

Mark Your Calendars!

Join the Friends for fun events, sales and more!

Enjoy a **Night at the Races on May 2 from 6 - 8:30 pm at Wedgewood Country Club**. This event features horse races, Derby attire, good food and good fun! Purchase your tickets at [FOLNAR2024.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/folnar-2024-tickets-746881212121).



Visit the **Delaware Main Library Book & Media Sale!** Stop by the garage for a Book Sale on Friday, May 17 from 5 - 8 pm and Saturday, May 18 from 9 am - 3 pm. We'll hold a Media Sale in the Community Room on Saturday, May 18 only from 10 am - 3 pm.



The Friends will again be present at **Powell's Lolli-Pops! Concerts**, encouraging membership and giving away a book to each child. Volunteers needed!. These free, fun concerts will be held on **June 3 & 17, July 1, 15, 29 and August 10 at 10:30 am**.



Details on these events will be emailed to Friends members and are available at [delawarelibraryfriends.org](https://www.delawarelibraryfriends.org).

Young Writers Workshop

What do you do with 40 kids and 674 pieces of white paper? Write and illustrate 40 books to add to the library collection. This is the 8th Young Writers event sponsored by the Friends for child authors. One child has created eight books so far! We love the enthusiasm of our first-time authors as well as our "seasoned professionals". Participants received 5 copies of their books.



Our next YWW is on November 2 at Liberty Branch. Friends of DCDL receive first notice of ticket sales plus a \$5 discount!

Donor Wall Dedication



A huge thank you goes out to all the Maker Studio donors, especially those who were able to

attend our Donor Wall Dedication Ceremony at Liberty Branch! The Friends of DCDL Maker Studio fundraising campaign has reached over \$91,000. Visit our website for more photos and to hear Bryan Howard, DCDL Director and Kellen Freeman, Maker Studio Supervisor, share how the Maker Studios have impacted our community. Local artist Mac Worthington created the Donor Wall sculpture.

New Member Benefit: Book Group

The Friends are creating a Book Discussion Group. Are you a Friend of DCDL and love to discuss books? Email volunteers@delawarelibraryfriends.org for more information!

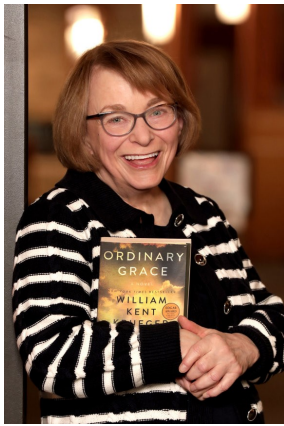
Zibby Owens Author Visit

The Friends hosted author, podcaster and social media influencer Zibby Owens on April 4 during the Public Library Association (PLA) conference in Columbus. Zibby shared the story of her new novel *Blank* about family, friends and book industry antics with lots of



dramatic and hilarious surprises. She also shared great insights and anecdotes about the changing publishing industry. Librarians and guests from all over the country enjoyed Jeni's ice cream at the iconic North Market. Lots of new friends and followers were made at this fun, free event.

Introducing Vicky Schmarr, Volunteers



Vicky is one of three new Board members and heads the Volunteers Committee. Here are highlights from our interview with Vicky.

Where you're likely to be found at the library: Browsing the new books section, finding a title that's had rave reviews or discovering a new title by a favorite author. Many new non-fiction titles explore current events, and I've learned much from that section.

Favorite thought-provoking mysteries:

The Three Pines/Inspector Gamache Series by Louse Penny

Underutilized Library service you wished everyone knew about: Don't know what you'd like to read? Try DCDL's Personalized Picks reader's advisory service. Fill out a brief online form with details about your reading preferences, and DCDL librarians prepare a book list designed for you. This seasonal service is offered during the Winter and Summer Reading Clubs.

What you hope your committee will accomplish in 2024: I'm hopeful that Friends' members will continue to respond enthusiastically to requests for volunteers. Volunteers are the hands and heart of the Friends; they devote enthusiasm, time, and energy to make DCDL and Friends events successful.

Introducing TJ Huddleston, Technology



TJ is one of three new Board members and heads the Technology Committee. Here are highlights from our interview with TJ:

Where you're likely to be found at the library: The Maker Studio! I have (3D) printed a ton of really cool things at Delaware and the new Liberty branch.

Best book you read last year:

How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie.

How you see the Friends benefitting DCDL: We are able to advocate and bring awareness to the things the library offers our community with very little or no cost to participants. When everything in the world costs money, the library is there with open arms inviting everyone to participate with minimal cost.

What you want to say to encourage others to get involved: In order for a community to build amazing services that people can participate in, you have to give back - whether it's by financial donations or time donations. We can all help to create a better society by participating and helping those around us.

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Public Library Association Visit

On April 2, approximately 40 PLA attendees visited Liberty Branch during a tour of area libraries. Part of the tour included the Friends Room, where we exchanged FOL group ideas.



We celebrated National Library Week 4/7 - 4/13 by delivering donuts to the staff of all DCDL branches.

📖 *Shouldn't every week be Library Week?* 📖

Keep Current with the Friends!



For up-to-date info on ticket releases, events and more!

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Not receiving our email? Please check your spam folder for event notices, newsletters and other information. You can unsubscribe if you choose. Your email address is not shared beyond the Friends and DCDL.

Welcome New Friends Members!

Kristi Cooper	Nancy Estes
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