

In the Stacks

August 2019



Fabulous Fridays

In Harmony...

Chaplin the Kid

Join us for an evening of alternate Country. Chaplin the Kid provides a unique & a multi genre sound. They bring an unmatched energy to each and every performance. The Kid is fronted by lead vocalist Patrick Liberatore. With a long standing background in the music industry; he has developed a way to combine the genres we know & put a completely unexpected twist on them. Patrick is also a drummer currently backed by SJC drums, and he is a three time NAMM invitee. Joining Patrick is Jon Veselsky on drums. He has spent several years playing metal. He is currently backed by haram drumsticks and is a NAMM invitee. This concert takes place at **Loockerman Way Plaza** and is part of the First Friday evening events. Please bring a **blanket or chair for seating**. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Dover Library. **Friday, August 2, 6:30 PM**

Family Fun: David Darwin



One Man Sideshow

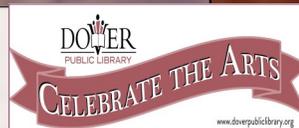
A circus spectacular for people of all ages. David Darwin presents a mixture of juggling, unicycling, and vaudeville era entertainment. All ages are welcome for this evening of ooo's and ahhh's. **Friday, August 9, 6:30 PM**

Celebrate the Arts

The Real Middle Earth

Join us for this fascinating documentary which takes us in J.R.R. Tolkien's footsteps and investigates the landscapes, buildings, places and names that helped shape Middle Earth. Sir Ian Holm narrates this exploration into an imaginary world. 58 minutes. Not rated.

Friday, August 23, 6:30 PM



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Last Friday: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace is a moving celebration of the late Aretha Franklin. There are no grand gestures of narrative here, just a simple, delightful montage of Franklin's music & the community that gathers to sing & rejoice with her. Using never-before-seen raw footage from the 1972 two-day live recording of Franklin's gospel album (of the same name) at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in LA, the film beautifully etches on celluloid the community, spirit & effervescence around Franklin's music. Shot originally by the late Sydney Pollack for Warner Brothers to accompany the release of her album, the film ran into problems with syncing picture & sound and was never shown. In the wake of Franklin's passing, and after the long uncorrected difficulties were resolved, her family decided to release the film. *Amazing Grace* resurrects Franklin's heartfelt, soulful gospel music. Riding on her success & Grammy wins, Franklin returns to the "songs of her childhood," belting out gospel tunes for the album, which still stands as the best-selling live gospel music album of all time. *Amazing Grace* defies genre categorizations, it's not quite a biographical drama nor a musical documentary. The film revels in its modest approach: there are no talking heads or lengthy background exposition, neither great plot nor spectacular conflict. The film stays in just one location, the warm embrace of the church. *Amazing Grace* is a sweet homage not just to music, but also to the patient art of filmmaking. It paints a sincere portrait of a talented artist at work. Beads of sweat slowly accumulate, amplified through the multiple close-up shots of Franklin's face, a testament to the passage of time & the singer pouring heart & soul into her craft. In between the long takes of Franklin singing, the film cuts to the audience that has

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come to attend. People, from young to old, rise from their seats to dance, revel, clap & cheer. There is a choir that accompanies Franklin & her father, the great gospel musician, Rev. James Cleveland. Rock-star Mick Jagger is also present. This film is not just about Franklin, but also about the communities that have inspired, guided & celebrated her music. 1:27. Rated G.

Friday, August 30, 6:30 PM

Publisher Weekly's Staff Picks for Summer Reads 2019

Aurora Rising by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff

My favorite reads last year were the *Illuminae* series, which Kaufman & Kristoff co-wrote. When I learned that they were collaborating again, I don't think I can describe my excitement. An SF YA with an ensemble cast of misfits, blistering sarcasm & characters who are really good at what they do but terrible when interacting with other people?

Drucilla Shultz, asst ed

The October Man by Ben Aaronovitch

It's lucky that Aaronovitch turns out new additions in his *Rivers of London* supernatural police procedural series so often, since their humor & sexy river gods make them perfect in any season. The latest is a spin-off, introducing a new protagonist, magic-practicing cop Tobias Winter, in a new setting. It's a wine-related mystery I can't wait to uncork. Hannah Kushnick, rev. ed

The Paper Wasp by Lauren Acampora

The feeling when you know things are about to go horribly wrong, but you're not sure exactly how & you can't look away? That's the sensation of reading Acampora's novel, which opens with Abby, an artistic near recluse in a dead-end job, on her way to visit Elise, a promising Hollywood actress, after they've reconnected at their school reunion. The thing about rekindling a friendship, it just might end in ashes. Carolyn Juris, feat. ed

The Perfect Fraud by Ellen LaCorte

What is a beach read exactly? It's a perfect page-turner that adds to the bliss of summer. This one hits all the marks with two women, one a reluctant fourth-generation commitment-phobic faux psychic, the other a brash single mother with a very sick child. The tension rises as the women's lives collide in the red rocks of Sedona. Louisa Ermelino, ed-at-large

The Redemption of Time: A Three-Body Problem Novel

By Baoshu, trans. by Ken Liu

Nine years ago, novelist Cixin Liu published *Death's End* in China, finishing his 1,500-page *Remembrance of Earth's Past* trilogy. "No matter how many posts we wrote, the magnificent, grand arc of the trilogy was at an end," Baoshu writes, describing the "melancholy" that inspired him to write a fanfiction tribute. This cosmic Romeo & Juliet story takes a journey back to

Liu's fictional universe (with the master's blessing). Jason Boog, West Coast corr.

Red, White & Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

In McQuiston's alternate universe, the US elected a Texan woman president in 2016. Her half-Mexican son, Alex, is obsessed with Henry, Prince of Wales, whom he thinks a tiresome bore, until Henry gets tired of dropping hints & kisses him. Funny late-night texting & passionately romantic letters ensue. Their story cracked me up almost nonstop, with tension, politics & happy sniffing to balance the humor. McQuiston's royal rom-com is absolutely divine. Rose Fox, Sr. reviews ed

Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok

When I was invited to a lunch for Kwok, the author of *Girl in Translation* & other novels, I thought there was a mistake. After all, I'm *PW's* mystery/thriller editor. It turns out Kwok's latest centers on an insecure young woman's search for her sister, Sylvie, who's gone missing. My curiosity piqued, I started to read. No surprise, the interpersonal relationships keep the pages turning. Peter Cannon, senior ed

Vintage 1954 by Antoine Laurain

Two things I love: Paris in the fall & time travel as a plot device in fiction. Three Parisians & an American tourist share an aged bottle of Beaujolais & the next morning wake up to a world that no longer exists. This is the perfect summer read: clever, yet light & breezy; full of a joie de vivre that I associate with the French. Claire Kirch, Midwest corr

BTTM FDRS by Ezra Clayton Daniels & Ben Passmore

This is an imaginative Afrofuturist horror story, a grisly, albeit tongue-in-cheek, urban monster tale that lampoons the hollow racial & class-identity poseurs of the social media set. A creative collaboration between two indie comics stars, this graphic novel directs its satirical barbs at both white & black hipsters & offers an inspired & comic literary response to the destructive impact of gentrification & racial displacement in blighted urban neighborhoods. Calvin Reid, Sr news

Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips

Three decades ago, I traveled to Siberia. I was hoping to sneak into the remote peninsula of Kamchatka but only made it as far as Irkutsk; but Phillips, in this beautifully written novel, takes me right there. It's the story of two sisters who disappear somewhere within the 180,000 square miles of remote wilderness & mountains. Phillips tells a story of Kamchatka's residents in

the wake of the girls' disappearance & gracefully explores the tension between Russians & Kamchatka's indigenous inhabitants. Mark Rotella, Sr ed

The Dry Heart by Natalia Ginzburg, trans. by Frances Frenaye

I'm always drawn to short novels that pack a punch: Fleur Jaeggy's *Sweet Days of Discipline*, & Willem Fredrick Hermans's *An Untouched House* are all the more powerful for how brief they are. It's less about finding the time to read Natalia Ginzburg's *The Dry Heart*, an 83-page novel about an Italian woman who shoots & kills her husband, than it is preparing yourself for it. Gabe Habash, deputy reviews ed

Home Remedies by Xuan Juliana Wang
Endearing characters with odd fixations fill Wang's collection, a perfect book to dip into this summer. Two synchronized divers grow up with lives & bodies completely entwined. A 10-year-old works for her parents' travel agency & suddenly falls under the spell of a *qi* master. A massive Chinese carp bloom clogs American rivers. Largely caught up within the US-China "import-export boom of the early nineties," Wang's characters are fresh, clever & shouldn't be missed. Seth Satterlee, reviews ed

Hot Comb by Ebony Flowers
"I liked getting my hair braided by my mother," Flowers says, simply in the story that opens her collection of comic narratives woven around the lives of black women, girls & their hair care rites of passage. Strand by strand, she binds together tales about family, race (racism) & culture with a sharp intellectual intimacy reminiscent of Zora Neale Hurston spun with cartooning exuberance influenced by Lynda Barry, in wry, curlicue drawings. Meg Lemke, reviews ed

Life-Wide Learning

Games Unplugged

Take a break from the heat with card & board games, or Sudoku & puzzles. If you are looking for something more relaxing we also have coloring materials. Ask at the Adult Services desk on Fridays throughout the summer.

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, All Day

UFO's? MUFON Case 47,000

Was there a near mid-air collision with an unidentified flying object over the greater Danielsville & Allentown, PA area in 2013? Learn about the Mutual Unidentified

Flying Object Network's (MUFON) ongoing investigation with Bill Weber, President of the Delaware chapter.

Saturday, August 3, 11:00 AM

Diabetes Self-Management Program

In this six week course, participants will learn how to self-manage their health condition or diabetes; communicate effectively with health care professionals; prevent or delay complications; make better food choices; exercise; lose weight. Registration is required due to limited space. Please call 736-7030. A minimum of four registrations will be required for the class to be held. **Tuesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:30 PM**

Poet & Writers' Retreat

Calling all poets & writers! Share your work, listen to others and discuss in an open & supportive environment, facilitated by Hannah, former member of Springfield Poets & Writers. This program is for ages 18+.

Tuesdays, August 6 & 20, 5:30 PM

Lyme Disease Prevention Program.

The BLAST Lyme Disease Campaign, coordinated through the DE Div. of Public Health, is working to raise awareness about tick-borne diseases in DE. Health Educator, Emily Marshall, will lead a presentation about ticks, where to find them & how to avoid them. Learn the signs & symptoms of Lyme Disease & prevention strategies to keep oneself & your loved ones safe.

Thursday, August 15, 10:30 AM

Healing Benefits of Gardening

Do you know the powerful effects gardening has on your health? At this workshop, the audience will learn about the important role gardening can have on health & how to get started. **Thursday, August 22, 10:30 AM**

Tuesday Talks: "Three Decades of Digging: Archaeology at the Tomas Robinson House in New Castle County"

Join Wade P. Catts, RPA, for a presentation on thirty years of archaeology on the Thomas Robinson House. Since 1971, four archaeological investigations have been completed on the grounds of the state-owned property located in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle County. Archaeological testing in the 1970's examined the north & east yards and determined that the summer kitchen was not a Swedish blockhouse dating to the seventeenth century. Historical research & architectural interpretations completed in 2003 expand upon previous architectural assessments & shed new light on the house & grounds. These studies coupled with investigations in 1998 reveal a much more complex history of the property than was initially assumed & provide a scholarly perspective on the history & development of the site. This program is sponsored by the Archaeological Society of DE.

Tuesday, August 27, 6:00 PM

FilmFans

2sdays, 2:00 PM

- August 6:** *They Shall Not Grow Old*. 1:39. Rated R for violence.
- August 13:** *Just Charlie*. 1:35. Not rated; but contains strong language.
- August 20:** *Gloria Bell*. 1:42. Rated R for language, sexuality & some drug use.
- August 27:** *Sammy Davis, Jr.: I've Got to Be Me*. 1:40. Not rated.

Fridays: 6:30 PM

- August 23:** *The Real Middle Earth*. 58 mins. Not Rated.
- August 30:** *Amazing Grace*. 1:27. Rated G.

Saturday Matinee: 2:00 PM

- August 3:** *Just Charlie*. 1:35. Not rated but contains strong language.

**Return to Middle Earth
Film Series**

Sundays, 1:15 PM

August 4

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring. 3:48. Rated PG-13

August 11

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers. 3:55. Rated PG-13

August 18

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. 3:21. Rated PG-13

Friday, 6:30 PM

The Real Middle Earth
58 mins. Not rated

Sunday, 1:15 PM

August 25
Tolkien. 1:52. Rated PG-13.

Readers' Corner

Adult Book Group

The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict
Einstein. Just hearing that name likely brings a smile to your face, as you picture the mischievous wild-haired scientist with the twinkle in his eye. In *The Other Einstein*, readers get a view of the woman behind the genius, his first wife Mileva Maric, a strong willed & brilliant physics student who refused to let society dictate her life's path, but who lost her way when love came on the scene.

Sunday, August 11, 2:00 PM

Celebrity Spine Benders Book Group

Join us each month for a discussion of celebrity book club picks. Every meeting features a different celebrity's recommendation. This month's book is *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green, an Andrew Luck Book Club Selection. Copies of the book are available at the Library's checkout desk. **Tuesday, August 13, 6:30 PM**

History Book Club

Calling all history fans! Join us for a planning session to choose the topics for discussion for the upcoming year of the History Book Club, as well as possible special topics and lectures.

Thursday, August 15, 4:00 PM

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're reading *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett. For ages 18+. Copies of the book are available at the Library. **Wednesday, August 21, 6:30 PM**

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