

## Letter from the President

2020 has been a year that I don't think any of us could or did imagine. And . . .

2020 has been a year of learning. We have all learned about "Zoom" – not the kind of noise you make with a toy car, but the new meeting and webinar software that allows us to meet virtually.

We have learned that even though we are not having many activities, we are still attracting talented new volunteers who are going to be very valuable as we move into 2021. And, we have learned that we have volunteers who have been with us for years who are willing to take on extra responsibilities and ready to "pitch in" with whatever we need done. We have learned that we have GREAT volunteers.

We have learned that even though we had to cancel our Kentucky Derby Party, our major fundraiser, we have great companies and people as sponsors who gave us \$6,000 of sponsorships as donations.

We have learned that even though we have had to cancel activities, there are things that we are able to do. We were able to host Fiona Davis as our first ever virtual author visit. We are able to hear about The Ohio State 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and see Ohio State artifacts at our virtual annual meeting.

With this year coming to a close, we, as a society, have a better understanding of the virus, but the future of our specific activities is still uncertain. To help plan for 2021, the board and committee chairs had a brainstorming session on how we can do things differently in 2021. We will get more information to you as it becomes available. If any of you have ideas about what you would like us to do or how we can do things differently, please let me know at [president@delawarelibraryfriends.org](mailto:president@delawarelibraryfriends.org). I would love to hear from you

Even with 2021 remaining a bit unknown, we do know that a new library is going to get started in 2020 with a tentative completion date in 2022. Although 2022 is two years away, we are beginning to plan for its opening. A task force has been formed with representatives from the library and the Friends to plan the groundbreaking, to brainstorm how to communicate the construction progress with the public and then to begin thinking about activities of the "grand" opening. There are some really great ideas being discussed. More information will follow as it becomes available.

I truly hope that you and your family were safe through 2020 and continue in good health in 2021.

Karen Cowan, President, Friends of DCDL

## Welcome New FOL Members

We welcome the following New Members who have recently joined the Friends of DCDL:

Reena Chaba	Tara Horton	Rachel Kapraly
Ellen Gustafson	Jocelyn Kelch	
Vanessa Hamilton	Gayle Reidenbach	

## Virtual Annual Meeting Nov 4

Our virtual **Annual Meeting** will be **Nov 4 at 7pm**. Friends will receive a Zoom link via email; everyone else can watch it live from the Friends of DCDL Facebook page. Our featured speaker will be Tamar Chute, OSU Archivist. "*Celebrating the Ohio State University at 150*" will be a look at the university's past through historical photographs of the campus, buildings and its people. We hope you can join us - virtually!

## Holiday Flower/Plant Fundraiser

We're ending this crummy year with some colorful cheer! Please consider purchasing your holiday flowers and plants (to decorate your house or as gifts) through this fundraiser. In only runs until **Nov 6**, with **pickup on Dec. 7**. See details below!

1. View catalog and place order at [tinyurl.com/FriendsFlowers](http://tinyurl.com/FriendsFlowers) through **Nov 6**



2. Pick up your order on **Monday, Dec 7 from 3-7pm at Stratford Barn** (2690 Stratford Rd, Delaware, 43015)

## Fiona Davis Follow-up

The Friends hosted their first virtual author visit on October 7th with New York Times bestselling author Fiona Davis discussing her new book *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*. Fiona is best known for her historical fiction novels that feature NY City landmarks.

George Needham interviewed Fiona and they both charmed and entertained local fans and many others across the country. Books with an author-signed label were available for purchase from Beanbag Books in Delaware. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and newsletter for announcements about more virtual author events in 2021.

## Fundraising Updates

- 📖 Carryout Dinner and a Movie on October 16 raised \$150 in DVD sales. Thanks for stopping by!
- 📖 We still cannot accept book donations but will let you know when that changes. Thank you for patiently waiting! (We want to bring ours in, too!)
- 📖 Books on the Friends shelves in DCDL lobbies are still available. Please take your monetary donation to the circulation desk.

### Board of Directors and Committees

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## Keep Current with the Friends!



For up-to-date info on ticket releases, events 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](mailto:membership@delawarelibraryfriends.org).

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 DCDL.

## 2020 CALENDAR

Nov 4, 7 pm - Annual Meeting

Nov 6 - Flower/Plant Fundraiser ends

Dec 7, 3 to 7 pm - Pick up Plants/Flowers at Stratford Barn

[www.delawarelibraryfriends.org](http://www.delawarelibraryfriends.org)

## Library's Research Resources: A Treasure Trove for All

The Internet has democratized access to information for people of all ages, education levels, political persuasions, and experiences. Fortunately, modern-day librarians – experts in facilitating the growth of our individual and collective knowledge base through researching and curating sources – help us expand our interests, hobbies and DIY projects, delve into issues and ideas, learn how to solve problems, and “zero in” on meeting academic and career challenges.

The library's research site: <https://www.delawarelibrary.org/research/> is a “treasure trove” for everyone. That's not to say you should abandon Google or other search engines, but few of us are savvy vetters of sources or can easily compile the most relevant resources for whatever purpose or task, so visiting the library's research page is a good check to ensure validity and to be sure important resources aren't overlooked. Moreover, DCDL subscribes to *Consumer Reports*, Morningstar Investment Services and an array of periodicals and newspapers so cardholders can access information otherwise found behind a paywall. LinkedIn Learning/Lynda.com, a popular online learning platform offering video courses in software, creative, and business skills (including certification programs), is also available at no charge to cardholders. Here is a [sampling](#) of other resources found on the library's research page:

**Chilton Library** - Fix a car, truck, van, or SUV with these diagnostics, maintenance schedules, wiring diagrams, and step-by-step repair procedures [Also see: Small Engine Repair].

**Consumer Health Complete** – Provides easily understandable health and medical information. Search and browse medical encyclopedias, reference books, and magazine articles.

**Cypress Resume and Got Resume Builder** - Build a job-winning resume. Create content with a step-by-step writing guide. Format with selected design templates and fonts.

**Explora Primary and Explora Secondary** - Popular and timely topics for younger (primary) and older (secondary) students. Trustworthy resource for grade-appropriate articles/facts for reports, projects, and homework

**Home Improvement Reference Center** - Features full-text content from leading home improvement magazines, images not found anywhere else online and videos of popular home repair projects.

**Legal Forms** - An extensive collection of free legal forms, including government, business, personal, real estate and general forms covering hundreds of legal subjects and issues.

**NewsBank** - Stay informed about local, national and international topics, people and events with information from credible, vetted U.S. and global news sources

**Points of View** - Discover multiple sides of today's most controversial scientific, social, economic, and political issues. Learn an issue's background, points, counterpoints, and critical analysis.

**Science Reference Center** – Go-to resource for biology; chemistry; earth, space and environmental science, health & medicine, life science, physics, technology, wildlife and more

**Transparent Language Online** - Build listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in a foreign language. Includes over 100 languages.

**Very Short Introductions** - An excellent way to get a quick authoritative and accessible overview of a subject.

Friends of DCDL's efforts support and expand the library's resources and services. It is important to continue to inform the public about the critical role of public libraries as sources of education and information, and as community hubs as the needs of society evolve. *Submitted by Becky Cornett*