

## Mark Your Calendars!

Spring 2024 is packed with Friends events! Add these to your calendar now so you don't miss out:

DCDL hosts **Great GeekFest on Saturday, March 9** at Delaware Main Library. This one-of-a-kind comic-con event features vendors, artists, comics, and cosplay. Open to all ages and free!



Join us for the **Donor Wall Dedication Ceremony on Monday, March 18 at 5 pm at Liberty**. View the beautiful sculpture by local artist Mac Worthington that recognizes our major donors to the Maker Studio.



Tickets are now available to meet **author Zibby Owens on April 4**. See article to the right for details.



Enjoy a **Delaware Main Library Book & Media Sale!** Stop by the garage for a Book Sale on Friday, April 5 from 5 - 8 pm and Saturday, April 6 from 9 am - 3 pm. We'll hold a Media Sale in the Community Room on Saturday, April 6 only from 10 am - 3 pm.



An even better **Young Writers Workshop** experience is coming on **April 13!** See article to the right for details.



Enjoy a **Night at the Races on May 2!** This event features horse races, Derby attire, good food and good fun! More info is available in the graphic to the right.

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

## Author Visit: Zibby Owens

The Friends will host author, podcaster, publisher and book influencer Zibby Owens for a fun Ice Cream Social Media event at the North Market on Thursday, April 4 from 12 - 2 pm. Tickets are \$7.50 which includes a Street Treat from Jeni's Ice Cream. For more info and to buy tickets, visit [delawarelibraryfriends.org/author-visits](http://delawarelibraryfriends.org/author-visits).



## Young Writers Workshops

Our popular Young Writers Workshops are back! We have made some exciting new changes to the program:

- Kids grades K-8 can register for either the morning or afternoon session, so a parent can bring all their children to one workshop!
- Participants get 3 copies of their books instead of 1 (in time for Mother's Day gifting!)
- A limited number of scholarships are available

These fun workshops, led by author/illustrator Steve Harpster, guide kids in writing and illustrating their own books. Join us on Saturday, April 13 at Delaware Main Library. Online registration is required and a parent **MUST** be present with children. Register at [delawarelibraryfriends.org](http://delawarelibraryfriends.org). Friends, check email for the first chance to register!

## Help Wanted

**Social Media Content Poster** - Do you love Friends events AND posting on social media? We are looking for a Friend to post prepared content and to attend our events and post live photos and videos to Facebook and Instagram. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please contact [publicity@delawarelibraryfriends.org](mailto:publicity@delawarelibraryfriends.org).

# SAVE the DATE

Tickets Available Now!  
[FOLNAR2024.eventbrite.com](http://FOLNAR2024.eventbrite.com)

Interested in being a sponsor?  
[fundraising@delawarelibraryfriends.org](mailto:fundraising@delawarelibraryfriends.org)

\$60 per Ticket  
\$50 per FOL Members  
\$25 Name a horse



## Night at the Races

**Wedgewood Country Club** | **May 2nd, 2024**  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

9600 Wedgewood Blvd. • Powell, OH 43065

- Bet on prerecorded horse races
- Wear your finest Derby hat and attire
- Cheer on your favorite horse in each race
- Enjoy good food, good fun and mint juleps



## Introducing Monte Stevens, Membership



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

*Where you're likely to be found in the library:* If looking for a book on the shelves, I would most likely be found in the nonfiction section. I enjoy learning about many subjects like: neurology, philosophy, social psychology, history and theology. But I don't go to the shelves very often as I reserve most books online

and pick them up at the reserve shelf. I love that you can reserve books and have them pulled for you.

*What are you reading?* My favorite recent book was "How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America" by Clint Smith. Currently I am reading "Debt: The First 5,000 Years" by David Graeber.

*Underutilized Library service you wish everyone knew about:* If our library system doesn't have a book you are looking for you can have a library staff person search for the title you're wanting to read from other library systems and it can be borrowed from that system.

*What you hope your committee will accomplish in 2024:* I hope we will share our mission with more and more people in Delaware County. It's a good mission and, if known, I know more people will want to join us to support the DCDL Hope to see you soon at the Library!

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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](http://delawarelibraryfriends.org)

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

## Maker Studio Spotlight - Embroidery

**Project:** Decorating a hand towel as a gift

**What to bring:** Clipart on flash drive (not required), fabric to embroider onto

**Equipment used:** Baby Lock Meridian Embroidery Machine

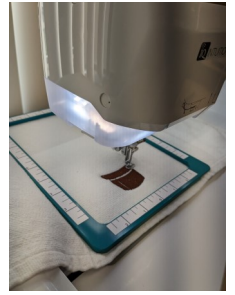
**Reservation needed?** Suggested. It's popular!

**Location:** Delaware Maker Studio

**Cost:** \$.10/1000 stitches covers cost of thread and backing materials. My cat in pot shown here was \$1.40.

**Lessons learned:** The simpler your design, the better the library's software can convert it into an embroidery pattern. Hence clipart, not a photo. Flatter fabric is better; my towel was a little fluffy for a clean design. Installed pictures and fonts are available. Don't expect perfection but it's fun to experiment.

If you use this or other Maker Studio equipment, we want to see your projects! Send your pictures and helpful tips to [newsletter@delawarelibraryfriends.org](mailto:newsletter@delawarelibraryfriends.org). We may use your project in a future newsletter or on our social media.



## Friends Room Dedication

The Friends Room at Liberty Branch has been dedicated to the memory of George Needham, DCDL Director from 2015-2022.

"Deeply Missed, Much Respected Special Friend to the Friends of the Library"



## Welcome New Friends Members!

Emily Contini  
Murat Kenc  
Bonnie Thorn

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