



Friends of the Claymont Public Library



Spring 2014 Newsletter

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From The President ~ ~

We did it! The new library officially opened on October 26, 2013, with 1,100 visitors.

FOCPL's main focus for the past few years has been to obtain funding for the library. Thanks to Friends' work, most of the money we endeavored to raise has been obtained. Please remember the Brick Campaign is ongoing, and a good way to remember family and friends.

Now we return to our traditional work: promoting and funding library programs.

Librarians are often asked if the library accepts used books. Starting this spring, the answer will be "Yes, if people would like to help catalog and organize an ongoing book sale." If you are interested in helping with this project, please talk to Beth Kloetzer.

To encourage wider, active participation in Friends, beginning in April our meeting time will change from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. Please plan to join us.

National Library Week is April 13-19 – a perfect time for our

membership drive to recruit new members and renew present memberships.

Friends may be justly proud of the new library, which was awarded the Eagle Trophy for Excellence in Construction.

Now we need your continued help to maintain the facility and make it a focal point of culture for our community.

~ Ann Archer

Our Ongoing Capital Campaign



FOCPL continues to support the library capital campaign, with the goal of raising \$200,000 toward construction costs.

While donations of any amount are always welcome, special programs include the popular "Buy a Brick" (\$100), and naming opportunities for various rooms, shelves, collections and outdoor benches.

Many commemorative bricks already accent "Memory Lane" at the library entrance, with another installation planned when warmer weather returns.

Don't miss your chance to contribute and become a permanent part of our community's history!



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FRIENDS MOVING TO EVENING MEETINGS

Beginning April 7, FOCPL meetings will move from afternoon to evening hours, in an effort to accommodate more of our members' busy schedules.

We will continue to meet the first Monday of each month except July and August.

Please bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and perhaps a new friend!

We'll be discussing new and exciting projects, as well as our

continuing efforts to support quality library services in Claymont and the adjacent communities.

We hope to see *you* there!

**NEXT MEETING:
Monday, April 7, 2014
6:30 p.m.
Claymont Library**

Claymont Public Library

400 Lenape Way
Claymont, DE 19703
(302) 798-4164
www.nccdelib.org

Monday	10:00—8:00
Tuesday	1:00—8:00
Wednesday	10:00—5:00
Thursday	1:00—8:00
Friday	10:00—5:00
Saturday	10:00—5:00
Sunday	Closed



Library Events in Full Swing

Our new library is bustling with many activities this spring!

Health Outreach Programs

Do you have questions about the Affordable Care Act? Libraries continue to partner with ChooseHealthDE in presenting information sessions for the community.

A new offering from Christiana Care public health will bring “health ambassadors” into libraries. Claymont is one of the initial libraries participating in this program.

Free Tax Preparation

Free tax preparation is being provided for low income individuals by The Delaware Alliance for Community Advancement (DACA).

Appointments must be scheduled in advance: Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 4 p.m., and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 302-656-8200 to schedule.

Facebook, Anyone?

On the new library Facebook page you’ll find lots of great information about various collections, programs and services. If you’re a Facebook fan, please take a look, and like us!

New Castle County Reads

This spring’s selection is the New York Times bestseller, *The Silver Linings Playbook*, by Matthew Quick. Events at the Claymont library include:

-  Adult Book Club discussion Wed., March 19, 10 a.m.
-  See the hit movie Sat., April 5, noon

A limited number of free personal copies of the book are available for those joining the book club discussion. For more information, call (302)798-4164.

You can meet author Matthew Quick on Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m. at St. Mark’s High School. This free event is open to the public. Find more information at: www2.nccde.org/libraries.

Friends Membership Drive and National Library Week: April 13 – 19

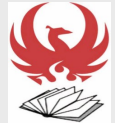
FOCPL’s annual membership drive will be held in conjunction with National Library Week, April 13 – 19. What better time to recruit new members and renew current memberships? Annual dues of \$10, payable to FOCPL, can be sent to our P.O. Box (see pg. 1). Better yet, bring your check to our next meeting!

For more information, email us: contact@friendsofclaymontlibrary.org.



FOCPL

Who Are We?



The Friends of the Claymont Public Library is a not-for-profit group of volunteers whose mission is strengthening and expanding quality library services for residents of Claymont and adjacent communities.

What Do We Do?

We augment library resources through donations of time, funds and materials. Our activities include:

- ◇ Providing learning materials
- ◇ Donating books
- ◇ Representing the Library at community events
- ◇ Advocating on behalf of the Library
- ◇ Helping the Library promote literacy
- ◇ Partnering with New Castle County in raising contributions for construction costs

Meetings are held in the Library at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, except July & August.

Friends of the Claymont Public Library Join/Renew Membership

Your support is very important to us! Please take a moment to join or renew your membership in the ‘Friends’ and be a part of this beautiful community resource!



Yes, I want to be a Friend of the Claymont Public Library! Enclosed is my \$10.00 check for a one-year membership, payable to *Friends of the Claymont Public Library*.

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____ - _____

Clip form and mail to: Friends of the Claymont Public Library, PO Box 801, Claymont, DE 19703
or drop in the “Friends Drop Box” at the Library.