



# PHOENIX

## The Award-Winning Newsletter of Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library\*

\* PCBL Friends Newsletter of the Year Award 2007

Spring 2009

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### Upcoming Events:

- Apr/May -Book Sale 2009
- Sept -Crock 2009
- Sept -Quilt Raffle
- Dec -Tree Fest 2009  
-Annual Meeting

### Reminder:

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

### Special Thanks 2008/2009

*Special gifts to Friends,  
including memorial and  
honorary donations, will be  
acknowledged in this  
column*

**Kohl's Department Store,  
Monroe Marketplace** (15  
volunteer hours and \$500 for Tree  
Fest 2008)

**Starbucks, Monroe  
Marketplace** (gallons of coffee, all  
the fixings and pastries for Tree Fest  
2008 reception)

**Mary Schmoyer** (for her excellent  
photographs for Tree Fest and for  
Friends notecards)

### Library Usage Increases

Historically, library usage increases during difficult economic times, and indeed, our librarian tells us that the library is busier than ever as demand for library services increases. At the same time, the governor proposes cuts totaling more than \$3 million dollars to four library state appropriations, including a devastating 50% cut to the State Library. This proposed budget will cost Pennsylvania an additional \$906,000 in lost federal money. 4.25% of last year's public library appropriation has been withheld as a cushion and never been paid out to libraries.

The library needs the help of Friends now more than ever! The challenge and the opportunity is there. Friends groups can help generate additional revenue by developing creative fund raising events and hold down costs by enlisting volunteer help. **How can YOU help?**

### 2009/2010 Friends Board



We're pleased to welcome Patty Gaugler as our new President of Friends and Ricki Stringfellow as Vice President. Patty and Ricki are serving two year terms ending 12/31/2010. Janis Gemberling continues as Treasurer and Emily Johnson as Secretary until 12/31/2009, at which time we will need a Treasurer and a Secretary. The complete makeup of the board is shown on page 3.

### 2008 Susquehanna River Transportation Crock

A limited number of these beautiful crocks are still available. You can obtain them, without pre-ordering, at the Selinsgrove Community Library. Inquire 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. 2004 & 2007  
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, 2008 & 2009\*  
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 collection, young adult collection and reference collection  
Family event storyteller  
Tumblebooks  
MP3Players for circulation  
Ellison Die Machine & Dies  
Early Literacy Station-bilingual computer for preschool and elementary school children  
New furniture for periodical storage & newspaper storage  
Sponsored refreshments for various library events including open houses

\* funded in part by Friends

## Spring Book Sale 2009



Our book sale will be extended to three days this year, giving you more opportunity to visit and browse all the books we're offering at bargain prices (\$1.00 for hardcover, \$0.50 for paperback, children's books and media). The schedule is:

**Thursday April 30 - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Friends members only**  
**Thursday April 30 - 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Open to all**  
**Friday May 1 - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Open to all**  
**Saturday May 2 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Open to all**

The sale will be held in the Selinsgrove Borough Community Room.

We welcome your donations of gently used books (no outdated textbooks, condensed books, records, mildewed or damaged books, please). **The better the quality of books donated, the better the sale.** Please bring your gently used books to the library for donation during regular library hours.

Volunteers are needed to help out during setup, teardown, and the book sale itself, and we'll be contacting members who've indicated a willingness to assist. Setup will be on Wednesday, April 29 starting at 2:00 p.m. Teardown will start at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday May 2.

**Book Sale Contact: Janis Gemberling 374-9380**

## Tree Fest of Children's Books – 2008

*Congratulations to Tree Fest Winners!*



1st Place Tree  
Seals Den  
***Stranger in the Woods***  
by Carl R. Sams



2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tree  
Agapeland Preschool  
***If You Take a Mouse to School***  
by Laura Numeroff



Favorite Wreath  
The Fulmer's  
***Fancy Nancy***  
by Jane O'Connor

Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library 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 above.

Our Fifth Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books was a success despite weather challenges as icy, snowy conditions reduced the number of visitors somewhat over last year. Nevertheless Tree Fest enjoyed 775 visitors, approximately 225 of whom were children. Unfortunately, Selinsgrove Elementary School was forced to cancel five scheduled class visits because of icy conditions. We're sorry those

## Awareness Raising Events:

Gettysburg Bus Trip  
Tree Fest of Children's Books  
2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

## Information:

Website  
Newsletters

## Friends Board:

### Officers:

Pres. – Patty Gaugler  
V.P. – Ricki Stringfellow  
Sec. – Emily Johnson  
Tres. – Janis Gemberling

Joyce Bilger  
Elizabeth Heim  
Joyce Hendricks  
Grace Housley  
Pat Reiland-Hess  
Linda Wieder  
Lynn Askew, Library Board  
Liaison  
Jennifer Johnston, Library  
Liaison

## Board Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month  
at 4:30 p.m. in Sel. Borough  
Chamber  
No meeting in July or August  
Annual Members' Meeting  
held in conjunction with  
December meeting.

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email address.**

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Patty Gaugler

classes didn't get to visit Tree Fest this year; the kids always seem to enjoy those visits. We'll hope for better weather this year!

For the second year, the library held their pre-school story hour at Tree Fest on Wednesday December 10th and again on Wednesday December 17th. On December 10th, Patty Gaugler, Police Chief Garlock and Debbie Barrick and Ranger entertained the children. Ranger is Debbie's big, wonderful dog who accompanies her to readings to children; the kids adore him. On December 17th, the readers were Joyce Hendricks, Mark Lawrence from WKOK radio station, and Anne Gates.

**All monies raised at Tree Fest 2008 have been donated to the library and will help fund Snyder County Libraries 2009 Summer Reading Program, which is available to all children in Snyder County.**

Many people work very hard to make Tree Fest a success; we are grateful to each and every one of you. A special thanks to Shirley Rowe, who created such an appealing hand-crafted snowman and donated it to Tree Fest for raffle. Thanks, Shirley! We also deeply appreciate the special donations dedicated specifically to Tree Fest. Thank you all!

Visit our website: [www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org)  
for more information on Tree Fest, including our virtual tour which features pictures of each and every tree and wreath, plus picture collages of special events held at Tree Fest.

## Year-End Donation to Library

We donated a record **\$15,000** to the library in 2008, bringing our total donation since inception in 2003 to **\$67,000**. We are very proud! The 2008 donation will be used to fund the library's 2009 Wish List in its entirety. This includes a major contribution to the 2009 Summer Reading Program, required annual funding for the Family Place preschool program and \$7,000 to add to the young adult and reference collections. In addition, our gift will fund an Ellison die machine and dies, the fee for a storyteller for a family event, participation in the Tumblebooks web-based program and purchase of circulating MP3 players for downloading audio books. For additional details on Friends 2008 donation to the library, visit our website and click on Library Funding 08 on the left.

## 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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***“Libraries will get you  
through times of no  
money better than  
money will get you  
through times of no  
libraries.”***

Anne Herbert

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