

# Dover Library Foundation

Fall 2017



## Your support is NEEDED!

To expand the opportunities provided through the good work that's delivered by the Library, the Dover Library Foundation Board asks for **YOUR SUPPORT AND A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR.**

Last year's Annual Campaign was so successful that our Endowment reached a milestone putting us well on our way to meeting our goal of \$500,000 as a base for the permanent fund. We are grateful to The Friends of the Library who matched your contributions dollar for dollar raising an additional \$5,000 with their match.

The Board has re-affirmed its continued commitment to growing the Endowment and this year's Appeal again focuses on that effort.

We have created a Fund Raising Committee of creative and energetic library supporters who have big plans for a very special fund raising event in this next year. Lots of planning and prep work are going on for that. It's very exciting. Keep your eyes and ears open for the details!

The Library sparks creativity,  
imagination & fun!



### Our Endowment

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The Library Foundation is a 501 ( C ) 3 non-profit organization founded in 2009 to raise funds to build the new Dover Library facility. The Library was funded, completed and opened to the public in 2012. Since that time, the Board of the Foundation has turned its efforts to the creation of a permanent Endowment for long-term support of the Library.

### Consider a Contribution to the Dover Library Foundation

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my gift be used to support:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Endowment**      \_\_\_\_\_ Program Support      \_\_\_\_\_ Unspecified

Please make checks payable to the Dover Library Foundation

Gifts to the Dover Library Foundation are tax deductible in the United States as allowed by law.

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# Glimpse of a Year, 2016-2017

## Passport Services Come to the Library

In spring 2017, the Library became an official US Passport Service Acceptance Agency. Bringing a much-needed service to the residents of the Delmarva Peninsula and a funding stream to the Library, the service processed 416 Passport customers in its first quarter.



## Winter Reading Challenge

Beginning each January, the Winter Reading Challenge creates an opportunity for adults through young children to read, compete and engage. 2017's Challenge focused on the works of author Roald Dahl. In 2018, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss and have a grand finale on Read Across America Day, Dr. Seuss' birthday which is celebrated nation-wide.



## Comic Con 2017 & 2018

For the fifth year, the Library will host Dover Comic Con. 10,000 attended the event in 2017 and we continued our partnerships with the Biggs Museum and the DE Division of Historical &



Cultural Affairs. The Dover Library Foundation hosted the Food Trucks for Dover Comic Con 2017, raising \$3,500 for the Endowment. Fun was had by all! Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 18, 2018 & get your costumes ready!



## Explorer Tech: Engineers Make a World of Difference

From the American Library Association, this exhibit arrived in time for our 2017 Summer Reading Program Kick Off. The exhibit, on a nation-wide tour, gave young and old alike a glimpse into engineering fields, what the opportunities and challenges are, showcasing the important work that is done by these professionals.



## MakerFest, 2017

was our official Summer Reading Kick Off event. Exhibits and interactive displays inside and outside the Library gave our partners a chance to shine and our visitors a chance to explore different areas of learning and creating.



Consider supporting events such as these which enlighten and feed the imagination of young and old alike.



## A Busy Year

	2017
Members	40,412
Circulation	377,314
E-Book Use	28,397
Visitors	297,163
Computer Use	51,349
Wireless Use	21,930
Program Attendance	35,641
Reference Transactions	27,520

## Planned Giving

Generous gifts made through Planned Estate Giving helps to ensure the Library's future. For more than one hundred years, the Dover Public Library has served as a cornerstone of our community. We continue to grow and to serve increasing numbers of residents through innovative programs, educational workshops and new technologies, continually improving the quality of life for all in the community. The Foundation encourages you to consider making lasting gifts to further advance knowledge and learning in our community into the future. Remembering the Dover Library Foundation in your will ensures that your generous legacy will continue to serve the generations which come behind you. Your gift will be welcomed with gratitude, deeply appreciated and remembered with honor.

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