



# Between Friends

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## Message from the President *Camilla Smith*



President's Message: Camilla Smith September 2022

After 13 years at the helm of this FANTASTIC organization, this is my final President's Message.

Our Annual Meeting, Thur. Sept 29, 2022, will mark my retirement from active service on the Friends of the Euclid Public Library Trustee Board.

Joining the board in 2002, I served as Corresponding and Recording Secretary prior to replacing John Kendel as President in 2008, upon his retirement.

The experience has allowed me to meet new people, get a closer sense of our community, impart education in innovative and fun ways, partner with other organizations to meet a common goal, and acknowledge the service of our EPL staff, just to name a few of our missions over the years.

I thank everyone, past and present, who have been part of this walk: The Friends Board of Trustees, the staff and Directors of the EPL, the Friends membership, and the EPL Foundation.

Join us for our Annual Meeting, Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 7pm in the Lake and Shore rooms, for a short business meeting to elect Trustees and Officers. Stay for An Evening with the Stars, Stargazing with the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association. There is no admission, but we ask for a pre-registration so we can plan. I'll see you there.

As I take my seat, THANK YOU for the memories. I wish you the best as you continue the mission of promoting the library as an educational hub in the community.

The pleasure has been mine,

Camilla Smith

The Euclid Public Library Foundation

**BEER TASTING**

*Fundraiser*

**Friday, September 9**  
 6:00 PM | Lake and Shore Rooms

### FRIENDS BOARD

**President**  
 Camilla Smith

**Vice President & Program Chair**  
 Del Serre

**Treasurer**  
 Gay Marie Goden

**Recording Secretary**  
 Del Serre

**Corresponding Secretary**  
 Betty Bilicic

**Membership Chair**  
 Simone Gatewood

**Book Sale Chair**  
 Del Serre

**Members-at-Large**  
 Asenath "Joy" Bailey  
 Frankie Denmeade  
 Roberta Gibbons  
 David Gillette  
 Bonita Kale  
 Betty Rossmann  
 Brianna Wilson

The Friends of the Library Board meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. Friends are welcome to attend.

**SEPTEMBER 6**  
**OCTOBER 3**  
**NOVEMBER 7**  
**DECEMBER 5**

*Opening a book opens doors...*

**Friends Annual Meeting: An Evening with the Stars, Stargazing with the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association**

**Thursday, September 29**  
 7:00 PM | Lake and Shore Rooms



Join the Friends of the Library for their annual meeting and for a stellar evening with the stars! A special guest speaker from the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association will talk about learning the night sky with binoculars. Did you know that you don't have to own a telescope to enjoy stargazing? With binoculars, you can see as far as another galaxy!

After the presentation, members of the CAA will have binoculars and telescopes set up outside the library and they will guide us on a tour of the night sky. The CAA is celebrating its 65th year of organizing local astronomers and promoting the science of astronomy to the general public.

The program will be preceded by a short business meeting. This family friendly program is free and open to all, members and nonmembers. Light refreshments will be served.

Register online through the library's program calendar or call the library and dial extension 5196. The deadline for registration is September 26th.

## Friends Volunteer Opportunity



*Book sale help needed!*

- Thursday Setup
- Friday & Saturday Sale
- Sunday Sale

Contact Bobbi Gibbons  
[roberta.g.gibbons@gmail.com](mailto:roberta.g.gibbons@gmail.com)



# Upcoming Library Programs

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 MS Word Class - 10:00 AM
- 8 Women in History Presents: Dessert with Dorothy Fuldheim - 7:00 PM
- 9 Beer Tasting in the Library - 6:00 PM
- 10 Virtual and In-Person Yoga with Melissa - 10:00 AM
- 14 Chamber of Commerce: Learn at the Library - 10:30 AM
- 14 A Dawg Pound Presentation: The History of the Cleveland Browns - 6:30 PM
- 15 Evening Book Discussion: *Land of Big Numbers* by Te-ping Chen - 6:30 PM

## OCTOBER

- 8 Afternoon Book Discussion: *Cost of Living* by Emily Maloney - 2:00 PM
- 12 Euclid Chamber of Commerce: Learn at the Library - 10:30 AM
- 17 Monday Morning Movie: *Shadow of a Doubt* - 11:00 AM
- 20 Evening Book Discussion: *Murder of Roger Ackroyd* - 6:30 PM
- 27 Instagram Book Talks: Horror, Suspense, and Thrillers-- *Oh My!* - 6:00 PM

## NOVEMBER

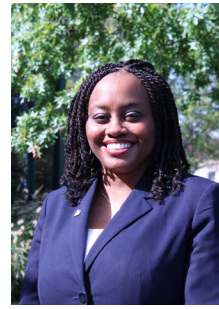
- 1 "The Triumph and Tragedy of Edgar Allan Poe: Master of the Mysterious & Macabre" - 6:30 PM
- 3 Adult Craft Hour: Needle Felting - 6:30 PM
- 14 History of Cleveland's Cultural Gardens - 7:00 PM
- 15 Gales of November: History of the Great Lakes Shipping Tragedies - 6:30 PM
- 17 Evening Book Discussion: *Clean Air* by Sarah Blake - 6:30 PM

## DECEMBER

- 8 Evening Book Discussion: *Best Books* - 6:30 PM
- 14 History of Christmas Music - 7:00 PM
- 18 Monday Morning Movie: *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* - 6:30 PM
- 19 Monday Morning Movie - 10:15 AM

Visit [euclidlibrary.org/libcalendar](http://euclidlibrary.org/libcalendar) for more information and to register for virtual programs.

## Director's Report *Kacie V. Armstrong*



Friends, this season is a time of transition when we are reminded of the value of change and growth. Students are returning to school, families are gearing up for fall sports and activities, and the library transitions from the Summer Reading Program to fall events. This summer participation in the Friends sponsored Summer Reading program increased significantly. We thank our Friends' for their ongoing support of this important program.

Fall is a season of transition, where we are reminded of the value of change and growth. Please join me in thanking Friends of the Library Board President Camilla Smith for her long-term support of the Euclid Public Library. Camilla has served as a Friend of the Library member and Board President for more than 20 years. During her tenure, she helped raise thousands of dollars through book sales and memberships to support library programs and services. Camilla noted that when she moved to Euclid, the Library was a great place to meet other residents and get involved. She also noted that "the professionals who work [at the library] are the best!" She remarked that the staff are "kind, knowledgeable, and very, very helpful." We will truly miss the leadership of Camilla and wish her all the best as she officially "retires" from her volunteer duties at the Euclid Public Library.

Last year, the Board of Trustees of Euclid Public Library began a Facilities Assessment process to learn more about the current condition of our 64-year-old building. Euclid Public Library contracted with RFC Contracting and Bialosky Cleveland to not only study our existing structure, but to provide options to the residents of Euclid for a future library. We are excited to begin sharing the results of this process with you and encourage you to visit us online at <https://euclidlibrary.org/> renovation to learn more.



## It's time to accept nominations for Officers and Board Members.

The nominating committee has submitted the following:

Elected Officers 1- Year Term - 2022-2023	
President	Roberta (Bobbi) Gibbons
Vice President/Program Chairperson	Del Serre
Treasurer	Desiree Korpowski
Recording Secretary	Del Serre
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Bilicic
Board Seats 3-yr terms 2022-2025	
Betty Bilicic	
Gay Marie Goden	
Roberta (Bobbi) Gibbons	
Bonita (Bonnie) Kale	
Betty Rossmann	

### These nominations will be presented at the Annual Meeting September 29, 2022.

**Roberta "Bobbi" Gibbons** - Candidate for President, returned to the board in 2019, after a 10- year hiatus, filling the seat of the late William (Bill) Kale. Bobbi served as Member-at-Large and 2022 Nominating Committee Co-chair and Book Sale volunteer coordinator

**Del Serre Current Vice President** - Program Chair, Recording Secretary. She is also responsible for disposition of all unsold book sale books. She has served on the board since 2003.

**Desiree "Dezz" Korpowski** - Co-chair of Special Education Department, English Teacher, and graduate of Euclid High School. Euclid resident since 1997. Community leader who is excited to begin working with the Friends.

**Betty Rossmann** - Member-at-Large, former Corresponding Secretary, is a loyal book sale volunteer serving on the board since June 2007.

**Bonita (Bonnie) Kale** - is our longest standing trustee. She has taken a hiatus or two but always finds her way back. She formerly served as Membership Chair and is currently turning the reins over to the next generation.

**Betty Bilicic** - Corresponding Secretary, joined the board in 2010. She serves as the 2022 Nominating Committee Co-Chair.

According to the Bylaws "Any five members may, in writing to the Corresponding Secretary not less than five days immediately preceding the annual meeting, nominate additional candidates, with their prior consent in writing to the Board of Trustees."

Hey Friends,

I hope your summer includes lots of family, laughter and fabulous moments.

As you venture outdoors during these pleasant days, please take the time to stop by the Euclid Library and become a Friend. The Friends of the Euclid Public Library is an organization of involved citizens who support the library's mission of providing valuable resources to the community. We invite you to come and actively support our programs and events that are important to our families, our friends, and our neighbors. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

If you are already a member, we ask that you continue your support by renewing your membership. If you have already done so, Thank you!

### To Renew or Join:

With cash or a check you can stop inside the library and fill out a Friends membership envelope. If not, please return the membership envelope or a self-addressed envelope to: The Friends of the Euclid Public Library 631 East 222nd Street, Euclid, Ohio 44123.

### Membership choices are as follows:

- Individual/ Family - \$5.00
- Book Lover - \$50.00
- Book Collector - \$10.00
- Book Conservator - \$75.00
- Special Friend - \$25.00
- Book Connoisseur - \$100.00

Your support is highly appreciated and Your Community thanks you for it!

Stay Well.

Simone Gatewood

