

The Holiday Used Book Sale Returns!

“Yes Virginia, there is a Holiday Book Sale!”

The Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) is pleased to announce that we will have a Holiday Used Book Sale this year. The sale will be held at the Hockessin Library on Saturday, November 20, from 10 a.m. til 4:30 p.m. In the past, we have held the sale in the lobby. But this year, we will be able to hold the sale in the Community Room, giving us much more room to spread out the books and socially distance.

We have hundreds of holiday-themed books, CDs, and DVDs. There is a wide selection of children’s books, cookbooks, books on holiday decorating and fiction (including the ever-popular holiday murder mystery genre). In addition to holiday-themed books, we will also have a selection of gently used premium fiction, nonfiction, and biographies available for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Hockessin Library. Cash or checks please. No credit or debit cards.

If you have some holiday-themed books you would like to donate, please drop them off at our November 13 book collection. Let us know if your donation includes some holiday books so we can be sure to set them aside for the sale. Donations are collected in the shed in the gravel lot behind the Hockessin Fire Hall on Old Lancaster Pike, between 9 a.m. and noon.

Please be assured that our stock of books has not been impacted by supply chain shipping issues or price increases!

Linda Lauria, FOHL Book Sale Chair

Return of the Used Book Sale

Mark your calendars for January 27–30, 2022. Unless there is a COVID surge or new government regulations, the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) Used Book Sale will be returning to Hockessin Memorial Hall. There will be several changes due to COVID-19, as we are prioritizing everyone’s safety. Masks

will be required, and the Thursday night opening sale will require preregistration, with a limit on the number of attendees. There might also be a short outdoor wait to enter the building during high attendance times.

Sale information and status updates will be posted on our website, on our Facebook page, and in our ad on booksalefinder.com. The FOHL website is www.friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org, and you can access our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofthehockessinlibrary>. Information on how to preregister for Thursday night will be posted on these sites as we get closer to the sale date.

In an effort to decrease the number of leftover books at the end of the sale, community organizations and teachers are invited to select books at no charge on Sunday afternoon. Please contact us at booksale@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org for details if you are interested in participating. Sorry, we cannot set books aside for your organization.

Since we have been collecting books for two years for this sale, we have had to cancel several book drop off dates this past year. Our storage space is limited, as is our sale display space. Book collections will resume on the second Saturday in February; there will be no book drop offs in December and January.

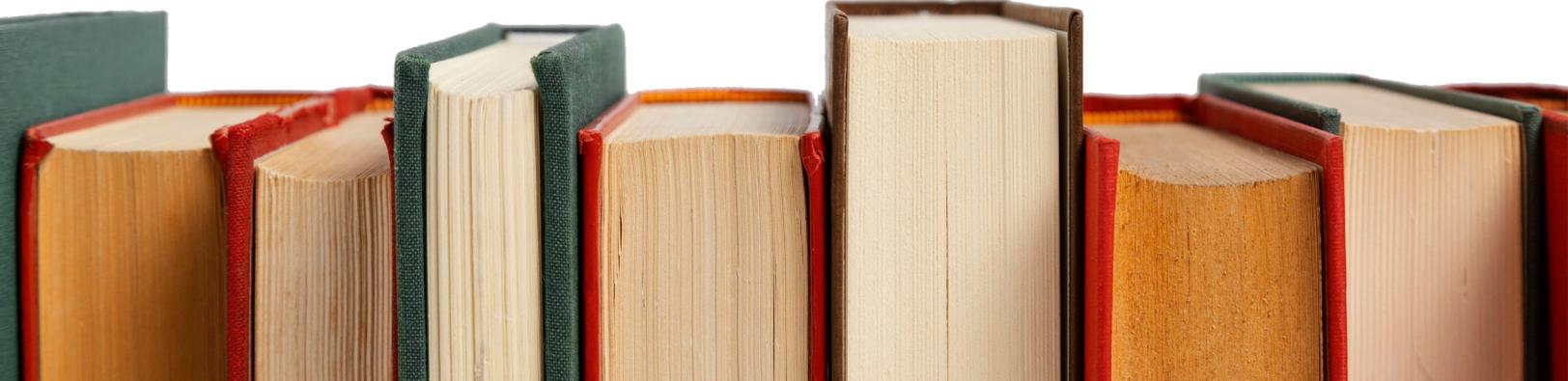
Linda Lauria, Book Sale Chair

2022 Used Book Sale Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers will be needed to help set up and work during the January 2022 Friends of the Hockessin Library Used Book Sale.

Set-up days are Tuesday, January 25 and Wednesday, January 26.

Sale days – Thursday evening, January 27 and Friday, January 28 – Sunday, January 30.



Among Friends

I was looking over the last few issues of the Friends Focus to get ideas for this column, and COVID-19 was certainly present throughout. But now we are seeing signs of recovery: people are vaccinated, and activities are returning to the (new) normal. There are some places where it's mandatory to wear our masks, such as at the Library, and others where I just feel more comfortable doing so. I don't mind because masks and vaccinations allow me to get back out into the world, to wander through the stacks of the Library again and not only reserve items online.

I had almost forgotten how much I enjoy looking at the Library's selection of new books, CDs, and movies; picking up a magazine from one of the magazine racks in the back and flipping through something I might not normally read; and watching others at the Library do the same. Although I have to admit that I enjoyed the convenience of curbside pickup. The Library staff made that process so easy for us patrons, while they were going outside in all kinds of weather to bring books out to our cars. A big thank you to the Library staff for that!

Book Sales Are Back

Another sign of the return to normal is that we are once again holding book sales! We are excited to hold our Holiday Book Sale at the Library on November 20th and our Annual Book Sale at Memorial Hall on January 27-30, 2022. People have been so generous with their book donations that we have stacks and stacks of books for sale. I'm looking forward to a great sale.

Thank you, Holly

On a different note, I want to thank a Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) Board member who retired and another who recently joined us. Holly June Stiefel was on the Board for over 10 years and has been very active on the Book Sale and Financial Review Committees. All the FOHL members thank Holly for her dedication and look forward to her continued involvement with our book sales and sorting activities. Thank you, Holly!

Welcome Reza

We welcomed Reza Moqtaderi to the FOHL Board this September. Reza, who lives in Hockessin, has been a faithful member of the book drop-off crew on Saturdays, and we are thrilled that he was able to join us as a Board member. Reza's background is in mechanical engineering, and he currently works for DNREC. Welcome Reza!

Get Out and Get Books

We will see you at the Library, at the book sales, and our 2022 book drop-offs.

Geri Krolin-Taylor, President

From the Director's Desk

Welcome back! We missed you! The Hockessin Library once again opened our doors, physical collections, and much of our public spaces during the spring and summer. Now we are well into fall, and as I write this, the forecast looks good to continue to further open spaces and add more hours in the coming weeks and months. We've also added, and will continue to add, some new faces to our staff. We are still hiring, so if you would like to work at the library in a part-time position, please submit an application on our website.

In addition to in-person services, our in-person programming is starting to return. Look for story times, book groups, and the yarn group to start up again. We'll also have a concert or two, and we'll host the Friends of the Hockessin Library Holiday Book Sale in our meeting room on November 20.

Thank you to all who stuck with us during these unprecedented times this last two years—and welcome back to old friends and new, as we push toward a 2022 filled with new adventures!

Beth Borene, Hockessin Library Manager

Volunteers Needed

The Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) is a volunteer-run organization. We are looking for volunteers to help us in our mission to support the Hockessin Library. Volunteers are needed for

- working at our Holiday Book Sale
- working at our Annual Book Sale
- sorting books in our book shed
- helping with our book drops on Saturdays
- working on this newsletter
- spreading the word about FOHL on social media
- joining the Board.

If you would like to help out, email us at info@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org, and we will get right back to you.



Summing Up This Year's Summer Reading Program for Adults, "Tails & Tales"

This year's Summer Reading Program for Adults, "Tails & Tales," was very successful. The Hockessin Library welcomed 82 registrants with 68 active adult participants and 56 completions. Participants needed to read and log four books onto the Beanstack website to complete the program and receive a certificate of "Congratulations!" In total, 786 books were logged. Many read more than four books and also wrote reviews.

The 2021 numbers, across the board, were definitely superior to numbers in prior years. In 2020, the Hockessin Library had 46 registrants and 30 completions with 418 books logged. In 2019, there were 67 registrants, 54 participants, and 45 completions with 606 books read.

Kudos to all who participated and enjoyed this year's Summer Reading Program for Adults!

Next year's theme has already been announced: Oceans of Possibility!

A heartfelt thank you and much appreciation to the Friends of the Hockessin Library for their ongoing support of the Library's summer reading programs.

Shelley Stein, Adult Services Librarian



Children/Teen Summer Reading Wrap Up

Summer with the Library for Children and Teens this past summer was a success. We had 456 participants who read for a total of 326,100 minutes. It was great to see so many friendly and familiar faces back in the library. I thank you all for your support of this amazing program. I have already begun to plan for next summer's theme, Oceans of Possibilities.

The Youth Services staff across New Castle County develops suggested reading lists for children and teens. I am pleased to announce that we have just released our most recent versions of these lists. You can find them in the library in the Children's Room and the Teen Section. You can also find them online here: <https://tinyurl.com/NCCReadingLists>.

We have started to offer some programs in house again. Please check with the library for the latest information.

Terri Jones, Youth Services Librarian



Sign Me Up!

Just clip this coupon and mail it to: Friends of Hockessin Library, PO Box 55, Hockessin, DE 19707 (or drop it by the Library) with your payment.

Yes, I'd like to join the Friends or renew my membership! Enclosed is a check made payable to "Friends of the Hockessin Library, Inc." for:

- \$10.00 Individual Member (1 yr.)
 \$20.00 Family (1 yr.)
 \$100.00 Lifetime
 \$40.00 Member/Family (5 yr.)
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 \$_____ Other (Gift)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Is there a special area in which you would like to volunteer?

- Book Sale
 Publicity
 Fund Raising
 Board
 Reading Garden Maintenance

Check Your Membership Status!

Because we will be limiting the number of attendees on Thursday night of the Used Book Sale in January, we will be requiring preregistration, with a limit on the number of attendees. Further information on how to register will be released closer to the sale date. In the meantime, if you are due to renew your membership, you can do so by mailing us a check with your renewal form to P.O. Box 55, Hockessin, DE, 19707; or you can drop your membership form and payment off at the Hockessin Library during their normal operating hours. Memberships will not be available at the door on Thursday night.

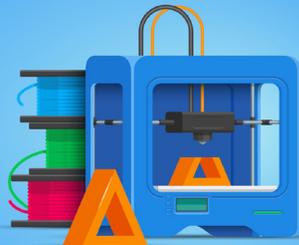
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Elaine Serpe, Membership

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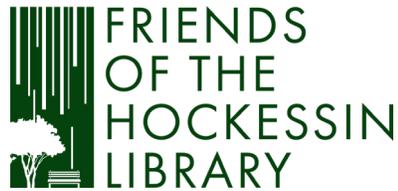
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Sunday	Closed

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