



Welcome New Board Members

The Friends of DCDL Board would like to welcome two new members, **Brendan Newcomb** and **Brooks Van Kirk**.

Brendan Newcomb was elected at the November annual meeting. He is an attorney, a resident of Powell, and has served on the Powell City Council. He will co-chair the Outreach Committee.

Brooks Van Kirk was elected by the FOL Board. She has extensive marketing experience. She is currently Owner and Chief Creator at Van Kirk Creative, headquartered in Delaware. She was Director of Business Development and Marketing at Delaware Automotive Services, LLC and Marketing Coordinator for Max and Erma's.

We are very pleased to have both Brendan and Brooks on our board - welcome to both of them.

Farewell to Former Board Members

We thank the following Board Members for their committed and dedicated service and appreciate all they have done to support the Friend's mission and vision:

Lynn Kellar Judy Lynch
Terry Meyers Betsy Owens

We appreciate that Judy has chosen to serve on the Friends Auxiliary Board. For information on joining the Board or the Auxiliary Board, feel free to contact Karen Cowan at president@delawarelibraryfriends.org.

Middle School Writers Workshop

On March 21, we are offering a Middle School Writers Workshop (MSWW) for kids ages 11-14 to write and illustrate a graphic novel. The details are being finalized. Watch for information on our website and Facebook page. Advance registration will be required via Eventbrite and we expect to sell out quickly. The workshop will be held in the afternoon on **March 21** at Delaware Main Library, following a morning Young Writers Workshop for kids ages 5-10.

Warm up at our Winter Book Sale!

February 1st

9am - 1pm

Delaware Main Library
Community Room
118 East Winter St.



For your 2020 Calendar

Throughout 2020, please refer to our website, Facebook page and newsletters for event details. For now, save the date for these events so you won't miss out!

- Feb 1 Indoor Book Sale, Delaware
- March 21 Young Writers Workshop *age 5-10*
Middle School Writers Workshop *age 11-14*
Delaware
- April 17-19 Book Sale, Orange
- May 2 Derby Party, Wedgewood Golf Club
- May 15-17 Book Sale, Delaware
- August 21-23 Book Sale, Orange
- October 2-4 Book Sale, Delaware
- October 3 Young Writers Workshop, Orange
- November 5 Annual Meeting
- November 7-8 Nathan Hale author visit and workshop

Listen to "Off the Shelf" on WDLR

The Friends of DCDL sponsor "Off the Shelf Radio Show" with hosts George Needham (DCDL Director) and Nicole Fowles (DCDL Communications Manager)

Tune in to WDLR 92.9 FM or 1550 AM Fridays at 9 am, or go to wdlrradio.com to stream online or listen to past broadcasts. They discuss their current reads, upcoming Library programs, and more.

With Much Appreciation

Thank you **Jean Whitlinger**, who wrote the excellent three-part series on **Organizing a Book Club**, which concludes in this newsletter.

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Many thanks to our **Book Sorters** who work all year sorting and organizing books donated by the public and pruned from the Library's shelves. The hours they put in every week make our book sales possible.

Keep Current with the Friends!



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

Facebook: Friends of the Delaware Library (@FriendsoftheDelawareLibrary)

Instagram: Delaware Library Friends

Twitter: @friendsofDCDL DW Library Friends

Website: delawarelibraryfriends.org

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

2020 CALENDAR

Jan/Feb/March

Feb 1	Book Mini-Sale Delaware (Community Room)	9am - 1pm
March 21	Young Writers Workshop Delaware	9:30-11:30am
March 21	Middle School Writers Workshop Delaware	1:30-3:30pm

(Writing workshops require pre-registration on Eventbrite.)

Board of Directors and Committees

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Organizing a Book Club - conclusion

To add to the fun of your book club meetings, you can use technology and social media to enhance the experience for your members. My first suggestion is to follow your favorite authors, bookstores and publishers on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. It is a great way to make a personal connection and be better informed about the books you choose to read. Many publishers run contests and giveaways to earn signed copies of current bestsellers or even a chance to win an ARC (Advanced Reader Copy) of upcoming new releases. You will also be the first to know when an author might make a local stop. Instead of your usual monthly group discussion, you can easily attend an author talk in person. Gramercy Books in Bexley is a popular stop for visiting authors. The Columbus Dispatch publishes a list of author visits in the Books section every Sunday.

I signed up for the quarterly newsletter from Lisa See, one of my all-time favorite authors. In one issue, she posted a blog and photos of her trip to China for her recent bestseller, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*. She also offered to meet via Skype with book club fans so I jumped at the chance. I booked a private room at a local Asian restaurant to host the meeting and purchased the specialty tea she wrote about in her book from a vendor she suggested. The night of the meeting she spoke for about an hour on her research and the writing of the book and allowed a few minutes of questions. We learned that it took her over three years to write the book and that she wrote the last sentence first and then structured the epic story around that last sentence. Needless to say, it was a huge thrill for all of us to connect with her over Skype and experience a little bit of her trip to China.

If you can't travel to the setting of the book, perhaps you can infuse a few of the book's details into your next meeting. One group I know read *The Gown*, a bestseller about the making of Queen Elizabeth's wedding dress during the aftermath of WWII. Each member brought a picture of herself in her wedding dress and lots of memories and sharing ensued. Wouldn't it be fun to read *Daisy Jones and the Six*, a book about a 60s rock band, and then have your group attend a local cover band concert? My book club read *The Indigo Girl* and Skyped with author Natasha Boyd because she was friends with a different author I follow on Facebook. Those social media connections really work! The hostess handed out packets of indigo seeds at the end of the meeting, another memorable night for our book club.

So you don't have to just talk about the book at your next book club meeting. Use your imagination, creativity and connections to really explore the literary work and spark some great discussion in a new way.

Wishing you lots of great reads in 2020!

Contributed by Jean Whitlinger, Friend and Volunteer