

# In the Stacks

## February 2019



### *Fabulous Fridays*

#### **In Harmony...**

#### ***Celebrating Black History***

#### **Steel Drummers**

Join the Steel Drummers for an evening of music and history. Learn how drumming was used not only for music and celebrations, but also as a communication tool. This month's *In Harmony...* concert is one of the events in the 3rd Annual City-wide Black History Celebration. **Friday, February 1, 6:30 PM**

#### **Family Fun: *Frederick Douglass and the Fight for Literacy***

Presented by Baba Bomani, this multi-media mix of music, rap, and videos explores the life and career of Frederick Douglass. It is an exciting introduction to literacy that serves as an example of the importance of education. For the whole family. This concert is one of the events in the 3rd Annual City-wide Black History Celebration. **Friday, February 8, 6:30 PM**

#### **Celebrate the Arts**

#### ***The Art of African Drumming***

"It's your turn to drum, Dover!" As part of Dover's City-wide Black History

Celebration, Dennis Minus will lead audience members in a hands-on Community Drum Circle. Mr. Minus will share many aspects and techniques on the art of African Drumming. Audience members will have the opportunity to play African-inspired drums and other percussion instruments. "If you have a drum at home, bring it!" Dennis Minus is the founder and Director of Daande Lenol African Ballet & Drum Company and former Artistic Director and co-founder of the Sankofa African Dance & Drum Company.

**Friday, February 15, 6:30 PM**



#### **Last Friday: *The Wife***

What makes a marriage work? What makes it last? There is no one answer, but in the case of Joan and Joe Castleman, it has involved a lot of sacrifice on the part of the wife. We see this, and more, in *The Wife*, starring Glenn Close and Jonathan Price. Much of the drama subtly plays over the face of Close, who won a Best Actress Golden Globe for this role, literally the role of a lifetime: with young Joan portrayed by Close's real daughter. After nearly forty years of marriage, the Castlemans are complements. Where Joe is casual, Joan is elegant. Where Joe is vain, Joan is self-effacing. And where Joe enjoys his very public role as Great American Novelist, Joan pours her considerable intellect, grace, charm, and diplomacy into the private role of Great Man's Wife. Joe is about to be awarded the Nobel Prize for his acclaimed and prolific body of work when the film begins. In fact, Joe's literary star has blazed since he and Joan first met, when she was his very talented student. *The Wife* interweaves the story of the couple's youthful passion and ambition with a portrait of a marriage, 30+ years later, a lifetime's shared compromises, secrets, betrayals, and mutual love. When watching the film's early scenes, you may want to follow this advice from Johanna Schneller of the *Globe and Mail*: "Imagine what she's feeling because you will imagine something much different by the end." Jorge Dastillo of *Prairie Dog Magazine* agrees with other critics who praise Close's performance, but adds, "Pryce is beat-by-beat as good as the man who buys into his own hype. The expertly calibrated duel remains anchored in reality throughout." 1:40. Rated R for language and some sexual content.

**Friday, February 22, 6:30 PM**

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## The Biggest Book to Movie Adaptations of 2019

By T.A. Maclagan

If you love movies based on books, you're going to love 2019's line-up of new film adaptations. There's something for everyone! Grab your calendar & check out the biggest books to movies 2019 has to offer.

*The Rhythm Section* by Mark Burnell

*The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James

The adaptation is called *The Turning*.

*The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness

The adaptation is called *Chaos Walking*.

*The Aftermath* by Rhidian Brook

*The Good Shepherd* by C. S. Forester

The adaptation is called *Greyhound*.

*Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple

*Three Seconds* by Anders Roslund & Börge Hellström

The adaptation is called *The Informer*.

*Pet Sematary* by Stephen King

*The Best of Enemies* by Osha Gray Davidson

*After* by Anna Todd

*The Impossible* by Joyce Smith

The adaptation is titled *Breakthrough*.

*The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

*A Dog's Journey* by W. Bruce Cameron

*The Sun Is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon

*Artemis Fowl* by Erin Colfer

*Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Alvin Schwartz

*It* by Stephen King

The adaptation is titled, *It: Chapter Two*.

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

*The Woman in the Window* by A. J. Finn

*The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

*The Good Liar* by Nicholas Searle

*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*All the Bright Places* by Jennifer Niven

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

*The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

*Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem

## Life-Wide Learning

### DIY @ the Library: Woven CD Coasters

This month we'll make woven CD coasters! To register, please call 736-7030. **Sunday, February 3, 2:00 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, February 4, 11, 25, 6:00 PM**

### Foreclosure Prevention

Presented by the Nat'l Council on Agricultural & Labor Research Fund, Inc. (NCALL), this is a lifeline to households caught in the country's foreclosure crisis by offering default & foreclosure prevention counseling & impartial reviews of the options for preserving your home. With NCALL's assistance, families are empowered to make informed decisions about their housing future. Please call 736-7030 to register.

**Monday, February 4, 6:30 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 744-1020 or 736-7030.

**Tuesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 4:30 PM**

### Know Your Rights: Custody

Jayce R. Lesniewski, Esq., with Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., presents an informational session on DE's child custody laws, policies & procedures. He provides step-by-step instructions on how to file a Custody Petition & guidance on navigating the Family Court process. Topics include custody, visitation, custody modifications & temporary custody through a Protection from Abuse Orders. A question & answer session follows the presentation. **Tuesday, February 5, 6:00 PM**

### Opioid Overdose Prevention & Education

Learn how to prevent, recognize & respond to opioid overdoses in this important & timely educational workshop presented by Brandywine Counseling & Community Services. **Wednesday, February 6, 6:00 PM**

**Clutterbug, Collector or Hoarder? Do You Know the Difference?** This discussion will focus on the psychological & emotional reasons for hoarding, the health hazards associated with this condition, and tips for interacting with those who have hoarding issues.

**Thursday, February 7, 10:30 AM**

**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, February 7 & 21, 12:30 PM**

**African Americans & the Civil War**

This program is part of the 3rd Annual City-wide Black History Celebration. At first they were not allowed to fight. Then they were; and more than 180,000 signed up. This is a presentation on African Americans and their role in the Civil War. It examines the challenges African Americans faced. It puts a face to soldiers who fought valiantly for the Union cause & freedom; to civilians, men & women, who assisted Union efforts. This program is presented by educator, Kathy Trusty, and is made possible by a grant from the DE Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment of the Humanities. For more information, please call 736-7030. **Thursday, February 7, 6:30 PM**

**New Year, New You: 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 "busyness" of your mind. **Sunday, February 10, 2:00 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, February 12, 6:30 PM**

**The Schools that P.S. DuPont Built**

This program is part of the 3rd Annual Citywide Black History Celebration. Between 1920 & 1930 P. S. Dupont built 85 schools for African-Americans in DE. These schools were called the "Great Experiment" and were intended to improve the quality of life of African-Americans. In 1952 Louis L. Redding sued the State of DE to end segregation and to close the DuPont schools. The Hockessin School & the Claymont High School were integrated after Louis L. Redding won the Belah vs. Gebhart case. All DE schools were integrated while the DuPont schools closed after the Brown vs. the Board of Education decision was made. This presen-

tation, led by Syl Woolford, reviews the planning which took place to build these schools & the experience of the students who attended them. For those who lived through this experience, it is a celebration of the progress made with the aid of these DuPont Schools. For those who are not familiar with the DuPont schools, it's a look back at time in American history when race was a dominant factor of all American's daily life.

**Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 PM**

**Poet's Retreat**

Calling all poets! Share your work, listen to others & discuss poetry of all kinds in an open & supportive environment, facilitated by Hannah, former member of Springfield Poets & Writers. This program is for those ages 18+. **Tuesday, February 19, 5:30 PM**

**Landlord-Tenant 101**

Let's start at the beginning with the Security Deposit. Plenty of information & time for questions to be answered about Landlord-Tenant issues.

**Thursday, February 21, 10:30 AM**

**Tuesday Talks: "Digging More Than Dirt"**

Curious about archaeology or have a strong interest in digging up the past? Learn about the basic concepts & terminology of archaeology in this presentation led by John Bansch, Volunteer Coordinator of Archaeology Projects for the Historic Odessa Foundation. He will address a variety of topics including what an archaeology site is & how it is found; the three phases of an archaeology project; artifact dating, management & control; why archaeology is important & more. While geared to archaeology beginners, experienced volunteers & even professional archaeologists are encouraged to come & participate. John is an avocational archaeologist who has served as the ASD Sussex Chapter President. He will talk about his experiences at the Lewes Shipwreck Lab; the Avery's Rest and Wildcat Manor archaeology sites; the Corbit Tannery & the Odessa Cannery sites. This program is sponsored by the Archaeological Society of DE.

**Tuesday, February 26, 6:00 PM**

**Creative Passions**

Relive and revive your creative side by working on writing, poetry, and various arts among your peers and receiving creative feedback. The program is run by author and poet S. Raven Storm. For more information, call 736-7030 or email S. Raven Storm at sravenstorm@gmail.com.

**Wednesday, February 27, 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 *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut. For ages 18+. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

**Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 PM**

### History Book Group

This program is part of the 3rd Annual Citywide Black History Celebration. Join us for this month's discussion of "A Lynching in Delaware," a little known event in our history. All are invited to share books, articles & memories as well as to listen, ask questions and participate. Please contact Larry Koch for questions, 302-335-8344, or by email [larry.koch.2008@comcast.net](mailto:larry.koch.2008@comcast.net). For assistance with locating materials, please visit the library or call 736-7030. **Thursday, February 21, 4:00 PM**

### Adult Book Group

*Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf  
A spare yet eloquent, bittersweet yet inspiring story of a man and a woman who, in advanced age, come together to wrestle with the events of their lives and their hopes for the imminent future.

**Sunday, February 24, 2:00 PM**

### Our Shared Book Shelf

*The Things I Would Tell You: British Muslim Women Write*, edited by Sabrina Mahfouz

Our Shared Shelf is a Feminist book club founded by UN Women Goodwill Ambassador Emma Watson that meets bi-monthly. All are welcome! **Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 PM**

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**FilmFans**

### Saturday Matinee 2:00 PM

**February 2:** *Jane*. 1:30. Rated PG for thematic elements.

### 2sdays, 2:00 PM

**February 5:** *Love & Bananas: An Elephant Story*. 1:17. Not rated.

**February 12:** *Jane*. 1:30. Rated PG for thematic elements.

**February 19:** *Tea with the Dames*. 1:24. Not rated but contains language.

**February 22:** *Colette*. 1:51. Rated R for sexuality & nudity.

### Fridays: 6:30 PM

**February 22:** *The Wife*. 1:40. Rated R for language & sexual content.

### 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.

## 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](http://doverlibrary.beanstack.com) to log your reading. Call 302-736-7030 with any questions.

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