



## 2018 President's Report

2018 has been a banner year for the Friends of the Library. We were recognized by the Ohio Library Council as the best Friends of the Library group in the State of Ohio; we launched a new website, and we are attracting new volunteers who have helped us expand our programming as well as our fundraising.

Children's programming is our forte. Over 900 children sang along with Eric Litwin, author of the Original Pete the Cat. Steve Harpster led our Young Writers' Workshops that helped 120 young writers, children ages 4, 5, 6 and 7, become young authors. Special thanks to Goddard School in Lewis Center and Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan for sponsoring our Young Writers' Workshops.

Our Outreach Committee has made our presence known throughout Delaware County at the city of Powell's Lollipop Concerts and at the Powell Farmers Market. These ventures help spread the good word about the library and the Friends of the Library.

We continue to support our Delaware County District Library, donating over \$20,000 to the library in 2018. \$10,000 was used to purchase books for the Summer Reading program; \$10,000 will be used next year for a shelter at Orange. Our mini grants to DCDL staff helped purchase memberships to professional organizations as well as items and services to aid their departments.

My thanks go to our board of trustees who continue to work tirelessly for the Friends and for the library; to our auxiliary board who bring special talents and dedication to the Friends. Thanks also to all our volunteers who help with book sales, Lollipops! Concerts and the children's events we sponsor. Thanks also to George Needham, DCDL director, and the library staff who strive to keep Delaware County District Library the best library in the state of Ohio, if not the country.

-Karen Cowan, President of Friends of DCDL

## Library Levy on November 6 Ballot

Please remember that the DCDL renewal levy is on the Nov. 6 ballot. This 15-year renewal of the Library's 1-mill levy will allow DCDL to expand collections, continue to update technology, build a new library for the Powell/Liberty Township area, update the Delaware and Ostrander Libraries, and make upgrades at the Orange Library. The levy provides DCDL with about 2/3 of the annual budget.

Your tax rate will remain the same.

## Annual Meeting on November 15

This year's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, November 15 at 7pm in the Community Room at the Orange Branch. The Annual Meeting is open to the public and we encourage you to bring family and friends to learn more about DCDL and the Friends.

The meeting will include a celebration of being selected as Friends of the Year by the Ohio Library Council; an update from George Needham, Director of DCDL; entertainment from Steve and Lisa Ball, who will present stories and music of the Civil War played on an original Civil War-era Martin Guitar; and a business meeting including updates on the past year and voting for Board members. As always, refreshments will be provided. All Friends received a letter detailing the slate of members up for election and proposed changes to the Code of Regulations.

Please join us and bring a friend. RSVP not required.

## Author Laura Kamoie on January 24

In anticipation of Hamilton The Musical coming to Columbus, New York Times bestselling author Laura Kamoie will speak about the history behind and writing of her new novel *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel* about Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, who was a patriot, wife, widow, and warrior in her husband's quest for a more perfect union. Q&A and book signing to follow. Books available to purchase that evening from Fundamentals Bookstore.

Join us at the Orange branch library on Thursday January 24th, 2019 at 7pm. Tickets will go on sale December 14th on Eventbrite. Check our website, Facebook page or Twitter for more details.

## Save these Dates for 2019

January 19	9am - 1pm	Powell Book Mini-Sale
January 24	7pm	Laura Kamoie Visit
February 2	9am - 1pm	Delaware Book Mini-Sale

Full 2019 Calendar will be available on our website and at DCDL locations by end of 2018.

## With our many thanks....

Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the Friends of DCDL table at the Powell Lollipops! Concerts in 2018.

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Thank you to the many adult and teen volunteers who helped at our popular Young Writers Workshops.

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Thanks to everyone who donated gently used books and audio-visual materials throughout the year. Income from our book sales and monetary donations from our lobby shelves allow us to continue to offer grants to DCDL for quality programs such as Summer Reading Club.

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Thanks to our volunteers spending many hours sorting book donations and working book sales. Much time is spent making our book sales popular, quality events that enrich our community as well as provide funds for DCDL.

## Award Received on October 3

Several members of the Friends Board and Auxiliary Board attended a ceremony on October 3, receiving the Ohio Library Council Friends of the Year Award. We thank our nominators as well as all of the Friends who participate and serve in improving the quality of our group and of our excellent Library.



## Keep Current with the Friends!



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

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

**Twitter:** @friendsofDCDL DW Library Friends

**Website:** [delawarelibraryfriends.org](http://delawarelibraryfriends.org)

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

Not receiving our email? Please check your spam folder for event notices, newsletters and other information.

Your email is not shared beyond the Friends and DCDL.

## Go Online to Support Friends of DCDL

**Krogercommunityrewards.com:**

Org #80537

**AmazonSmile:**

[smile. Amazon.com/ch/75-3256279](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-3256279)

**Richwood Bank Buzzpoints:**

[buzzpoints.com/richwoodbank/login.html](https://buzzpoints.com/richwoodbank/login.html).

Click Charities on Rewards tab, choose  
The Friends

## 2019 CALENDAR

### Jan/Feb

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9am - 1pm
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7pm
- Feb 2 Book Mini-Sale, Delaware  
9am - 1pm

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