Hermenau, a New Castle County Master Composter and Delaware Master Food Educator, introduces the science, then details options to start you saving organics for productive reuse and healthier plantings, flowers, lawn and food; whatever you are growing. **Registration requested. Ages 12-Adults. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Sensationalism, Hoaxes and Fake News

Monday, June 18

These days we often hear the accusation: Fake News! The accusation is most often unfounded but we have a long history of blurred lines, exaggerations, frauds, cons and yellow journalism. Join Mike Dixon as he takes the long view of reporting, both good and bad. **Registration recommended. Ages 16-Adults. 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Art in the Garden

Sunday, June 24

Explore how to ornament a garden to make it a reflection of your own taste and aesthetics using design, plantings, objects, and other means of individualization. Anne Boyd, retired chemist, current President of New Castle County Master Gardeners and an important part of the Native Teaching Garden and Ag Day events presents program. **Ages 16-Adults 2-3 p.m.**

Evacuate Your Home! Ready? Go!

Monday, July 16

Fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake or industrial accidents are in the news somewhere almost daily. Learn of occasions where residents may be required to leave their homes for emergencies and how you and your family can plan ahead to have contingency plans in place beforehand. **Registration requested. Adults 16+. 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Register of Wills: Estate Planning 101

Sunday, August 5

Empower yourself through understanding wills, powers of attorney, health directives and the probate process. Your Register of Wills, Ciro Poppiti III, makes understanding and adopting these important processes fun and easy. **Registration requested. Adults. 2-4 p.m.**

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

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

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