

# Support the Friends of the Newark Free Library

Dear Library Patron,

Our Friends group offers you the chance to fund and volunteer at literacy and learning programs at our library. From reading contests to author visits to jazz, classical, and holiday concerts – the Friends brought many essential programs to our library in 2023. We hope you will consider making a gift and becoming a member for 2024.

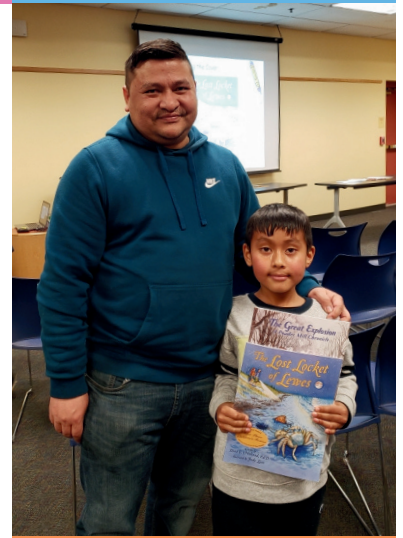
## From Our Library Manager

*"Our library would not be one of the highest circulating libraries and busiest in the state without the time, talent, and support of the Friends. From promoting our library during events in the community to behind-the-scenes work of so many dedicated volunteers, the Newark Free Library and surrounding community are greatly blessed from the Friends of the Newark Free Library. It's great to call you Friend!*

*I think one of the greatest Friends contributions is the funding provided for our adult music and children's theater/special programs. They reach the community more than most programs with an average attendance of 100 patrons. Without the FNFL support, we would not be able to bring such high quality programming.*

*It is a tremendous help to know that the FNFL are open to any suggestion of support to the Newark Free Library that may help our community. Thank you is not enough for the work you do."*

*- Pam Stevens, Manager, Newark Free Library*



Exploring the world of imagination at Ilona Holland's author talk and book signing.



At *The Gingerbread Girl*, one of the Wilmington Drama League's Pillow Plays, sponsored by the Friends, spectators cozied up with a pillow to enjoy the show.

**Please  
Give  
Today!**

Donate and join online at [FriendsOfTheNewarkFreeLibrary.com](https://www.FriendsOfTheNewarkFreeLibrary.com)

\$15 for individual membership

\$20 for families

\$50 for businesses and organizations

## Essential to Our Library

I hope you feel the same sense of pride and gratitude I do when you consider what the Friends contributed to the Newark community this year:

- **Music for all to enjoy:** We brought music programs for all ages to life. Professionals from up and down the East Coast and University of Delaware music majors alike played the library to share the music they love most.
- **Advancing Our Library:** In addition to raising money for this year's activities, we hosted public meetings on the new Newark library. Our advocacy with county, city, and state officials helped secure funding for this important project.
- **Nurturing Young Minds:** The Friends have played a vital role in supporting children's programs, from author events to Halloween story time and trick or treating, to American Sign Language Poetry Night and much more.
- **Keeping You Informed:** We've helped you be in the know through our newsletters and an improved web site, thanks to our partnership with the University of Delaware Lerner College of Business and Economics.
- **Recognizing Library Staff:** Through monthly break-time treats and special retirement events we let our library staff know how much they are appreciated.
- **Spreading the Love of Reading:** From our Little Library to the Summer Reading Challenge to Newark Community Day, where we distributed thousands of free books, we spread the love of reading within our community.

Your contributions can't be measured in numbers alone; they are creating stories of lives touched and the spirit of community fostered. We hope you will continue this journey with us by making a donation today. Your gift of \$15 for individuals, \$20 for families, or \$50 for businesses and organizations qualifies you for membership in the Friends for 2024. **Giving beyond those levels helps us keep membership costs low and provides essential support for our programs next year.** This is the only fundraising appeal we make during the year, and I hope you will join me in supporting the Friends as fully as you can. We appreciate every gift and please know that your generosity sustains knowledge, culture, and community within our beloved library.

With heartfelt gratitude and warm wishes,



Barbara Jo German  
President, Friends of the Newark Free Library

PS: To give by check, make your check payable to The Friends of the Newark Free Library and mail to 750 Library Ave., Newark, DE 19711



Pianist Lina Maria Marin Diaz and Piano Professor Marie-Christine Delbeau. Lina highlighted music by fellow Colombian Germán Pérez.



Friend, author, and juggler Lois Hoffman during her lively author visit and book giveaway.

*Reading Challenge  
participants read for  
more than 200,000  
minutes this summer!!*



A young reader browses her choices at our Community Day book giveaway.