

Division of Libraries signs agreement to integrate DAFB Library into state catalog

Gov. Jack Markell, the Delaware Division of Libraries on behalf of the Delaware Library Consortium, and Dover Air Force Base signed a Memorandum of Understanding June 23 establishing an agreement and partnership for collaboration to expand the capacity of library services in supporting community needs.

The agreement allows Delaware libraries to integrate the

popular items of the DAFB Library collection into the statewide Delaware Library Catalog. The shared collection currently consists of over 2.5 million print and digital items.

"The library directors are delighted to receive this high-quality collection from the Dover Air Force Base Library. Through community collaborations such as this, Delaware libraries and their partners support Delawareans in achieving their versions of the Delaware dream," said Annie Norman, state librarian.

The collection will be managed among Delaware libraries throughout the state, making it available to all Delaware residents. The partnership between DAFB and Delaware Division of Libraries will maximize resources and services for the benefit of DAFB families and all Delawareans.

"We are pleased to be able to partner with the State of Delaware to enhance the services available to DAFB families and all Delawareans," said Col. Kevin Gordon, 436th Airlift Wing vice commander. "Initiatives like this further cement the bond between DAFB and the local community, and we look forward to continuing to build on our relationship."

The integration of the DAFB Library collection to the Delaware Library Catalog, delawarelibraries.org, is an initiative resulting from the transformation of DAFB library last March and will make the most popular collections, children's books and educational materials available to all Delawareans.

DAFB families are eligible to register for Delaware library cards and are encouraged to join library friends groups to become more involved in local and statewide communities. For more information about the Delaware Division of Libraries, go to libraries.delaware.gov.

TAPSATIONS DAZZLE CROWD AT AARP LUNCHEON



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THE TAPSATIONS AND Rich Foti entertained more than 50 folks at the June 25 luncheon of AARP Chapter 4903 held at American Legion Post 28. They performed three different dance presentations framed in a Hawaiian theme, punctuated by medleys of traditional island songs by singer Rich Foti, to which many members sang along. All members were provided with leis to complement their Hawaiian shirts. This popular Lewes dance group performs throughout the area for community groups, nursing homes and hospitals.

The next chapter luncheon is Wednesday, Sept. 24, at American Legion Post 28 in Long Neck on Route 24. Reservations are required and must be made by Friday, Sept. 19. Cost is \$12 for members, 12.50 for non-members. For more information and reservations call Lynn at 302-644-8774 or Mari at 302-684-8485.

Pictured at the luncheon (l-r) are Chapter 4903 co-President Chick Barrar, dancer Josie Schroeder, chapter co-President John Ballantyne, dancer Sharon Kreitzer, emcee Rich Foti, and dancer Joyce Fitch.



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