



Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library

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Upcoming Events:

- April – Book Sale
- Sept. – Crock 2006
- Sept. – Quilt Raffle
- Dec. – Tree Fest

Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan.
through Dec.
Renewal form available at
the library

2006 Goal:

\$12,500 donation to the
Library

Merchandise:

Friends Tote Bags in the
works!

*“My best Friend
is a person who
will give me a
book I have not
read.”
Abraham Lincoln*

Name Our Newsletter – Win a Prize!

Think up a great name for our newsletter! A prize will be awarded to the winner. Contact Liz Heim by telephone (837-1672) or email polkadot@eawireless.net with your suggestions. The winning name will be selected by the Friends Board.

Spring Book Sale & Raffle

Friday April 28th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Friends only (with 2006 membership card). General public welcomed Friday April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. & Saturday April 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sale will be held in the Selinsgrove Borough Community Room.

Also at the book sale ... a raffle with some wonderful prizes, including a beautiful hand woven scarf, a print, a gardener's basket, impressive new hardcover books, etc. Tote bags (great for carrying home your books!) and other merchandise for sale. Friends 10% discount applies to this merchandise.

We welcome your donations of gently used books (no textbooks, condensed books or damaged books, please). **The better the quality of books donated, the better the sale.** Please bring your previously loved books to the library for donation during regular library hours.

We'll need volunteers to help out during setup, teardown, and the book sale itself, and will be contacting members who indicated a willingness to assist. Setup will be on Thursday April 27th and teardown after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday April 29th. We'll need people for these jobs who can lift boxes of books and move books on a dolly or hand-cart.

Watch for our innovative “Book Bucks”, exclusive to members of Friends, coming your way soon...

Book Sale Contact: Janis Gemberling 374-9380

Other Upcoming Events

At the library, in conjunction with National Library Week:

- Wednesday, April 5 – library will be highlighting Friends and volunteers
- Thursday, April 6 (sponsored by Friends) – 30th birthday celebration for the Snyder County Library system – reception at 5:00 p.m.

Adult programs at the library (sponsored by Friends)

- Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Steam Trains of Pennsylvania
- Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – The Sixties: The Years that Shaped a Generation

Friends Contributions:

County storymobile*
New shelving for children's area
CD collection
Award winning children's books
Circulation copies of Tree Fest books
Tutor.com homework help
Public performance license (teen movie night)
Harry Potter celebration*
TV/DVD combo & bean bag chairs (teen movie night)
Summer reading program*
Puppet theatre and puppets
Read aloud program
Dial-A-Story
Book shelving
Book cart
TV cart
Laminator
* funded in part by Friends

Awareness Raising Events:

Gettysburg Bus Trip
Tree Fest of Children's Books

Information:

Website
Newsletters
Bookmarks

All thanks to your generous support!

Trustees and Friends Together: Advocates for Better Libraries

Our Friends group is honored to have been invited to participate in "That's What Friends Are For: A Panel of Success Stories", being held in conjunction with the 20th Annual Institute for Trustees and Friends in April 2006. Liz Heim, representing successful small Friends groups, will be one of three panel participants. Margaret Siro will also be attending the free two day conference to take advantage of this opportunity to bring home valuable information and strategies for our Friends group.

One of the best ways for Friends to support their library is to be an active advocate on its behalf. The keynote speech of the conference "Loving Your Library Isn't Enough: The Need for Library Advocacy", offered by Peter Pearson, President of the Friends of the St. Paul, Minnesota, Public Library, promises to be particularly interesting.

Tree Fest 2005 Huge Success

The 2nd Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books . . . awesome and magical! There were more decorated trees (23) and wreaths (9) this year than last. We enjoyed more visitors and are delighted to announce that many more children toured the event (300 to 350).

1st & 2nd Prize Trees:

- ✚ "There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly", decorated by the 3rd grade classes of Lynn Fiedler and Beth Snyder (1st prize)
- ✚ "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree", decorated by the Susquehanna Valley Reading Council (2nd prize)

Favorite wreath:

- ✚ "The Christmas Promise", decorated by First Reformed United Church of Christ, Sunbury

Our Friends group donated a copy of each of the books featured in Tree Fest 2005 to the library's permanent collection of children's books.

Many people worked very hard on Tree Fest and we are so very grateful to all our volunteers, the decorators and everyone who contributed to making this an outstanding and wonderful event in our community. Thank you all!



1st Prize Tree

School Class Enjoys Visit to Tree Fest

Year-End Donation to Library

Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library's year-end 2005 donation to Snyder County Libraries totaled almost \$11,000, to fund:

- ✚ Renewal of the annual public performance license for the popular teens' movie night

Friends Board:

Officers:

Pres. – Elizabeth Heim
V.P. – Deb Bernhisel
Sec. – Barbara Grubb
Tres. – Walt Hagenbuch

Joyce Bilger
Janis Gemberling
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Pat Reiland-Hess
Margaret Siro
Linda Wieder
Lynn Askew, Library Board
Liaison
Betsy Fordon, Library
Liaison
Barbara McGary, Library
Liaison

Board Meetings:

2nd Wednesday of the
month at 5:30 p.m. in Sel.
Borough Chamber
No meeting in July or
August
Annual Members' Meeting
held in conjunction with
December meeting.

***“When I got my
library card,
that’s when my
life began”
Rita Mae Brown***

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- ✚ Purchase of a copy of each of the 32 books featured in Tree Fest 2005 for the children’s permanent book collection
- ✚ Funding in full for the library’s 2006 “Wish List”
 - Adapting the van into a county storymobile to bring early literacy programs to children throughout the county branches
 - New shelving for the children’s area in Selingsgrove library
 - Other items to create a more aesthetic atmosphere in the library and create a space you would be proud to visit and bring a friend.

In the past three years Friends of the Selingsgrove Community Library has contributed a total of approximately \$26,500 to the Snyder County Libraries.

Our Appreciation Goes To ...

Carol and Charles Bull, who put so much time, effort, thought and care into Friends. They were involved from the time of restructuring in 2003 and filled positions at different times of President, Immediate Past President, Publicity Chair and Tree Fest Decorating Chair. Tree Fest was Carol’s creative brainchild and she and Charles poured themselves into the success of this magical event.

Our very best wishes go to you, Carol and Charles, in your new home in Massachusetts!

And To ...

Those who gave such generous donations and honoraria in 2005. Thank you!

Ongoing Challenges

Organizations lose good people who move away or on to other worthwhile endeavors. To continue to support the structure we have established, our Friends group needs help in the following areas:

- ✚ Managing publicity
- ✚ Managing a membership database
- ✚ Managing our website and quarterly newsletter

Contact Liz Heim 837-1672

2006 Membership (to date)

*Carol & Jim App
Larry & Patricia Arbogast*
Lynn Askew
Gary & Rita Aucker
Deborah M. Bernhisel
Mildred Bogar
Bowen Agency Inc.**
Shelley Boyer
Doris Boynton
Carol & Charles Bull
Vi Carr
Jessica Cooper
Janie Coyne
Diane Crowe
Dorothy K. Davis
Susan & Camille Decker
Harold R. Dunkelberger
Jeff Edmunds Family
Donald J. Ernst
Janet M. Evans
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Felix
Betsy & John Fordon
Tom & Anne Gates*
Hilda Gemberling
Ilene D. Gilson*

Please let us
know if your
address changes

If you haven't
renewed your
membership for
2006, we hope
you'll send it in
today!

***A good book is
the best of
Friends, the
same today and
forever."
Martin Farquhar
Tupper***

Jaye Goundie
Jim & Carol Handlan*
Susan Hegberg
Elizabeth Heim*
David & Brenda Herbert
Erin Herbert
June Hoke
Grace Houser
Grace & Don Housley
Eva Hurliman
Gloria Karchner*
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Clarence Kerstetter
Joe & Judy Kleinbauer*
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