



Friends of the Claymont Library

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Fall 2014 Newsletter

From The President ~ ~

It's been a busy fall! In September, Friends of the Claymont Library hosted a stop on the Historic Claymont Tour. At the end of October, we celebrated our library's first anniversary.

During the Historic Tour, a father came into the library with a very small child, looked around the lobby and said, "Wow!" This was just the reaction we hoped for when we were planning the library.

During the past year, two works of art have been installed in the library: a lovely garden scene by local painter Ruth Anne Crawford, and a copper butterfly mo-

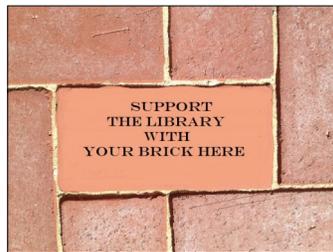
bile created by Dr. Ed Yasilove, which hangs in the children's area.

We've almost reached our Capital Campaign goal, thanks to some generous donations and a successful fundraiser organized by Councilman John Cartier. Although we plan to close the Capital Campaign at the end of the year, the Brick Campaign will remain open. This popular program will continue to allow the community to celebrate milestones and memorialize friends, while contributing to the library's growth. Some naming opportunities also remain.

Friends activities continue into December and the new year: On December 1 there will be a raffle drawing for a lovely afghan donated by the Evening Knitting Group (donation \$1); we'll be marching in the Claymont Christmas Parade on December 6; in January, the Delaware Humanities Forum will present a program discussing the history of tea, followed by tea and scones.

We look forward to seeing you there!

~ Ann Archer



200 and counting

One of our most popular fundraising opportunities remains the "Buy a Brick" Program.

To date, almost 200 bricks have been purchased, and many more remain available. It's a terrific way to commemorate friends and loved ones, community organizations, local heroes, or graduating classes, while helping to support the library.

More information is available at friendsofclaymontlibrary.org

Happy Birthday to Us!

The Claymont Library opened at 400 Lenape Way on October 26, 2013.

During the first year open, Claymont saw a dramatic increase in activity, with 1,671 new library cards registered, 111,693 total visits, and 123,872 materials checked out.

Reference staff answered 15,244 questions and 17,096 sessions were logged on Claymont Library computers.

The Claymont Library programs also had 4,403 people in attendance and 427 children completed the Summer Reading Club.

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

NEXT MEETING:
Monday, December 1, 2014
6:30 p.m.
Claymont Library



Upcoming Programs at your Community Library

For more information: <http://de-newcastlecounty.civicplus.com/298/Claymont-Library>

Crochet Club: Tuesdays, Jan 6, 20

Learn new stitches; work on group or individual projects. Please bring crochet needles and yarn...and a friend! All levels. (Adults) 6 p.m.

Knitting Club: Tuesdays, Jan 13, 27

Learn new stitches; work on group or individual projects. Please bring needles and yarn...and a friend! All levels. (Adults) 6 p.m.

Adult Book Club: Wed., Jan 14

Join readers for a lively and enlightening book discussion. (Adults) 10 a.m.

Lunch & Literature: Thu., Jan 15

Share your thoughts on books and other media you've recently read, seen or listened to, and find out what others are enjoying. Light refreshments are served. (Adults) 1 p.m.

Friends website revamped over the summer

We invite you to pay an online visit to friendsofclaymontlibrary.org to enjoy our revised website. You'll find beautiful photos, a timeline of library history, and links to our membership form, donation opportunities, and other Claymont community organizations.



Inspirational African American Leaders: Thu., Jan 15

African Americans have contributed much to the way we live and think in American culture. Meet some of the most inspiring role models of our time in this unique program. Presented by Victorian Vanities. Registration required. (all ages) 6 p.m.

The Art, History and Etiquette of the Afternoon Tea: Thu., Jan 22

The lecture covers from facets of the ancient Zen Tea Ceremony, to the dos and don'ts of Victorian Tea Etiquette. The program concludes with suggestions for creating your own "Silver Tea," including how to brew a proper cup of tea and scone recipes. Tea and refreshments served. Presented by the Delaware Humanities Forum. Registration required. (Adults) 2 p.m.

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Who Are We?



The Friends of the Claymont 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 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. ***Dues for 2015 are due now!***

This is a: New membership Renewal

Enclosed is my check for the membership indicated below.

Individual: \$10 annually Household: \$25 annually Corporate: \$100 annually Lifetime: \$1000

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____ - _____

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

The Friends of the Claymont Library is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.