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Upcoming Events:

- Sept -Crock 2012
-Quilt Raffle 2012 &
-Jewelry Sale
- Oct -Yard Sale?
- Dec -Tree Fest 2012
-Annual Meeting

Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan. through Dec. **If you have not done so already, we hope you'll renew your membership for 2012.** Renewal form available at the library or at:
www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org

Special Thanks:

Many of you, when renewing your membership, have added a donation to Friends; thank you so much for these generous donations!

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

"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."
Groucho Marx

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Library Update

It's been exciting watching the progress of the new construction; the building looks wonderful with the beautiful brick façade and all the windows! Everyone is eagerly anticipating occupying the renovated building, and that schedule looks to be pretty much on track, towards the end of August. In the meantime, the library continues full operations in their temporary headquarters at Jackson Penn Elementary School (374-7163)

Quilt Raffle (Chair: Linda Wieder 743-7348)

We are raffling this beautiful quilt at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on September 22. Created by Nora Martin Quilts in Mifflinburg in an "Autumn Splendor" pattern, it fits a queen size bed to the floor, king-size with a bedskirt or dust ruffle.



Jewelry Sale (Chair: Barbara Feldmann 374-4707)

In a new venture for Friends, we'll be offering a large selection of previously loved jewelry for sale at our booth at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on September 22. We are currently soliciting donations for jewelry for this sale, so please look over all that jewelry you've had for years, sort it, and donate some to this great fundraising event. We'd be grateful for empty jewelry boxes too. Everyone loves jewelry; it'll be such fun to see what we have to offer at the Festival! Visit our booth to get your quilt raffle tickets and stock up on bling at the same time. Jewelry donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

Karis Salon on Market, Selinsgrove
Distinctive Hair Design, 29 N. Market Street, Selinsgrove)
Expressions by Damita, 5 High Street, Selinsgrove
At the library (in the Friends box at the circulation desk)

Friends Contributions:

County storymobile*
New shelving for children's area
CD collection
Matching funds to receive award winning children's books from Libri Fdn.
Circulation copies of Tree Fest books
Public performance license (teen movie night)
Harry Potter celebration*
TV/DVD combo & bean bag chairs (teen movie night)
Summer Reading Program, 2007, '08, '09, '10, '11, 2012*
Puppet theatre and puppets
Read aloud program
Book shelving
Book cart
TV cart
Laminator
Matching funding allowing enhanced preschool programs, resources/annual upgrades to Family Place
Add-ons to new library Polaris system
Major additions to adult, young adult, children's and reference collections
Family event storyteller
Tumblebooks
MP3Players for circulation
Ellison Die Machine & Dies
Early Literacy Station - bi-lingual computer for preschool and elementary school children
New furniture for periodical storage & newspaper storage
Sponsored refreshments for a variety of library events
Primary early readers
Parent magic books and DVDs
Laptop Computer and Desk
DS games
TV and Wii

* funded in part by Friends

Shredding Event Report (Chair: Joyce Bilger 743-5273)

This new venture, held in connection with Snyder County's Recycling Event was a wonderful success! Streams of cars filled with boxes of paper came to the **Keystone Mobile Shredding, Inc.**'s truck and then watched their papers being shredded. We are so grateful to Rick and Karen Metz, who came from Williamport for the occasion, charged us nothing to shred tons of paper, and gave us a \$100 donation! They did it as a community service. Many thanks! We were astonished at how many people told us how glad they were that Friends ran this event, and that they hoped we'd do it again next year. We certainly plan to do that! It was both profitable for Friends and popular with people. Thanks to Debbie Wolfe of Snyder County Waste Management, who allowed us to partner with the recycling event.

Tree Fest of Children's Books – 2011

and the Tree Fest Winners (Popular Vote) were ...!



1st Place Tree
Agapeland Preschool
Have You Filled A Bucket Today?
by Carol McCloud



2nd Place Tree
Middleburg Elementary
Kindergarten
The Kissing Hand
by Audrey Penn



Favorite Wreath
Mrs. McEvoy's 3rd Grade
Class, Selinsgrove
Mr. Popper's Penguins
by Richard & Florence
Atwater

and the Tree Fest Winners (Judges' Choice) were ...!

Judges' Choice Tree awarded to Beta Sigma Phi – Laureate Omicron with ***The Jolly Postman*** by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Judges' Choice Wreath awarded to Northumberland Christian School Fourth Grade with ***The Indian In The Cupboard*** by Lynne Reid Banks

More than 1000 people, including approximately 400 children enjoyed Tree Fest 2011. Priscilla Conrad and students entertained at the opening reception. Kathy Miller, author of ***Chippy Chipmunk – Parties in the Garden*** and ***Chippy Chipmunk – Babies in the Garden*** visited Tree Fest to autograph her books and share her extensive knowledge of chipmunks. A very large Chippy Chipmunk entertained children as well. KJ Wagner also joined us to provide entertainment. Our grateful thanks go to all these wonderful people who volunteered their time and talent for Tree Fest this year.

The net profit of \$1,610 from Tree Fest 2011 was donated to the library and is helping to fund Snyder County Libraries 2012 Summer Reading Program, (what a great program this is!) now in progress at the Library. The Summer Reading Program is available to all children in Snyder County.

Awareness Raising Events:

Gettysburg Bus Trip
Tree Fest of Children's Books
2004 through 2011

Information:

Website
Newsletters

Friends Board:

Officers:

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Liaison (ex officio)
Jennifer Johnston, Library
Liaison (ex officio)

Board Meetings:

2nd Wednesday of the month
at 4:30 p.m. at the library.
No meeting in July or August
Annual Members' Meeting
held in conjunction with
December meeting.

**“A Library – Here is where
people,
One frequently finds,
Lower their voices
And raise their minds.”
Richard Armour**



Chippy Chipmunk beside the tree decorated to the theme of the Chippy books

Many people work together to make Tree Fest such a wonderful community event. Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club gave us hours of volunteer help during setup and Kohl's Department Store's A-Team provided 15 hours of volunteer help during clean-up, and a \$500 grant through their community program which supports childhood literacy. We're deeply grateful to each and every person who volunteers time to help out – thank you all!

Plans are underway for Tree Fest 2012. Emily Johnson will be chairing the event. **Tree Fest 2012 will be held in the newly renovated library!** We are so grateful to all the wonderful folks at All Saints Episcopal Church who provided such a wonderful home for Tree Fest over the past years.

Annual Donations to Library

In January 2011, Friends donated \$13,000 to the library from funds raised in calendar year 2010. We agreed to the library's request that they be allowed to utilize our donation as needed throughout the year, rather than restricting the use to a predetermined "Wish List". The library used our donation as follows: \$1,900 for youth programming, \$7,450 to enhance collections, \$300 for the annual renewal fee for the movie license, \$1,350 for the Summer Reading Program, and \$2,000 to be used to purchase a television and Wii program.

We're proud to announce that our donations since inception in 2003 now total \$112,000, including our contribution to the capital campaign.

We're extremely proud of the achievements of our Friends group, and we thank you, our membership, for your continued support. Many people have volunteered their time and talent to further our efforts to help make the library the best that it can be.

A Letter to Friends From The Capital Campaign

Dear Friend of the Selinsgrove Library,

What an exciting time it is! Selinsgrove is bustling with new businesses and restaurants; residents and visitors are enjoying a beautiful park-like area, the Commons; everyone is watching a recently produced public television show about our town; and...ta da! we're all anticipating the opening of the brand new bigger and better Selinsgrove Library.

In just over a year we have watched the new library building expand from "the big hole" to an impressive edifice centered in the downtown. It truly will be the cornerstone of Selinsgrove!

A group of volunteers has been working throughout the construction period as the library's Capital Campaign committee. With a goal of \$3.6 million, we have secured, in cash and pledges, 91% of that goal! We think this success is indicative of the wonderful community support and obvious necessity for a new public library. Yet, despite the generosity of many, more IS required. An outstanding \$300,000 is still needed.

*Will you help? This is an opportunity for you to participate in, most likely, a once-in-a-lifetime gift. While you may support the library with annual giving, you rarely are asked to give to something that will span generations and last for years into the future. A donation to the Capital Campaign is a lasting legacy to your generosity and support of the Selinsgrove Library. We hope the chance to complete a pledge over a 1-3 year period will make it possible for you to join us in making a critical difference to the success of this project. **Every** donation of **any** size will help us reach the final goal!*

Should you have additional questions, please contact Pam Ross, Executive Director of the Snyder County Libraries at (570) 374-3271. Inside this newsletter is a pledge card that you are asked to complete when you donate. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

The Selinsgrove Library Capital Campaign committee