

**Friends of the South Coastal Library**  
**President's Report**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 7:00PM**

**Donations Report**

We have received \$600 in donations since the April Board meeting, plus \$741 from the dine and donate event at Good Earth Market.

**Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Event**

The Library held an event on the Bethany Beach bandstand on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to kick-off the Summer Reading Program. Sue, Lisa Snyder and I set-up a FOSCL table and distributed FOSCL swag and shared info on upcoming events (Tour and book sales). The event was attended by more than 300 people, despite lousy weather.

**Update on IMLS**

The news is not good with regard to the future of the IMLS. The proposed 2026 federal budget eliminates all funding for the agency. Should the budget be approved by Congress, there would be no more state grants to help fund public libraries and museum services issued by the IMLS. The decision for the 2026 fiscal budget is expected to be made by October 1.

**Delaware HB 119: the Freedom to Read Act**

I sent letters on behalf of FOSCL to both Rep. Gray and Sen. Hocker urging them to vote in support of this bill. [This Act establishes the following principles in regards to public library material: (1) Library material is provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all persons the library serves; (2) Library material should not be excluded, removed, or prohibited from a catalogue because of the origin, background, or views of a persons who created the material; (3) Material should not be excluded, removed, or prohibited from a library because of partisan, ideological, or religious disapproval. This Act requires that public libraries adopt a library collection development policy consistent with the foregoing principles and also creates similar requirements for school libraries.] The bill has passed the House, with Rep. Gray voting “no”, but has not yet come to vote in the State Senate.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

<b>July 18</b>	<b>B&amp;BCT Cocktail Party, 6pm</b>
July 19	Monthly book sale, 10am-noon
<b>July 23-24</b>	<b>B&amp;BCT</b>
August 9	Monthly book sale, 10am -noon
<b>August 26</b>	<b>Next Board meeting, 7pm</b>