

In the Stacks

October 2019



Fabulous Fridays

In Harmony...

Stone Jack Ballers

Join Stone Jack Ballers (SJB), Delaware's premier Jam Band, for an evening of rock and original music. The band is a three piece acoustic jam band that features the talents of local musicians Brian McDaniel on guitar and vocals; Geoff Frazier on percussion and backing vocals; "Mac" McIntyre on saxophone; and the occasional guest or two to keep everyone on their musical toes. They improv classic rock songs and turn them into something new, yet recognizable. Their original music has the feel of something old with a touch of something new. One fan said, "It's music from the heart that hits you right between the eyes." SJB is heavily influenced by the Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers, The Band, and other similar acts. They have grown to be a regional favorite on the jam band circuit over the past five years & are currently working on their first studio album. SJB brings a blend of unique instrumentation, musical knowledge, and musical experiences together to achieve an energetic, harmonious, and pleasurable sound.

Friday, October 4, 6:30 PM

Family Fun: *The First State Force Band*

Join The First State Force Band for a rocking good time. The First State Force Band, which has been in existence since 1988, reaches out to today's youth through music, giving young people an anti-drug, anti-violence message, anti-bullying, and providing them with rocking positive role models. **Friday, October 11, 6:30 PM**

Celebrate the Arts

Delmarva's Best Ghost Stories

Join author and storyteller Ed Okonowicz for an evening of spooky tales from the Delmarva Peninsula in this program for those ages 12 and up. The evening features folktales & legends in the Old Line State, including Black Aggie, Poe's Gravesite, Fort McHenry, Governor's Bridge, Point Lookout Lighthouse,



Baltimore's Phantom, Cellar House, Witch Moll Dyer . . . and many more. Attendees will have a chance to win a copy of one of Mr. Okonowicz's books. **Friday, October 18, 6:30 PM**

Last Friday: *Rocketman*

If you love Elton John, you'll love *Rocketman*. If you loved *Bohemian Rhapsody*, you'll love *Rocketman*. If you love costume dramas...you get the idea: *Rocketman* is one fun film, not totally realistic, but totally entertaining, thanks to great storytelling, casting, acting and production values. Actor Taron Egerton does a great job of portraying Elton John in a way that helps viewers understand him better; and boy does he have some pipes! Actors Jamie Bell, Richard Madden and Bryce Dallas Howard, among others, lend terrific support, along with fantastic locations, sets and costumes. *Rocketman* tells the story of Elton John's childhood and early years of struggles and successes, largely through integrated performances of some of Elton John's and Bernie Taupin's best songs, often showing how events inspired them. And though the storyline does "reshuffle reality, especially time and facts," says reviewer Leah Pickett of *The Chicago Reader*, "the film is more enjoyable for it." Many reviewers have said *Rocketman* is not a typical biopic, but Allison Rose of *Flick Direct* may have given the best explanation of the film's appeal when she calls it, "an entertaining mix of real-life and fantasy, much like Elton John is himself." 2:01. Rated R for language throughout, some drug use & sexual content. **Friday, October 25, 6:30 PM**

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The Booker Prize

The leading literary award in the English speaking world, which has brought recognition, reward and readership to outstanding fiction for over 50 years. Awarded annually to the best novel of the year written in English and published in the UK or Ireland.

**Life-Wide
Learning**

The Finalists

The Testaments by Margaret Atwood

In this brilliant sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*, acclaimed author Margaret Atwood answers the questions that have tantalized readers for decades. The Judges say:

"Spoiler discretion and a ferocious non-disclosure agreement prevent any description of who, how, why and even where. So this: it's terrifying and exhilarating."

Quichotte by Salman Rushdie

A dazzling *Don Quixote* for the modern age that is as much an homage to an immortal work of literature as it is to the quest for love and family.

The Judges Say:

"Rushdie conjures a celebration of storytelling and language that will delight lovers of Cervantes, lovers of daytime television and lovers of life."

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo

A magnificent portrayal of the intersections of identity among an interconnected group of Black British women.

The Judges Say:

"Evaristo manages to depict a vast collective of intergenerational stories moving through different spaces with a dazzling rhythm."

Ducks, Newburyport by Lucy Ellmann

A form-breaking torrent of consciousness, narrated by an Ohio mother besieged by MAGA hats and mountain lions.

The Judges Say:

"This audacious and epic novel is brilliantly conceived, and challenges the reader with its virtuosity and originality."

An Orchestra of Minorities by Chigozie Obioma

A heartbreaking story about a Nigerian poultry farmer who sacrifices everything to win the woman he loves.

The Judges Say:

"Loosely based on the *Odyssey*, the trials and joys of Chinonso's journey exert a powerful hold on the reader's imagination, head and heart."

10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World

by Elif Shafak

A moving novel on the power of friendship in our darkest times, from an internationally renowned writer and speaker.

The Judges Say:

"Courageous and utterly captivating, this is a telling novel of our inglorious times."

Poet & Writers' Retreat

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

Tuesdays, October 1 & 15, 5:30 PM

Self-Help Legal Resources

This workshop is an introduction to self-help legal resources. Learn some of the tools & resources you can use to research your own legal issues & receive technical assistance on how to use these resources. Time will be allotted to navigate the Courts' self-help pages & a few online legal encyclopedias.

Thursday, October 3, 10:30 AM

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series: Week 5

Out of Balance: Trading with China

Trade tensions between China & the U.S. are forcing both countries to re-evaluate their unbalanced partnership & ask whether global economic institutions can remain relevant. Discussions are moderated by Mr. Lynn Moore, History Chair at Wilm Univ.

Thursday, October 3, 6:30 PM

Immigration 101

Join us for this information session that will cover:

- Understanding what USCIS does & does not do
- How to apply for a green card
- Who can apply for citizenship
- Where to go for help

Attendees will NOT be asked to reveal citizenship status. This program is brought to us by US Citizen & Immigration Services. Information about their services can be found on at www.uscis.gov. For more information about this program, please call 736-7030.

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 PM

Domestic Violence Awareness

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence affects millions, both women & men, of every race, religion, culture & status. It's not just punches and black eyes, it's yelling, humiliation, stalking, manipulation, coercion, threats, isolation & so much more. On average, 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the US. Nearly three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic

violence. **Thursday, October 10, 10:30 AM**

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series: Week 6

Made in China

China's aggressive new plan to transform its economy into a high-tech global powerhouse has the U.S. and a host of other nations crying foul. Discussions are moderated by Mr. Lynn Moore, History Chair at Wilm Univ.

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 PM

Build Your Own Website

Learn to build your own website using the powerful Wordpress platform. Did you know 20% of websites are built with Wordpress? From design to implementation, build your own beautiful, functional site quickly and with minimal coding. No prior coding experience required. If you know how to work a web browser, you will be able to follow along. Drop in to begin your website or continue building with assistance. Welcoming all experience levels and all ages 13+.

Saturday, October 12 & 26, 2:00 PM

How to Read the News

How do you feel about fake news & how does it make you feel about real news? Led by Thomas Leitch, this presentation uses the rise of fake news, so often widely disdained by commentators across America, as an opportunity to reflect on some of our most treasured, and least closely examined, assumptions about authority, trust, the facts, the truth & real news. Thomas Leitch is Professor of English at the Univ. of Delaware, where he teaches undergraduate courses in film and graduate courses in literary and cultural theory. His most recent books are *The Oxford Handbook of Adaptation Studies* and *The History of American Literature on Film*. **Tuesday, October 15, 6:00 PM**

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series: Week 7

A Tested Relationship: The US and Mexico

As neighbors, the U.S. & Mexico have shared interests in stopping cross-border crime, promoting trade & managing immigration. Can they work together effectively? Discussions are moderated by Mr. Lynn Moore, History Chair at Wilm. Univ.

Thursday, October 17, 6:30 PM

Creative Passions

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

Tuesday, October 22, 6:00 PM

Local Author: Richard D. Levin

Local author Richard D. Levin, retired DE attorney, will present selections from his recent book *Justice, Justice Shalt Thou*

Pursue. This book is a human interest history about the Jewish judges of Delaware. Levin's presentation will highlight several of these public servants. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase. Copies can also be purchased at the Jewish Historical Society of DE's Bookstore.

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 PM

Enjoy Bicycling Again, or For the First Time

We were practically attached to our bicycles as kids. Learn how to get back in the saddle for the first time in a long time or for the first time and have some fun with these tips! Riding a bicycle is for everyone, no matter their age.

Thursday, October 24, 10:30 AM

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Series Week 8

The State of the State Department

Proposed budget cuts & an exodus of career diplomats have experts wondering whether the State Department can remain relevant as America's role in the world changes. Discussions are moderated by Mr. Lynn Moore, History Chair at Wilm. Univ.

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 PM

2019 Delaware Community Foundation's Book Circle: *Our Towns*

Continue the conversation on building opportunity in Delaware with the Delaware Community Foundation's (DCF) 2019 Book Circle choice, *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America* by James & Deborah Fallows. Since 2013, Deborah & James Fallows have traveled to small communities in every part of the country that have faced economic shocks, political crises or other serious hardships. Each place they went, they talked with a wide variety of people involved in shaping their community's future. Their 100,000-mile journey brings us stories of communities that are remaking their towns & their lives. These towns are putting big ideas into action: building creative public/private partnerships, restoring downtowns, investing in innovative schools, developing vibrant open spaces & celebrating diversity. Books are available at the Library's Checkout Desk. **Sunday, October 27, 2:00 PM**

Tuesday Talks: Ongoing Investigation at the Bell House on The Green

Learn about the most recent discoveries at the Bell House on the Green with John McCarthy, a Delaware State Parks Archaeologist. This program is sponsored by the Archaeological Society of Delaware.

Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 PM

Readers' Corner

Adult Book Group

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
After witnessing her friend's death at the hands of a police officer, Starr Carter's life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

Sunday, October 6, 2:00 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 *Uprooted* by Naomi Novik. For ages 18+. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 PM

History Book Club

Please join us for this month's discussion of "Affirmative Action and Race." All are invited to share books, articles & memories as well as to listen, ask questions & participate.

Thursday, October 23, 4:00 PM

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FilmFans

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2:00 PM**

- October 1:** *Last Black Man in San Francisco*. 2:00. Rated R for language, nudity & drug use.
- October 8:** *A Man Called Ove*. 1:56. Rated PG-13 for raw crankiness. In Swedish with English subtitles.
- October 15:** *On the Seventh Day*. 1:37. Not rated. In Spanish with English subtitles.
- October 22:** *Echo in the Canyon*. 1:22. Rated PG-13 for drugs & suggestive material.
- October 29:** *Fast Color*. 1:40. Rated PG-13 for violence & language.

Last Friday: 6:30 PM

October 25: *Rocketman*. 2:01. Rated R for language throughout, some drug use, and sexual content.

Saturday Matinee: 2:00 PM

October 5: *On the Seventh Day*. 1:37. Not rated. In Spanish with English subtitles.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

A Fiesta of Literacy & Culture

Saturday, October, 19, 12-4PM

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