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

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Upcoming Events:

- Sept. – Crock 2009
- Sept. – Quilt Raffle 2009
- Dec. – Tree Fest 2009
- Annual Meeting

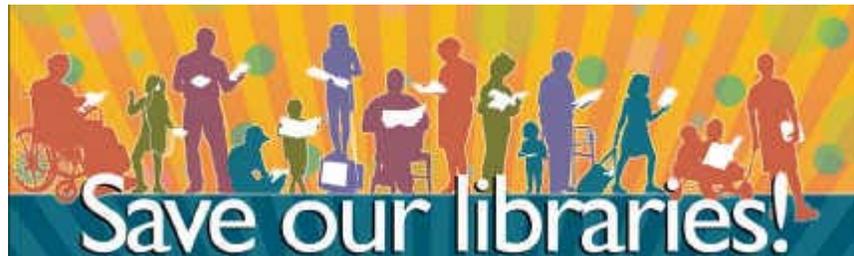
Reminder:

Annual Membership is Jan.
through Dec.
Renewal form available at the
library or at
www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org

Special Thanks

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

The Light Barn, Selinsgrove
for constructing a lighting
fixture to provide additional
illumination for wreaths at Tree
Fest



Pennsylvania libraries face substantial funding cuts and our library needs your help! Please see "Save our libraries" insert for details.

2009 Dauntless Bucket Crock



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-bi-lingual 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

Our 2009 Friends of the Selinsgrove Community Library crock honors our fire companies and depicts Dauntless Hook and Ladder's headquarters circa 1874. It is a tall half-gallon canister with bale handle. Rodney Ries has again provided the design for replication on the crock. This bucket (as in bucket brigade) crock is the latest in the series of numbered, limited edition crocks that we've been offering over the past several years. A brochure by Dr. Donald Housley will once again accompany each crock. The 2009 Dauntless Bucket crock is priced at only \$42.00. We expect the crocks to be available in early October.

Information and order forms will be mailed in the next few weeks to persons who have ordered crocks in the past. Order forms will also be available at the library and on our website: www.friendsofselinsgrovelibrary.org

Contact: Joyce Bilger 743-5273 or Linda Wieder 743-7348

Quilt Raffle 2009

This beautiful quilt (96" x 112") generously fits a queen size bed or a king size bed with a dust ruffle. Nora Martin's shop in Mifflinburg made the quilt which will be raffled by Friends at the Selinsgrove Street Fair on Saturday, September 26, 2009.



The quilt is displayed at the Selinsgrove Community Library, so stop by and see how beautiful it is! Raffle tickets are available for purchase at all of the Snyder County Library branches ... 1 ticket - \$1.00; 3 tickets - \$2.00; 7 tickets - \$5.00; 15 tickets - \$10.00.

Contact: Linda Wieder 743-7348

Spring Book Sale 2009 – Report

We raised \$1,950 this year for the benefit of Snyder County Libraries. Holding the sale for three days rather than two resulted in our most profitable sale ever. We were delighted! The quality of books donated was excellent this year. As always, our volunteers were wonderful in lending a hand with sorting books, helping out with setup and takedown, and manning the sales table during the sale. Thanks to Janis Gemberling, who did a great job of coordinating the book sale, and a special thank you to Mary Schmoyer, who spent so many extra hours doing a fantastic job of sorting books. Leftover books were donated to the Daily Item for their use in their upcoming book sale, proceeds from which will support their Newspapers In Education program.

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Despite the June 30 deadline, Pennsylvania's state budget is far from resolved. Governor Rendell has proposed a **16% cut** in state support for libraries. The State Senate's plan **slashes support by more than 53%!.** Consider these statistics from the first six months of 2009:

- Snyder County libraries: Internet use **up 40%**; circulation **up 25%**
- James V. Brown Library (Lycoming County): Internet use **up 57%**; Circulation **up more than 10%**
- Barrett Friendly Library (Monroe County): Internet use and circulation **doubled**
- New Castle Public Library (Lawrence County): Internet use **up 25%**; Attendance **up 15%**
- Delaware County libraries: Circulation **up 27%**; Attendance **up 23%**; Internet use **up 14%**

Tens of thousands of Pennsylvanians have lost home or work access to the Internet, or never had it in the first place. Their local library and librarians are lifelines to:

- Online job postings
- Resume help
- Online employment applications.
- Computer classes
- Jobless benefits applications
- Books, DVDs and summer programs for their kids
- Advice on family budgeting
- Access to online classes

If the state budget is not finalized by the time you read this newsletter, and it may well not be, there is still time to contact your legislators to ask them to **level-fund libraries next year**, to allow libraries to sustain good quality library services, and **to preserve millions in federal funds** that will be lost if state library funding is cut.

Please see the reverse of this insert for contact information for the State Senator and Representatives that cover Snyder County.

Much more information is available on Snyder County Libraries website:

www.snydercountylibraries.org (click on "Save our libraries")

and

Pennsylvania Library Association website

www.palibraries.org

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The library community has just been notified that Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) is sponsoring a **PaLA Call-In Week** for the **week of July 20-25**. Details are sketchy at this point but more information should be available on PaLA's website shortly.

www.palibraries.org

We hope you will contact the above legislators as soon as possible and also participate in PaLA's Call-In Week.

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:

2nd 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.

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

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Tree Fest 2009

The Sixth Annual Tree Fest of Children's Books will be open to the public from Tuesday, December 1 through Friday, December 18, 2009. There will be an Opening Reception at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 1. Once again All Saints Episcopal Church will host this popular community event.

Letters and decorator brochures have been sent out and spaces to decorate a tree or wreath are being reserved.

Decorator brochures are available at Selingsgrove Library if you're interested in creating a beautiful tree or wreath. The brochure is also available on our website www.friendsofselingsgrovelibrary.org

Contacts: Co-chairs Joyce Hendricks 374-7128 or Liz Heim 837-1672

23rd Annual Institute for Trustees and Friends "Trustees and Friends Together: Using Best Practices for Better Libraries"

The Institute was held in Pittsburgh on April 3 and 4, 2009 and in Grantville on April 24 and 25. Several Snyder County Library Trustees attended the Grantville Institute and were impressed by the informative and interesting sessions and by distinguished speakers from the library community. Elizabeth Heim moderated a session, "That's What Friends Are For: A Panel of Success Stories". The popular Friends Success Stories panel is considered to be one of the strengths of the Institute and is widely attended.

Once again the Institutes received excellent evaluations from attendees, averaging 4.5 on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (outstanding). This is a unique and wonderful opportunity for members of Friends groups and library trustees to learn, to become inspired and motivated and to bring home great ideas. The Institutes are sponsored by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries and the Pennsylvania Library Association. Attendance is free to library trustees and representatives of Friends groups.

Volunteer Positions Available ...

The pay is low (zero, in fact) but the satisfaction is great! Our board needs:

*a Treasurer
a Secretary
a Newsletter editor*

The positions would become effective January 1, 2010. These are worthwhile positions to fill on a friendly, efficient board that is doing great work for our library. There are many other ways in which volunteers can support Friends and thereby help the library. Call Liz Heim at 837-1672 for more information or come sit in on one of our board meetings. We'd love to talk to 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.**