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Newsletter of Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library

June 2006

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Upcoming Events:

- Sept. – Crock 2006
- Sept. – Quilt Raffle
- Dec. – Tree Fest

Memorial Donations:

Thank you to Shirley Rowe
for her donation
in memory of
Veronica (Flo) Diehl

2006 Goal:

\$12,500 donation to the Library

Merchandise:

Now Available:
Friends Tote Bags
“Read” Lapel Pins
(10% Friends member
discount applies to
this merchandise)

***“The first time I read
an excellent book it
is to me just as if I
had gained a new
friend...”***
- Oliver Goldsmith

New Name for Newsletter

Thanks to Margaret Siro for coming up with “Phoenix” – a great new name for our newsletter!

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales - *Friends Donation to Library*

In April 2006 Friends donated \$2,000 to the library to help fund their summer reading program “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales”. (What a great name!) This program encourages children and teens to read for pleasure during the summer and it helps children retain their reading skills while they are on break from school. Hundreds of children in the community are offered reading challenges, story hours, craft programs and special events. Snyder County Libraries lost the majority of their funding for summer reading because of statewide budget cuts, and faced a serious shortfall in the finances necessary to operate this terrific program. Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library are delighted to make this donation to help put the summer reading program back on track.

The program is free and open to residents of Snyder County. Registration starts June 1, 2006 and runs through the end of August.

Quilt Raffle



This beautiful Homespun Star quilt was handmade at Nora Martin’s quilt shop in Mifflinburg. The quilt is queen size (96” x 112”) but as you can see from this picture, also looks wonderful on a king size bed with a dust ruffle.

The quilt is on display at the Selinsgrove Community Library. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at all of the Snyder

County Library branches ... 1 ticket - \$1.00; 3 tickets - \$2.00; 7 tickets - \$5.00; 15 tickets - \$10.00. The winning ticket (***it could be yours!***) will be drawn during the Selinsgrove Street Fair on the last Saturday in September, 2006.

Contact: Linda Wieder 743-7348

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 2005 & 2006*
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!

Tree Fest 2006

Planning has begun for the Third Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books to be held December 2nd through 15th, 2006. This awesome event will again be held at All Saints Episcopal Church Social Hall.

A letter offering first chance to decorate a tree or wreath for Tree Fest 2006 has been sent to last year's decorators. The decorator brochure is being revised and will be mailed to potential decorators in June.

Contacts: Co-chairs Carol Handlan 374-6631 or Elizabeth Heim 837-1672

20th Annual Institute for Trustees and Friends





In Grantville, PA, April 21st & 22nd, 2006 – Our Friends group was represented by Elizabeth Heim and Margaret Siro and Carol Handlan represented the board of Snyder County Libraries, Inc. Elizabeth Heim represented small libraries on a three participant panel "That's What Friends Are For: A Panel of Success Stories". More than 300 people from central and eastern Pennsylvania attended the conference which focused on advocacy with the intent to provide valuable information, skills and insight to enable attendees to be active and strong advocates for dynamic public libraries.

We encourage Friends members to write or call your state representative requesting support of the \$75.5 million to fund public libraries in Pennsylvania that Governor Rendell has included in next year's proposed budget. This is a record amount for the state's support of libraries. The budget deadline is June 30th. Let your representative know that **you love your library ... and you vote!**

Spring Book Sale and Raffle 2006

What a great event this was! Not only did we offer great books at bargain prices, but we also had a wonderful raffle with six terrific prizes. To top it off, we sold Friends tote bags (great for carrying home your books!) and lapel pins designed around a literacy theme. The event generated more than \$1,350, a significant increase over 2005.

A special thanks goes to those who so generously donated raffle gifts:

-  Donald Housley (numbered color print of Rodney Ries "Susquehanna on the Avenue")
-  Eva Hurliman (crimson chenille scarf handwoven by Eva of "Woven for You")
-  Margaret Siro (a basket filled with goodies for gardeners plus a wonderful green frog)
-  Jeff Shaara (signed books on tape)

Without all the willing volunteers who helped "book sit" and with setup and teardown, this event would not have been possible. Many thanks!

Contact: Janis Gemberling 374-9380

Friends Board:

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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.

***“A library is not a
luxury, but one of
the necessities of
life.”***

***- Henry Ward
Beecher***

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Friends Merchandise (available soon at library)



Our Friends merchandise debuted at the Spring Book Sale and Raffle and proved very popular. We're very proud of the tote bags and lapel pins we now have available for purchase. A 10% members' discount applies to these items when you show your 2006 Friends' member card. The sturdy tote bags are well constructed with double stitched handles and an exterior pocket. Here's a picture of mine, ready to go.



Our "read" lapel pins are created by Designs by Lucinda. Read pins support and raise awareness for literacy groups, libraries, education, book clubs, childhood reading programs, etc. – completely appropriate for a Friends of the Library fundraiser. All Lucinda pins are handcrafted in Maine. We purchased 63 pins for resale; each pin adheres to the "read" theme and **each pin is different.**

Contact: Margaret Siro 374-4445

Dinner at Hoss's Restaurant - Library Fundraiser

Mark your calendar – on July 10 and December 5, Hoss's Restaurant will donate 20% of the cost of your dinner to the library. You need to present a ticket to the restaurant. Tickets can be picked up at any library branch after the second week in June.

Our Appreciation Goes To ...




Our members, whose dues and donations provide the seed money for our fund raising efforts.

And To ...

Those who volunteer so many hours helping out at events – we couldn't raise so much money for the library without you!

Board Positions Available

Our Friends board needs people to head up the following initiatives:

-  Publicity
-  Membership database
-  Website and quarterly newsletter

Contact Liz Heim 837-1672

Please let us know
if your address
changes

**“If you have a
garden and a
library you have
everything you
need.”
-Cicero**

2006 Membership (to date)

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