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President's Letter

Protecting Our Right to Read!

What do Wilkinson's *The Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia of the World's Firearms*, Chris Crutcher's *The Sledding Hill*, Crutcher's *Whale Talk*, and all of Ellen Hopkins books (*Crank*, *Glass*, *Burned*, *Impulse*, *Identical*)

have in common? All these books for youth have been challenged in a school or public library within this past year. Thankfully, all also continue to be available to young people in these schools and libraries.

You have likely all seen the list from ALA of the top ten challenged books this year (challenged in 2008).

1. *And Tango Makes Three*,
by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
2. *His Dark Materials Trilogy* (Series),
by Philip Pullman
3. *TTYL; TTFN; L8R, G8R*, (Series),
by Lauren Myracle
4. *Scary Stories* (Series), by Alvin Schwartz
5. *Bless Me, Ultima*, by Rudolfo Anaya
6. *The Perks of Being A Wallflower*,
by Stephen Chbosky
7. *Gossip Girl* (Series), by Cecily von Ziegesar
8. *Uncle Bobby's Wedding*, by Sarah S. Brannen
9. *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini



Protecting a person's right to read has to be a primary commitment of every librarian as we serve as 1st amendment advocates. Have you read the Library Bill of Rights lately? It's easily accessible at ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom. Does your library have an updated, strong statement on selection and reconsideration of materials? What a fine memorial tribute to Judith Krug, director of OIF since its founding in 1967, to review, update, and re-affirm your library's obligation to providing a forum for information and ideas for all.

September 26 – October 3 is Banned Books Week. Information and ideas can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>.

What are you doing in your library to celebrate our right to read?

Peggy Dillner
DLA President



Praise from the Vice-President!

Check out Vice-President Joe Biden's letter to the Delaware Diamonds Book Cart Drill Team.



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

July 17, 2009

Annie Norman
Delaware Diamonds Book Cart Drill Team
Delaware Division of Libraries
43 South Dupont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Annie:

Congratulations on your performance at the Library Book Cart Drill Team Championship.

I am touched to have been featured in this year's performance, and I am proud to have had the Delaware Diamonds represent our state at the National level. Your combination of intricate choreography, humor, and determined practice must have been impressive; and next year I am sure Delaware will bring home the gold book cart.

Nice work in Chicago, and thank you for your continued service to the Delaware communities through your work in our State's libraries.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Biden, Jr.



Flame Pits of Delaware?! Governor Markell Responds!

M. T. Anderson delighted fans at the University of Delaware on Monday, September 14, 2009, with a reading and discussion of his newest book, *Jasper Dash and the Flame Pits of Delaware*. After learning Mr. Anderson included the Governor's official mailing address in the book, Governor Markell penned this tongue-in-cheek response, which was presented to M. T. Anderson by State Librarian Annie Norman.



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September 14, 2009

M.T. Anderson
Award-Winning Author
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Anderson,

After reading your book, *Jasper Dash and the Flame Pits of Delaware*, it is my sincere hope that you ~~never choose our state as a setting for a book ever again~~ enjoy tremendous success with this latest installment in your "Pals in Peril" series.

I am certain that the adventures of Jasper, Lily, Katie and Drngnan Pghlik will ~~lead to a great deal of geographical and cultural confusion among Delaware school children~~ serve as a valuable lesson in how to have fun with fiction!

Special thanks for including my mailing address on page 92 for those who wish to address inaccuracies in your representation of Delaware. We look forward to ~~shipping all of these letters straight back to you, buster~~ cheerfully answering each and every letter we receive from your curious and diligent readers.

I hope you will accept my sincere invitation (I'm being serious about this part) to visit our state again. My wife Carla and I would be delighted to have you as a guest for dinner at the Governor's Mansion. Please contact my scheduling secretary at (302) 744-4101 if you are able to divert from your usual toll-booth-only tour of the First State to visit us in Dover. We'll set you straight on all things Delaware.

In the meantime, please accept this book about Delaware as a small token of our appreciation for bringing ~~embarrassment~~ attention to our fine state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Markell".

Jack Markell
Governor of Delaware

Delaware Health Source News

By Patty Hartmannsgruber, Kent Co. Health Lib.

Thanks to Susan LaValley's initiative, DHS received a \$2000 "Wellness Wednesday" grant that will allow the 3 consumer health librarians to visit all Delaware public libraries in September and October. The theme is Mental Health & Wellness. We will bring information to leave in the libraries, including a colorful new pathfinder for Delaware library materials on mental health, along with give-away items for your patrons, like squeeze balls and pens.

In late June, we used up remaining FY09 administrative funds by making some quick book purchases. Some of these will join the DLC Floating Collection; others will take their place on the shelves of our host libraries in Bear, Dover and Lewes. Here is a sample of the items each librarian selected:

Susan LaValley - New Castle County

100 questions and answers about how to quit smoking - L. Chokroverty

Closing the food gap: resetting the table in the land of plenty - Mark Winne

Everything I want to do is illegal: War stories from the local food front - Joel Salatin

Food Inc.: how industrial food is making us sicker, fatter and poorer ed. K. Weber

Post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook - G. Schiraldi

Patty Hartmannsgruber - Kent County

Consumer's guide to psychiatric drugs - John Preston

The depression cure - Stephen Ilardi

Safe dieting for teens, 2nd ed - Linda Ojeda

Vaccine safety manual for concerned families and health professionals - Neil Miller

Whole-food guide to strong bones - Annemarie Colbin



Linda Leonard - Sussex County

The Everything Guide to Caring for Aging Parents: reassuring advice to help you support your loved ones - Kathy Quan

Fall prevention: Don't let your house kick you out - Gail Davies and Fran Scully

When the focus is on Cancer: Palliative care and cancer - ed. Kathleen M. Foley

The women's guide to thyroid health - Kathryn R Simpson

Delaware Health Source: "You ask. We search."
www.dehealthsource.org



Kent County Public Library's Tenth Anniversary Celebration!

Kent County Public Library celebrated its tenth year on Friday, September 11. A storyteller and the library's Read-to-Me pets were on hand to entertain youngsters, while Roxanne Wharton played the harp for the enjoyment of the adults. The event was hosted by the Friends of Kent County Public Library.



Download free Banned Books flyers and clip art from [ALA!](#)

Meet Hilary Welliver Kent County Library's New Director

In July, Hilary Welliver was promoted to the post of County Library Director of Kent County's Division of Libraries. Hilary served two years as Assistant Director prior to her promotion.



A resident of Delaware since 1990, Hilary's wealth of experience includes working in academia, special libraries, and public library administration. Her experience encompasses seventeen years at Dover Public Library as the Director of Youth Services, serving as the first children's librarian at the Kent Island Library in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, and as Director of Central State Hospital Libraries, the largest institutional medical library in Virginia. She once worked in the law library of Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Hilary is active in the community. In 2008, she was inducted as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Capital City Rotary Club. Her hobbies include performing with the Delaware Diamonds book cart drill team, gardening, storytelling, readers' theater, and ASL choir. She is a published writer and veteran speaker.

Hilary earned her MSLS at ALA-accredited Clarion University, after teaching high school English for several years in Pennsylvania. She is adjunct faculty at Wilmington University, where she continues to teach reading methods and children's literature. She has one daughter, who attends the University of Delaware

Resources from the University of Delaware Library

By Rebecca C. Knight, UD Library

Lydia Collins has created a web guide on H1N1, featuring local and national information sources.

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/hesc/resguide/h1n1.htm>

Rebecca Knight has created a web guide and a display of selected resources on the topic of Constitution Day Resources for Educators. The focus is on free materials from federal agencies to assist teachers, librarians, and others in preparing displays or programs for Constitution Day (September 17). The display is on the first floor of the Morris Library, near the entrance to the Reference Room.

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/new/2009ConstitutionDay.html>

These and other resources are available from the library home page, <http://www.lib.udel.edu>, and can be found at the "Spotlight on..." section in the lower left corner of the library's home page.

Other Spotlight features include:

[Library Alphabet Exhibition](#)

["Milestones in the History of the University of Delaware Press" Exhibition](#)

[Sustainability: Basic Resources for Research](#)

National Day of Writing Celebration at Wilmington U.



Wilmington University is proud to participate in the National Day of Writing by serving as a local gallery for submissions from the

Wilmington University community. **We will be hosting a celebration on Tuesday, October 20th at 6pm** in the People's Building Library, where selected writers will present their pieces. Refreshments will be served.

To submit your work visit our gallery at <http://galleryofwriting.org/galleries/138114>. Click on the "Contribute to This Gallery" button to submit your entry. If you would like the opportunity to present your piece on October 20th, your entry should be submitted by October 9th, 2009.

You can also get in touch with the curators (Kate Cottle and Nicole Karam) by clicking on "Contact the Curators."

The National Day of Writing was developed by the National Council of Teacher of English to draw attention to the remarkable variety of writing we engage in and help make writers from all walks of life aware of their craft.

Ask a Librarian Delaware

Beth-Ann Ryan, Delaware Division of Libraries



Ask a Librarian Delaware is Delaware's 24/7 virtual (chat) reference service!

Follow us on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/askalibrarian>, to read actual reference questions and posts from the Division of Libraries blog, <http://library.blogs.delaware.gov>.

Enjoy some of our recent Q&A's:

Q: I'm looking for a book that is the modern day version of the Great Gatsby. It was written a couple of years ago, same theme but the characters were teenagers.

*A: The book you are looking for is called *Jake, Reinvented* by Gordon Korman. According to Booklist "high society meets high school in this retelling of The Great Gatsby, set at the class-conscious F. Scott Fitzgerald High."*

Both the Delaware Library Catalog and New Castle County Library Catalog have copies of the book.

Q: Hello, I am in a desperate need of an online index of children's songs and activities related to it. Thanks.

A: Librarians' Internet Index, Internet Public Library, and National Institute of Health have great lists of children's songs, stories, and fingerplays.

Q: Is the capitol building open for tours on Saturday?

A: Yes, Legislative Hall is open the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information and guidelines on visiting the Capitol please check: http://regulations.delaware.gov/Tour/services/guided_tour.shtml.

Interested in participating in virtual reference? Contact Beth-Ann Ryan at the Division of Libraries, Beth-Ann.Ryan@state.de.us

Libraries and the 1st Amendment

McCormick Freedom Museum

The Freedom Museum seeks enthusiastic library partners to host the provocative new exhibit *Libraries and the First Amendment*. The exhibit was designed to be a flexible, low-cost, customizable display that libraries of any size can accommodate.

The *Libraries and the First Amendment* exhibit was designed by the McCormick Freedom Museum—the civics education division of the McCormick Foundation—in partnership with the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

Libraries and the First Amendment examines the vital role libraries play in the ongoing struggle to define and express freedom and explores four key areas where libraries become First Amendment battlegrounds:

- Challenging books
- Issues of access
- Protecting children
- Providing public meeting space

Libraries who wish to host the exhibit are furnished with a complimentary Exhibit Framework Kit and given access to an array of supplemental exhibition materials. The Freedom Museum provides exhibition support to partner libraries and can offer suggestions for installation and care of the exhibit. In exchange for the exhibit resources and support, partner libraries are asked to provide the Freedom Museum with regular updates and feedback about the exhibit.

To inquire about becoming a library partner, send an email to Libraries@FreedomMuseum.us.



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Off the Page

A Presentation and Book Signing with Barbara Graham

Free
Saturday, October 17
11:00 am

eye of my heart
27 writers reveal the hidden pleasures and perils of being a grandmother

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www.milton.lib.de.us

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Barbara Graham is a noted essayist and playwright, and author of the book *Women Who Run with the Poodles*. She is a contributing writer at *O: The Oprah Magazine*.

Eye of My Heart, a compilation of 28 original essays by noted journalists, novelists, and essayists, each one a grandmother, delves into the cracks as well as the wonder of grandmother-hood.

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