



# PHOENIX

Newsletter of  
Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library

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## Upcoming Events:

- May - Book Sale 2008
- Sept - Crock 2008
- Sept - Quilt Raffle 2008
- Dec - Tree Fest 2008

## Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan.  
through Dec.  
Renewal form available at the  
library or at  
[www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org)

## Memorial & Honoraria Donations:

Thank you for the following  
generous contributions to  
Friends from:

- Joe & Judy Kleinbauer  
- in memory of Martha &  
Catty Auken  
- in honor of Marti Bowen's  
birthday  
- in honor of Joyce Bilger's  
birthday  
John & Linda Lazur – in honor  
of Joyce Bilger  
Raven Rudnitsky – in honor of  
Joyce Bilger  
Emily Johnson  
- in honor of Ruth Roush's  
90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
- in honor of Patty Gaugler's  
father

## Please Tell Us ...

what articles you'd like to see in *Phoenix*. We want to keep our newsletter interesting and informative. Perhaps you'd like to learn more about Friends Board members – we could feature an interview in each newsletter. We could do a book review or perhaps include a selection of recipes. Tell us what you'd like – *Phoenix* is **your** newsletter. Contact Liz Heim with your ideas – phone 837-1672 or email: [polkadot@eawireless.net](mailto:polkadot@eawireless.net)

## 2008/2009 Friends Board

We regret that Deborah Bernhisel, Secretary, is unable to continue on the Friends board in 2008. We miss you, Deb! Emily Johnson has kindly consented to fill the position of Secretary, which leaves the office of Vice President open. Joyce Hendricks continues as President; her term expires at the end of 2008. Janis Gemberling was elected at the 2007 annual meeting to a two year term as Treasurer, expiring at the end of 2009. The complete makeup of the board is shown on page 3.

## Spring Book Sale & Raffle



Our annual Spring Book Sale will start on Friday May 2. From 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. will be for Friends only (with Friends membership card). The general public is welcomed on Friday May 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. & Saturday May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The sale will be held in the Selinsgrove Borough Community Room.

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 May 1 in the afternoon; teardown will be after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday May 3: **Book Sale Contact: Janis Gemberling 374-9380**

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This is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones! We will acknowledge all memorial and honoraria donations in our newsletter.

**Friends Contributions:**

- County storymobile\*
- New shelving for children's area
- CD collection
- Matching funds to receive award winning children's books from Libri Fdn. 2004 & 2007
- Circulation copies of Tree Fest books 2006 & 2007
- 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, 2007 & 2008\*
- Puppet theatre and puppets
- Read aloud program
- Dial-A-Story
- 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 collection
- Discovery backpacks/holders
- Senior information center display
- New furniture for periodical storage & newspaper storage
- Sponsored refreshments for various library events including open houses

\* funded in part by Friends

**Tree Fest of Children's Books – 2007**

More than 1000 people visited the 4th Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books to see trees and wreaths creatively and beautifully decorated to the theme of children's books. The proceeds from Tree Fest 2007 were donated to support the Snyder County Library Summer Reading Program for 2008, a program open to all children residing in Snyder County. We've been very lucky to have a terrific group of decorators each year, 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, one of the ways Tree Fest raises money for the library.

Our Friends group will donate 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 2007 and the decorator's winning entry.

For the first time, the library's pre-school story hour was held at Tree Fest on two Wednesdays. Our mayor, our police chief, Mark Lawrence of WKOK and other community members read to the children. What a resounding success!

Many people work very hard to make Tree Fest a success; we are grateful to each and every one of you. We also deeply appreciate the special donations received this year dedicated specifically to Tree Fest. Thank you all!

Visit our website: [www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org) to see our virtual tour which includes pictures of each and every tree and wreath, plus picture collages of special events held at Tree Fest.

<p>1<sup>st</sup> Place Tree Seals Den <b>On Market Street</b> by Arnold Lobel</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tree Robert Cravitz Law Firm/ Mrs. Cravitz's Second Grade Class <b>Hello Nittany Lion</b> by Aimee Aryal</p>	<p>Favorite Wreath The Fulmer's <b>Three Billy Goats Gruff</b> by Paul Galdone</p>

**Year-End Donation to Library**

In 2007 Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library donated an impressive **\$12,753** to Snyder County Libraries, bringing our contribution to the library since 2003 to **\$52,000**. We funded the library's 2008 "Wish List" in its entirety (\$12,000). This included a major donation to the 2008 summer reading program, funding for upgrades to Family Place, \$3,000 towards purchasing additional adult books, discovery

## Awareness Raising Events:

Gettysburg Bus Trip  
Tree Fest of Children's Books  
2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007

## Information:

Website  
Newsletters

## Friends Board:

### Officers:

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

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

## Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

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backpacks and backpack holders, a senior information center display and new furniture for periodical and newspaper storage. In addition, Friends provided matching funding to receive additional children's books through the Libri Foundation and funded refreshments for open houses and networking meetings with Pennsylvania Library Association. For additional details on Friends 2007 donation to the library, visit our website at [www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org) and click on Library Funding 07 on the left.

## Please Be An Advocate ...

for our library. Governor Ed Rendell has unveiled his budget proposal for fiscal year 2008-09, which begins this coming July 1. The governor proposes increasing library funding by 2%. Of course, a 2% increase is welcome, but it is not nearly enough. Since the disastrous budget of 2003-04, which cut library funding by 34%, libraries have been required to cut services and programs. In June of 2006, state library funding increased \$14 million over the previous year; however, that only brought funding back to 2004 levels. In June 2007, library funding increased only 250,000, (3/10ths of 1%!), to be divided among 681 libraries in Pennsylvania. If library funding were to be increased this year by 5.9%, Commonwealth Libraries could run at least a modified incentive-based funding formula. This would provide incentives for local governments to more generously fund area libraries.

Everyone benefits from libraries. Please let your legislators know that you support increased funding of 5.9% for Pennsylvania public libraries. Let them know you value your library!

## Hello and Goodbye

Please give a huge hello and welcome to Pam Ross, our new Executive Director of Snyder County Libraries. Pam joined the library several months ago, and we love working with her! At the end of January we regretfully said goodbye to Barbara McGary who has accepted the position of District Consultant for North Central Library District in Williamsport, a wonderful opportunity for her. Barbara was always a wonderful friend to Friends, and we will miss her.

## Board Positions Open

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

- Database –crock sales
- Website and newsletter

Contact Liz Heim 837-1672

## Our Thanks Go to ...

As always, our members and those who donate so generously to Friends with money and/or volunteer time and effort. You 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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**“For years it was predicted that libraries would become superfluous – mausoleums for books – when so much was available on-line. Instead, library visits now far exceed annual attendance at sporting events, concerts and museums combined. It turns out that the very electronic revolution that was supposed to make libraries obsolete has made them indispensable.”**  
*U.S. News and World Report, July 12, 1999*

**Friends ... helping to make our library the best that it can be.**