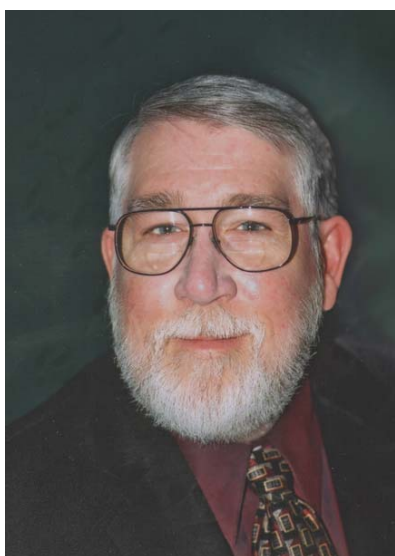


Friends annual meeting to feature Paul Gaus



Paul L. Gaus, author of a series of mysteries based on the Amish community in Ohio, will be the featured guest presenter for the Friends of the Delaware County District Library annual meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Delaware branch. A meet and greet with Paul for Friends members will begin at 6:30 p.m., including pie and beverages. Paul will sign books, which will be available for purchase, following his presentation. The annual meeting will follow at 7:15.

Gaus was born and raised in Ohio, and he has lived in Wooster, Ohio, for the past 32 years with his wife Madonna. He retired recently as the Benjamin S. Brown Professor of Chemistry at The College of Wooster and Chairperson of the Chemistry Department. He was educated at Miami University (B.S.) and Duke University (Ph.D.), and he has held positions as Visiting Professor at the Univer-

sity of Illinois, Texas A&M University, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and The Ohio State University. He taught chemistry at the freshman, junior, and senior levels, and is co-author of the best-selling senior text, *Basic Inorganic Chemistry*, published by John Wiley and Sons.

Gaus took an interest in writing fiction in 1993, and with the advice and encouragement of author Tony Hillerman, he began working in the summers to write mystery novels set in Holmes County, Ohio, among the Amish. The first of Gaus's mysteries, *Blood of the Prodigal, An Ohio Amish Mystery*, Ohio University Press, was published in June of 1999, and a total of six novels have appeared in this series: *Broken English*, 2000, *Clouds without Rain*, 2001, *Cast a Blue Shadow*, 2003, and *A Prayer for the Night*, 2006. The sixth novel in the series, *Separate from the World*, was published in July of 2008.

Background for Gaus's Ohio Amish Mysteries comes from a seminar course that he taught at The College of Wooster, in which students examined a variety of American cultures, including the Navajo, Branch Davidians, Black Muslims, Japanese, and Amish. Gaus travels and visits frequently in Holmes County (which has the largest Amish population of any settlement in the world), and he often took his students there for field trips. He lectures widely about Amish culture at libraries, bookstores, and literary events, and his books have been featured prominently at Book Expo America and similar professional shows. Gaus's novels have been reviewed favorably in publications such as Kirkus Review, Foreword Magazine, Booklist, Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, Ohioana Quarterly, and the New York Times Book Review.

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Friends support unique Lincoln exhibit



The board of directors of the FDCDL has voted to donate \$2,000 to the library to support the the *Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times* traveling exhibit coming to the Delaware branch March 17 - April 13, 2009. This exhibit is dedicated to the life, presidency, and legacy of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. As a result of the Friends' donation, we are featured as the Presidential Presenting Sponsor for the exhibit.

The library is truly honored to be one of only of 40 sites in the United States to receive this exhibit through a major grant in part through The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (www.gilderlehrman.org) and The National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition to this breathtaking 75-foot long, 6-panel exhibit, the Delaware County District Library will be hosting over a dozen various

programs for all ages, as well as several interactive and educational mini-displays and art pieces.

Dates: Monday, March 17 - Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Location: Delaware Branch of the Delaware County District Library. Additional Mini Displays at Ostrander and Powell branches

Highlights: Kick-Off Event March 21 to include Abraham Lincoln re-enactor, 500 commemorative Lincoln pennies giveaway, period music, period dancing by central Ohio dance studio, and civil war re-enactors and encampment. (Continued on page 3)



Welcome, new members!

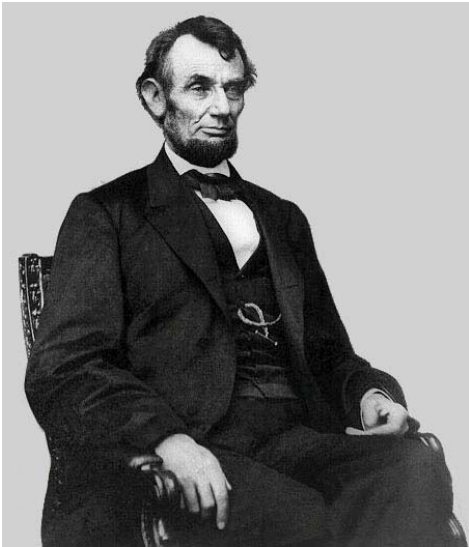
Since the last newsletter, the following members have joined the Friends of the Delaware County District Library:

Barbara Pettegrew; Beverly Obert; Brian Hufford; Diana Seebode; Heather & Gary Guthrie; Janie Wiest; Jeanette Tedmon; Julie

Barry; Kathie Squires; Kathleen Macoughtry; Mara Kittelson; Martha Edelblute; Vickie Sheets; William & Colleen Huckabee; and Tami Furlong.

Welcome to all of you! As a reminder, if you are receiving this newsletter by mail and would like to re-

ceive it instead by email along with other occasional information from the Friends, please send an email to David Powell at dpowell@mtso.edu.



Programming:

Three family programs (Include a story, activity, and craft)

Over 8 teen and adult programs featuring topics such as:

Period Project Runway for Teens

Discussion on Mary Todd Lincoln

Presentation by central Ohio book author

Discussion on Lincoln & Slavery Before the Emancipation Proclamation

Delaware Master Gardeners - Presentation of Civil War era gardens

All three bookclubs will be reading Lincoln or period related selections

Mini-Displays including:

Replica of Abraham Lincoln's signature stove top hat (at each branch)

Life sized stand Lincoln for visitors to measure themselves up to

Assembled Lincoln Log cabins (at each branch)

What's In Lincoln's Ipod? Display playing period music

Gettysburg Address - YouTube video

Local quilters guild - showcasing Civil war period patterned quilts

Informational facts about Lincoln (4-5 additional)

22x28 portrait of Abraham Lincoln created out of Legos

Lite Brite Lincoln

Facebook presence

Abraham Lincoln portrait done by local artist on Etch-A-Sketch

Giant penny rubbing activity



— Shea Alltmont and David Powell



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The mission and purpose of the Friends include the following: to focus public attention on the services and needs of the Delaware County District Library (DCDL); to advocate for the DCDL and its mission; to raise funds to support the DCDL's services and programs; and to provide volunteer support services to the DCDL.

For further information about membership in the Friends, contact Maryann Sweeney at 740-666-0636.

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**Come, and take choice of all my library,
And so beguile thy sorrow.**

— William Shakespeare, *Titus Andronicus*, IV.i.

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