

Save The Date

Used Book Sale

January 23- 26, 2020

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(friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org)
for further information.**

Come to the FOHL's Holiday Used Book Sale

“It’s the Most Wonderful (and busiest) Time of the Year! In the spirit of the season (and because people don’t want Christmas books in January) the Friends of the Hockessin Library are holding their Annual Holiday Book Sale on

Saturday November 23rd. The sale will be held in the lobby of the Hockessin Library from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm. Prices are comparable to our January Big Sale prices. Sorry, we can’t take credit cards, but checks and cash are accepted.

We have a wide selection of used holiday books, including many children’s books (both old classics and more recent titles), holiday fiction, cookbooks, decorating and craft books, music CDs and some DVDs. While most items are Christmas related, we also have some items featuring other December holidays.

If you have some Holiday themed books you would like to donate, please drop them off at our November 9th book collection. Non-Holiday books are also needed, but please let us know if your donation contains some Holiday books, so we make sure we set them aside for the sale. Bring your donations to the shed in the gravel lot behind the Hockessin Fire Station on Old Lancaster Pike between 9 am and Noon.

Hope to see you at the sale and Happy Holidays!

~ *Linda Lauria, Book Sale Chair*

2020 USED BOOK SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help set up and work during the January 2020 FOHL Used Book Sale.

Set up days – Tuesday, January 21 & Wednesday, January 22

Sale days – Thursday evening, January 23 and Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26

If you can help, contact Linda Lauria (Indlauria@aol.com)

Among Friends

It is such a pleasure to help the New Castle County Hockessin Library maintain its welcome and grow its services to the community. County, municipal and state governments everywhere strive to balance funding the costs of ever-increasing needs for education, safety, infrastructure, and community services. As the community services and programming potential of the Hockessin Library grow, so do its funding requirements. It is the Friends' job to respond to the Library Manager's requests for project assistance. Recently this has included purchase of more easily accessible periodical shelving and on-going support for the adult and children's reading programs. We are also sometimes called upon to help with small operating needs such as a laminating machine and other minor expenditures at the discretion of the Manager.

We are proud of the Library staff and their ability to cope with constraints and pursue opportunities to serve our community. We are pleased to help the Library engage with other community organizations and participate in community events.

Your support of the Friends through membership and by patronizing the Friends Used Book Sale make it possible for the Library staff not to have to choose between funding media, equipment and quality operations, and offering the important educational, cultural, entertainment, and life skills programming that also benefits our community.

The Friends of the Hockessin Library is a volunteer organization, but we are not the only volunteers who help to make our Library a vibrant place where people want to come for information, to learn, to interact, to study or to simply pass some time in quiet thought. Many members of the community volunteer at the Library which helps relieve staffing burdens so that the Library can operate efficiently. These include teen volunteers as well. Many volunteers also support the Friends' endeavors throughout the year.

And so, we salute all who support the Hockessin Library with your time, treasure, and patronage. Thank you! And get ready for the Friends Holiday Used Book Sale at the Library on November 23, 2019 and the Annual Used Book Sale on January 23rd – 26th, 2020! ~ **Susan Foster, Board President**

Representation of the FOHL on the New Castle County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

Because representation of library Friends groups rotates on the LAB, the Friends of the Hockessin Library has not had a representative for a number of years. Anita Sterling, who has been serving as the representative for the Claymont Library Friends on LAB, recently moved to the Hockessin area. Diana Brown, New Castle County Manager of Libraries, has asked her to remain on the Library Advisory Board but serve as the representative for the FOHL. Her new three year term will begin in October 2019. Information about the LAB is available at: <https://nccde.org/414/Library-Advisory-Board>

Hockessin's Teen Volunteer Program

Hockessin Library runs a successful teen volunteer program, year round. Over this past summer, 15 volunteers regularly assisted with youth programs. One extraordinary teen, Albert Xing, created and taught a 5 week course in Python to more than 10 regularly enthusiastic students aged teen to adult. After that experience, he shared, "I gained a totally new appreciation for the time and devotion that teachers put into their classes. I am glad to say that it ran smoothly, large thanks to (library programming coordinator) Mrs. Atwood who helped tremendously in coordinating with the library, planning, and advertising. I received great feedback from the attendees and would love to come back next summer to continue the program!"

From the Director's Desk

Happy Autumn to all! Summer is done, kids are back in school, and Hockessin Library is the place to be as the months become cooler. We've been hard at work with building improvements. We have new phones, replaced the intercom system and some of the broken shades in the children's room. Thanks also to the Friends, for sponsoring our new easier-to-use magazine shelving.

We have some great programs coming up within the next few months. Our twelve book groups are going strong, and I encourage you to stop in and see what we're reading this month. For our more senior patrons, we've added a popular program, called Matter of Balance, which teaches people how to avoid falls or at least to fall to prevent additional injury. We also have a videogame program for adults to help them get some exercise even though the cold months by playing sports indoors with Wii Fit. For those who are creative, math-inclined or both, we offer a class on creating a binary code necklace (for the little ones) and creating your very own winter-themed necklace (for the adults). We also have two spectacular concerts lined up for December: Vox Humana will be here on December 21 and the First State Bell Ringers return for a holiday concert on December 22. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends.

Finally, we are now using Constant Contact email service to send out updates on our programs and services through informative biweekly email blasts. You can sign up the next time you're in the library or by going to our home page and click sign up for our Happenings Emails. It's the best way to stay on top of what's happening at your library. ~ *Beth Borene, Library Manager*

CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Calling all FOHL Members! The Friends Board will be experiencing some retirements this Fall. If you would like to learn more about joining to help us continue the work and comradery of this robust but heterogeneous group, please send email with your contact information to info@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org and plan to be our guest at the November Board meeting on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:30PM in the Lamborn Building or Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:30PM in the Community Room at the library. We will be in touch and look forward to meeting you. Meantime, visit our webpage at <http://www.friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org>

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Name: Phone:

Address: E-mail

City/State/Zip

Please check your areas of interest if you would like to volunteer:

- Membership Book Sale Fund Raising Programs Hospitality
 Telephone Publicity Board Other

Spotlight on Hockessin Library's Adult Volunteers

Currently, Hockessin Library has five dedicated and conscientious adult volunteers who support and enrich the Library in so many ways. Kudos to Debra Chiczewski, Phyllis Friedman, Amy Gootzait, Linda Lauria, and Cheryl Schultz for all that you do!

Volunteers usually commit to one to three hours per week, arriving on a specific day and time. They bring a positive attitude and willingness to help. In return Hockessin Library staff welcome and embrace our volunteers, valuing and appreciating the time, effort, and talents they offer. Our volunteers assist with maintaining shelves, dusting and shifting materials; providing clerical work by filing, stapling, copying, collating, etc.; assisting in some circulation duties such as packing transit materials, pulling items on the holds list, and looking for missing and claims returned items; processing library materials by adhering or removing stickers/labels; repairing materials as well as putting new covers on books.

Volunteer Debra Chiczewski states: 'Volunteering has always been important to me and also to my family. The feeling of giving back to one's community is a key life

experience. There is a joy of giving, growth, and well-being from volunteering. It is a pleasure to meet and work with others for the good of the organization, mission, and comradery." ~ Submitted by Shelley Stein, Adult Services Librarian

Revolutionary War in Hockessin Valley Exhibit

For more information about the Revolutionary War in the Hockessin Valley, Walt Chiquoine recommends: www.academia.edu. Use Google or Facebook to log on or create an account. Search under the name of Walt Chiquoine to find the materials.

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