



# Forum

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# **Mark Your Calendars!**

We have some pre-holiday activities for you!

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Where can you find an award ceremony, free food and interesting speakers in one evening? At our Annual Meeting on November 8 from 6 - 7:30pm at Delaware Main Library. We will recognize special volunteers and donors, elect new Board members, and listen to Brent Carson and Dr. Ric Stranges discuss their new book, *Carried Treasures - Stories of Delaware County, Ohio.* 

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Our final book and media sale of 2023 will be at **Liberty Branch on November 18 from 10am - 3pm.** Books and media make great gifts! We will feature a section of holiday items and a table with extra-special donations. You're sure to find just-right gifts for a special person!

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Details on these events will be emailed to Friends members and are available on social media and at our NEW and IMPROVED website: *delawarelibraryfriends.org*.

# Maker Studio Spotlight: Demos, Classes and 1-on-1 Training

We've been featuring some of the equipment in our Maker Studios, but today we call your attention to the ways you can learn to use the equipment!

**Demos/How-To Sessions**: Small group views and listens about how to use a piece of equipment. Not hands-on.

**Classes**: Small group completes a specific project (such as engraving a coaster or embroidering a towel.) Hands-on.

**1-on-1 Trainings**: You get individual, specialized training on a piece of equipment for 50 minutes. Hands-on.

All of these learning opportunities are held on Wednesdays and require a reservation. Go to the DCDL website to make a reservation.







## **DCDL Board Honors Karen Cowan**

On October 17, 2023, the DCDL Board of Trustees issued a proclamation recognizing and thanking Karen Cowan for her nine years of service as President of the Friends of DCDL and the many accomplishments during her tenure. We agree that it is well deserved and we thank Karen for her



countless hours of service, incomparable enthusiasm, and her tireless commitment to the Library and to the Friends of DCDL!

## **Letter from the President**

Dear Members,

This is my last newsletter as President of the Friends of the Delaware County District Library, and I want to thank all of you for making the last nine years very enjoyable and, I hope, very positive for both you and the library.

I have enjoyed seeing you at our book sales, our author visits, our art sales, and our Young Writers Workshops. Your support and generosity have allowed us to give over \$100,000 to the library for their general use and \$50,000 to the library to equip the Maker Studio at Liberty Branch.

I want to especially thank the Board members and Auxiliary Board members whom I worked with for the past nine years. They are the ones who had the great ideas that were the impetus for our Friends of the Library accomplishments. I was smart enough to get out of the way.

A special thanks to George Needham, retired Director of the Library, for his support and his advice as we tried to grow our organization. His input was priceless. Thank you also to the library personnel who juggled schedules, helped move furniture, and gave out our literature, so we would have successful programs (continued on page 2)

### Welcome, Friends!

#### We welcome the following New Members:

Mathias Akih Ahmet Camalon Somya Cox Maribeth Eiken Jennifer Genthner **Mindy Hedges** Erin Hetland Molly Labadie Teri Morgan Harley Murphy Kaya Pierce Laurie Powell Liz Quiller Delon Starkey Elizabeth Sumoza Pam Taylor Cristy Ulsh Larry Wickliff Leigh Wolkan

Christine Brady Nikki Cortes Bridget Dailey Natalie Fravel Kay Gilletly Sandy Heinlen Jocelyn Kelch Carly Lardiere Patricia Moxley Cathleen Okunlola Jean Pontones Beth Pruitt Jared Shatz Marilyn Stork Scott Szuch Carlene Thompson Karen Wickliff Michael Wilson

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### Keep Current with the Friends!

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

Facebook: Friends of the Delaware Library (@FriendsoftheDelawareLibrary )

Instagram: Delaware Library Friends

Website: delawarelibraryfriends.org

*Email:* Make sure the Friends have your **preferred email address.** Send it to *membership@delawarelibraryfriends.org*.

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.

## **Authors & Ales Recap**

Authors & Ales on October 23 featured local authors Amy Butcher (*Mother Trucker*), Lee Martin (*The Glassmaker's Wife*) and Thao Thai (*Banyan Moon*). Moderated by David Weaver from Ohioana Library and held at III Mannered Brewing Co in Powell, this sold-out event was a fun evening for all! This annual event is a popular way to get acquainted with talented Central Ohio authors. Many thanks to Jean Whitlinger for arranging this successful event! We also thank Beanbag Books and Tacomania for their participation.



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*(continued from page 1)* and book sales. We could not have done anything without your help.

As for 2024, I am excited about the new Board and volunteers and can't wait to see what they accomplish with Nichole Klatte, our current Publicity Chair, as their leader. I hope that all of you continue to support the Friends of the Library, so we can continue to raise funds for and advocate for the best library system in Ohio - The Delaware County District Library.

Once again, thank you everyone. The last nine years have been great.

Karen Cowan President Friends of the Delaware County District Library

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