

## Mark Your Calendar for the Next Pop-Up Book Sale on June 3 & 4

### New Pop-Up Format for Book Sales

“What is happening with the Book Sale?” is a question the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) Board members are frequently asked. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has not been a big sale for two years. There have been two pop-up sales held at the library since it reopened, and these smaller sales have been quite successful. The FOHL Board recently voted to continue with quarterly sales held in the Hockessin Library Community Room in 2023.

Why was this decision made? One big reason was that it was becoming more difficult to put on the big sale. The sale’s popularity resulted in a problem with crowd control on the Member Only Opening Night Sale. Limiting attendance on Thursday night pushed the problem onto Friday morning. The second major reason was that our volunteer base has gotten much older. The big sale is labor intensive, with hundreds of volunteer hours required over six days.

Our next pop-up book sale will be held in the Hockessin Library Community Room on Friday, June 3, 2022, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, June 4, from 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteers to help with the sale are needed and appreciated, so come out and help us spread the love of reading. If you’d like to volunteer, please contact me at [booksale@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org](mailto:booksale@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org).

The Book Sale Committee looks forward to continuing to provide book sales that meet the needs of the Hockessin community.

**Linda Lauria, Book Sale Chair**



Need some light reading for the beach this summer? For 50 cents, you won’t mind when your paperback gets full of sand. Get your beach read at the next sale on June 3 and 4.

### Leaving a Rich Legacy for Our Community: A Memorial to Larry Thurrell



Our friend Larry Thurrell stands in front the Hockessin Library’s Larry Thurrell Reading Garden named in his honor, 2021.

Giving his time and energy to the things he most cared about, Larry Thurrell spent many years volunteering and leading the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL). Larry grew a rich legacy that began in 1990 and continued until he passed away on March 18, 2022. Lawrence Alden Thurrell gave generously to the community of Hockessin and the FOHL. We are grateful to be recipients of his efforts and deeply saddened by the loss of our friend.

Larry’s commitment to the Hockessin Library began at the time when the current library was planned and built. Beginning as a book sale volunteer, Larry soon became chair of the Book Sale Committee and later chaired the Reading Garden Project and the Scholarship Committee. Larry’s work was recognized when he received the Red Clay Volunteer Award in 2013 and in 2021 when the Hockessin Library reading garden was named the Larry Thurrell Reading Garden in his honor. FOHL President Geri Krolin-Taylor reflected, “Larry was a vital member of the Friends of the Hockessin Library—for his enthusiasm and vision for the group, his ability to bring in new volunteers, and for growing the book sale—and he will be missed by all who knew him.”

In addition to his dedication to the FOHL, Larry worked to advance the mission of other local organizations including the Board of the Hercules Country Club, Center for the Creative Arts, Red Clay Valley Association, Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve, and New Castle County Board of Elections.

The FOHL will remember Larry and his work on behalf of the Hockessin Library and our community. His legacy is rich and lasting, and we are grateful for it. Our sympathy goes out to his family, and we thank them for sharing Larry with us. It was time well spent.

## Among Friends

We are excited to have book sales again! Our March sale, held in the Community Room at the Hockessin Library, was a great success. Our next sale is planned for June 3 and 4, and then we will have another one in September, both at the library. We plan to resume book drops in the fall. Check our website and Facebook page for current information.

### Rest in Peace, Larry

Larry Thurrell, who joined the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL) in 1997 as chair of the Book Sale Committee, passed away in March 2022. Under Larry's leadership, the book sale raised over \$500,000. Larry was vital in the growth of the FOHL, and many current Board members attribute their beginnings with the FOHL to Larry. We shall all miss him.

### A Renovated Shed

The FOHL shed was recently renovated by Boy Scout Cameron Green, as his Eagle Scout project. Cameron, along with his troop members, family, and friends, painted the structure and built a ramp into the building. We thank Cameron and his supporters for doing this. See Cameron's article and photos in this issue.

### Volunteers Needed

Cameron first became involved with the FOHL by volunteering with his Boy Scout troop at our book sales and then Saturday book drop offs. Volunteers are needed to help with book sales and at book drops, to serve on committees, and as FOHL Board members. If you are interested in volunteering, email us at [info@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org).

### Use Our Library!

Due to inflation, everything is getting more expensive. But not the Hockessin Library! All you need is a library card to access so many things: books, DVDs, and CDs; e-books and audio books on the Libby app; Hoopla for e-books, audio books, and movies; items such as blood pressure monitors and portable record players (to play those old LPs stored in your basement); and now passes to local museums such as the Brandywine Zoo and Hagley Museum.

### Thank You for Your Support

Thank you for your continued support as an FOHL member and through our book sales. With this support, we are able to provide the Hockessin Library with funds to purchase subscriptions to *BookPage* and *World Journal*, maintain the Larry Thurrell Reading Garden, help with the adult and youth summer reading programs, and purchase additional museum passes. This is all done in support of our mission to promote public awareness of the Hockessin Library and the services it offers to our community.

### Gerri Krolin-Taylor, President

Right: Cameron Green, from Boy Scout Troop 50, stands in front of the renovated Friends of the Hockessin Library book drop shed located in the lot across from the Hockessin Fire Station on Old Lancaster Pike. Cameron completed exterior repairs and organized the interior of the shed for his Eagle Project.

## Eagle Scout Project Revitalizes Book Donation Shed

My Eagle Scout Project gave me the opportunity to continue to help the Friends of the Hockessin Library (FOHL)! I first worked with the FOHL when I volunteered at the annual book sale to get some service hours for my Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. I had a lot of fun and came back the next year, and then I started to volunteer at the monthly book collections whenever I could. When it was time for me to start looking for an Eagle Project, I wanted to be able to give back to the FOHL since I've gotten so much out of working with the organization.

The goal of my project was to make the monthly book donation shed a safer and happier place for FOHL volunteers. My first work day on the project was October 31, 2021. Over the next two months, I replaced the dilapidated shed step with a ramp for easier and safer access, added supports to the shelves inside, added a support beam to the door frame to stabilize it, replaced the halogen lights with more efficient LEDs, added an organization system for tools (such as Exacto knives, sharpies, and pencils) inside the shed, and knocked off the rot on the bottom of some of the shed siding. I sealed up the gaps where the rot was removed, added decorative trim boards to cover the repairs, finished off the shed edges nicely, and then caulked and painted them. I repainted the entire shed and added new green shutters. Additionally, I bought a cart to make it easier to move books inside the shed. I completed my work on the shed on December 31, 2021.

I am very thankful to the FOHL for the opportunity to complete my Eagle project, to my Troop 50 Scouting community for their assistance in helping me to plan and execute my project, and to my friends and family for their work and guidance. I recently completed work on my final merit badge and am now in the process of submitting my application for my Eagle rank. I am looking forward to serving Troop 50 and the FOHL in the near future as an Eagle Scout.

### Cameron Green, Future Eagle Scout, Troop 50



## From the Director's Desk

Happy Spring everyone! It's been a long haul through COVID-19, and at last we are really starting to see some brighter days. The library reopened its meeting rooms for public use in early April, and as of April 4, we are once again open on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings until 9 pm. We are still closed on Sundays and hope to add back those hours in the near future.

Speaking of which, the Hockessin Library is looking for part-time workers as are many of our sister branches in New Castle County. Current open positions include CSW I (shelver), CSW II (library circulation aide) and CSW III (computer assistant). See our website for the online job listings and application.

As we roll onward toward normalcy, we are busily planning for summer, our busiest season. See our librarians' Summer with the Library and Adult Summer Reading columns for some teasers. The Hockessin Library has some great programs coming up this spring, so please stay tuned to our online event calendar.

**Beth Borene, Hockessin Library Manager**

## Get Ready for This Year's Summer Program at the Hockessin Library

This year's Summer Program begins June 1, 2022. The theme for all age groups is Oceans of Possibilities. For the sixth consecutive year, all New Castle Libraries will be offering a coordinated program using the Beanstack online platform: <https://nccde.beanstack.org>

### The Adult Reading Program

During the past several years, the Hockessin Library's adult participants successfully made the technological transition to computer devices to track their summer reading. All are encouraged to sign up and share the love of reading! Although this year's program is still being developed when this went to print, Shelley looks forward to challenging the Hockessin community to increase our number of registrants, participants, books read, and reviews.

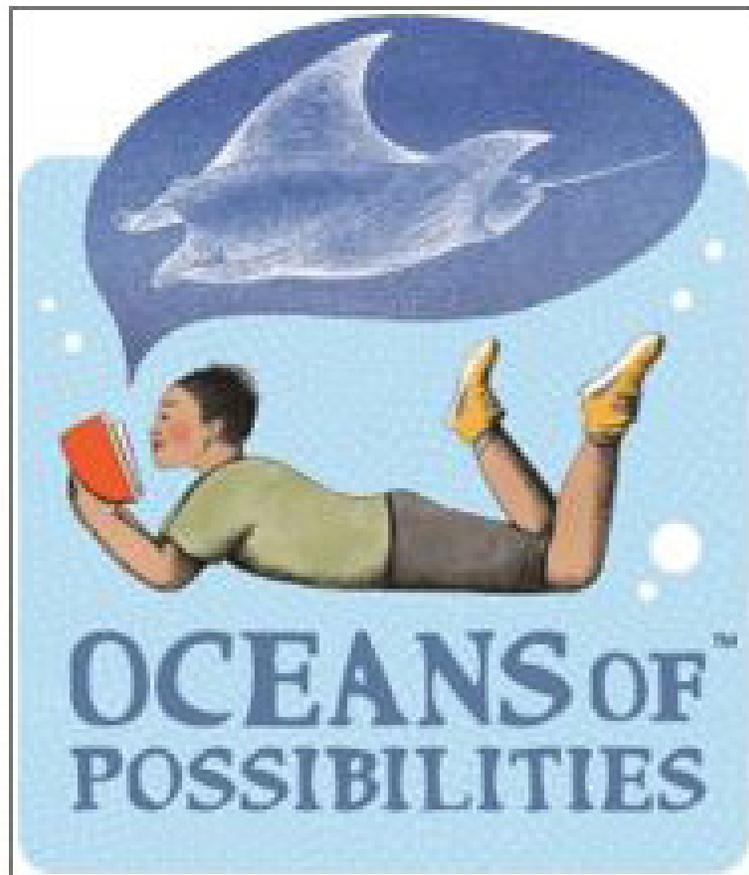
### For Children and Teens

The program for children and teens will have participants reading for at least 15 minutes a day as well as engaging in library-based activities to earn points. Those who earn 150 points will receive a book provided by the Delaware Division of Libraries and the Friends of the Hockessin Library and a certificate. Online registration begins in early May. Terri is hard at work at planning in person programs including performers, lunch and a movie, story times, book

groups, and LEGO Club. Check our social media and in-house advertisements for more details.

We thank the Friends of the Hockessin Library for their generous, continual support making the purchase of promotional materials and incentives for this year's program possible.

**Shelley Stein, Adult Services Librarian**  
**Terri Jones, Youth Services Librarian**



### Share the Love of Reading

Perhaps you know a teacher who would like some books for their classroom or someone with a "Little Free Library"? Friends of Hockessin Library donates books to individuals and organizations who encourage reading and make books available to readers. Contact Linda Lauria at [booksale@friendsofhockessinlibrary.org](mailto:booksale@friendsofhockessinlibrary.org) for more.

## Sign Me Up!

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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:

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- Book Sale     Publicity     Fund Raising  
 Board     Reading Garden Maintenance

# Miller Memorial Bench Arrives Safely

Early Thursday morning on November 4, 2021, after traveling 600 miles with sculptor Cary Shafer, the Barbara A. Roberts Miller Memorial Bench arrived safely at the Hockessin Library by truck.

Standing by to install the bench was a crew from New Castle County Public Works that specializes in masonry work. Once the truck was parked, forklifts carefully offloaded the pallets, and assembly and installation of the bench began.

Around 10 am, an older gentleman using a walker cruised across the parking lot and introduced himself to me. Mr. Miller, husband to Barbara for whom the bench is in memory, shared stories about his wife, sometimes tearing up, sometimes laughing, emotional with appreciation for the kindness that went into this memorial.

Mr. Miller talked with sculptor Cary Shafer about the elements and details of the bench, which include the titles of some of Barbara's favorite books, *The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter*, *The Book Thief*, *The Secret Garden*, and others. Cary told Mr. Miller what an honor it was to create this bench for Barbara, a long-term volunteer and past president of the Friends of the Hockessin Library, who passed away in 2018.

By 2 pm, the installation was complete. Both Cary and Mr. Miller thanked the masonry crew for its expertise with installing this piece of art. The bench will stand tribute to Barbara for many years to come and serves as a welcome place to wait for someone or just to relax and watch the comings and goings at the Hockessin Library.

**Crystal Langstaff, Project Manager, Memorial Bench**



We invite you to take a seat. Stop and linger, or wait for someone, sitting on the Barbara A. Roberts Miller Memorial Bench at the entrance to the Hockessin Library. The installation crew from the New Castle County Public Works stands with sculptor Cary Shafer behind the newly installed bench.

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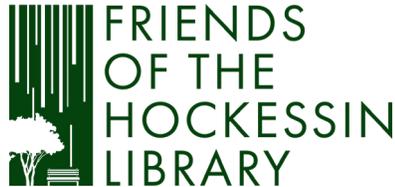
Monday-Wednesday      10 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
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