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Newsletter of Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library

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Upcoming Events:

- April - Book Sale 2007
- Sept - Crock 2007
- Sept - Quilt Raffle 2007
- Dec - Tree Fest 2007

Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan.
through Dec.
Renewal form available at the
library or at
www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org

2007 Goal:

\$10,000 donation to the
Library

Merchandise:

- Friends Tote Bags
 - Literacy Lapel Pins
- Available at the Library
More to come in 2007...

Memorial Donations /Honoraria:

A wonderful way to remember
or honor loved ones! We will
acknowledge all such
donations in our newsletter
and website, with permission
of the donor.

2007/2008 Friends Board

The Friends board hard at work...
Please welcome the new officers for
2007/2008: Joyce Hendricks, President;
Emily Johnson, Vice President and Deborah
Bernhisel, Secretary (previously Vice
President). Janis Gemberling continues to
serve as Treasurer until the end of 2007.
Patty Gaugler joined the board and will be
managing the membership and crock order
databases. Welcome all!



Spring Book Sale & Raffle

Friday April 27th from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Friends only (with Friends membership card). General public welcomed Friday April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Saturday April 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sale will be held in the Selinsgrove Borough Community Room.

A George Foreman Lean Mean Grilling Machine (indoor grill) will be raffled. We will also have Friends merchandise available for sale (the 10% Friends discount applies to this merchandise).

We welcome your donations of gently used books (no textbooks, condensed books, mildewed 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 have indicated a willingness to assist. Setup will be on Thursday April 26th in the afternoon; teardown will be after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday April 28th.

Book Sale Contact: Janis Gemberling 374-9380

Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL)

Elizabeth Heim has accepted an invitation to join the board of Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries (PCBL) for a three year term; she looks forward to the opportunity to advocate for both library users and Friends groups throughout the Commonwealth. Liz will remain on the Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library board for a two year term as Immediate Past President, a non-officer position and will continue to serve as editor of the newsletter and to maintain the Friends website.

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
Matching funding allowing enhanced preschool programs, resources
Add-ons to new library Polaris system

* funded in part by Friends

Awareness Raising Events:

Gettysburg Bus Trip
Tree Fest of Children's Books
2004, 2005 & 2006

Information:

Website
Newsletters
Bookmarks

All thanks to your generous support!

"We should read to give our souls a chance to luxuriate."
Henry Miller

Friends Board:

Best Tree Fest Ever - 2006

The 3rd Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books brought in more visitors (almost 1000) and earned more money for the library (approximately \$3,000) than any previous Tree Fest. All proceeds from this awesome and magical event go to support the Snyder County Library Summer Reading Program for 2007, a program open to all children residing in Snyder County. We had a wonderful group of decorators, many of whom donated their chosen book to the library following Tree Fest. Many decorators also allowed their tree or wreath to be offered for sale by silent auction, which raised a record amount of \$610 this year.

The Friends group donated a children's book of the library's choice to the library for their permanent children's book collection on behalf of each of the three winners shown below. A bookplate will be placed in each book commemorating Tree Fest 2006 and the decorator's winning entry.

For the first time we have a waiting list of people eager to decorate trees, so we anticipate a very special Tree Fest of Children's Books 2007 (4th Annual Tree Fest).

We are grateful to the many people who helped make this event an outstanding success. Thank you all!

Visit our website: www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org

Follow the Tree Fest links on the home page for more details about Tree Fest 2006.



First Prize Tree

"Old McDonald Had a Farm"
Created by the Seals Den
Congratulations!



Second Prize Tree

"Herschel and the Hannukah Goblins"
Created by
SAIS 3rd Grade Classes of
Mrs. Beth Snyder & Mrs. Renee Parker

Officers:

Pres. – Joyce Hendricks
V.P. – Emily Johnson
Sec. – Deborah Bernhisel
Tres. – Janis Gemberling

Joyce Bilger
Patty Gaugler
Elizabeth Heim
Grace Housley
Pat Reiland-Hess
Linda Wieder
Lynn Askew, Library Board
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.

**Please advise us if
you change your
address, phone or
email address**

***“As life tends to
become more and
more distracting, let us
firmly hold on to
books.”***

A. Edward Newton

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Best Tree Fest Ever – 2006 (continued)



First Prize Wreath

“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”

Created by
Candy Bouquet

Year-End Donation to Library

Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library's 2006 donation to Snyder County Libraries totaled an impressive \$12,513, to fund:

- ✚ The library's 2007 "Wish List" (\$10,413):
 - Funding which allows the library to receive the Preschool Connection Grant from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries for 2007. The library will receive \$3,000 for preschool programs and parent and child resources.
 - Add-ons to the new Integrated Library System Polaris to enhance the benefits of the system. The five receipt printers and the hardware and software for the inventory manager system will maximize the benefits of Polaris and allow for the implementation of improved procedures to better serve patrons.
 - Assistance in funding the upcoming 2007 Summer Reading Program. Each year hundreds of children in Snyder County participate in this program which allows them to maintain their reading levels over the summer, connect with their community library and discover the joys of reading.
- ✚ An April donation towards the 2006 Summer Reading Program (\$2,000)
- ✚ \$100 donated to provide refreshments to patrons while participating in various library programs, including the 30th birthday celebration of the Snyder County Library system.

Since 2003, Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library has contributed \$38,978 to the Snyder County Libraries. Many of the enhanced collections, programs and services that are acquired through these donations benefit all of the Snyder County libraries.

Library Open House (Polaris System)

Come see how the new Polaris system works! The library has scheduled an all day Open House on March 26th to demonstrate the capabilities of this exciting new integrated library system.

Our Thanks Go ...

All our new and renewing members in 2007 and, as always, to our loyal lifetime members. It is your membership fees and donations that allow us to hold the fundraising events that generate income for the substantial donations to the library from Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library. We couldn't do it without you!

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“To read a book for the first time is to make an acquaintance with a new friend; to read it for a second time is to meet an old one.”

**Anonymous, Chinese
Saying**