



## Letter from the President

Since many of our future events have been cancelled or postponed, we decided to use this newsletter to thank and celebrate all the people and organizations who have helped the Friends of the Delaware County District Library.

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and I want to thank all our volunteers for the work that they do for the Friends.

We are an all-volunteer organization, so everything we do is thought up, planned by and carried out by volunteers, including book sales, Young Writers' Workshops, last year's Kentucky Derby Party, our social media presence, our newsletter, our annual report, our annual meeting, our presence at Powell's Lolli-Pops! concerts, and any other celebrations or events that we sponsor. Thanks to all our volunteers.

Also, thanks to George Needham and his staff at the library. It is so cool to help this organization because the organization has really great people who do really great things. Thanks.

Thanks to all of you who are "socially distancing" and obeying "stay at home" suggestions and wearing masks in public. You are helping all of us stay well. Thanks.

Finally, I truly hope that you and your family are safe.

## Spring Cleaning? Hold the books!

We know a lot of you are Spring Cleaning and reading lots of books, which leads to donations of books for our popular Friends' Bargain Book Sales. Please do save your books for our next sale, but please wait until we specifically announce that donations are accepted! Once the Library opens, returned library materials will be quarantined for at least several days. This new process will take considerable space and not allow room for storage of donations .

Among the many unknowns is when and where we will accept your donations, and when we will hold a book sale. So please set aside those book donations for now, and we will tell you when we can accept them. We all look forward to Bargain Book Sales and thank you for keeping us in mind when donations can be accepted again.

Please do not open emails that start with "New message from the Friends of DCDL" . Those are not from us; they are spam.

## We Love Our Sponsors

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Friends of the Library had to cancel this year's FOL Derby Party fundraiser. The fundraiser would have focused on youth literacy and early childhood reading readiness in Delaware County. Friends of the DCDL want to thank the sponsors who stepped up to help us raise money for these very worthwhile causes.

Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan has been helping us for several years, including helping with Piper Kerman's visit as well as with last year's and this year's Derby. Ana Babiasz, and the employees of Fidelity Federal are truly friends of FOL and of the Library.

Performance Group, Columbus is another organization that has been supportive of our organization with funding for several of our events. With community minded organizations such as Performance Group, Delaware County continues to be one of the best counties to live in the country.

Greif Inc. has been a partner of ours for our two Derby Parties, and we truly appreciate their generosity. They are dedicated to both learning and youth literacy. Their support has been heartwarming.

Triad Architects have also been our partners for both Derby Parties. Zach Price and his group contribute to the betterment of Delaware County in so many ways, and we are grateful that they are our friends. Not only did they contribute to our Derby Parties financially, but they made a great impression at last year's event. Their employees were all dressed for the event in beautiful "Derby Day" attire and hats that not only matched their attire, but had lights on them. Zach Price, President, capped off the evening by winning the FOL Derby hat contest.

SFM Insurance in Delaware is yet another company that has also been with us through both of our Derby Parties. Brian, Annessa and their staff decorated a horse for the Derby race last year. Although their horse did not win the race, it looked really good while it was competing.

This year we had three new companies that also signed-on as sponsors. First was MinuteMan Press of Lewis Center. Bill Shantz and his group not only signed on as a sponsor, but also helped us with printing all of our advertising for our event. Dr. Elizabeth Tuttle from Columbus Wellness Medicine became one of our first sponsors from Powell. Sneed Business Services was our first sponsor from New Bloomington, Ohio. Lastly is SHP, the architects for the new DCDL branch. Our thanks go out to all of them for supporting the Friends of the Library and the Delaware County District Library.

In addition, generous donations from Brickler and Eckler both years as well as SHP (architect for the new library branch) this year not only showed support for the Derby Party but also gave us the freedom of possibly adding new features to the event.

Although our party was cancelled, the Friends are truly grateful to all of the people and companies who stepped up to help us with what would have been a fun event and a great fundraiser for youth literacy and early childhood reading readiness in Delaware County.

## Volunteer Teams

When the Friends of the Library look for new board members, we look for enthusiasm, a love of the library and a dedication to our mission of fundraising and advocating for the library. Little did we know that when Catlin Frazier said “yes” to becoming a board member, we would get Catlin as a board member and her mother Alyson as our membership chair.

Catlin and her mother live in Delaware with Catlin’s son Alex, a rambunctious 5-year-old. Catlin works in Human Resources and manages employees throughout the Midwest. In her spare time, Catlin is running for political office in Delaware. She is energetic and enthusiastic, and we are lucky to have her on our board.

Catlin’s mother Alyson is a retired special education teacher who spent her entire teaching career in the Greater Cleveland area. She came to Delaware to help Catlin take care of Alex, and has agreed to help the Friends of the Library with membership. We welcome both to our family and thank them for volunteering to help us.

Another of our volunteer teams is Donna and Steve Jackson. Donna is on our auxiliary board and organizes our presence at the Powell Lollipops! Concerts. She also helps with membership and with securing silent auction baskets for the FOL Derby Party. Donna and Steve sort book donations and help set up and work our book sales. Thank you, Donna and Steve.

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Not receiving our email? Please check your spam folder for event notices, newsletters and other information. We use MailChimp and you can unsubscribe if you choose. Your email is not shared beyond the Friends and DCCL.

## The Goddard School of Lewis Center

Since we are using this opportunity to reflect on those who have helped us through the years, we want to give a huge THANK YOU to Betty Simcox, owner of Goddard Schools of Lewis Center. Her support has allowed us to make Young Writers’ Workshop the jewel in our FOL program offerings.

When we first approached Betty with the idea of Young Writers Workshop, she immediately said, “How can I help?” First, she helped us by agreeing to sponsor the entire event. But her assistance went farther than a sponsorship. She has been available to give advice, to evaluate ideas and to listen to our plans for the present and for the future.

Betty will also be supporting us as we venture into the middle school territory with a writing workshop scheduled in the fall for middle school students.

Betty’s dedication to education in general and early childhood education in particular as well as her loyalty to the Friends and to the library are truly awe inspiring. THANK YOU, BETTY SIMCOX AND THE GODDARD SCHOOL OF LEWIS CENTER.

## Be “in the know” with “Off the Shelf”

Listen to DCCL Director George Needham and Communication Manager Nicole Fowles every Friday at 9 a.m. on 92.9 FM, 1550 AM, and [wdlrradio.com](http://wdlrradio.com). The radio program re-airs on Sunday at 9 a.m. Learn about great books and current library events from George and Nicole and their weekly guests. “Off the Shelf” is sponsored by Friends of the DCCL.

*\*NEW\** There is also a DCCL podcast (available wherever you get your podcasts) that has archived versions of the radio show, “What to Read Wednesdays with Annie” and “Library Guys Go to the Movies” plus much more. The DCCL staff keep working to create new content for you.

## Chat with a Librarian

Need help accessing the many online resources available through DCCL? Go to [www.delawarelibrary.org](http://www.delawarelibrary.org) and click the “speech bubble” in the bottom right corner. You will be connected to a librarian (or if no one is available, you will be contacted by email later.) Have your library card number handy. It’s an easy way to get assistance from our helpful DCCL resource staff.

## 2020 CALENDAR

Our May book sale was cancelled. We will keep you informed about future events through email, social media and our website.

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