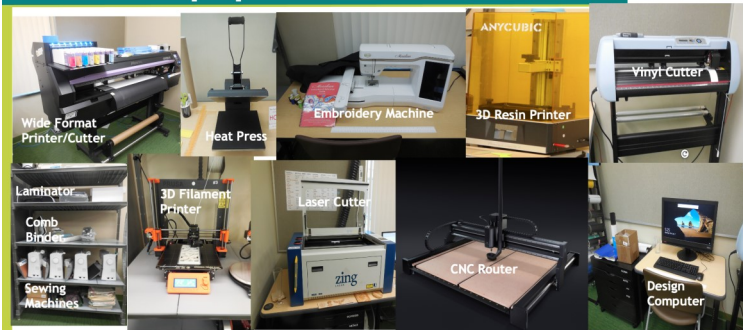


Liberty Maker Studio Fundraising

On April 14 at a Powell Liberty Chamber Before Hours, The Friends of DCDL kicked off a **\$150,000 fundraiser** to equip the Maker Studio at Liberty Library and to assure that both Delaware and Liberty Maker Studios have up-to-date equipment as the technology changes.

The Maker Studio is a workshop at the Delaware County District Library's Main Branch that provides community access to highly specialized equipment, materials, and guidance from experts. Patrons can get trained on cutting edge technologies and use machines to create whatever they can imagine. Projects such as 3D design/printing and laser cutting can be imagined, designed, and brought to life at the library!

What Equipment?



The Delaware County District Library is opening the Liberty Branch Library in Fall 2022 and the Friends of DCDL will be funding an additional Maker Studio at this location.

Calvin Gebhart, Regional President of First Citizens National Bank - Powell, is assisting the Friends with the fundraiser.

Friends are accepting donations from \$250 to \$50,000. For a \$50,000 donation, the donor will have naming rights for 10 years for either the Maker Studio at Liberty Library or Delaware Main Library. This will be the only room in either library that will have a "non-library" name. All donors will be invited to a special Liberty Library pre-opening reception.

For more fundraising information, contact Karen Cowan, President of Friends of the DCDL, at either 614-398-0434 or president@delawarelibraryfriends.org.

To learn more about the Maker Studio at Delaware, stop by and see the studio in person! For hours of operation, to sign up for a free class or to learn what is available, visit delawarelibrary.org/makerstudio/.

A Kid Again: Wonders of the Imagination Garden at Orange Branch

And Then It's Spring by Julie Fogliano, the 2011 Caldecott Medal winner, is the current StoryWalk® selection in the Imagination Garden at DCDL's Orange Branch. It is a fitting story of hope and anticipation – and for spending time in an area that is designed to offer quiet places, picnic tables, gathering areas, a gorgeous wood shelter/pavilion (partially funded by the Friends) and inspiration from stunning sculptures: the large, colorful Mosaic



Dragon (by Lynda Elias and Virginia Corwin, [left]) and a limestone structure (by Dale Johnson) – On the Origin of Stories - that presents numerous characters and symbols

of mythology. It is a lesson in great literature, taken from the 1938 Harvard Classics edition of Elizabethan Drama. (cont. pg. 2)

Mark Your Calendars!

Books, books galore! And media, too.

- 📖 Stop by our tent at the **Powell Street Market on May 1** for a Children's Book Sale from 9am - 4pm.
- 📖 Head to the **Delaware Main Library** for a Book Sale **on May 13** (5-8pm) and **May 14** (9am - 3pm).
- 📖 **JUST ADDED! Powell Branch Library Media Sale on June 4 from 9am - 3pm!**
- 📖 Visit the **Orange Branch Book Sale on June 18** from 9am - 3pm.



The Friends will again have a presence at **Powell's Lolly-Pops! Concert series**. These free, fun concerts will be held on **June 6, July 11 and August 1** from 10:30 - 11:30am at the Village Green Park.

Please contact Donna Jackson at membership@delawarelibraryfriends.org if you would like to pass out FOL information to parents and free books to kiddos.



Details on these events will be emailed to Friends members and are available on social media and at delawarelibraryfriends.org.

Sneak Peek at Summer/Fall Events

A car show. Parking lot repairs. Stuff happens and changes our plans. This is our revised events calendar. (But remember to check your Friends email or social media for updates!)

Aug 12	Delaware Book Sale	5 - 8 PM
Aug 13	Delaware Book/Media Sales	9 AM - 3 PM
Sept 10	Orange Book Sale	9 AM - 3 PM
Sept 18	Book Sale @ Powell Street Mkt	9 AM - 4 PM
Oct 1	Young Writers Workshops	TBA
Oct 14	Delaware Book Sale	5 - 8 PM
Oct 15	Delaware Book/Media Sales	9 AM - 3 PM
Nov 3	Annual Meeting	TBA

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

A Kid Again (cont.)

(continued from page 1) It is well worth spending time looking closely to find: Cyclops, Cerberus, Arthur, Ulysses, and Dionysus. Also depicted are a sea monster, a space alien, the Man in the Moon, a banshee, an African mask, and don't miss my favorites: the Spirits of the forest who are guarding the Leprechauns (who are lounging in the clearing, counting their gold).

The Imagination Garden was established early in this decade and has continued to evolve. The latest addition to its wonders is Percival the Unicorn (Percy for short). According to staff members, Percy appeared one day in the Imagination Garden. They loved him on sight and made him an honorary member of the DCDL family that day. Library staff point out that Percy loves playing hide and seek, eating carrots, and reading (especially fairy tales). He is now a brand ambassador and mascot for the library system - so look for him at other branch and community events. For example, Percy will be part of the Unicorn Party at Ostrander Branch - and while you are there don't miss the Ostrander community's fairy doors hunt called "Ostranddoors!" Ask about DCDL's special reading list in honor of Percy (Percy's favorite book is the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan which takes Greek mythology into the 21st Century). Read more about Percy in the Spring 2022 DCDL Check it Out publication and sign up for Percy's newsletter - the Uni-CORNER. See: www.delawarelibrary.org/unicorn/

Jenny Ho, Orange Branch Assistant Manager, Youth Services, introduced me to all the activities that the library offers in the Imagination Garden, including rotating StoryWalk® books, nature scavenger hunts, story times and extension outdoor activities, author visits, yoga classes, book clubs for adults in the shelter, school group visits, meetings, and library gatherings. Groups also stop by for bird and butterfly watching. There has also been a petting zoo there. Now that COVID has abated, there will be more group events in the garden, including a Fairy Walk in August. The Imagination Garden space offers plenty of opportunities for individuals to have a picnic, read, contemplate, converse, listen to the birds, and let your imagination take flight. Maybe Percy will join you!

Submitted by Becky Cornett

Welcome, Friends!

We welcome the following New Members:

Denise Albert	Jacqueline Bale
Carol Bishop	Kristen Chitwood
Helen Cho	Karen Crosman
Leenita Elliot	Mia Leone
Rebecca Momany	Patricia Moxley
Emily Rice	Danielle Russell
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