



# PHOENIX

## Friends of Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events:

- Jul - Antiques on the Avenue
- Sep - Quilt Raffle at  
Market Street Festival
- Oct - Yard Sale
- Nov - Gift Card Bingo
- Dec - Tree Fest 2014  
- Annual Meeting

### Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan. through Dec. **If you have not done so already, we hope you'll renew your membership for 2014.**

Renewal form available at the library or at  
[www.friendsgelnettlibrary.org](http://www.friendsgelnettlibrary.org)

### Special Thanks:

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

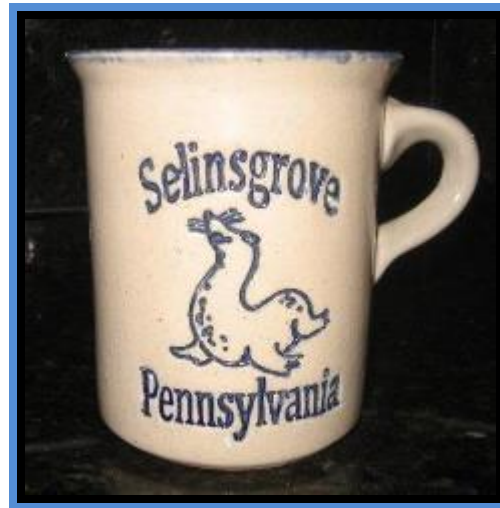
***“Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.”***

–Laura Bush

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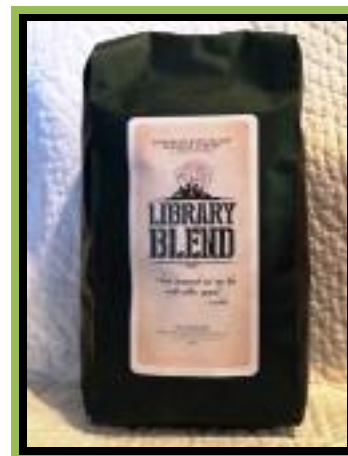
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### Collectible Mugs



Our Happy Seal mugs have been so popular that we reordered a limited number. These are available at the Gelnett library in Selinsgrove without preordering. Simply inquire at the circulation desk.

### Library Blend Coffee



## 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 and 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

Locally owned and operated, Fresh Roasted Coffee of Selinsgrove has partnered with Friends to provide a distinctive coffee with a blend that's all our own. This coffee will satisfy many taste buds and preferences. *Library Blend* is available in regular or decaffeinated. Each 12 oz. bag contains coffee that is Mexican-grown, eco-friendly, medium roasted, and has a mild, fresh-coffee flavor. *Library Blend* is an organic coffee and the decaffeinated variety is created through a Swiss Water Process (SWP), which preserves the subtle and distinctive flavors of the bean's origin while removing 99.9% of the caffeine with a chemical-free process. WARNING: may be habit forming!

We successfully offered this coffee via pre-ordering several weeks ago. We expect to be able to offer it again from time to time for direct purchase, without pre-ordering. Look for it at our booth at Antiques on the Avenue and Market Street Festival.

## Quilt Raffle (Chair: Linda Wieder 743-7348)



A beautiful quilt was created in the Cornerstone Log Cabin pattern by Nora Martin Quilts in Mifflinburg. You could be our big winner! Raffle tickets are available at the library, at Antiques on the Avenue on July 13 and at the Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on September 27, where the winning ticket will be drawn. The quilt fits a queen size bed to the floor, king-size with a bed skirt or dust ruffle.

We will also be drawing a second ticket, and the holder of the second winning ticket will receive a beautiful throw with a fascinating history! The lovely, soft throw is fully washable and done in earthtones of off-white, taupe and seagreen. It is approximately 52" x 56". A woman inmate at the Snyder County Prison, who participates in both the prison book club and the crochet group, worked diligently to create this throw. She was so pleased that her efforts will benefit the library. The crochet project has been a win-win situation. The library will benefit financially and the female prisoner has been able to give back to the community which has helped bolster her self-esteem.



***“I’m a voracious reader. You have to read to survive. People who read for pleasure are wasting their time. Reading isn’t fun; it’s indispensable.”***  
- Woody Allen

### Information:

Website  
Newsletters

### Friends Board:

#### Officers:

Pres. – Elizabeth Heim  
V.P. – Pat Reiland-Hess  
Sec. – Joyce Hendricks  
Tres. – Pat Wendt

Joyce Bilger  
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Patty Gaugler  
Janis Gemberling  
Grace Housley  
Charles McCuen  
Ricki Stringfellow  
Jane Taylor  
Gretchen Wagoner  
Linda Wieder  
Jennifer Johnston, Library Liaison (ex officio)

#### Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the library.  
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**

## Friends Book Sale

(Chair: Janis Gemberling 374-0583)

Friends continues to sponsor a **PERMANENT, ON-GOING, FULL TIME** book sale located on the main floor of the library, near the DVDs. It’s open during library hours and features good condition used books at terrific bargain prices – nothing more than \$1! Shelves are restocked frequently. Simply take your choices to the circulation desk and advise that these books are from the Friends Book Sale. On occasion, when our supply of books overwhelms our available storage, we will have a bag sale in the building lobby. We expect to have one soon!

If you’d like to donate books to this effort, you may drop them off at the circulation desk during the hours the library is open (Mon – Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Sunday).

## Tree Fest of Children’s Books – 2013

(co-chairs: Emily Johnson 374-4147 & Gretchen Wagoner 884-3170)

The 2013 Tree Fest of Children's Books sparkled throughout the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library. The opening reception, on Selinsgrove's Late Shopper Night, was well attended. With the voting open through December 20th, and some trees on display until December 28th, library patrons were able to enjoy, and participate, in Tree Fest 2013.

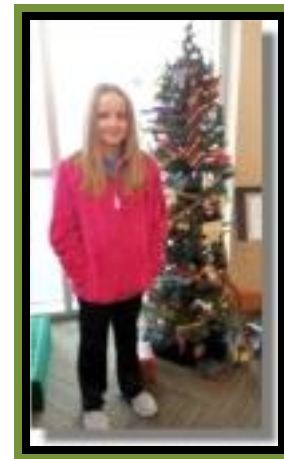
The proceeds of Tree Fest are donated to the Snyder County Libraries to assist with the funding of the upcoming Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program is available to all children in Snyder County.

Through the purchase of tickets patrons and friends cast their votes for their favorite trees and wreaths.

#### Popular Vote:



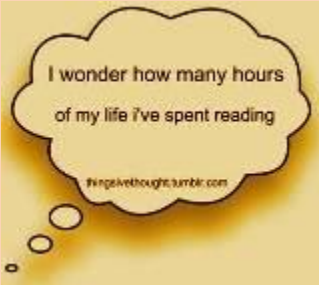
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Tree**  
Selinsgrove Senior Center  
**Dubs Goes to Washington**  
by Dick Morris



**2nd Place Tree**  
Maggie Frey  
**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone**  
by J.K. Rowling

Reading...  
is an act of  
resistance in  
a landscape  
of distraction.

- David L. Ulin, *The Lost Art of Reading*



**The LOVE** of  
**BOOKS**  
is the **ROOT**  
of **ALL**  
**HAPPINESS**



**Favorite Wreath**  
**Mrs. McEvoy's SAIS 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Grade Class**  
**Mosseltoe**  
by Margie Palatini

**Juried Vote:**

Just prior to the opening reception, celebrity judges Mark Lawrence and Peggy Rathfon of Sunbury Broadcasting Corp., served to select Judges' Choice Tree and Judges' Choice Wreath. They evaluated each tree and wreath, awarding points for each of the following categories: originality, quality of work, design and whether exhibit expresses the theme of the book.

<p><b>Judges' Choice Tree</b> <b>Agapeland Preschool</b> <b>Letters To God</b> by Patrick and Heather Doughtie</p>	<p><b>Judges' Choice Wreath</b> <b>Northumberland Christian School Fourth Grade</b> <b>The Door In The Wall</b> by Marguerite de Angeli</p>

There are so many people to thank for helping to put together a wonderful Tree Fest 2013. Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club helped us during setup while Priscilla Conrad and her students regaled us with music during Late Shoppers Night. The library cooperated with us in a hundred ways with the result that 22 beautifully decorated trees and 8 lovely wreaths filled both the main and upper floors. Of course we could not offer Tree Fest at all without our wonderful decorators,



WHEN I FINISH A BOOK, I MOPE  
AROUND FOR A FEW HOURS  
BECAUSE I FEEL A HOLE IN MY HEART.  
WHEN I FINISH A SERIES, IT'S WORSE.

members of the Tree Fest Committee who spend hours organizing, and volunteers from our Friends group who spend hours tree-sitting. Thank you all for making Tree Fest 2013 such a success!

## Annual Donation to Library

Friends of Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library is pleased to advise that in January 2014 we donated \$14,000 to Snyder County Libraries. 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 in furthering our efforts to help make the library the best that it can be.



"It's always  
better to have  
too much to read  
than not enough."

—Ann Patchett

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