



Beyond the Shelves

Friends of the HPL Newsletter

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May arrives like a gentle burst of color—petals opening, sunshine stretching, and the whole town shaking off the last traces of winter. Inside the Harrington Public Library, that same spring sparkle is everywhere: in the cheerful hum of visitors, the fresh displays on the shelves, and the joyful energy of a community stepping into a new season together. This year, May carries an extra layer of celebration. As the nation marks **250 years since its founding**, we’re reflecting on the stories, voices, and shared history that have shaped our country—and how libraries have helped preserve, question, and expand those stories for generations. It’s a milestone that invites curiosity, conversation, and a renewed appreciation for the role libraries play in our civic life. And of course, May also brings **Mother’s Day**, a moment to honor the mothers, grandmothers, aunties, mentors, and mother-figures who fill our lives with guidance, humor, and the kind of love that makes everything bloom a little brighter. Many of them have been lifelong champions of reading and learning, and we celebrate the countless ways they’ve nurtured curiosity in our community.

Throughout the month, the Friends continue to sprinkle a bit of magic around the library—supporting programs, tending to donations, welcoming visitors, and helping create spaces where neighbors can learn, linger, and feel at home. Whether you’re stopping by for a spring read, joining a program, or simply enjoying the season’s gentle warmth, we’re grateful to share this vibrant month with you. Here’s to blooming ideas, heartfelt celebrations, and 250 years of stories that continue to shape who we are and who we’re becoming.

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Billie H., FHPL President

A Message from the FHPL President

Wonderful news! Our April Bag-a-Book Sale was the best. Doors opened on Friday evening at 3 p.m. until library closed, then resumed on Saturday at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Patrons were given a reusable shopping bag upon entry. Then, it was oohs and ahhs at the beautifully decorated room. Each table had different spring decorations. There were giant paper flowers throughout the room and beautifully arranged gently used books everywhere! Shopping bags were filled with reading material. There were also purchases of CDs, DVDs, and specials from our Second Chance Bookstore. Upon exiting the Bag-a-Book Sale, some bought raffle tickets, made donations and bought desserts from our bake sale. After 2 p.m., as the doors closed, there were many tired, but happy, Friends of the Harrington Public Library. It was phenomenal how everyone worked together to make this happen.

We thank the community for donating books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. We thank our patrons for attending and supporting us. We thank the library staff for their encouragement and support. We thank our wonderful maintenance worker, Dave, for helping with the tables. And we thank our family and friends for managing our home responsibilities while we volunteered.

Coming on May 2, we have a wonderful community outreach program – I ♥ Lake Forest Day! We will be at the Lake Forest High School Campus at a table next to our library staff from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. You can expect a warm smile from us and some handouts. We look forward to meeting you as we extend an invitation to visit our magnificent library.

Then the following week, we host the second annual craft fair at the library. You might see a few purple signs popping in yards. The craft fair is on Saturday May 9 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. It promises to be a very good day to buy something for Mom, yourself or a special person. Our crafters are local. So, everything you buy supports a local artisan. Be generous and treat yourself to something special. If you get hungry or thirsty, the Harrington Fire Department will be there with their grill and ice chest. Their cooking is heralded far and wide and their soft drinks are the coldest!

All our crafter spots are filled for this year, but we are taking reservations for next year. If you are a crafter, sign up early to secure your spot.

Then on Tuesday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m. We will be holding our final all-members meeting of the school year. ☹️ We resume our monthly members meeting on the second Tuesday in August. But, don't worry, our monthly newsletter will continue to arrive.

Thanks for a terrific school year.

Billie



A Few Facts on Families

By Janel “Jaycee” Miller

My maternal grandfather was born in 1882. He died in 1959, having fathered 18 children. It’s worth noting that his first wife, with whom he had 13 children, passed away. He then married my maternal grandmother, with whom he fathered another five children.

A family with 13 children was far from the norm, even for its time. I can’t find anything indicating when that number of kids was typical, but I did learn that in 1900, the average family in the United States had either three or four children. (A century earlier, the average family contained seven children.) These days, the average family has two or three children.

Size isn’t the only thing that has changed about families over the years.

Almost 42 million Americans are in at least their second marriage, up from 22 million in 1980 and 14 million in 1960. The number of stepchildren in the United States has only recently become something that public health experts have tracked but totaled about 2.4 million in 2021 and will almost certainly rise.

Then there is the changing dynamic among heads of household. In the United States, the percentage of households led by a woman increased from 31.9% in 1990 to 49.6% in 2015. Here too, this percentage will almost certainly rise in the years to come.

All this data can’t make up for the memories and love that, fortunately, many families have. In recent years, many of the conversations I have with my family when we are together often turn to things like the night my mother and stepfather headed out “just to look” at that litter of puppies and came back with an adorable yellow Labrador Retriever we named Sarge that was part of our family for more than 13 years. Or when my mother and stepfather took a lengthy road trip to visit me in college to see me receive an award I had won for journalism.

Other conversations turn to “Remember when Janel crashed Jen’s car, but for years, everyone thought it was Jen behind the wheel that night?” or “Do you recall when the soft top to Jeff’s Jeep got stolen?” or other moments from our years together.

Some of those recollections may not sound like fun. Admittedly, at the moment they happened, some of them weren’t. But now, when we think about them, there’s often a chuckle. Even when we think of the bad times, like when I had to go to summer school, we – sometimes silently – reflect on what we have learned from those experiences, finding some silver linings among those clouds in our backstory.

From what I have read, families spending time reminiscing together have been going on for a long, long time. To me, this is more of what family is all about, regardless of size.



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From The Heart

Linda S., VP/Membership Chair

Who could forget the excitement of Artemis II splashing down in the Pacific Ocean at the exact spot and at the very minute that was projected .and planned at the beginning of the mission. Wow!! 10 days in outer space circling the moon, team work at its finest, mission accomplished.

Book Sale 2026 also “splashed down” on April 9th and 10th. Teamwork at its finest, mission accomplished. While we certainly did nothing as noble or precise as a moon expedition, it required teamwork, collaboration, preparation, coordination and a clear target to accomplish our mission.

Some of our very newest members rolled up their sleeves and worked side by side with our faithful crew of Friends to get the work done. What an impressive, cohesive team. Everyone had different roles, but all with one purpose.

For weeks before the event, the behind-the-scenes activities were furiously underway – sorting 100’s and 100’s of books, lugging heavy boxes, setting up, and creating and displaying unique and beautiful decorations. Yard signs were planted all around our local community and the media team was busy keeping the public informed and excitedly looking forward to the event.

Artemis II wasn’t just about one launch; it was part of a long-term vision. This book sale, although it was one event, was part of our long-term mission to support and work, with our amazing Library staff to advance literacy, education and community connection. Both depend on people showing up, doing their part and leaning on one another. When individuals work together with a shared purpose, small efforts combine into something meaningful and lasting. I’m so proud to be part of this team and I want to thank you all, from my heart, for being my teammates.

Linda



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Tips on Knowing if Its Trash or Treasure

By Janel “Jaycee” Miller

I’m convinced that the saying “One person’s trash is another person’s treasure” was first coined by a yard sale shopper. It’s at these events (or at thrift stores) where I have often found a Bee Gees record I am looking for, or (finally) have found a shirt that perfectly matches that pair of pants I have.

These examples aside, it can be hard to know what’s a piece of trash and what’s a treasure. Most, if not all of us, have seen at least one episode of “Antiques Roadshow” where the auction house owner or other antique expert reveals – often to the delight and shock of everyone else – that the relic bought for a small amount is worth much, much more.

So how can you tell the difference? With the yard sale and spring-cleaning seasons underway and rapidly reaching their annual peak, I offer these suggestions, courtesy of PBS and an article in “The Pueblo Chieftain”:

- Research the item. This doesn’t just mean going on eBay. This means, for example, if the piece of art is from the 1800s and the creator is known, find a book, magazine article, etc. on 1800s art to see what themes were and who the popular artists were.
- Note the condition of the item. Some comic books and baseball cards from the 1950s are valuable, but the moment a crease or other imperfection appears, their value diminishes significantly.
- Consult an expert. Yes, this may cost money, but the last thing anyone wants is to throw something out and, after the fact, follow one of the suggestions above and realize you had something very much worthwhile.

Good luck!



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Knowledge Is Power: Spring Into Wellness... One Page at a Time

By Linda S., FHPL VP

May is often considered National Physical Fitness and Sports month. It also shares the month's focus with Mental Health Awareness Month. I want to present to you that reading meets many of the health objectives of both applications. Reading does more for your health than most people expect – it's not just "mental", it has real effects on your brain, body and even longevity.

1. **Brain health and memory:** Reading stimulates multiple parts of your brain – language, imagination and memory. Even minor events in a narrative may unearth warm memories and brighten your day. Over time, this can help slow cognitive decline and may reduce the risk of Alzheimer's. It's essentially a workout for your brain.
2. **Stress Reduction:** Getting absorbed in a book can lower stress levels significantly. It slows your heart rate, may lower your blood pressure and eases muscle tension. After walking a mile on that tread mill, pick up a book and read!
3. **Better sleep (if timed right):** Reading a physical book, in hand, can help signal your brain it's time to wind down, time to take a deep breath and relax.
4. **Emotional and mental health:** Stories can help you process your own experiences. Getting wrapped up in the lives of characters strengthens your ability to understand other people's feelings. Reading can increase empathy and reduce feelings of isolation. Reading may help you to relate better to others and see things from a new perspective. It may even bring you out of a bad mood!
5. **Improved focus and attention:** Reading requires sustained attention. Over time it strengthens your ability to concentrate on other areas of your life.
6. **Longevity:** Short-term studies have found that people who read regularly tend to live longer than those who don't. Probably tied to the combined benefits of mental stimulation, stress reduction and emotional resilience.
7. **Knowledge and confidence:** Learning new things builds confidence and may help to motivate you to meet your own goals.

All this wonderful information about reading is not meant to discourage you from participating in other activities to keep you physically fit...exercise, walking, diet. Reading and physical fitness together form a strong foundation for a healthy, balanced life.

Go, turn a page and enjoy!

LOL Corner

Signs that make you pause.. and then laugh..

A sign in a shoe repair store, "We will heel you. We will save your sole. We will even dye for you!"

At an eye clinic, "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck, "we repair what your husband fixed."

In a restaurant window, "Don't stand there and be hungry, come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a funeral home "drive carefully. We'll wait."

Sign on the back of a septic tank truck, "Caution—this truck is full of political promises."

"I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes (he is 92). We decided to grab a bite at the food court. I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colors: green, red, orange, and blue. My dad kept staring at him. The teenager would look and find him staring every time." When the teenager had had enough, he sarcastically asked, "What's the matter, old man, never done anything wild in your life?"

Knowing my dad, I quickly swallowed my food so that I would not choke on his response, knowing he would have a good one. In classic style, he did not bat an eye in his response.

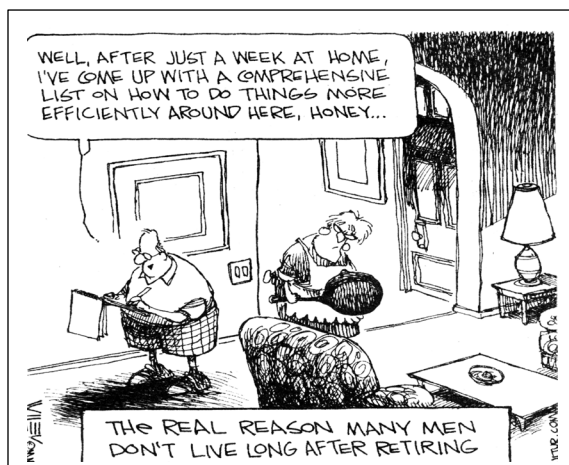
Got drunk once and had sex with a peacock I was just wondering if you were my son!

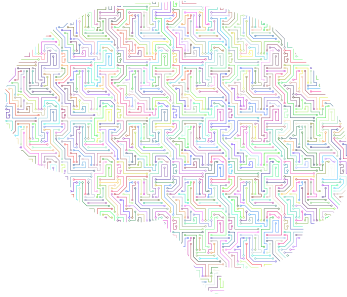
The preacher at church on Sunday called on all of the men to come down to the front for an "altar call." He said: "I need all of the men who are being controlled by their wives to come down to the altar!" Every man in the church came down except one man; Mel. The preacher looked at Mel and shouted, "Finally we have at least one strong man! Sir, can you tell us why you did not come down with the other men?" He responded, "Because my wife told me I better not move!"

My wife asked me what I was going to do today. I told her, "Nothing".



She said, "You did that yesterday". I said, "I wasn't finished".





Brain Teaser I

Rebus Puzzle: A Rebus puzzle uses pictures and symbols to represent a common saying or phrase. Solve the following 12 Rebus puzzles.

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<p>O R D E R</p>	<p>Symphon</p>	<p>JUS144TICE</p>	<p>ONE ANOTHER ONE ANOTHER ONE ANOTHER ONE ANOTHER ONE ANOTHER</p>

Answers to both brain teasers on page 18



Director's Corner

By Marleena Scott, HPL

Happy May everyone! May is a unique month because it celebrates several month-long awarenesses and celebrations. Some of the more notable items include national BBQ month, ALS awareness month, miniature garden month, wildfire awareness month, brain tumor awareness month, and mental health awareness month.

While there are several great options to focus in this month, it behooves us at the library to focus on National Get Caught Reading Month. Get Caught Reading Month encourages people of all ages to read for the pure joy of reading! Here are some great suggestions to get caught reading this May:

- Take a book with you! Whether in your bag, car, or backpack always be ready to pull out whatever you are reading now. into your bag. Anytime you have some free time you will have something to read.
- Do you have at least one child that is between the ages of 6 and 10? Join our Prime-Time Family Reading Program, the first three Tuesdays in May, where you will learn how to have family book talks! Sponsored by the Delaware Humanities Forum, bring the whole family for free dinner and free books. Starting at 5:00 pm.
- Make sure you take a book for everyone in the family. Children model their behavior after the adults in their lives, so make sure the youngest members of your house not only participate but also catch you reading.
- Unplug for the month. Put the devices down and the remote away and stop by your local library and pick out a book to get caught up with this month.
- If the thought of being away from your devices is too painful, why not get caught reading on your phone or digital reading device? You can access free books with your library card when you download the Libby or Hoopla App in the App Store.
- Get caught reading to someone you love. Did you know that May is also Date your Mate month? What better way to kill two birds with one stone than to go a reading date. All you need in a book, or two if sharing is a problem, and some snacks and you can have your book date anywhere comfy.

As previously mentioned, May is also Mental Health awareness month. What better way to improve your mental well-being than distracting yourself with a good book.

There are multiple ways to participate and get caught reading this month, so however or whenever you pick up a book this month, try to get caught reading!

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BRAIN TEASER II

SIMON SAYS:

1. Print the phrase THE INVISIBLE COWS 1. _____
2. Change each I to an E 2. _____
3. Move the second-to-last letter to the first position 3. _____
4. Insert a U in the exact center of the row. 4. _____
5. Delete the L. 5. _____
6. Change the V to a D. 6. _____
7. Switch the third vowel with the seventh Consonant. 7. _____
8. Move the last vowel to the right of the Vowel that comes latest in the alphabet. 8. _____
9. Delete one letter of the set of triple letters. 9. _____
10. Insert an R between the first pair of Double vowels. 10. _____
11. Change the last letter to N. 11. _____
12. Move the second letter to the right of two adjacent vowels that are different from each other. 12. _____
13. Delete the second to last letter. 13. _____
14. Double the seventh consonant. 14. _____
15. Insert an R before the first set of three Consecutive consonants. 15. _____
16. Move the O one position to the right. 16. _____
17. Double the second E. 17. _____
18. Move the first N to the right of the first T. 18. _____
19. Reverse the order of the second through fifth letters. 19. _____

What Literacy Means to Me:

Melissa B.

Literacy, to me, has always meant adventure—just with fewer mosquito bites and no need to pack a suitcase.

As a kid, you could almost always find me with my nose buried in a book. My mom started taking me to the library sometime in the 1980s (back when card catalogs were still a thing and “Googling” meant staring thoughtfully at a ceiling). Ever since then, the library has basically been my second home—minus the chores.

By middle school, I had fully committed to my identity as a mystery-solving expert... thanks to my deep dive into Christopher Pike novels and anything even remotely suspenseful. I wasn't just reading—I was *investigating*. I'd be flipping pages like, “Oh, it's definitely the quiet one. It's always the quiet one.” Plot twist: it was not always the quiet one.

Now, as an adult, I've traded teenage thrillers for historical fiction, and honestly? I'm still time-traveling—just with better vocabulary. These stories pull me into the past, letting me experience different worlds, lives, and “what ifs” without leaving my couch (which, let's be real, is ideal).

Reading has always been my peace. It's the one place where I can disappear, explore, and recharge—all at once. No notifications, no stress—just me and whatever world I've wandered into this time.

So yeah, literacy to me isn't just about reading words. It's about getting lost, solving mysteries (sometimes incorrectly), traveling through time, and finding a little quiet joy along the way.

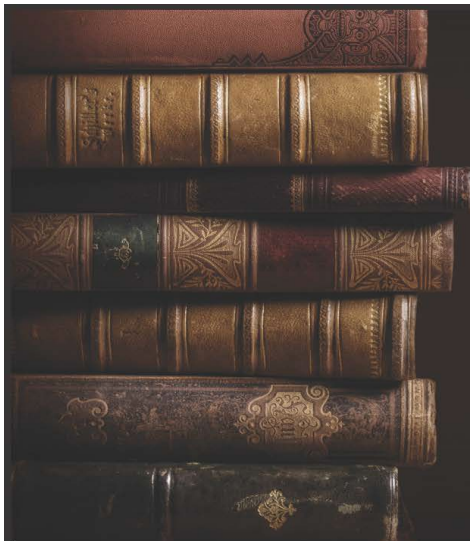


Melissa B., Social Media Co-Chair





Donations of gently used books accepted *Fridays at the HPL from 9-5.*



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– Dr. Seuss



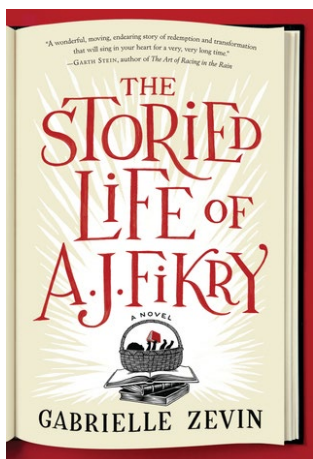
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Book Club Read of the Month:

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

By: Gabrielle Zevin

On the faded Island Books sign hanging over the porch of the Victorian cottage is the motto “No Man Is an Island; Every Book Is a World.” A. J. Fikry, the irascible owner, is about to discover just what that truly means.



A. J. Fikry’s life is not at all what he expected it to be. His wife has died, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. Slowly but surely, he is isolating himself from all the people of Alice Island—from Lambiase, the well-intentioned police officer who’s always felt kindly toward Fikry; from Ismay, his sister-in-law who is hell-bent on saving him from his dreary self; from Amelia, the lovely and idealistic (if eccentric) Knightley Press sales rep who keeps on taking the ferry over to Alice Island, refusing to be deterred by A.J.’s bad attitude. Even the books in his store have stopped holding pleasure for him. These days, A.J. can only see them as a sign of a world that is changing too rapidly.

And then a mysterious package appears at the bookstore. It’s a small package, but large in weight. It’s that unexpected arrival that gives A. J. Fikry the opportunity to make his life over, the ability to see everything anew. It doesn’t take long for the locals to notice the change overcoming A.J.; or for that determined sales rep, Amelia, to see her curmudgeonly client in a new light; or for the wisdom of all those books to become again the lifeblood of A.J.’s world; or for everything to twist again into a version of his life that he didn’t see coming. As surprising as it is moving, *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* is an unforgettable tale of transformation and second chances, an irresistible affirmation of why we read, and why we love.

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May



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7th & 21st 5:00
Dunegons & Dragons

9th 10:00-2:00
Friends of HPL Spring Craft Fair

12th 5:30
Friends of HPL Meeting

14th & 28th 3:00-6:00
Teen 3D Printer Club

19th 5:30
**Adult Craft Night

26th 2:30
Teen Craft Night

28th 5:00
Adult Book Club

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Wednesday: 9:00-4:45
Thursday: 11:00-6:45
Friday: 9:00-4:45
Saturday: 10:00-1:45

HPL will be closed 5/2, 5/23, and 5/25

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ANSWERS TO SIMON SAYS

Honoring Libraries, Community, and the Power of Connection

At the Harrington City Council Meeting on Monday, April 30, Mayor Franklin Tolson issued a heartfelt proclamation recognizing **April 19–25 as National Library Week**—a moment that shines a well-deserved spotlight on the role libraries play in strengthening our community.

The proclamation wasn't just a formality. It was a celebration.

Mayor Tolson spoke to the evolving importance of libraries in today's world—how they've grown far beyond bookshelves to become hubs of learning, creativity, digital access, and community support. From early-literacy programs to job-seeking resources, from quiet study corners to lively events, libraries continue to meet people where they are and help them move forward.

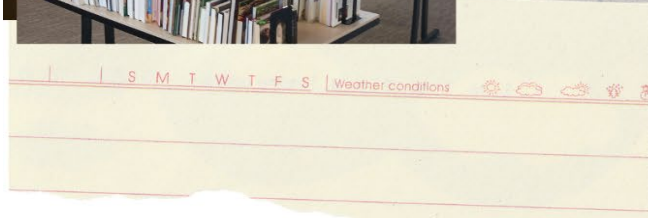
The proclamation also acknowledged the many hands and hearts that make this work possible: library staff, volunteers, donors, and the Friends of the Harrington Public Library. Their dedication keeps the doors open, the programs thriving, and the spirit of curiosity alive for residents of all ages.

National Library Week is a reminder that libraries are more than buildings—they are living, breathing parts of our civic life. They welcome everyone. They spark imagination. They preserve stories and help create new ones. And here in Harrington, they continue to flourish because our community believes in them.

As we celebrate this special week, we invite you to stop by, explore something new, and join us in honoring the place that brings neighbors together, supports lifelong learning, and keeps the heart of Harrington beating strong.

Here's to our library, our community, and the people who make both shine.





2026 BAG-A-BOOK

Spring Craft Fair Blooms on May 9!

Get ready for one of our most joyful community traditions — the Friends Spring Craft Fair, happening at the Harrington Public Library on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

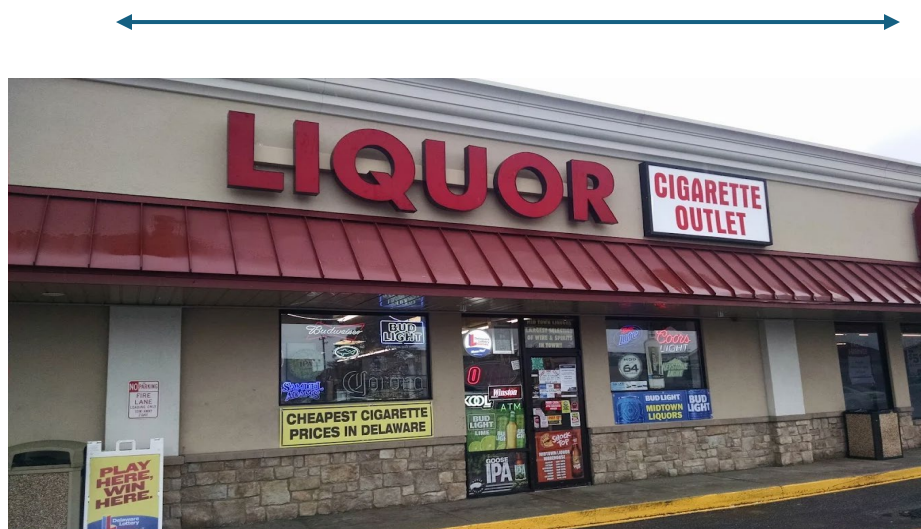
This lively, one-day event brings together talented local artisans, handmade treasures, and the creative spirit that makes Harrington shine.

From colorful spring décor to unique gifts, jewelry, home accents, and imaginative crafts, our vendors are preparing a beautiful variety of items for every style and budget. Whether you're shopping for Mother's Day, treating yourself, or simply enjoying a browse through handcrafted work, you'll find something special.

The Friends will also host a fundraising purse table featuring a curated selection of new handbags in many styles, colors, and sizes. Whether you're looking for a fun spring bag or a classic everyday tote, you'll discover great finds at friendly prices — and every purchase supports Friends-funded programs and events at the library.

Bring a friend, bring the family, and make a morning of it. The Craft Fair is free, family-friendly, and full of cheerful spring energy. Our Media Team will be capturing highlights throughout the day, so be sure to stop by and join the fun.

Mark your calendars — we can't wait to see you!



Midway Discount Liquors: 1000 Midway Drive, Ste. 5, Harrington, De

Recipe of the Month: Lemon Cream Cheese Bars

Allrecipe submission by Pamela Souza LeBlanc

Ingredients:

- 2 (8 oz) pkg crescent roll dough
- 2 lemons, zested and juiced, divided
- 2 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 tbs butter, melted
- 3 tbs white sugar
- Cooking spray

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 9x13 inch baking dish with aluminum foil, leaving an overhang, coat with cooking spray
- Unroll 1 crescent roll dough, press into bottom of the prepared baking dish, stretching to edges

Directions cont:

- Combine lemon juice and ¾ lemon zest in a bowl. Beat cream cheese and ½ c sugar into juice-zest mixture with an electric mixer until smooth and creamy; spread over crescent roll dough in the baking dish.
- Unroll remaining crescent dough; place over cream cheese mixture, stretching to edges. Brush dough with melted butter. Combine 3 tbs sugar and remaining ¼ lemon zest in a small bowl; sprinkle over top.
- Bake in preheated oven until top is golden brown about 30 minutes. Cool for about 20 minutes.
- Lift dessert from baking dish using foil overhang; transfer to a cutting board. Cut into squares leaving foil in place. Return bars to baking dish; refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour.

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