



Friends of the Newark Free Library

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Editor – Patricia Rachek

NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO CONDUCT NEWARK LIBRARY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Judy Taggart, President

New Castle County staff has requested fiscal year 2021 funds to conduct a Needs Assessment of the Newark Library in order to determine how to best meet the needs of Newark area residents and to evaluate the options for the existing library.

The Newark Library was last renovated in 2003, and shows signs of age; the library is limited by parking capacity and overflow parking is a challenge. If the library lot is full, patrons circle several times to locate a place and if one cannot be found, they must park across the street and then navigate four to six lanes of very busy and congested traffic at Library Avenue and Route 273.

Libraries are “community learning centers” in the words of New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer which is a perfect description for all New Castle County Libraries. Libraries are no longer solely a repository for books; therefore, space inside the library often has to be reconfigured.

Additional meeting and study rooms are desperately needed at Newark to accommodate the requests of library patrons. A greater variety of program offerings requires flexible space.

A Newark Library Steering Committee has been established to advocate for the Newark Library. Members are: Carol McKelvey, Judy Taggart, Doug and Lee Tong, Cathy Wojewodzki and Councilwoman Lisa Diller.

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WEBSITES:

Friends of the Newark Free Library

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



From the President

Judy Taggart

You can find a cozy chair to sit in and read, relax or bring a simple hand craft to work on. There are a variety of programs each of which you can attend for FREE. So, if you feel the need to leave the house, visit your library. I believe it will assist in greatly improving your mood.

This issue of the Friends Newsletter is dedicated to Sara Jane Spaulding (1944-2019).

Dear Friends,

Sara Jane Spaulding was a lifetime member of the Friends of the Newark Free Library who served as a member of the board and as Treasurer. Because of her advocacy for libraries, Sara Jane was appointed to the New Castle County Library Advisory Board and to the State of Delaware Council on Libraries. She worked tirelessly for county and state financial support of all libraries in Delaware.

Sara Jane was my friend and mentor. She encouraged me to seek library appointments at the county and state levels which I did and I continue to serve on both.

Her daughter, Kate Spaulding, said "Sara Jane used her many talents and considerable brain power to improve the lives of people in her community. She worked tirelessly to support the Newark Free Library and all Delaware libraries."

In Sara Jane's will she designated a major contribution toward a new or renovated Newark Library.

Delaware libraries lost a dedicated advocate and friend.

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Loneliness or feeling blue is something many of us experience especially this time of year. What better place than your library to cheer you up. It's FREE and a very warm, friendly staff always greets you.

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From the Library Manager

Pat Birchenall



Your donations to the Friends truly make a difference. Simply put, these donations allow us to innovate and expand services to library patrons and the community. Library staff can make creative ideas happen using equipment and supplies funded by the Friends. I want to share the story of two great new activities which the Friends group has sponsored, by using your donations to purchase the needed materials.

Last fall we began offering a ukulele class for children, made possible by the Friends' purchase of the ukuleles, cases, straps, and other needed items.



The 6-week class, led by volunteer teacher Jane Luke, was a great success. At the end of the session, students performed a mini-recital for their families and friends. Equally exciting was the community reach

which developed through the program. The ukulele students were invited to perform as part of a seminar and interactive music event held at UD's Star Campus and sponsored by the School of Education Disabilities Studies program. Most of the students participated in the event and were able to display the results of their lessons. A second round of lessons began in mid-January, and we have a waiting list for upcoming lessons as well.

On February 1, our monthly Beginner Sewing classes started, using sewing machines and related items purchased by the Friends. The classes, for ages 15 – adult, will focus on a mini-project each month so that participants can take home a finished item. The techniques they learn in the class will

form the basis for their future enjoyment of sewing. While we were planning the sewing classes, we received a wonderful donation of fabric from the family of Sara Jane Spaulding, a former Friends board member and longtime library supporter who passed away in October. As a quilter, Sara Jane had some wonderful fabric stored away for future projects, and her family felt it would be very fitting to donate the fabric to the library so that others could use it when learning to sew. We appreciate having this gift from the Spaulding family as well as the opportunity to offer sewing classes at the library, thanks to the Friends.

I'm sure you already are aware that the Friends support the arts and youth literacy through the many programs and activities which your donations fund. We are excited to broaden our creative offerings by adding the ukulele and sewing programs, and we thank you for supporting these efforts through your support of the Friends.

NCC Reads 2020 Author Event



Remember to mark your calendars for **NCC Reads – An Evening with Min-Jin Lee**, on Thursday, April 23, 7:00 pm at the Chase Center. Ms. Lee will talk about our featured book, *Pachinko*, and will be signing books after the talk. Books will also be available for sale at the event.

To learn more about *Pachinko* and Min-Jin Lee, visit www.minjinlee.com. For more information about NCC Reads, our annual Community Reads event, please visit www.nccde.org/libraries and click on Events/New Castle County Reads.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Sherri McCarthy, Adult Services Librarian

Transparent Language Online Resource

New Castle County has purchased a language-learning resource for its patrons to use for free from the library, from home, or on smart devices. Transparent Language Online includes three main components:

- Adults learning other languages (110+ languages available)
- ESL learners, including American Citizenship preparation
- KidSpeak, for children ages 6 and above

Transparent Language Online is a powerful and flexible tool for learning 110+ languages. The resource is purchased by New Castle County and is therefore available to any patron with a NCC library card. Find the link at nccde.org/Newark under *Online Resources* or go directly to the URL:

library.transparent.com/newcastlecode

Choose the language you wish to learn. You will choose lessons for English speakers learning that language (for instance, French) – but there are also lessons for Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, and Turkish speakers learning that same language, depending on the language. There are many components to the instruction including vocabulary, writing, listening, and pronunciation practice allowing you to compare your pronunciation to that of a native speaker. Various modules concentrate on different skills, such as the Essentials module for travelers that covers saying hello, asking for directions, hotels, eating out, money, shopping, and so on. Progress is saved and easily retrieved. There are mobile apps to download that allow you to use the resource on iOS or Android smartphones and tablets.

The component for English as a Second Language learners covers learning English with “paired-language” instruction for speakers of over 30 native languages including Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Russian, Mandarin, and so on. Lessons include vocabulary, grammar, and even “English immersion conversation courses” at beginning to advanced levels. The ESL component includes instruction to prepare for the American Citizenship exam.

There is a specialized KidSpeak component for children ages 6 and above for select languages including English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Chinese. KidSpeak uses animation and provides downloadable worksheets.

WHY LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?

Job opportunities
Sharper learning skills
Richer travel experiences
Chances to meet new people
Immersion in new cultures

What are you waiting for?

www.library.transparent.com/newcastlecode

Newark Free Library, 750 Library Ave.
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DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER!

TO START LEARNING
100+ LANGUAGES FOR FREE, VISIT:

WWW.LIBRARY.TRANSPARENT.COM/NEWCASTLECODE

ESL INSTRUCTION INCLUDED

Transparent Language Online

County Executive Matthew Meyer

Don't wait any longer! Start learning a new language for free

What's New at the Library Continued

Tech Help: Expanded Options

CELL PHONES FOR SENIORS

Last fall, NFL premiered a monthly drop-in program for seniors, offering one-on-one help with smart phones. The program continues in 2020:

January 17

February 14

March 13

The program is held in the Bookends room from 2-4 pm with a staff computer aide. Get help with phone settings, contacts, messaging, apps, Facebook, etc.

TECH TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday afternoon, NFL offers drop-in tech help from 2-4pm. Computer aides are available during this time for help with:

- eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines (using the apps Overdrive, Libby, and Flipster)
- DLC app (how to install our catalog app and use it to track your account, renew or reserve books, etc.)
- Create an email
- Learn about Internet, Social Media.
- Help with tech devices such as laptops, eReaders, tablets, and smart phones
- Individual help with computer skills within limits

Since we began, our computer aides have helped many with using eBooks, various eReaders, and the apps; with online job applications and uploading resumes; and with LinkedIn, Facebook, YouTube, etc.

ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP BY APPOINTMENT

You may book a 45-minute appointment with one of our computer aides to receive one-on-one help with your technology needs such as:

- Setting up an email account
- Uploading a resume for online job applications
- Getting started with a new device such as laptop or smartphone
- Downloading eBooks / eAudio
- Learning basic computer skills within limits

Appointments are available on Saturday afternoons (2 or 3 pm). Additional sessions are planned for the future. Ask at the Information Desk to sign up for an available slot or call the library at 302-731-7550.

Library Webpage

Be sure to visit Newark Free Library's webpage at nccde.org/Newark. There you can find program information and a link to sign up for our Weekly Happenings email newsletter. Under *Upcoming Events*, click on *See More Events at the Library* to view the monthly program calendar.



THE FRIENDS OF THE NEWARK FREE LIBRARY
INVITE YOU TO

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL MEETING AND THANK YOU BRUNCH

Sunday, April 5th, 2020

11:30 -1:00 PM

Newark Free Library

In honor of library supporters who generously provide funding,
volunteer time and talents to enhance our library services.

Brunch catered by Caffe Gelato at \$15 per person.

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

Pat Birchenell, Library Manager

In 2020 we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which guarantees and protects women's right to vote. In recognition of this historic milestone, Marian Palley will present ***Women's Right to Vote: A Perspective*** at the Newark Free Library on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 pm.



Dr. Marian Palley
Photo © UDEL

Dr. Palley is a University of Delaware Emerita Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Relations. Her work has involved research on gender, politics and health, and she has published numerous articles and books relating to women's issues.

You can find many books relating to Women's Suffrage in New Castle County libraries. You can also find out more about the topic and the Centennial of the 19th Amendment's passing at <https://guides.lib.de.us/suffrage>.

Creating Costumes!

Katy Ferrero, FNFL Board Member



On Saturday, October 12th, the Friends sponsored a Halloween Costume workshop. Parents and children worked for 2 hours with t-shirts, art supplies and recycled materials to create a costume. Directions for book character

costumes were provided, but many chose to make original creations. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate so we didn't get a chance to march in the annual City of Newark Halloween Parade. But we are looking forward to trying it all again next fall!

Ways you can help Friends of the Newark Free Library (FNFL) financially!

**A gift of appreciated securities*, such as stock, provides an income tax charitable deduction for the fully appreciated value (as permitted by law). You may be able to avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation of securities.

**A qualified charitable distribution from an IRA* allows "qualified people" to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from any IRA to FNFL and exclude the distribution from his or her income. This donation can be used to meet the Required Minimum Distribution.

**A gift in your will (bequest)*. Please consult your advisor.

**A gift of retirement plan assets*. To include FNFL as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA or 401(k) account, simply designate Friends of the Newark Free Library on the appropriate beneficiary designation form. Our Tax ID number is 23-7098836. The gift takes effect only after your death and may help avoid taxes otherwise paid by your heirs.

**A gift of life insurance* provides a current income tax charitable deduction when you make FNFL the owner, as well as the beneficiary, of a life insurance policy.

Additional details will be in the next newsletter, and posted on our website in February.

Music Programs for the Winter of 2020

Pamela Nelson, Reference Librarian

The Newark Library had a very active series of music programs this fall. In November, we hosted **Open Mic** for ages 12- up. This was the 16th time for the event, the program having begun in October 2015. We are so fortunate to have a regular following of both performers and audience members. Having the piano, which was purchased by the **Friends of the Newark Free Library** and also maintained by them, has made it possible for piano soloists as well as accompanists to perform.

Two programs associated with the University of Delaware were scheduled in November. **Jennifer Most**, a piano major at the University of Delaware and student of Christine Delbeau, presented her degree piano recital on November 2nd. The program included pieces by J.S. Bach, Frank Bridge, Claude Debussy, and George & Ira Gershwin. Later in the month, the Graduate Wind Quintet from the University, **3-2-1-Winds**, coached by Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez, Adjunct Professor of Oboe, performed a wonderful variety of wind quintet music from Vincent Persichetti, Ferenc Farkas and Paul Taffanel to local Philadelphia composer Arne Running.

The women's vocal ensemble **Vox Humana** under the direction of Michael Xavier Lundy presented **"God Bless America"** in recognition of Veteran's Day. Selections included *I Hear America Singing*, *A Tribute to the Armed Forces*, and *From Sea to Shining Sea*.

We are always pleased to welcome back **First State Ringers**. Their holiday program with two performances because of its popularity, provides much holiday cheer. As well as the individual pieces, a description of the origin and background of each piece is provided. The members of the ensemble demonstrate the various bells and chimes. In addition to directing the ensemble, **Ruthie Toole** added her lovely singing voice to one of the selections.

The year ended with a successful **KIDS Open Mic** in December. Young performers ages 6-12 showed their talent and many played the piano. The young musicians were supported by many friends and family in attendance.
(Pictured to the right are Pamela Nelson with the KIDS Open Mic Performers)



The 2020 winter music season begins with a concert by **Mélomanie** whose tag line is **Provocative Pairing of Early and Contemporary Works**. The program, scheduled for **Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2:00 pm** will include pieces by Elisabeth-Claude de la Guerre, Georg Philipp Telemann, Maurice Ravel, and local composer Ingrid Arauco, who will be in attendance for this world premiere. The musicians in the ensemble are Kimberly Reighley, baroque & modern flutes; Christof Richter, baroque & modern violins; Donna Fournier, viola da gamba; Ismar Gomes, baroque & modern cellos and Tracy Richardson, harpsichord. In addition to the Friends of the Newark Library, this program is made possible in part by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts and the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation.



The first **Open Mic** of the new year will take place on **Friday** evening, **January 31st** from **6:30 – 8:30 pm**. Musicians register for a 10-minute time-slot in which to perform. Instrumentalists and vocalists are all welcome, and the piano is available to all performers. **Open Mic** is also scheduled for **Friday** evening, **May 8th**, again from **6:30 – 8:30 pm**.

The **February 14th** program at **7:00 pm** given by the **Sylvia Olden Lee Music Guild** will celebrate African-American History Month and include spirituals and readings. The ensemble presented a stirring program last February, and we are pleased to have the ensemble return.



First State Flute Choir under the direction of **Scott Zeplin** is scheduled for a performance on **Sunday, March 29th** at **2:00 pm**. The Flute Choir features piccolo, c-flute, alto flute, tenor flute, bass flute and on occasion contra-bass flute, providing a fascinating range of instruments. The program entitled *Scottish Terrier Tableaux* will include music by Domenico Cimarosa, Alexandra Molnar-Suhajda, Asto Piazzolla, and Kathleen Mayne.

The music students of Christine Delbeau, Associate Professor, Piano at the University of Delaware, will present *A Piano Extravaganza* on **Wednesday** evening, **April 29th** at **7:00 pm**. Musicians from Ms. Delbeau's studio will perform pieces from the piano repertoire, and this should prove to be an exciting evening of music-making.

Guitarist, **Kevin Cope** will present a *Guitar Recital* on **Sunday, April 26th** at **2:00 pm**. A program of international composers will include Maximo Diego Pujol (Argentinian), Nikita Koshkin (Russian), Roland Dyens (French), and well as Kevin Cope's own compositions. In addition to being a awarded winning performer, Mr. Cope has also written compositions not only for guitar, but also for choir, chamber groups and concert band.



The winter programs by M lomanie, the Sylvia Olden Lee Music Guild and Kevin Cope are all sponsored by the **Friends of the Newark Free Library**. Their support is very much appreciated and makes possible a variety of music programs available to our community.

The series of music programs will continue in the summer; so, keep these dates in mind. **First State Ringers** will return on **Saturday, June 6th** at **2:00 pm** for their Patriotic Concert. **The Tony Cimosi Jazz Trio** with Tony Cimosi, electric and acoustic bass, Nick Bucci, guitar and Koko Bermejo, drums is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 8th** at **7:00 pm**. Pianist **Mark Blaschke** will present a recital on **Wednesday** evening, **August 5th** at **7:00 pm**. More to come!!

Please join us for our music programs. Families are encouraged to come to give young listeners a live-concert experience in an informal setting.

I've Been Reading...

THE UNDOING PROJECT: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds

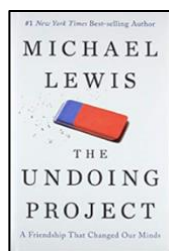
By Michael Lewis

W.W. Norton & Company; 2017; 362 pp.

Reviewed by Roy H.
Lopata



For good or ill (I believe for good) we live in a literary era dominated by non-fiction books and essays. American writers no longer seek the holy grail of the “Great American Novel,” but instead hope to explain events like 9/11, the collapse of the world economy in 2008, or the election of Donald Trump among other things, by emulating Richard Thaler, Malcolm Gladwell, Nassim Nicolas Taleb or most of all – Michael Lewis. After all, he is the author of *The Big Short*; *The Blind Side*; and *Moneyball*, each eventually made into major motion pictures with stars like Steve Carrell, Sandra Bullock, and Brad Pitt. And now, with *The Undoing Project* Lewis may have done it again; this time with a dual biography of two Israeli-American psychologists whose pioneering work forty years ago regarding how we make decisions provided the framework for many of the non-fiction books that now populate our best-seller lists, including Lewis’s.



Lewis begins by profiling Daniel Kahneman (1934-) a Nobel Prize in Economics winning refugee from Nazi occupied France, who spent

most of his youth and early years studying and teaching at Israel’s Hebrew University and initially working in the psychology branch of the Israeli Defense forces. Kahneman, as Lewis notes, was a shy introvert whose lack of confidence in his own thoughts and ideas provided the basis for his willingness to question the received wisdom of the day in his chosen area of study in psychology – human decision-making. In the meantime, Amos Tversky (1937-1996), a descendent of Russian immigrants to pre-World War II Israel (then known as Palestine), also studied and taught at Hebrew University and served as a paratrooper in the Israeli Air Force. His academic interests focused primarily on applying statistical analysis to the decision-making process.

In contrast to Kahneman, Tversky was a brilliant and self-confident individual who dominated any discussion in which he participated. Lewis eventually describes the serendipitous meeting in 1969 when Kahneman invited his brash colleague Tversky to give a talk to his Hebrew University graduate seminar. Out of that encounter began a collaboration that eventually would up-end the economics profession’s model of human rational decision-making that under-scored the economist’s faith in the efficacy of the free marketplace. Continuing their research at academic institutions in North America (Tversky at Stanford and Kahneman initially at the University of British Columbia and later at Berkeley), the pair developed and tested questionnaires on large samples of diverse audiences that showed how people, “faced with risky alternatives actually went about making choices.” And, of course, it turned out that the choices made did not follow what made sense from a “rational” point of view in terms of money or wealth.

Lewis, with his remarkable page turning writing skill tells how Kahneman and Tversky struggled throughout the 1970’s and 1980’s to influence leading economists who fiercely resisted the notion that human psychology could tell us anything about human behavior in the market place. Over time,
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however, young economists began to integrate the papers written by Kahneman and Tversky into their dissertations resulting in the birth of the new field of behavioral economics. And it is this field, as Lewis describes, that has now begun to dominate economic analysis, especially after the stock market and financial system melt-down of 2008-2009. Beyond that, this new understanding of economic decision-making has begun to permeate the popular culture, especially through Lewis's early books on baseball statistical analysis and the stock market. Lewis notes, ironically, that he did not know that his earlier volumes were derived from the groundbreaking research of Kahneman and Tversky – which led him to write this book that I heartedly recommend.



Friends Host Author Talk with Bryan Reardon on March 25

Bryan Reardon, author of the New York Times bestselling novel *Finding Jake* will speak on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm. He also wrote *The Real Michael Swann* and *The Perfect Plan*.

Mr. Reardon has also worked as a freelance writer specializing in medical communications, and as a ghost writer, co-writing *Ready, Set, Play* with retired NFL player and ESPN analyst Mark Schlereth. Prior to becoming a full-time writer, Mr. Reardon worked for the State of Delaware for over a decade, starting in the Office of the Governor. He lives in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Finding Jake is a novel of psychological suspense which “tells the harrowing tale of a deadly school shooting from a father's perspective... The suspense

is killing, but it's nothing compared with this father's anguish as he tries to find his son - the real boy, not the one he thought he knew.”--New York Times Book Review on *FINDING JAKE*.

Horse-Riding Librarians of the Great Depression



Adapted by
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The Pack Horse Library initiative was one of the New Deal's most unique programs. Located in the eastern Kentucky mountains, in a state that in 1935 circulated one book per capita each year, the WPA program enabled local librarians to distribute books where the people lived. The librarians typically used their own horses or mules to travel twice a month on 100 mile trips. They trod through frigid creeks or dangerous mountain trails to reach almost inaccessible hamlets in Appalachia. Sometimes the local folks resisted these "outsiders", but learned to appreciate the books and magazines, especially materials with illustrations because so many adults were illiterate.

By 1936, Pack Horse librarians served 50,000 families. Children loved the program. Many mountain schools did not have libraries, and since they were so far from town public libraries, most students had never checked out a book. One Pack Horse supervisor wrote that children would cry out to the visitors "Bring me a book to read, any kind of book." The child had read none of them. The mountain people loved Mark Twain and Robinson Crusoe, because they featured independent common people in situations they could understand. Children were often thrilled to read to their illiterate parents, which the parents really appreciated.

The books and magazines usually came from outside donations. The program director asked
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local PTA's to help, and travelled around Kentucky to ask more affluent citizens to donate whatever they could: books, magazines, Sunday School materials, textbooks. These were stored in local libraries or whatever building they could find. The librarians repaired the books over and over, repurposing old Christmas cards as bookmarks so readers would not dog-ear the pages. Materials eventually came from half the states in the country.



The Pack Horse Library program ended in 1943 after President Roosevelt ordered the end of the WPA. All resources now had to serve the war effort. Though that was the end of horse-delivered books in Kentucky, motorized bookmobiles were begun in 1946. Kentucky's public libraries had 75 bookmobiles in 2014, the largest number in the nation.



Library Displays Inform the Community

Pat Birchenell, Library Manager

Our newest staff member, Renee Fisher, is now coordinating the library display cases as well as other special displays. She recently created the **World War One: Lessons and Legacies** display, which is a traveling exhibit organized by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. In addition to viewing the six-sided poster exhibition and handouts, patrons have been able to write personal comments in a notebook which is next to the posters. We have received some heartfelt thoughts about the exhibit - lessons learned, shared memories, and veterans lost. The display will remain through the end of February.

Renee will also be scheduling the glass display cases which line the non-fiction section of the library. If you are interested in displaying a collection in one of the cases, please contact her at renee.fisher@newcastlede.gov.



We extend a big thank-you to Deb Morehead and other Friends members, including Dorothy Sharkey, Amy Smith, Florence Hendel and Polly Carter, who have coordinated the display cases over the last 16 years.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“A Universe of Stories” 2019

Susan Lipsky, Library Specialist
Coordinator of Newark Adult Summer Reading

We had a record setting 131 Newark adult patrons sign up for our Summer Reading Program at the Newark Free Library this summer.

Of these, 84 signed up at the Adult Information Desk and received information on the Program, a list for recording book titles and a coupon for a free sale book or DVD. Eighty of these have been “spent”.

The rest signed themselves up on the Beanstack Summer Reading website and missed receiving a coupon.


Each week on Friday afternoons we had a drawing from among those registered who had turned in at the Information Desk a list with four titles read – a “Prize-Along-the-Way Drawing”. This was cumulative so non-winning names were held for the next week’s drawing. Patrons could also turn in more than one list of four titles read in a week. We had 13 drawings for gift certificates from Newark area businesses for \$5 and \$10 each.

The Program was over in mid-August and we had a Grand Prize Drawing from among all the 78 patrons who had “finished” the program by reading and recording four or more titles. The original plan was two identical Grand Prizes, but with so many “finishers” I divided the prizes into Grand Prize 1 and Grand Prize 2 so more people could win. These similar, but not identical prizes included gift certificates for Newark area businesses.



Other New Castle County libraries had as many patrons sign up as we did, but our 78 “finishers” far outshined the 45 and 49 finishers at the next closest libraries.

Rewarding adults along the way and helping them sign up and record their titles on the Beanstack Summer Reading website by our Information Staff worked very well. These prizes and gift certificates were sponsored by the Friends of the Newark Free Library.



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New!!

The Friends have Instagram!

Search Instagram for “Newark Free Library Friends” and select FOLLOW to receive posts about programs, books, and more.

2019 Year in Review

Thanks to your generosity the Friends has been able to support many library programs. The following is a list of some of the Friends' accomplishments.

- Provided funding for a variety of musical performances throughout the year 
- Presented *an Author Talk* with Caroline Todd to discuss the latest Charles Todd Book
- Purchased ukuleles and cases for the NFL to use in their ukulele classes
- Participated in community events such as Community Day, giving out free children's books acquired through a donation program. 
- Continued sponsorship of the popular Lego® Club for families, providing funds for needed building blocks as well as other materials.
- Sponsored Spanish classes for English speakers.
- Purchased sewing machines  for NFL Beginning Sewing Classes
- Contributed Funds for children's and teen programs and summer reading incentives
- Provided refreshments for various children's programs and other events.
- Sponsored a Volunteer Recognition event to recognize  adults and teens who volunteer at the library.
- Published an informative newsletter 3 times per year.
- Maintained the Friends website, www.friendsofthenewarkfreelibrary.com, as well as Facebook and Twitter accounts plus a newly established Instagram account.



Calendar Highlights

AARP Tax Help: Wednesdays in February and March @ 10am-1:00pm. Free Tax help for qualifying individuals.

Social Workers at the Library: Tuesdays, February and March @ 2 pm.

Watercolor Workshop: Tuesday, February 11 and March 10 @ 6-8 pm.

De-Clutter and De-Stress Workshop: Tuesday, February 18 and March 17 @ 6-8 p.m. Workshop will focus on Clutter-busting ideas, strategies, and plans. Adults

Teen Cooking and Culture Club: Friday, February 21 and March 20 @ 6-7:30 p.m. Teen group focuses on the food and culture of a different country each month. Registration required – Ages 12+

Writing Workshop: Saturday, February 22 and March 28 @ 2-4 pm. Adults

Inspiration Space Walk-In Assistance: Mondays in February and March @10 am to 1:00 pm. Walk in assistance which has now been expanded to provide: help with finding a job, starting or expanding a business or studying coursework online. One-on-one assistance and computers are available. No registration is required.

Peek at Pages Release Party Saturday: February 29 @ 2:00 pm. Pages is a Literary Magazine for Kids, by Kids. Everyone is invited to the PAGES release party to celebrate the young authors and artists whose works will appear in PAGES! All ages.

Card Making Workshop: Tuesday, March 3 @ 6pm. Learn the art of cardmaking. Registration required. Ages 13+.

Sewing Workshop for Beginners: Saturday, March 7 and April 4 @ 2-4pm. Sew much fun! Learn Sewing machine basics and make a project each month. Register at 302-731-7550. Ages 15+

Cell Phones for Seniors: Friday, March 13 @ 2-4 pm. Drop-in Program. Learn how to set up your phone, place a call, create contact lists, send pictures, music, videos and more!

Friday Film: Friday, March 7 @ 2 pm and again @ 6:30pm.

Wilmington Drama League, Pillow Plays: Sunday, March 15 and April 19 @ 2-4pm. Wonderful plays performed by children for children. Call the Library for performance title. All ages.

Library Lego Land Club: Friday, February 28 and March 27 @ 6:30 pm

For a complete listing of Newark Free Library events access the NFL online calendar at the link provided below



Library Calendar Online

<https://de.evanced.info/delaware/lib/eventcalendar.asp>

