

2019 President's Report

2019 has been a VERY BUSY year for the Friends of the Delaware County District Library.

Thanks to all our board members and volunteers who have been working very diligently to “fund raise and advocate for the Delaware County District Library.”

Our mainstay fundraiser is still book sales. We had four large book sales, two small sales, one pop-up sale and a Teacher Supply sale. We are the best-priced book seller in Delaware County, and the public continues to shop our sales. Look for our sales and our pop-up sales at your local libraries next year.

Once again we held a very successful art sale. The difference this year was that in addition to paintings donated by our members and volunteers, we received two sculptures for our silent auction from professional artists. Mac Worthington donated a metal art sculpture valued at \$800 and Terry Schmitter donated a wood sculpture valued at \$700. We thank them both for their generosity.

Money from book sales and art sales help fund the library's summer reading program. According to George Needham, DCDL Director, “the Summer Reading Club was a big success this year. We gave out 700 more books than we did in 2018 to the kids who had read more than 12 hours this summer.”

We held a very successful Kentucky Derby Party, our first event specifically for fundraising. Seven generous businesses sponsored our event and over 100 people attended. Many of them participated in our hat contest and cheered on our sponsors in our FOL Kentucky Derby race. Money raised from this event helped to equip the library's Maker's Annex at Willis Educational Center. Please put May 2, 2020 on your calendar and plan to attend our 2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Party.

We advocate for the library as we become more visible in the communities that our library serves. We are present at the Powell Lollipops Concerts, at Touch-a-Truck in Powell, at Delaware Area and Powell Chambers of Commerce and at First Fridays in Delaware.

We also advocate for the library as we sponsor our four Young Writers' Workshops where children 5-10 years old write and illustrate a book that is professionally bound and then put into our library's circulating collection. We are fostering young authors, and literacy, for over 100 children who attend the workshops.

Finally, we hosted Laura Kamoie for an author visit and as the guest speaker for our Volunteer Appreciation event. We are working to get another exciting speaker for our 2020 Volunteer Appreciation.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us as members, volunteers, book sale patrons and program attendees. We truly appreciate it.

-Karen Cowan, President of Friends of DCDL

Annual Meeting on November 7

This year's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, November 7 at 6pm in the Community Room at the Delaware Main Library. 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. All Friends received a letter detailing the slate of members up for election.

After the business meeting and an update from George Needham, Director of DCDL, we will have a brief refreshments intermission followed by speaker Bob Hunter, a retired sports columnist for the Columbus Dispatch. He is the author of nine books, most recently *Players, Teams, and Stadium Ghosts: Bob Hunter on Sports*. BeanBag Books of Delaware will have copies of this book on sale that evening with Mr. Hunter available for autographs following his presentation.

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

Art Sale Recap

A special Thank You to all our Friends members and Library patrons who helped make our 2019 Art Sale such a great success! We stretched our wings a bit this year, adding “objets d'art” beyond the normal framed wall art...and everyone loved it! We were extremely fortunate that the DCDL has among its patrons two wonderful local sculptors who generously donated sculptures of their respective trades. Mac Worthington, who sculpts and paints, donated a wonderful metal sculpture. Terry Schmitter works mainly in wood and donated a unique black walnut sculpture made from a tree on his property. With values well beyond our normal art sale prices, we tried our hand at the silent auction process! Both Mac and Terry have studios in Ostrander and would be pleased to create something special for any of you who were not the successful bidders! The Art Sale raised over \$1700. Turn the page to learn how DCDL uses these funds.



(Pictured: Charlie Michaels with “Chi”.)

How our Fundraising Impacts the Library

Why do we have book and art sales, Derby parties, etc.?
These projects benefitted from the Friends' funding in 2019:

Summer Reading Club: books to give as prizes to kids
Makers Annex: equipment and supplies
Orange Library Imagination Garden: shelter construction
"Off the Shelf" weekly radio program on WDLR

Keep Current with the Friends!



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

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WHERE'S THE CALENDAR?

Don't worry, we are hard at work on a full calendar for 2020!
Check our website and newsletters throughout the year for the latest info on our events.

For now, be sure to save the date of May 2, 2020 for our
2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Party!

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Organizing a Book Club - part 2

The only thing better than a great book is someone to share it with. And if you gather a few book-loving "FRIENDS" together on a regular basis you can officially call it a book club! But before you start reading as a group you need to reach a consensus on when, where, and what to read. Here are a few easy tips to help make your gatherings more successful.

Most book clubs meet on a monthly basis but however often you decide to meet, make it consistent to avoid calendar conflicts and allow people time to plan. Keep the size of your group manageable. It can be difficult to find place to meet and also hold a meaningful discussion with more than about ten people.

Many book clubs meet at member homes and allow the host/hostess to choose the monthly pick. Other groups prefer to meet in restaurants, but keep in mind that outside noise can be a factor in public places so venues with private rooms are best.

Some books clubs pick all their upcoming reads at the beginning of the year but this excludes selection of any new titles that might be published in the new year. Other groups avoid new titles to keep costs down. Most libraries offer easy and economical ways to check out multiple copies of popular titles and our library is no exception. On the DCDL website, search for "book club kits" and 175+ options are available. The kit is a tote bag with 10 copies of the book and even includes a discussion guide. Most new titles include discussion guides at the back of the book. You can also search online at either the author's or publisher's website or explore book club support sites like litlovers.com or readinggroupchoices.com to help you pick a book and gather info about leading a discussion.

Many book clubs consider wine an essential ingredient to a successful meeting although a coffee house or a park on a beautiful day can be just as fun. This summer my book club spent the day boating on a lake for a fun outing. We read a book about a family's summer home (*The Guest Book*) so the sun and fun were very much on theme. If you feel ambitious you can even match your snacks to the book setting but keep it simple and healthy so you can focus on the book, your friends and the discussion. Pinterest and the book website can be a great source for ideas.

Happy reading and in the next issue we'll discuss how to use technology and social media to enhance your meetings.

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