

Friends Sale Shelves added to Liberty



Have you ever wished you could purchase bargain books and media every day, not just when we have our sales? Then you may not realize that every DCDL location now has shelves stocked by

the Friends with bargains available every day the libraries are open.

At Delaware Main, Powell, Orange and Ostrander, these shelves are in the lobby. Now at Liberty, we have a LARGE display to the left of the entrance and Circulation desk! This NEWLY CREATED section (*above*) is stocked with fiction, non-fiction, young adult, juvenile, picture books and media available for you to add to your home collection. Payments can be taken to the circulation desk.

We will continue to hold our large book and media sales at Delaware and Liberty several times per year, but this allows you to find something special at each visit. Stop by Liberty and see what we have ready for you!

Remember that if you are cleaning out your gently used books and media, we can accept your donations at Liberty and the Delaware Main throughout the year.

Welcome New Board Members

We wish to start 2024 with thankfulness to the Friends who are joining our Board of Trustees for three-year terms. Learn more about each of them in the "Introducing New Board Members" column on page 2.

TJ Huddleston is our Webmaster and Technology committee chair.

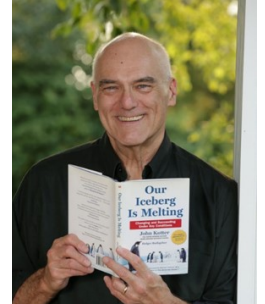
Vicky Schmarr chairs our Volunteer Committee.

Monte Stevens chairs our Membership Committee.

Leaving our Board are Karen Cowan, Jenny Ford, and Doug Wilson. They made countless contributions to the Friends during their terms, and we thank them for their dedication and years of service.

Final Farewell to George Needham

With deep sadness we share that our beloved, recently retired DCDL Director, George Needham, died on November 28, 2023. George worked in and for libraries for over 50 years. To quote our former president Karen Cowan, "George was a true gentleman.



He was a great friend of the Friends, and he will be missed. The world was a better place with George in it." We offer our condolences to Joyce, his wife of 31 years, and their family. In lieu of flowers, Joyce generously suggested the Friends of DCDL as a recipient of memorial donations.

Feb 17 Book Sale, New Prices

Mark your calendars!

Join us at **Liberty Branch** for a book and media sale on **Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10am - 3pm.**



The following book prices go into effect at this sale:

- Friends Members buy and fill a bag of books: \$20
- Friends Members refill a Friends bag: \$15
- Non-members buy and fill a bag of books: \$25
- Non-members refill a Friends bag: \$20
- Individual books remain \$2 hardback, \$1 paperback, and \$1 children's. Media remains \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Event details are emailed to Friends members and are available on social media and at our website, delawarelibraryfriends.org.

Giving Tuesday Success

THANK YOU for making our first Giving Tuesday campaign a success! We doubled our goal, raising over \$2000!

Introducing New Board Members

At our Annual Meeting on November 8, the following Friends were elected to our Board:

TJ Huddleston started and runs two local technology businesses. An active member of the Powell Chamber of Commerce, his community involvement includes raising funds for non-profits, such as People in Need of Delaware County, Rico Pet Recovery, and the DCDL Maker Studios.

Vicky Schmarr is a retired educator and school librarian. She also served as a reference specialist at Orange Branch and facilitated two book groups. Vicky volunteers at Friends book and media sales and is a voracious reader.

Monte Stevens is a retired ELCA pastor who served in Dayton for 30 years before returning to central Ohio. He looks forward to using his community outreach skills to help the Friends as a Board Member.

We continue to seek Friends who can work book and media sales, serve on committees, organize special events, keep our library displays tidy, hang posters, and more. If you are interested in getting more involved in the Friends, email volunteers@delawarelibraryfriends.org.

Board of Directors and Committees

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Calvin Gebhart, Vice President	vicepresident@delawarelibraryfriends.org
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Keep Current with the Friends!



For up-to-date info on ticket releases, events and more!

Facebook: Friends of the Delaware Library (@FriendsoftheDelawareLibrary)

Instagram: Delaware Library Friends

Website: delawarelibraryfriends.org

Email: Make sure the Friends have your **preferred email address**. Send it to membership@delawarelibraryfriends.org.

Not receiving our email? Please check your spam folder for event notices, newsletters and other information. You can unsubscribe if you choose. Your email address is not shared beyond the Friends and DCDL.

Annual Meeting Recap

In addition to electing Board Members and other business, the Annual Meeting was an opportunity to recognize exceptional community partners and volunteers with these awards:

Spirit of Philanthropy - Catherine Morrison and John Stevens

Outstanding Business/Organization - The Alpha Group

Outstanding Volunteer - "The Liberty Space Crafters", Brad Cowan, Bobbie Feigenbaum, and Donna & Steve Jackson

Outstanding Library Employee - Kelly Cochran and Nicole Fowles

President's Award - Calvin Gebhart and Nichole Klatte



Our speakers were Brent Carson and Dr. Ric Stranges, who discussed their new book, *Carried Treasures - Stories of Delaware County, Ohio*. We thank all who were in attendance to support the Friends and the award recipients.



Welcome New Friends Members!

Amy Butcher

Jeanne Casanova

Melissa Dougherty

Sara Jones

Denise Kilton

Lee Martin

Candece Molina

Suba Subbarao

David Weaver

Brent Carson

Kristen Chitwood

Ellen Gustafson

Janet Jurkuta

Timothy Lloyd

Asley Mensah

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