

In the Stacks

January 2019



Fabulous Fridays

In Harmony...

Robert Dopira

Join Robert Dopira for an evening of classical guitar and familiar tunes. Robert Dopira has been performing on classical guitar for libraries, schools, colleges, churches, & community groups for more than 30 years. He studied guitar with Anna Kotsarenko at Coombs College of Music; Temple and Rutgers universities; and with Albert Valdes-Blain, a protégé of Segovia an international concert/recording artist at Mannes College of Music, NYC and with international concert clarinetist-composer John Russo. He teaches guitar & music classes in the Philadelphia area. Mr. Dopira especially likes guitar pieces taken from other instruments such as piano & strings. His pieces span centuries of music with different styles & moods. From Bach to Albeniz; and Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber, a very expressive program unfolds exploring the guitar's capabilities, providing a unique and entertaining performance. **Friday, January 4, 6:30 PM**

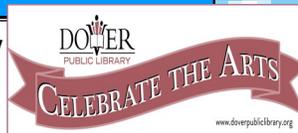
Family Fun: *Storybook Golf*

Play through six (6) holes of storybook-themed mini golf. This is a fun-filled program for children of all ages and their families. **Friday, January 11, 6:30 PM**

Celebrate the Arts

Create a Snowy Owl & Backyard Bird Feeder

Remember our feathered friends this Winter! Sheila Townsend, art educator at the Dover Art League with over 30 years of experience teaching adults & children, will lead this hands-on teaching demonstration. Create a snowy wintry owl out of cotton balls & pine cones, and build your own backyard bird feeder using pine cones, peanut butter & birdseed. A fun project for all ages. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Art supplies will be provided. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call 736-7030. **Friday, January 18, 6:30 PM**



Last Friday: *Tea with the Dames*

What happens when four legends of British stage & screen get together? Dame Maggie Smith, Dame Judi Dench, Dame Eileen Atkins, and Dame Joan Plowright are among the most celebrated actresses of our time, with scores of iconic performances, decades of wisdom, and innumerable Oscars, Tony's, Emmys & BAFTAs between them. They are also longtime friends who invite you to join them for a weekend in the country as they catch up with one another, reminisce & share their candid, delightfully irreverent thoughts on everything from art to aging to love to a life lived in the spotlight. Their filmed get-together, *Tea With The Dames*, (originally titled *Nothing Like a Dame* when it was released in the UK earlier this year), allows us to sit quietly among these extraordinary, "legendary" women at Joan Plowright's home in the English countryside and eavesdrop on their tales of horrible bullying directors (all men, of course); their self-doubt and lack of courage even after they'd achieved enviable success; and the peculiarities and indignities of getting old as women, particularly in our culture, which has little use for little old ladies. (Needless to say, they smash the stereotype of the "little old lady"). "For the simple idea of sitting them all at a table and turning on a couple of movie cameras, the director Roger Michell should get a royal commendation himself," says Glenn Kenny of the *New York Times*. "If you don't already adore and worship these women before you see this film (though what is wrong with you if you don't); you will afterward," adds MaryAnn Johanson of *Flick Filosopher*. 1:24. Not rated but contains profanity. **Friday, January 25, 6:30 PM**

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Holiday Mysteries

Grave Apparel by Ellen Byerrum

Sweatergate, an assault with a giant candy cane, & a chance encounter with a homeless child in a stolen shepherd's robe send Lacey on an unlikely Christmas quest in this next book in Ellen Byerrum's *Crime of Fashion* series. Set in Washington, DC, *Grave Apparel* is a heartwarming Christmas tale that is both humorous & substantive.

Wreath Between The Lines by Daryl Wood Gerber

The award-winning author returns to the Cookbook Nook, where Jenna Hart is decking the halls & ducking a killer. This is a tasty culinary cozy mystery featuring a lot of holiday fun. Lights, candles, action!

A Cajun Christmas Killing by Ellen Byron

In Pelican, LA, Christmas is a season of bonfires on the levee, zydeco carols & pots of gumbo. But this year, the Grinch has come to stay at the Crozat Plantation B&B. Maggie must help catch a killer or it will be the opposite of a Joyeux Noel for the Crozat family.

Murder With All the Trimmings by Shawn R. Simmons
It's Christmas in the Big Apple & Penelope is home for the holidays! She's looking forward to spending time with her loved ones. She's also catering her first documentary, a history of the Vitrine Theater and the Big Apple Dancers, who put on the world-famous Christmas Extravaganza. When one of the dancers turns up dead before opening night, the police are at a loss to find who has it out for the theater company.

Tied Up with Strings by Madeline McEwen

When detective Betty Grape visits a friend, who is housesitting in a village in England for Christmas, something seems out of place. Betty discovers the locals are full of gossip but reluctant to share facts. Though they are determined to keep Betty from butting in, she blunders through the social morass & their accents to investigate.

The Darling Dahlias and the Poinsettia Puzzle

By Susan Wittig Albert

It's Christmas, 1934. The citizens of Darling, AL, are unwrapping a package of Christmas puzzles. Author Susan Wittig Albert takes us to a place where real people have courage, respect for neighbors & the dream of doing their best. Christmas is a celebration of friendship, community & what's right with the world. There's nothing puzzling about that!

A Midwinter's Tail by Bethany Blake

When pet sitter Daphne finds pet-store founder Celeste French under Sylvan Creek's Christmas tree, stabbed with a pair of professional-grade pet shears, suspicion lands on Daphne's friend, groomer Moxie Bloom. Immersing readers in holiday quaintness, the book offers avenues for discussion; it touches upon coping with a veteran's PTSD, trouble-making pets, old grudges & "progress" at the expense of charm in a small town.

The Body in the Sleigh by Katherine Hall Page

"The Christmas Eve sky was filled with stars when Mary Bethany found a baby in her barn." Mary calls on Faith, whose family is in Sanpere Island, ME, for the holidays, to help find the baby's mother. The book is seasonal with fun holiday details, it's "a gripping whodunit & a classic tale of hope" with much to discuss.

Frost on the Bloom by Sally Handley

In the second book in the *Holly and Ivy* series, one of Holly's former students, Becky, asks the sisters for help when they spend Christmas at Skyview Manor. Becky becomes the suspect in the attempted murder of her manipulative grandmother. Holly's involvement becomes a source of contention with Detective Manelli, threatening their romance. Can their relationship continue & the sisters try to catch a cold-blooded killer?

Bad-Mouthed by Susan J. Kroupa

Laugh out loud with Doodle, the obedience-impaired labradoodle who won the hearts of dog lovers of all ages. The book examines several issues worth discussion including the responsibilities & over-reaches of social media, the devastating effects of a racist act & the complicated and painful negotiations of a split couple who want to give their daughter a Christmas.

AARP Tax Assistance

Free tax assistance with a focus on service to Seniors & low-income families.

Fridays, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

February 1-April 12

Appointments are required.

Please call 736-7030.

Life-Wide Learning

Seeking Safety Support Group

"Seeking Safety" is a present-focused, coping skills therapy to help people attain safety from trauma and/or substance abuse. The goals are to reduce trauma; & increase safe coping in relationships, thinking, emotions & behavior.

Thursdays, January 3, 17, 31, 12:30 PM

Active Shooter Situations in the Workplace

Polytech High School's Health Occupations Students of America will present a workshop on how to respond to active shooter situations in the workplace.

Sunday, January 6, 2:00 PM

DIY @ the Library: Clay Pot Snowmen

Join us for easy & fun DIY crafts! This month we'll be making clay pot snowmen. Please call 302-736-7030 to register.

Sunday, January 6, 3:00 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, January 7, 14, 28, 6:00 PM

LGBTQ+ Social Group

A safe space for 18 and up LGBTQ+ folks to meet and have fun with group activities and educational discussions.

Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 PM

Local Author Visit: Angela Hill

Join local author Angela Hill as she discusses and reads from her book *I Was Broken But Not Destroyed: Poems and Messages for the Heart*. **Saturday, January 12, 1:00 PM**

The Vision Workshop: 3 Keys to Accelerate Results

In 1853, Henry David Thoreau wrote the famous essay *Walden*, which contains a hidden code for prosperous living. During this dynamic Vision workshop, led by Kerry McElwee, you will unlock this code so that you can harness your life's purpose & the prosperity you deserve! Kerry McElwee has been a victim advocate & group facilitator for over 20 years. She has a passion to help people unlock their dreams & live a life they truly LOVE. Register by email: faithbagsbykerry@gmail.com

Sunday, January 13, 1:00 PM

Diabetes Self-Management Program

Diabetes is a complex chronic illness that requires ongoing monitoring to slow or prevent complications. In this six week

program, participants will learn strategies to prevent and/or delay health complications; improve blood sugar readings; make healthier food choices; control glucose levels through exercise & stress management; and communicate better with health care providers. Registration is required, either by calling 302-744-1020 or 302-736-7030.

Tuesdays, January 15, 22, 29, 4:30 PM

Poets' Retreat

Calling all poets! Share your work, listen to others and discuss poetry of all kinds in an open and supportive environment, facilitated by Hannah W., former member of Springfield Poets and Writers. This program is for those ages 18+. **Tuesday, January 15, 5:30 PM**

Beginner's Mat Yoga

Gain balance and strength while learning the fundamentals of Hatha Yoga, which concentrates on stationary poses and breathing exercises, in this beginner class with Crystal Lee. Attendees will need to bring their own mat. Registration requested. Please call 302-736-7030.

Wednesday, January 16, 11:00 AM

Author Readings with the Eastern Shore Writers Association

An afternoon of readings & discussions with contributing authors to the new ESWA anthology *Bay to Ocean 2018: the Year's Best Writing from the Eastern Shore Writers Association*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. **Sunday, January 20, 2:00 PM**

Introduction to Meditation

Learn about meditation in this one hour introductory workshop with Mike Nielsen. Meditation can help reduce stress as well as increase calmness & clarity. Take some time for your own well-being by simply trying to observe your breath for 10-15 minutes a day, & begin to see the "busy-ness" of your mind.

Saturday, January 26, 2:00 PM

Tuesday Talks: "Shovel Bums" Show n' Tell Artifacts!

Local archaeologists share their favorite artifacts & explain why they love 'em. Some things are mysteries (they might not even know what they are), you get to guess. What's more, YOU may bring in your own items to share with the professional & avocational archaeologists in attendance. This program is sponsored by The Archaeological Society of DE which is all about local archaeology & the discovery & preservation of history (and prehistory). There is always more to learn and there are exciting opportunities for volunteers.

Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 PM

Readers' Corner

Other Worlds Book Group

Join us each month at the Grey Fox Grille for a great book discussion, along with food & drink specials! This month we'll be reading *Artemis* by Andy Weir. For ages 18+. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 PM

History Book Group

Please join us for this month's discussion of "Persons of Interest," such as Benedict Arnold & others. All are invited to share books, articles & memories as well as to listen, ask questions & participate. 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 302-736-7030.

Thursday, January 17, 4:00 PM

Adult Book Group

Join us for the first meeting of 2019 of the Adult Book Group. We will discuss our recent reads and preview the reading schedule for 2019. All are welcome!

Sunday, January 27, 2:00 PM

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FilmFans

**Saturday Matinee
2:00 PM**

January 5: *BLACKKKlansman*. 2:15. Rated R for disturbing & violent material & sexual references.

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January 8: *The King*. 1:47. Rated R for language, disturbing images & drug use.

January 15: *Support the Girls*. 1:30. Rated R for raunchy humor & language.

January 22: *Bill Nye Science Guy*. 1:41. Rated PG.

January 29: *BLACKKKlansman*. 2:15. Rated R for disturbing & violent material & sexual references.

Fridays: 6:30 PM

January 25: *Tea with the Dames*. 1:24. Not rated but contains profanity.

LIBRARIES TRANSFORM®

2019 Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is open to all ages. Sign up begins on Saturday, January 19. Program runs through March 17.

For every 10 hours read & logged, **children** will be entered to win a prize. For every 3 books read & reviewed, **teens & adults** will be entered to win a prize.

The more you read, the greater the chances of winning!

Go to doverlibrary.beanstack.com to log your reading. Call 302-736-7030 with any questions.



January 19, 11 AM - 2 PM
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