

Book Drop

It never ends!

We collect year round!

We know, the Book Sale was over just a few months ago. But don't forget, this is a yearly event! We are collecting year round at the book shed behind the Hockessin Fire Hall on the second Saturday of every month. We're there from 9am until noon—so keep those wonderful book donations coming!

Library Hours of Operation

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday

10am-9pm

Thursday-Closed

Friday-Saturday

10am-5pm

Sunday

1pm-5pm

Friends of the Hockessin Library

By-Laws:

According to the By-Laws of the Friends of the Hockessin Library, any By-Law change must be published for two consecutive newsletters. This is the second posting of a change to Article II:

Article II: Change to read: "Mission Statement. To promote public awareness of the Hockessin Library and its educational and recreational services. To assist the library in determining and responding to the needs of the greater Hockessin community."

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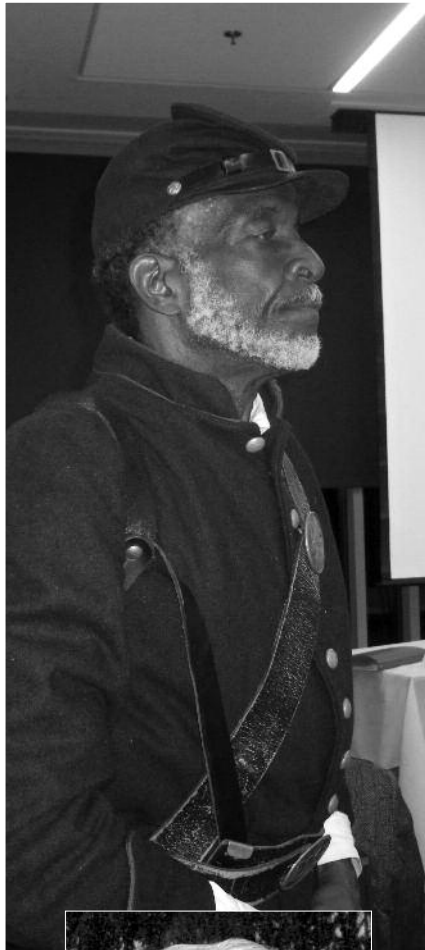
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Annual Meeting Celebrates Hockessin Role in the Historic Underground Railroad

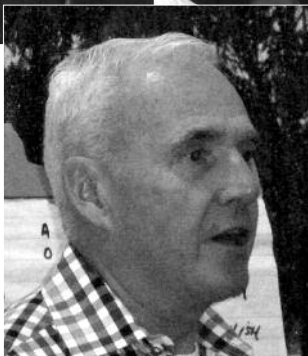


A program about Hockessin and the Civil War was presented by Darleen Amobi (American Anti-Slavery Society in Hockessin), Barbara Seely (The Jacob Heald Family of Hockessin and the Underground Railroad), and Joseph R. Lake, Jr. of the Hockessin Historical Society.

Willis Phelps, a Civil War interpreter, portrayed James H. Eldreth of C Company USCT of the Union Army. He gave us a fascinating picture of the role one man played during the Civil War. The performance by Mr. Phelps was courtesy of the Delaware Humanities Forum.

The American Antislavery Society, led by William Lloyd Garrison, was first organized in Philadelphia. The Society campaigned that slavery was illegal under natural law and within five years, the organization had more than 1,350 chapters and over 250,000 members. In 1837 the abolitionist group met in Hockessin at the Friends Meeting House located on Old Wilmington Road.

Willis Phelps



Joseph R. Lake spoke about the role Hockessin played during the Civil War.

Library Volunteers Honored

Nine volunteers, representing the approximately 30 regular library volunteers, received gifts provided by the Friends and prepared by library staff member, Kate O'Brien. Although the library is funded by New Castle County, we could not provide all of the services offered without these wonderful behind-the-scenes volunteers.

Hockessin Library Director Sue Rekart made the presentations.

Friends Officers Elected

Barbara Miller, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers for the Friends of the Hockessin Library. With no nominations from the floor, the following officers were elected:

David Goldsworthy	President
Sirena Manista	Treasurer
Cathe Lawrence	Secretary

The audience was fascinated by Willis Phelps' performance.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Alessandra Allegretto
Olivia Allegretto
Halle Burns
Mckenzie Culotta
Paul Reutter
Nicholas Serpe
Elizabeth Thurrell
Connor Tully

Duquesne University
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Delaware
University of Delaware
DeSales University
University of Delaware
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Musings from the President

Almost every time I walk into our Library, I am struck by the fact that some event is either taking place, or else it has just happened. There seems to be a lot of positive energy generated from the way our Library gets used. For this to happen it needs both staff and volunteers to work together to contribute to that success.

Our book sale in January generated funds to enable us to continue to support many of the Library's reading programs. In addition we purchased a laptop computer for the Library to use with the e-book program as well as contributing \$10,000 to the startup of that State program.

We have just awarded eight scholarships to students who use our Library and who volunteer in our community. We will NOT be awarding any scholarships in 2012/13 as we review the program and decide whether to continue with it in the future.

If you love books and libraries, then please join us, volunteer to become a board member and give something back to your community.

Finally, we now have our own web site – Friends of Hockessin Library.org This took a lot of work from many Board members to bring it to fruition. So now you can communicate with us electronically, and WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

*David Goldsworthy
President*

President's June Annual Report

David expressed gratitude to Sandy Massa who has served as Treasurer of the Board for 8 years. While retiring as Treasurer, Sandy will remain a member of the Board.

Major Accomplishments and Support: annual support of children's and adult reading programs; FOHL academic scholarship winners to be announced by Delaware Community Foundation later in May; purchase of a Hamilton Electronics Venu100 Wireless PA system; \$10,000 donation to the State E-book purchase program; purchase of a Hewlett Packard Pavilion G7 Laptop computer and software for E-book program instruction and other patron and staff educational and recreational programming; development of a Friends website at friendsofthehockessinlibrary.org.

Fund Raising: the annual January used book sale featured over 80,000 books, over 5,000 volunteer hours and over \$40,000 raised.

Director's Desk



Summer at the Hockessin Library

Greetings Everyone!

The Hockessin Library is in full swing with the summer reading clubs, both for adults and children. For the adult summer reading club anyone can read a book and write a review to receive a book as a prize. Those readers are entered into the weekly drawing for special prizes. As of July 1, Hockessin Library has 90 adults registered and 90% of those readers have already turned in a book review.

Most summer days are full of children's programming. As of July 1, Hockessin Library has registered 929 children for the summer reading club. Excited children who read 10 books can check-in and receive a prize.

Hockessin Library is grateful to have two New Castle County Summer Youth workers to help us with collection maintenance projects, crowd control for children's programs, and an extra hand when the need arises. [picture?] In addition to our Summer Youth workers, Hockessin Library has over twenty-five teen volunteers to help children sign up for the reading club. Erin Miller has also joined the Hockessin Library staff as an Intern who is working on her Master's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Erin is creating reading guides for the teen collection and working with the story time programming.

Technology Fridays are going strong. One group who favors the IPAD devices meets on Fridays to teach each other what new functions they have learned throughout the week. PC Aide Karen teaches patrons how to use their Kindles, IPADs, Nooks, and Android devices.

Piedmont Baseball organization created thirty "library parking only" signs so that when the community uses the parking lot on the weekend and evenings there are still places for library goers to park.

Sincerely,

Sue C. Rekart

Tots to Teens

Summer Reading is winding to a close. We have had a great summer. Our theme this summer about night time inspired us to explore the world after dark.

We've had the Brandywine Zoo, White Clay Creek State Park, and the Delaware Museum of Natural History in to tell us all about animals that love the night. Wintertur Museum encouraged us to dream, the Delaware Art Museum inspired us to be creative with our night time art creations. The Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation took us in to a star lab and showed us the night time sky. Michael Boudewyns told us night time stories, Paul Merklein drew Great Big Faces, Lindsey Dank took us down under and introduced us to didgeridoos, and the Delaware Chamber Music Festival put stories to music.

Over the course of eight weeks we learned about the solar system and explored the sky around us. We even got to experience the library after hours! Our teens learned some tips and tricks to writing short stories.

All in all we have had a fantastic time this summer and I can hardly believe it is over. Final numbers and the raffle winners will be available in the next newsletter.

*Terri Jones
Youth Services Librarian*

New Arrivals



All books listed on the New York Times Best Seller list are available at the Hockessin Library. The easiest way to reserve a book is to visit the web site and log on with your library card. Most library transactions may be handled through your account at <http://ilsapp.lib.de.us/uhtbin/cgiirsi/x/x/0/49/>

New Castle County Libraries have a standing order with their distributor to provide their citizens with most of the best sellers on or very close to the release date.

Reading lists are on the front page of the New Castle County Library Catalog. Go to the web address listed above.

Recommended Reading Lists:

- Delaware Blue Hen Awards
- Delaware Diamond Awards
- Pulitzer Prize for Fiction
- Newbery Medal (Children's)
- Agatha Award (Mystery)

Best Sellers

- New York Times Business
- New York Times Children's Chapter Books
- New York Times Fiction
- New York Times Nonfiction
- New York Times Children's Picture Books

We always buy multiple copies of the NY Times Best seller list and those books that are featured on the talk shows.

Don't forget to look at the Walk-In display for extra goodies that are available and are not "holdable."

Staff is always available to help anyone find what they are looking for.

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- \$10.00 Member/Family (1 yr.) \$100.00 Lifetime \$25.00 Member/Family (3 yr.)
 \$40.00 Member/Family (5 yr.) \$25.00 Sponsor/Organization \$ _____ Other (Gift)

Name: Phone:

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