



Friends of Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library
P.O. Box 112 Selinsgrove, PA 17870

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Let's start thinking about Tree Fest of Children's Books 2017 – this will be our 14th Tree Fest celebration! Over the years so many wonderful children's books have been celebrated. Our visitors have enjoyed seeing numerous creatively decorated trees and wreaths and voting for favorites. The Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library in Selinsgrove is a perfect venue to showcase this beloved community event. Children's story hours are often held at Tree Fest.

The enclosed 2017 Decorator Brochure provides full details and guidelines. A list of ineligible books (those used in the past two years) is also included. **Reservations for decorating space and book choice is strictly on a "first come, first served" basis**, so please follow the instructions in the enclosed brochure to ensure your space. If you know the book you want to use, include that information when you return your registration form. Otherwise, return the form (with the book name line blank) to reserve your space and advise your book choice as soon as you can afterwards. **Please note that we ask decorators to provide their own artificial tree. If you are decorating a wreath, you can provide your own or use one of Tree Fest's.**

The sale of **tiny trees** has proved popular and we hope decorators will agree to decorate a tiny tree in addition to a large tree or a wreath. Tree Fest provides the tiny trees, most of which are in the 20" to 24" high range and hold approximately 15 to 20 small ornaments. If you elect to decorate a tiny tree, it will be given to you when you come during setup to decorate your larger tree or wreath. Tiny trees are offered for sale to the public as part of Tree Fest's fundraising effort. Your tiny tree may be decorated to the same theme as your large tree or wreath, or to another theme that tickles your fancy.

It was the decision of the committee to forego a special reception this year, but instead have light refreshments on Late Shoppers' Night which is scheduled for Tuesday December 5th, with a snow date of December 12th. The library will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Late Shoppers' Night.

Removal of trees/wreaths may begin on Friday December 22nd and continue any day during regular library hours until Friday, December 29th.

Tree Fest has become a wonderful annual tradition for the community and we hope you'll participate as a decorator this year. We feel that Tree Fest promotes childhood literacy by making reading fun, encouraging the perception that books are interesting and desirable. As always, funds raised during Tree Fest go to support the library's Summer Reading Program. Please contact Liz Heim at 570-374-1082 or by email at heimeliz@ptd.net with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Heim
Decorator Chair

Enclosures