

## Meet Shari Bowers, Inaugural Liberty Branch Manager

The Friends recently interviewed Shari Bowers, manager of the yet-to-open Liberty Branch of the DCDL. The new branch is located at the corner of Steitz and Home roads in Liberty Township. Previously, Bowers was an adult services manager in the Ritter Public Library in northern Ohio and as a former branch library manager with the Dayton Metro Library system.

1) As you well know, the Liberty Branch Library (serving Powell, Liberty Township, Concord Township and the entire community) opens soon. What are your top priorities for introducing the community to their new resource?

*Since my arrival and along with my team of managers it has been a priority to attend local community events and speak about the Liberty Branch of Delaware County District Library to our community partners. To date we have attended a variety of Chamber events, provided a table at the Olentangy Teacher's Expo, and participated in other local events like the Memorial Day Parade.*

2) What attracted you to the opportunity to lead the Liberty Branch?

*The Delaware County District Library system has a great reputation among Ohio Libraries. Delaware County is experiencing so much growth and the schools also are very well-regarded. I think there are so many opportunities for the DCDL – with its new branch - to serve and move forward with the community.*

3) The DCDL flyer about the Branch states that Liberty is “built for today and the future” - as the role of public libraries evolves, how do you see the branch best serving its constituencies in the future?

*I feel there are two parts to this question: core services such as readers' advisory and programs like story time will always be important today and into the future; as libraries increase our role as community hubs that bring people together and create conversations about all types of needs and issues, continuous listening will help us best serve our constituencies in the years to come.*

4) Since the library is so close to Olentangy Liberty High School, will there be opportunities for (continued on pg. 2)

## Behind the Scenes...

In the past year, our dedicated team of **Book Sorters** at Orange and Delaware collectively logged over **370 hours** sorting and organizing donated books and library discards, filling our lobby shelves and boxing books for our popular Book Sales. We give a huge THANK YOU to every one of you who makes this valuable contribution to the success of our Book Sales and our organization.

## Speaking of Book Sales...

Our Fall Book/Media Sales at Orange and Delaware raised over \$2,500. While our large sales are over for 2022, you can peruse our lobby sale shelves in all four DCDL locations throughout the year. We replenish them with donations regularly and these small sales add up!

Speaking of donations, your donations of gently used books and media can be made at any time throughout the year. Simply bring them to the DCDL Circulation desk and you may obtain a receipt for tax purposes if requested.

## Calendar Highlights

As we wrap up 2022, please join us for:

📖 Our **Annual Meeting** will be **December 8 from 6:30 - 8 pm** at Delaware Library's Community Room. DCDL Director Bryan Howard will be our guest speaker and new Board members will be elected.

📖 We appreciate your support all year long! On **November 30, Giving Tuesday** we remember the organizations that improve our quality of life and of our community. By naming the Friends of DCDL as a recipient through Kroger and Amazon programs, your regular purchases provide donations. Email us with questions on signing up.

📖 In conjunction with DCDL, a free author visit by “There There” author **Tommy Orange** delves into his writing process, including the themes of Native American culture and history that inform his works, on **November 12 from 7-9pm**. For more information and to register for your spot, visit <https://delawarelibrary.libnet.info/events>

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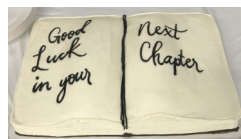
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## George's Farewell Reception



George Needham's Farewell Reception on September 23rd combined family, friends, colleagues and good food. Thank you for your years of service, George, and Happy Retirement!



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## Shari Bowers Interview (cont.)

(continued from pg. 1) collaboration (e.g., the second floor Teen Room; the Maker Studio)?

*We have had great collaboration with our schools. We see that continuing and look forward to exploring new ideas with the schools.*

5) What are the "learning stairs" and what is the philosophy behind the concept?

*Learning stairs are an active design concept that is multipurpose: a space for gathering, social connection, and formal and informal learning; a flexible performance area for dance, music, art, and acting; a platform for playfulness and physical activity; and an area for "hanging out."*

*Steven Herr of Fanning Howey architectural and design firm perhaps said it best in his online article "What's Up with All These Gathering Stairs?"*

*"There is something undeniably cool about gathering stairs. They are a design statement that takes center stage, forming inviting public squares that offer flexible use and spontaneous interaction. Part of their popularity might be that they are natural people-magnets, and wonderfully photogenic. Simply put, they embody the spirit of our day."*



Submitted by Becky S. Cornett

As we end 2022, it is with thankfulness that we recognize our tremendous Board, talented Auxiliary Board, hard-working Volunteers, generous Members and Donors, and the devoted staff and management of the Delaware County District Library.