

In the Stacks

April 2017



Fabulous Fridays!

IN HARMONY...

Mike Weyrauch

Singer, songwriter, Mike Weyrauch has been creating music for the last 17 years as a young, self-taught musician. Mike has lived and played music throughout the northeast, from growing up in the PA Poconos, to living outside of Philly; SW Florida for a year; to his current home in Delaware.

Mike has built a Tri-State following of fans that love a great live performance. Recently, Mike had a stint in SW Florida where he's been able to expand his market, and also create new music! His original music has subtle influences of a vast combination of many of the greats, identifiable and palpable to an eclectic listener. He has always enjoyed a variety of genres of music and draws inspiration to write music that mirrors the love of diversity. Mike released his second EP on iTunes entitled "Meaning Behind the Sessions" in June 2013. Be on the lookout for a third EP to be released Spring 2017! All of Mike's music is originally written and has been a therapeutic and artistic journey written solely from his personal experiences and beliefs.

Friday, April 7, 6:30 PM

FAMILY FUN: BOARD GAMES

Join us for a variety of Board Games throughout the Library. Fun for all ages! Fun for the whole family!

Friday, April 14, 6:30 PM

WORLD CINEMA

Mia Madre

Margherita, a director in the middle of an existential crisis, has to deal with the inevitable and still unacceptable loss of her mother. Italian. 1:46. Rated R (for language). 1:46.

Rated R for language. **Friday, April 21, 6:30 PM**

LAST FRIDAY

Fences

It's not easy to translate a stage play into a successful film, but with *Fences*, director and lead actor Denzel Washington has done it to the max, garnering Oscar nods in the process, including a Best Actress award for Viola Davis, along with nominations for Best Film and Best Actor. Though the film is mostly people talking, it crackles

with life because of the two lead performances and careful filming of the story of the impact of a stunted baseball career on a man and his loved ones. As Troy Maxson, Washington effectively portrays a man who can't get over the fact that his career in the Negro League was long over when the color barrier was finally broken. And he takes it out on his family. Washington and Davis had already starred on Broadway in the 2010 revival of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, and both won Tonys for their performances. Their brilliant performances do translate into film. Daniel Barnes of the *Sacramento News & Review* calls *Fences* a "riveting meditation on pride, family and personal weakness;" and Bill Newcott of *AARP Movies for Grownups* praises Charlotte Bruus' cinematography, calling it "fluid and patient and tasteful-in-a-good-way" and says it "conveys a modern American mythology without resorting to sepia-toned shtick." 2:13. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, language and some suggestive references. **Friday, April 28, 6:30 PM**

Some Thoughts on Reading...

I entered librarianship as a career more than thirty years ago first working in an elementary school library and then as a Children's Librarian in a public library system. At that time, our goal was to provide a path to regular reading and to build a life-time of reading enjoyment for children. I am raising my grandchildren now, and my how things have changed in the field of helping children to read! Now it's not just about enjoyment, it's about Fountas, Pinell's Guided Reading program, the Lexile leveling scheme, among others. I came across a very interesting article in *Psychology Today*, February 28, 2017, "Three Myths about Reading Levels," by Paula Schwaneflugel, PhD, which struck a chord with me. Here are some of quotes and take-aways from the article.

Interest and motivation also greatly affect a reader's ability to read a text. An excellent example of this is the recent 'Harry

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Potter” phenomenon, in which thousands of children as young as second grade read and enjoyed three- and four-hundred page books written at fifth- to seventh-grade reading levels, simply because they were fascinated by the magical world created by J.K. Rowling in her series. Most teachers can likewise recount stories of students like the struggling high school reader who tests at a fourth or fifth-grade reading level, but somehow manages to read and understand a motorcycle repair manual written at the tenth-grade level, because he wants to fix up his motorcycle.

...there is good evidence for the benefits of reading texts both above and below one’s official reading level. Reading easier texts can help novice readers, especially, gain fluency and confidence, and can develop readers’ enjoyment of reading at all levels. Consider how many of us enjoy relaxing with a good romance or murder mystery that is well below our adult “reading level”! On the other hand, researchers are finding that challenging students to tackle more complex texts, while supporting them in their efforts to do so, leads to greater growth in reading than simply having them read texts at or just above their current reading levels.

...full comprehension is not necessary for a reader to enjoy and benefit from a book. Certainly students should not be assigned and required to learn from a book that is significantly too difficult for them to read, but most of us, again, remember reading and enjoying in childhood books like *The Secret Garden* or *A Christmas Carol* or *Captains Courageous* without, at first, fully understanding the historical contexts or social issues involved. ... it is often as we grow, and read and then reread such books, that we first gain a sense of history or start to value equality or self-reliance or charity, from stories and characters we have grown to love.

- Reading levels should never be used to limit the texts children may access or try to read.
- Passion, curiosity, and knowledge are at least as important as reading levels in helping children find good things to read.
- Children should not be required/expected to independently read and learn from texts that are considerably above their reading levels.

So my thoughts for today are to let them read! Reading levels may have a very important role in teaching children to read. However, practice, practice, practice increases their skills and ease with the written word. Modeling reading; reading to them at any age; exposing children to a variety of genres; and celebrating whatever it is they are reading are all good starters to put your children on the reading path. The ability to read is a key marker for a successful and productive adulthood. Let them have fun with it. Let them read!

Margie Cyr

PS This just in ... according to AARP, scientific research supports the longevity benefits of reading. “As little as half-hour a day of book reading has a significant survival advantage over those who did not read.” So there you go. Read, read, read!

Life-Wide Learning

Affordable Care Act

Get your questions answered about this important program.

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:00 PM

Diabetes Self-Management Program

This 6 week session of DSMP can help you manage your diabetes by preventing or delaying complications; improving hemoglobin A1C; making better food choices to lose weight, etc. Attendance at each session is desired. To register for the workshop, call the Library at 736-7030.

Wednesday, April 5, 4:30 PM

Purl-Fectly Knit Club

Share your love of needlework with others! Bring in your current knitting, crochet, or other needle project; get help with questions; exchange patterns & tips; or just come to craft and socialize. All skill levels are welcome from novice to epic knitter. Beginners will get help with their projects from more experienced members. **Mondays, April 3 & 17, 6:00 PM**

Discover You: New Beginnings, Part I

Want to jump start your life by discovering the untapped potential inside? Do you feel stuck and want to go forward? Come to this workshop and "Discover You!" This is a group self-discovery event to help anyone recovering from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. The event will involve creative activities, including visual board construction. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scissors and magazines for their vision

boards, but materials will also be provided.

This program will have a FOLLOW-UP EVENT on the evening of Wednesday, April 12. Please call 302-736-7030 to register.

Saturday, April 8, 10:30 AM

Local Author Showcase

Meet six of Delaware’s local authors as they talk about their books and how they got published. The April Showcase authors are Nichole Christopoulos, James Davison, Robin Engstenberg, Paul Mast, Yolanda Soto and Jennell Williams. Authors will have tables in the lobby and copies of their books available for purchase.

Saturday, April 8, 11:00 PM

Discover You: New Beginnings, Pt II

Want to jump start your life by discovering the untapped potential inside? Do you feel stuck and want to go forward? Come to this workshop and "Discover You!" This is a group self-discovery event to help anyone recovering from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. The event will involve creative activities, including visual board construction. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scissors and magazines for their vision boards, but materials will also be provided. This is the second part of the program that started on Saturday, April 8th. Please call 302-736-7030 to register. **Wednesday, April 12, 6:00 PM**



Seeking Safety Support Group

Come find your voice, group support, be heard and understood, share your hopes and dreams. For anyone who would like to find a safe place to be listened to and share. Led by June Lambert of DSAMH/MHA.

Thursdays, April 6, 13 & 20, 1:30 PM

Wesley College SPEAK & Musings: Readings & Open Mic Night

Wesley College's spoken word group SPEAK will host a reading and open mic night in affiliation with Wesley's literary magazine, MUSINGS. More information will be forthcoming.

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM

Coverage to Care

Westside Family Health Care leads a workshop to help the consumer understand common health insurance terms.

Wednesday, April 19, 5:00 PM

COPE Van Outreach & Prevention Services

COPE is the statewide medical RV staffed with a Registered Nurse, Medical Case Manager, and Community Wellness Advocate, to offer a range of medical screenings and referrals to services. COPE offers life-saving screenings and turns no one away. Services to those over 18 who are insured, uninsured or underinsured. Screenings include: Blood Sugar; Blood Pressure; Vision Screening; Body Mass Index (BMI); HIV; Hepatitis C; Pregnancy testing; & more. **Thursday, April 20, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Volunteer Fair

Are you interested in volunteering? Join us for our first annual Volunteer Fair. Meet local organizations who are looking for help: it may be you! **This event is for ages 16 and up.**

Saturday, April 22, 11:00 AM

Tuesday Talks: *Rollin' on the River: Delaware in the American Revolution*

Kim Burdick of the Delaware Archaeological Society leads this month's Tuesday Talks with a lecture on the local waterways and their role in the American Revolution. This is a new topic for 2017!

Tuesday, April 25, 6:00 PM

Color Me Stress-Free

Join us as we color our way to being stress-free. Supplies are provided or you may bring your own!

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 PM

Perennial Plant Sale

The focus on this year's Plant Sale will be perennials and divisions from your garden! Already starting to peak though the ground now, by mid April many perennials will be ready to divide and share with friends! Please support our Plant Sale and share your wealth with others. Bring perennial divisions to the Library beginning **Monday, April 24**. Put them in pots, water them, and label them for identification! Bring them to us! Weather permitting, the Plant Sale will take place in the Reading Garden. This is a fund raising event for the Dover Library Foundation.

Sunday, April 30, 1:00-4:00 PM

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Readers' Corner

History Book Group

This month, the History Book Club will focus on "Our Native American Heritage." One can hardly overstate how the much clash of civilizations between the European invaders and the "Indian" population shaped our national destiny. Our meeting will be chaired by a member of the local Native American community who will present the topic from his perspective. Participants are invited to share books, articles and memories as well as to listen, ask questions & participate in the discussion. Please contact Larry Koch for questions at (302) 335-8344 or by email at larry.koch.2008@comcast.net. For assistance with locating materials, please visit the Library or call 736-7030. **Thursday, April 20, 4:00 PM**

Adult Book Group

Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
One thing you could depend on in Cold Sassy, Georgia, was that word got around - fast. On July 5, 1906, things took a scandalous turn. That was the day that E. Rucker Blakeslee, proprietor of the general store and barely three weeks a widower, eloped with Miss Love Simpson (a woman half his age and, worse yet, a Yankee!) On that day, fourteen-year-old Will Tweedy's adventures began, and an unimpeachably pious town came to life. **Sunday, April 23, 2:00 PM**



Volunteer Fair
[ages 16 & older]
Saturday, April 22
11:00 AM

Perennial Plant Sale
Sunday, April 30
1:00-4:00 PM



Small Business Center

Job Center @ The Inspiration Space

Walk-in Hours

Mondays 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wednesdays, 12:30 - 7:00 PM

Call 736-7030 for other services & information.

Computer Classes

4/4	Computer Basics	1:00 PM
	Email Basics	3:00 PM
4/11	Internet Basics	1:00 PM
	Keyboarding	3:00 PM
4/18	Word Basics	1:00 PM
	Excel Basics	3:00 PM
4/25	PowerPoint	1:00 PM
	Excel Intermediate	3:00 PM

Classes require registration. Call 736-7030.

Entrepreneurial Thursdays

Information & assistance for entrepreneurs.
Videoconferenced workshop on a variety of topics
10:30 AM

APEX Pardons & Expungements. Mondays, 9:15 AM

Financially, What Everyone Needs To Know & Share

Join Dawn Pyne to discover ways you can set goals for your financial future...and then share the info with others!

Monday, April 3, 5:30 PM

Rick VanStory Re-Entry Project. Information session for persons with mental illness who are on probation & addressing life issues while transitioning back into the community. **Tuesday, April 4, 1:00 PM**

There Must Be a Hole in My Pocket

This workshop is to help consumers understand how certain spending choices are made, how to set goals successfully and how to be successful at debt elimination.

Wednesday, April 5, 6:00 PM

Kent County Inter-Agency & Non-Profit Meet Up

Networking lunch (brown-bag) for government agencies & non-profits that provide direct services to the members of our community. We will share our agencies' missions, services, upcoming events, resources & needs.

Thursday, April 13, 12:00-1:30 PM

Stand By Me Financial Coaching

Financial coaching session to provide assistance with handling personal finances. **Thursday, April 20, 9:15 AM**

Delaware libraries are leaders in connecting and inspiring a lifetime of discovery.

The Dover Public Library connects people to a variety of resources and services that inform, educate and entertain!

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FilmFanz

Saturday Matinees

April 1, 2:00 PM: *Queen of Katwe.* 2:04. Rated PG for thematic elements.

April 8, 2:00 PM: *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.* 2:13. Rated PG-13.

Family Fun

Saturday, April 15, 2:00 PM: *Sing!* 1:48. Rated PG.

World Cinema: Foreign Film

Friday, April 21, 6:30 PM: *Mia Madre.* Italian. 1:46. Rated R for language.

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April 4: *Jackie.* 1:35. Rated R for brief, strong violence & language.

April 11: *Arrival.* 1:56. Rated PG-13 for language.

April 18: *Queen of Katwe.* 2:04. Rated PG for thematic elements.

April 25: *Lion.* 1:59. Rated PG-13 for sexuality & language.

Last Friday

April 28, 6:30 PM: *Fences.* 2:13 Rated PG-13 thematic elements & language.

School & Jobs for Teens!

Career & College Bound workshop. This class answers many of your questions about planning and execution of your journey to college. Which college should I choose? How do I get into college? What can I do differently while in high school to plan for my journey to college? You can Go!! **Monday, April 3 & Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 PM**

Resume Writing for Teens, Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 PM

Interview Skills for Teens, Wednesday, April 5, 6:00 PM

To register, please call 736-7030

Teen Job Fair
[ages 15-19]

Thursday, April 6
4:00-7:00 PM



Come dressed to impress & prepared to interview!

