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Library Expansion Project Moving Forward

Sue Peters, FNFL Vice President

Over 20 city, county and state officials showed their support for expanding the Newark library at the January 6, 2022, Zoom meeting organized by the Friends. New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer said he plans to get the initiative started by including it in this year's county budget. Meyer stated, "The Newark library project is one of the county's most important priorities."

Diana Brown, New Castle County Manager of Libraries, spoke about the process in general. The project will likely nearly double the size of the library, bringing it from 25,000 to 40,000 square feet. This increase will bring the New Newark Library up to the current standard used in the County's newly constructed libraries: the Route 9 Library & Innovation Center, opened in 2017, and the Appoquinimink Public Library, slated to open this spring. Over the past 20 years, population growth as well as the increased need for spaces for community meetings, small group learning and discussion, and computer use and maker activities (e.g., 3-D printing, robotics), have driven the need for a larger library.

The first phase of the New Newark Library project will be a two-part needs assessment: site evaluation and community outreach. Margaret Sullivan, a consultant who is nationally known for her work with libraries, will work with Brown on the needs assessment effort. You can read more about Margaret Sullivan Studios here:

<https://www.margaretsullivanllc.com/>

The site evaluation report is expected in March. Community outreach activities where community members can weigh in on the services they want to see offered will likely begin this summer.



Interior Route 9 Library (NCC)

Currently, budget season is getting underway. At the Jan. 6 meeting, NCC Executive Matt Meyer said that he expects to include \$12 million for the new Newark Library in the county budget. Typically, New Castle County Library construction projects have been matched with state funding. State Senator Jack Walsh along with State Representatives Ed Osienski and Paul Baumbach said they will support the designation of a matching financial commitment from the state. The Friends Board plans to monitor the progress of the budget and remind legislators of the importance of the project. We invite you to communicate with these officials as well.

As the fundraising arm of the library, the Friends will soon face a significant financial challenge. Typically, library communities are asked to contribute around \$1 million to projects for new facilities. Friends annual fundraising campaigns usually generate donations in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range.

Library Expansion continued

Attending City, County and State Officials

Matt Meyer, New Castle County Executive

Aundrea Almond, NCC Chief of Staff

Kaitlin Phillips, NCC Executive Assistant

Carrie Casey, NCC to the Dept. Community Services

Diana Brown, NCC Manager of Libraries

Tracy Surles, NCC to the Dept. of Public Works

Vicki Ford, from NCC Budgeting and Finance Dept.

Annie Norman, State Librarian and Director of the Delaware Division of Libraries

Jack Walsh, State Senator

David Sokola, State Senator

Paul Baumbach, State Rep.

Ed Osienski, State Rep.

Justin Richards, Legislative Assistant at Delaware House of Representative

Lisa Diller, County Council

Janet Kilpatrick, County Council

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Jerry Clifton, Newark Mayor

Tom Coleman, Newark City Manager

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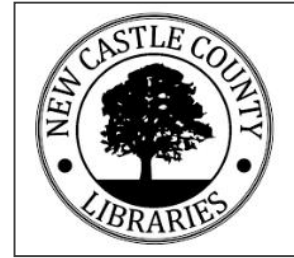
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Pamela Stevens, Newark Free Library Branch Manager

Catherine Wimberley, Library Manager



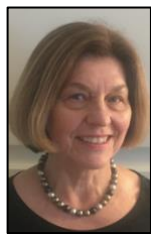
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The Friends Board greatly appreciates the help of County Councilwoman Lisa Diller and Friend Cathy Wojewodski, a former state representative and librarian who is a longtime advocate for libraries. Their knowledge, commitment of time, and networking abilities were critical to making this meeting a success. We are also grateful to Polly Sierer, former Newark mayor and Library Friend, for her participation and interest in this project. Hats off also to Barbara Jo German, current Friends President, for serving as host and leading a cordial and productive hourlong meeting.

President's Letter

Dear Friends of the Newark Free Library,



Happy New Year! Many exciting things are happening at the Newark Free Library. The FNFL Board has been busy working on various projects and funding programs. We are happy that we can have many of these programs on site and in person.

There have been some changes to the Friends of Newark Library Board and Library Staff in the past few months. As you may already know, Judy Taggart resigned as President of the Friends due to health reasons. She is now serving as an ex-officio member of the Board as well as the representative to the NCC Library board and continues to be very active. Having served as Vice President, I now have assumed the role of President and Sue Peters has now assumed the role of Vice President. Pamela Stevens is the new library manager, Lisa Burris is the new adult services librarian, and Peggy Griffith is the new children's librarian. I am grateful to be working with an outstanding group of board members and a talented library staff who work together to benefit the Newark Library.

The Friends continue to support the library in many ways including funding music programs and The Library of Things. We have distributed hundreds of gently used donated children's books to various places in the community such as the YMCA, Hudson Center, our Little Library in Brookside and at various day care centers in the area. We also provide funds to support some children's programs at the library. The Legacy of Reading Society has been established. Along with traditional and online giving, this year we participated in Giving Tuesday (November 2021) and are continuing our membership drive into the new year.

Recently many members of the Friends' Board met virtually with elected officials to hear updates

on our "New Newark Library." See Sue Peter's article for more information on page 1.

Our Annual Meeting/Brunch has once again been changed to a Zoom virtual meeting for the safety of our Friends and invited guests and the ever-changing guidelines regarding COVID. The meeting will take place Monday evening, April 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar. Pam Stevens, our new library manager, will introduce herself and share with you her vision for the library. You will also have the opportunity to vote for new board members and thank the ones leaving the board for their service. I hope you will attend virtually. More information will be coming.

Don't forget to check the Newark Free Library website (<https://nccde.org/333/Newark-Free-Library>) for updated information about the many programs and happenings at the library. The Newark Free Library staff is ready and willing to help you if you need assistance with any of the following: connecting to Hoopla, Libby, or Flipster; accessing eBooks, audio books, movies, music, and magazines; accessing the Delaware Library Catalog (including the Library of Things) or placing a hold.

We are looking forward to a great year. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Barbara Jo German



From the Library Manager

Pam Stevens



As a new manager here at the Newark Free Library, I would be remiss if I did not mention our great history and foundation created by dedicated staff past and present and the continued support of one of the best Friends groups in Delaware

libraries. Some of our staff and Friends members have been serving our library for many years, which is a testimony to how successfully both groups have supported our community and each other. Even though some of our great, long-standing staff and Friends members have moved on, whether in passing, retirement, or opportunities, they have left an indelible mark on our great library that has changed lives.

This reminds me of the motto that former manager, Charlesa Lowell, created for this library, which is “Work Hard, Have Fun, Change Lives.” That motto sums up our service and dedication concisely and it still hangs in our staff room. It also reminds me of my history at this library. As a Newark High School student, I can remember hanging out at the library and perusing the card catalog. On one occasion, as I sat at a table with a book while listening to Adam and the Ants on my headphones, Mrs. Doyen approached me to say, “Please turn down your music.” I was mortified that the sound from my headphones was emanating into the silence of the library.

Over next few years of hanging out at the library, I was introduced to a great staff consisting of Judy Doyen, Shirley Booth, Joan McKinley, Joe Tierney, Betty Forman, Louise Tabasso, and Yvonne Puffer, through my sister, Beth Stevens, who was part of the staff here since 1983. Fast forward to 1999, I started working here as a Circulation Aide under the tutelage of Beth and Charlesa. I never thought as a high school student that I would someday be the library manager

while in the midst of a twenty-three-year career in New Castle County Libraries.

This journey has given me the opportunity to know many great people. Great people such as Pat Birchenall, Sherri McCarthy, and Lisa Beamer who recently retired. It has been a blessing to learn from them and an honor to carry on the tradition of “Work Hard, Have Fun, Change Lives”. I want to personally thank you, staff, and Friends, for laying this foundation, serving our community, and working together well. I strive to continue that level of dedication as the new manager and take us into the future of endless possibilities in serving our community.

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and representative to NCC Library
Board

Fundraising Update

Sue Peters, FNFL Vice President

The Friends of the Newark Free Library makes one appeal to members each fall. As of early January, we have received 100 contributions totaling \$6,320.

Ten of those gifts came from the new Giving Tuesday Initiative. The Friends joined other advocates throughout the state of Delaware to raise money for the library on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. In recent years, nonprofits have made this day an occasion to seek online donations. Besides raising more than \$200, this social media campaign allowed us to recruit new members.

The Friends are also fortunate to receive funds from bequests and other planned gifts. If you are planning to remember the library in your estate, please let us know so that we can acknowledge you with membership in our Legacy of Reading Society.

The library also receives donations every year from endowments set up by generous friends and their families.



The Friends board works closely with library staff to use Friends funding for library programs and needs. In 2021, the Friends paid for the music program, awards for the adults and children's summer reading programs, and equipment for the cooking, craft, and seed-growing programs. In a first for the library, the Friends also paid for a tablet to be raffled off to a new card holder. Over 300 new patrons signed up. The Friends have also set aside funds in an investment account to apply toward the capital campaign for the upcoming library expansion.

The Friends have about 300 members, which includes donors who have contributed at least \$15 in the past two years. If you are not sure of your giving status, please send an email to friendsofnewarkfreelibrary@gmail.com

To make a gift online, please use the donate button at this page:

<https://friendsofthenewarkfreelibrary.com/>

To give by check, make your check payable to Friends of the Newark Free Library and mail it to the Friends at 750 Library Avenue, Newark, DE 19711

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE

**The Friends of the Newark
Free Library
Invite You to attend the
Friends' Annual Meeting on
Monday, April 4, 2022
At 7:00 PM (via Zoom)**

Pam Stevens, the new Library Manager, will be the featured speaker and discuss her vision for the library.

In addition, we will present and vote on the new candidates for officers and directors as well as thank those who are leaving the board.

If you would like to attend, please click on this link

<https://forms.gle/prvq5eKAFKtbv3H7A>

and record the requested information.

If you have any questions, please email the Friends at

friendsofnewarkfreelibrary@gmail.com

Thank You, Lisa Beamer!

Newly Retired Children's Librarian Lisa Beamer Leaves a Legacy of Strong Reading, Craft and Canine Programs.



Sue Peters, FNFL Vice President

Lisa Beamer served as the Newark Free Library's Youth Services Librarian from the spring of 1985 until last fall, nearly 37 years. Through it all, she says that expanding opportunities for children – as well as change -- were the constants.

Pat Birchenall, Newark's Managing Librarian from 2004 to 2021, described Lisa's many contributions: "Lisa purchased countless books for the children's department, planned and presented probably around 1,400 preschool story times with crafts, and planned the Summer Reading program each summer. She served multiple generations of families."

A proclamation from New Castle County recognized Lisa for her service and noted that she had held the offices of vice president and president of the Children Services Division and treasurer of the Delaware Library Association. As an officer, she developed the Summer Reading Handbook that aided libraries with ideas of what to do during the summer reading period and helped create an inclusive approach among library branches



PAWs Reading Event

Lisa mentioned PAWS for People as one of the most enjoyable programs she helped to develop. Through PAWS, (Pet Assisted Visitation Volunteer Services) for People, children read to a trained animal (mostly dogs). This interaction helps readers develop their skills in an encouraging and friendly atmosphere as the animals are considered to be non-judgmental, patient listeners.

The Build Your Own Gingerbread House event was another of Lisa's favorites. She developed the program along with culinary arts teachers at Delcastle and later Newark High Schools. Lisa signed up families to attend; teachers and students set up the program and ran the event. Newark families have enjoyed this way of building gingerbread houses for many years.



Gingerbread House Activity

When Lisa arrived from Blue Earth, Minnesota, she was pleased both to be back on the East Coast and in an environment where she wasn't in danger of freezing to death. (She had a close call in an unexpected snowstorm in the year before her departure.) The Minnesota library where she worked was just becoming automated. The Newark library, however, had just one computer. If you wanted to know if another library had a reference book, you had to call them.

"It was really a big deal when we got automated, just a huge timesaver," she noted.

Over the years, Lisa saw technologies such as LPs, filmstrips, and cassette tapes come and go. She was there when the building was gutted out for a major remodeling. More recently, COVID challenged librarians to find new ways to make the collection available. Storytime moved onto Zoom and found a larger audience,

including kids from downstate. Book bundles became a new way of sharing materials. Through bundle requests, Lisa saw what people were actually interested in and this influenced her acquisition choices.

“It’s a tricky time,” Lisa said. When she thought of retirement last year, she wondered about the impact on the library. “Then I met the new Youth Services Librarian Peggy Griffith. I knew then that I could retire with no regrets.” Among the two librarians’ commonalities: puppet bears.

“I’m pleased to say that I always felt Newark was a friendly place,” says Lisa. “We are lucky to have residents from such a range of countries and cultures. I always tried to have a diverse collection to match the range of people who came to the library. That became easier once publishers began to more strongly emphasize diversity in their lists.”

Lisa looks forward to relaxing as well as enjoying community activities and the pursuits that brought her to library science in the first place: reading, movies, and learning about history. Her Maine coon cat, Paisley, is already delighted that they are spending more time together.

Thank you, Lisa, for helping to make our library a favorite destination for Newark children and families for so many years.



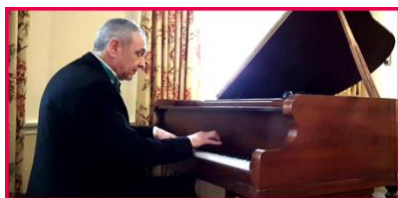
PAWS for People recognized Lisa upon her retirement, writing that PAWS and Lisa had “enjoyed” a long and special relationship. Lisa recognized the value of children reading to dogs and welcomed PAWS pet therapy teams for the library’s “Read to Rover” program.

Music Programs at the Library

Pamela Nelson, Reference Staff

The Library was fortunate to be able to offer three music programs this fall. Two of the programs were sponsored by the Friends of the Newark Free Library.

In October, pianist **Mark Blaschke** presented a program entitled *Romantic & Impressionistic*. The



performance included the familiar *The Swan* by Godowsky-St. Saëns;

Impromptu in G-flat Major by Franz Schubert; *Prelude in G-flat Major* and *Daisies* by Sergei Rachmaninoff; *Consolation no. 3, Un Sospiro*, and *Waldesrauschen* by Franz Liszt and Claude Debussy’s *Estampes, Reflets dans l’eau* and *Clair de Lune*. Mr. Blaschke is a well-known pianist and organist in the area and for a time served as the Director of Music Ministries at St. Anthony of

Padua. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Armonia Trio, the Graduate Chamber Ensemble at the University of Delaware, with musicians



Steven Lester, *flute*; Josh Snively, *clarinet* and Lina Maria Marin Diaz, *piano* presented a program in November. The Trio was formed in

August 2021 and has performed in the Mid-Atlantic region and abroad. The concert included a *Tarantella, op.6* by Camille Saint-Saëns, *Four Waltzes* by Dmitri Shostakovich, *Trio* by Sean Michael Salamon, and Michael Webster’s *Carmen Rhapsody* after the music of Georges Bizet. We are hoping the Trio will be able to schedule another concert in the spring.

We were delighted to have the **First State Ringers** return for a program of holiday music
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in December. The ensemble has a large following, and everyone appreciated the opportunity to attend a live concert. The program included traditional favorites like *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *Jingle Bells* followed by *Celtic Noel* with Vicky Wallace on flute and *Coventry Carol* to *Masters in the Hall, Sing we Now of Christmas* and *Believe*, from the Polar Express. The comments and descriptions of the musical



selections offered by director, **Ruthie Toole**, were insightful and at times amusing. We look forward to First State Ringers returning later in the spring for their Patriotic Concert. This program was also sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Virtual Open Mic has been continuing since the spring of 2020 with participants sharing their music and writings via Zoom. Generally, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, the group has gathered for the sessions. Julia Tucker from the Claymont Public Library and I have been hosting these programs to very appreciative participants who have missed the live sessions previously scheduled at the library but welcome the chance to continue performing their music and reciting their prose and poetry. The winter sessions are scheduled for Jan. 12th, February 16th and March 16th and listeners are most welcome.

Through the years, the support of the Friends of the Library has enabled us to expand the special music programs being offered to our patrons, and we are most grateful.

I've Been Reading...

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI

By David Grann

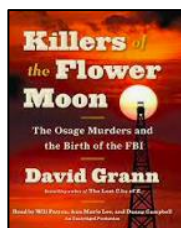
Doubleday, 2017; 338 pp.



Reviewed by

Roy H. Lopata

If you think *This is Us*, NBC's hit series is a tearjerker, wait until you weep your way through David Grann's *Killers of the Flower Moon*. Moreover, unlike the television drama, Grann's novelistic approach to the premeditated murders of more than two dozen Osage Indians during the 1920's for the oil rights on the land they had settled after their forced relocation to north central Oklahoma, tells a story of real events, impacting real people. Grann's approach to this saga of greed and racism is told largely through his portrayal of the deaths of family members of Osage tribe member Mollie Burkhart, and Grann describes the often frustrating efforts of Tom White, a former Texas Ranger and newly minted agent of the recently established Federal Bureau of Investigation, to solve these crimes.



The Osage were (and are) a Native American people who originally settled in lands along the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys and then moved west to the Great Plains following 17th century wars with the Iroquois. By the mid-19th century, the Osage had become a nomadic buffalo hunting tribe dominating the prairie lands in present day Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. The arrival of white settlers, along with the United States Army, resulted in a series

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of forced tribal relocations to reservations in Kansas and then, subsequently, to what was later named Osage County in Oklahoma.

You can almost guess the rest – by pure happenstance oil was discovered underneath the lands owned by the Osage who fortunately (or unfortunately, as it later turned out for some), had secured their land's mineral rights. By the early 1920's, Tribe members had become some of the country's richest Americans (native or otherwise), by selling leasing privileges to the new and growing oil companies selling fuel for an expanding supply of automobiles, America's new growth industry. As their wealth increased, the Osage began to suffer a series of unexplained deaths as otherwise healthy young adults developed mysterious illnesses, suffered mid-night shootings, vanished as a result of unexplained disappearances, and died as a result of "accidental" explosions.

As Grann ably describes, the stunningly corrupt local and state law enforcement authorities, failed to solve the mystery of the Osage death epidemic, with the result that Tribal representatives sought help from the nascent FBI. J. Edgar Hoover, anxious to build a reputation for his new crime fighting agency, sent agents, led by Tom White, to attempt to arrest and convict what appeared to be a conspiracy of killers, hoping to secure the Osage oil rights. To avoid spoiling the story, with its false starts, haphazard turns of events and surprising twists, I will end here, by complimenting Grann for producing a masterpiece that could be coming soon to a theater near you.

The Secret History of Food

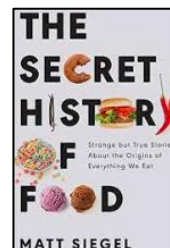
By Matt Siegel



Reviewed by
Bob Taggart

If you are tired of reading about Covid or politics, this book is for you. The book's subtitle is most apt: Strange but True Stories About the Origins of Everything We Eat. Lots of fun facts about our food, both delicious and disgusting, throughout history. This is not a comprehensive study of all food, but a compact mélange of past and present human gustatory habits that may surprise, delight, or scare you. Who knew that pie was originally filled with animal parts encased in an inedible hard casing to hold the mess together? Apple pie was an American invention, though not only eaten as dessert but eaten around the clock. Or that cold cereal was a 19th century invention meant to be a health food without sugar, first offered at Michigan health spas.

Then there is the sweet taste of honey. Not only does it taste good, but honey is also a fine antiseptic, embalming fluid, and ingredient in beeswax candles. On the painful side, beehives were used by our ancestors as missiles thrown into enemy lines. Vanilla is familiar to us, especially in ice cream, but little of it is pure. It is the second most expensive spice, after saffron, because the vanilla pods are found in single orchid flowers, mainly in Madagascar. The sad truth is that 99% of vanilla flavoring is artificial. That doesn't hurt its popularity. Howard Johnsons sold 28 flavors of ice cream, but Howard admitted vanilla was the most popular one despite the many other choices.



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WEBSITES:

Friends of the Newark Free Library
<http://www.friendsofthenewarkfreelibrary.com/>
Newark Free Library main page
<http://www.nccde.org/Newark>
New Castle County Happenings library page
<http://www.nccdecs.org/> and click on libraries
and then Happenings Guide

Secret History of Food continued

Throughout history, humans have enjoyed gorging themselves on Feast Days. A wealthy aristocrat would serve six or more courses of food, each course including 10 or 12 kinds of meat, even blackbird pie. There might be a chicken sewed on top of a pig or random mixtures of spices such as pepper, sugar, and cinnamon on the victuals. The point was to show one's wealth through excess, not produce balanced flavors. The closest most of us come to the Feast Days of long ago is the rather bland but filling Thanksgiving Day dinner. Of course, there is the Turducken served in some modern households, so maybe we do hearken to the old days in our food combinations.

How about our taste for "forbidden berries" or hot peppers? Isn't it strange that humans search out species that can be quite painful to eat? But if you were a soldier in Iraq, or an astronaut on a spaceship where boring food is endemic, you loved the little packets of tabasco that gave your food some taste. Consider the arrival of fast food during the mid-20th century. It could be cheap like McDonalds' original standardized menu of burger, fries, and a shake for the price of 45 cents. Then it was followed by the "freedom" of Burger King's "Have it your way" that provided choices for customers at a higher price. The once maligned "poison" tomatoes and potatoes are now Americans' two most consumed vegetables, while the fish once called the Patagonian toothfish was renamed by enterprising fishermen to Chilean sea bass to make it more palatable. Olive oil, which is touted as a health choice, does not live up to its marketing as 90% of them are fake in grade or kind of oil used (canola anyone?).

The ten chapters do not pretend to tell the entire food story but aim to make the reader challenge their assumptions about what we eat and why we eat it.



Meet Newark Free Library Manager Pam Stevens

Sue Peters, FNFL Vice President

Fortunately for Newark, our new Library Manager has a flair for helping to open new libraries. Pam Stevens was part of the Concord Pike Library's move to the newly constructed Brandywine branch building in 2003. She was Principal Library Assistant for the Woodlawn library when it opened in 2006. Most recently, she was the Adult Services Librarian during the opening of the Route 9 branch, Delaware's newest library.



New Branch Manager Pam Stevens at the opening of the Library of Things a project she led last summer. The Library of Things currently loans items such as games, scientific instruments, and podcasting and other media tools to patrons. To see what's available search the online library catalog by "subject," and type "library of things" into the search bar or use the category drop down menu to select Library of Things.

"I love being a part of the process," she said. "I really enjoyed the opportunity to consult on the services and layout. I like some of the one-time aspects too. For instance, I led the troops in putting books on shelves at the Route 9 Library".

As the Newark library embarks on a major expansion, Pam is looking forward to her chance to be the library's direct liaison in the planning and construction process. "It's a wonderful opportunity to lead a library into the future," she said.

Meet the Manager continued

For Pam, this applies to more than the physical facility. “I like to be forward-looking,” she said. “I keep an eye on what libraries around the country and even around the world are doing. I helped spearhead the Library of Things here last summer, which brought our library up to speed with what other libraries had recently explored. There is a world of possibilities out there.

Pam is also interested in the possibility of bringing whisper rooms to Newark. Whisper rooms are basically self-contained recording studios. Pam sees these mini studios as being used to record oral histories, podcasts, and music.

Andrew Carnegie did not necessarily have whisper rooms in mind when he funded so many libraries in the late 19th/early 20th centuries. However, Pam believes these new programs extend libraries’ original mission of giving bootstrappers access to education. In the 21st century, that means technology, games, and tools as well as books.

Libraries also play a role in helping disadvantaged people find the information and services they need. Throughout the state, libraries in recent years have begun hosting social workers one day a week.

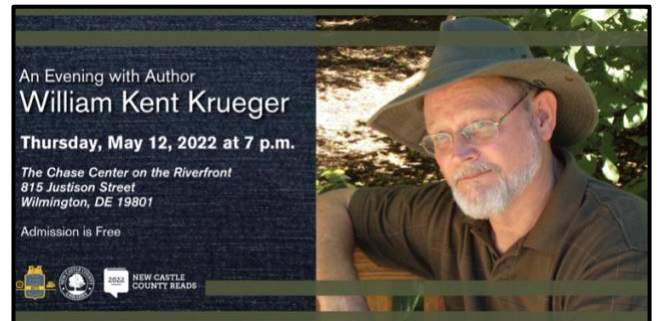
Newark and its library are familiar places for Pam. She grew up here and graduated from Newark High School and Wilmington University. The Newark Free Library was where she held her first library position, working as a part-time aide in 1999.

Pam brings inside and outside of the book experiences to her role as manager. She earned her library degree from Florida State University and holds a Bachelor’s in psychology from Wilmington University. Pam recalls racing in Formula One events as an early wish; later, she wanted to be a rock star, which morphed into work as a rock and roll photographer. She still enjoys classic cars and drives one to work daily. She also loves the ocean and has sailed on the crew of the Kalmar Nickel since 2002.

Pam will be speaking at Friends of the Newark Free Library Annual Meeting on April 4. The meeting will be held on Zoom. To register, kindly click on the link and follow the prompts.

<https://forms.gle/prvq5eKAFKtbv3H7A>

New Castle County Reads Scheduled for May 2022



For more information about this year’s NCC Reads selection, click on the link:

<https://nccde.org/710/New-Castle-County-Reads>

A poster titled "BOOK GROUPS OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARIES". It lists various book groups by day of the week. On the left, there is a stack of colorful books with titles like "STIC", "COMMUNITY", "ART", "Head", and "Engage".

BOOK GROUPS
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY LIBRARIES
For more details go to <https://tinyurl.com/y4c6yma8>

MONDAYS
1st Monday, 5:30pm, Well Read
2nd Monday, 6:30 pm, Walk-a-Mile

TUESDAYS
1st Tuesday, 2:30pm, Hoopla selections
2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Spruce Avenue Bookies
2nd Tuesday, 7pm, African American Authors
3rd Tuesday, 7pm, Evening Book Group
3rd Tuesday, 7pm, Tuesday Evening Book Group
4th Tuesday, 7pm, Urban Detectives

WEDNESDAYS
2nd Wednesday, 12pm, Noon Book Group
2nd Wednesday, 4pm, Black Expressions
2nd Wednesday, 7pm, Bear Fiction
3rd Wednesday, 1pm, Mystery
3rd Wednesday, 5:30pm, Adult Discussion
3rd Wednesday, 7pm, Bear Nonfiction
3rd Wednesday, 7pm, Chick Lit

SUNDAYS
Last Sunday, 6pm, Litty: Urban Fiction

