

## Introducing Bryan Howard, incoming DCDL Director

The Friends of DCDL recently interviewed Bryan Howard, who will join the DCDL on September 1, working with George Needham until he retires on September 30. Currently, Howard is director of the London Public Library in Madison County, and has worked in library systems for 25 years. The announcement about Howard's appointment on the DCDL website includes a statement from his job application: "My love for public libraries is deep....I love the connection between a community and their library." Enjoy our exchange with Bryan:



1. A recent article in *Library Journal* describes three trends shaping the future of libraries:

- 1) The shift to digital services and delivery models is enhancing access but creating new challenges for libraries;
- 2) Rising expectations are prompting libraries to improve the patron experience;
- 3) Budgetary pressures are forcing libraries to become more efficient.

[See: <https://www.libraryjournal.com/story/three-trends-future>]

What are your thoughts about these trends?

*I agree with that assessment of the biggest trends shaping the future of libraries. Budgeting will always be the number one factor in the evolution of public libraries. We are blessed to live in Ohio where libraries are valued tremendously.*

*Libraries have done an amazing job meeting and exceeding the expectations of their communities, so naturally the general public wants more of those wonderful services and materials. Librarians are eager to continue to raise the bar with those expectations.*

2. How do you think your management style will help staff and patrons transition to new leadership and help take the DCDL into a new era?

*Coming into this new role at DCDL my main focus is listening and learning. I am not looking to come in and shake things up and make dramatic changes. There is no need for that. George has done a (interview continued on Page 2)*

## Lolli-Pops! 2022 Concerts

After a 2-year hiatus, Powell's Lolli-Pops! Concerts returned and so did the Friends! We thank all of our volunteers who put in a total of 36 hours handing out membership brochures, calendars and other literature, as well as a free book for each child! A special thanks goes to Donna Jackson for chairing this outreach effort in 2022.

## Hall of Fame Librarian Award

We congratulate George Needham, DCDL Director, who was named the Ohio Library Council's 2022 Hall of Fame Librarian. "This prestigious award recognizes a librarian for his or her career achievements, sustained leadership, commitment to the library profession, and contributions to the community at large," said OLC spokeswoman Angie Jacobsen. (*Delaware Gazette*, 7/29/2022.)

## Calendar Highlights

Join us for these great Fall events!

- 📖 Our (probably) final book sale at **Orange** will be **September 10 from 9am - 3pm** before we move our Friends offices and sales to Liberty.
- 📖 Our popular **Young Writers Workshops** return to **Orange on October 1** with tickets going on sale in early September. Stay tuned for ticket info!
- 📖 Join us for a book sale at **Delaware Main Library** on **October 14 from 5 - 8 pm** and **October 15 from 9am - 3pm**. We'll also have a **Media Sale on October 15 from 9am - 3pm** in the Community Room.
- 📖 Two upcoming free author visits presented in conjunction with DCDL! Actress, producer, and author **Felicia Day** will discuss creativity and embracing your weirdness on **October 15 from 7-9pm**. "There There" author **Tommy Orange** delves into his writing process, including the themes of Native American culture and history that inform his works, on **November 12 from 7-9pm**. Registration required for both author visits. Go to <https://delawarelibrary.libnet.info/events>

Details on these events and more will be emailed to Friends members and are available on social media and at [delawarelibraryfriends.org](http://delawarelibraryfriends.org).

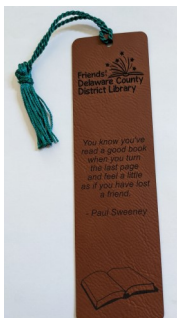
## Welcome, Friends!

We welcome the following New Members:

Sumanth Amrati	Jennifer Brownlee	Helen Carlson
Dan Coutcher	Tia Jacobs	Charlene Meyer
Suzan Nobis	Beth Painter	Mark Russo
Jane Schmidt	Cherilyn Steele	Carrie Tackett
Christie Vaulx	Carol Weyandt	

## Volunteer Appreciation

In appreciation of our many volunteers who work at book sales, serve on the Board, Auxiliary Board and/or Committees, and otherwise offer their time and talents to the Friends, we held an appreciation party on August 6. Jenny Ford and Bobbie Feigenbaum organized a creative book-themed event, complete with Friends of DCDL bookmarks made at the Maker Studio. (And ice cream!)



## Bryan Howard Interview (cont.)

*phenomenal job leading this library. My role is to come in and make sure that the staff has all the tools they need to continue doing the amazing job they are doing. I am honored to serve and lead this staff and I can't wait to get started.*

3. Abby Hargreaves of Book Riot says that Friends of the Library groups are "libraries' secret weapon." How so?

*Friends' groups are such vital components of a successful library. Many of the wonderful services and programs that libraries offer are because of their friends' group. Sadly, most people in the community don't know that, but they should. The library needs to advocate for the friends' group just as much as the friends' group advocates for the library. DCDL has an amazing, award-winning, friends' group that I can't wait to meet and work with.*

*Submitted by Becky S. Cornett*

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## Liberty Update

While we eagerly await the completion of the Liberty Branch, we welcome the inaugural Manager, Shari Bowers, who will be interviewed by Becky Cornett for the Nov/Dec issue of *Friends Forum*.

## Keep Current with the Friends!



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

**Facebook:** Friends of the Delaware Library (@FriendsoftheDelawareLibrary)

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

### Net Income thru 07/31/2022

Book Sales	8,640
Book Scanner	2,391
Other Income	19,752
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,700</b>
Program Expenses	(7,161)
Brochures & Signs	(48)
Operations	(7,182)
Citizens for DCDL	0
DCDL Grants	(28,696)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(43,087)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,613</b>