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Upcoming Events:

Nov./Dec. – 2012 Crocks
Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library
Dec. – Tree Fest 2012
Dec. – Annual Meeting

Special Thanks:

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

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

**“To read is to empower
To empower is to write
To write is to influence
To influence is to change
To change is to live.”**
Jane Evershed

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November, 2012

Library Update

Excitement builds as the library accomplishes the move into the renovated facility at 1 N. High Street. The library will be closed from October 22 until their Open House from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday November 13. The library reopens for business as usual at 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 14.

2012 Crock – Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library



If you need a crock order form while the library is closed, call Liz Heim (374-1082) or email heimeliz@ptd.net. She can email an order form to you.

The tenth and last in our historical crock series ... and what a way to end! The crock is a half gallon, handcrafted, glazed pottery beauty. In addition to the remodeled library, it depicts the bicyclist, Rudy Gelnett, a familiar figure about town and benefactor to the library. The crock features the artwork of Rod Ries and is crafted and fired by Bjuno Pottery in Lancaster County. The cost of the crock is \$40. Proceeds from crock sales are donated by the Friends of the Library to Snyder County Libraries.

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Tree Fest of Children's Books 2012

New Location - Our Ninth Annual Tree Fest will be held in the newly renovated library at 1 N. High Street! Creatively decorated trees and wreaths will be tucked here and there in the new rooms, with lights shining brightly out the windows. We're excited about bringing this much-loved community event promoting childhood literacy home to the library. At the same time we are deeply grateful to All Saints Episcopal Church for hosting Tree Fest for the past eight years, with the utmost in courtesy and cooperation.

Friends

Contributions:

County storymobile*
New shelving for children's area
CD collection
Matching funds to receive award winning children's books from Libri Foundation 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, '08, '09, '10, 2011*
Puppet theatre and puppets
Read aloud program
Book shelving
Book cart
TV cart
Laminator
Matching funding allowing enhanced preschool programs, resources, 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-bilingual computer for preschool and elementary school children
Shelving for periodical storage & newspaper storage
Sponsored refreshments for various library events including open houses
Primary early readers
Parent magic books and DVDs
Laptop Computer and Desk DS games

* funded in part by Friends

\$10,000 contribution to the Capital Campaign in 2011

Features of Tree Fest 2012

- New location – the newly renovated library at 1 N. High Street.
- Expanded viewing hours – From the Opening Reception on Friday November 30 (from 7 to 9 p.m.), until the last day of Tree Fest, Friday, December 14 at 2 p.m., trees and wreaths may be viewed during the library's regular hours, and you can purchase tickets to vote for your favorite trees and wreaths:
 - Monday thru Thursday – 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - Friday and Saturday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Closed Sundays
- Late Shoppers Night – Tuesday December. 4 – the library will be open until 9 p.m.
- Last day of Tree Fest – Friday December 14. **Vote ticket sales and silent auction bids end at 2 p.m.** Votes will then be counted and winners of the popular vote notified by phone. Silent Auction winners will also be notified by phone.
- Each school class participating in Tree Fest will receive a certificate.
- Gary Grossman of *The Daily Item* and Mrs. Grossman will serve as our judges this year. They will select a Judges' Choice Tree and Judges' Choice Wreath.
- 1st Place Tree, 2nd Place Tree and Favorite Wreath will again be chosen by popular vote - purchase of vote tickets and voting for your favorites. **(Voting closes at 2 p.m. Friday December 14).**
- We're inviting everyone to our **Tree Fest Opening Reception on Friday, November 30 from 7 to 9 p.m.** Come enjoy some terrific food and browse the wonderful trees while being entertained by Priscilla Conrad and her students, Halli Bressler, Mia Davis, Margaret Edwards, Sophia Getty, Emmett Hibbs, Kaitlyn Kratzer and Grace Strawser. We're delighted that they will be bringing holiday musical entertainment to our opening reception. Please join us at the newly renovated library at 1 N. High St., Selinsgrove.
- Free admission!
- Three library story hours will be held at Tree Fest at times to be announced, with local dignitaries reading to the children.
- Groups from schools, preschools and daycares are invited to schedule group visits to Tree Fest (with 24 hours notice). **Call Emily Johnson at 374-4147.**

How You Can Help

- Publish information about Tree Fest in church bulletins and company newsletters. Talk up our Ninth Annual Tree Fest – tell your friends; invite them to visit.
- Help with cleanup on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Buy vote tickets for your favorite trees and wreaths.
- Wondering what you're going to do to decorate for Christmas this year? You could take home:
 - a beautiful, completely original decorated wreath or some artistic decorations if you win the Silent Auction for selected tree ornaments and wreaths.
 - A beautiful Tiny Tree – a miniature tree decorated in the same theme as the larger trees and wreaths. These very popular Tiny Trees sell for \$15 each.

Proceeds from Tree Fest will support Snyder County Libraries' 2013 Summer Reading Program

Fundraisers/Awareness Raising Events

Gettysburg Bus Trip
Crock Sales
Tree Fest of Children's Books
Book Sales
Putting Contests
Yard Sales
Shredding Event
Quilt Raffles
Jewelry Sale

Information:

Website
Newsletters

All thanks to your generous support!

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Board Meetings:

2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the library.
No meeting in July or August
Annual Members' Meeting held in conjunction with December meeting.

November, 2012

Putting Contest

For the second year Friends managed a successful putting contest at the Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation/Rotary Club golf tournament in September. Thanks to all who participated!

Quilt Raffle

Congratulations to Leslie Hayhurst, who won the beautiful quilt raffled at the Market Street Festival on September 22nd. Enjoy the quilt! This was another successful quilt raffle, and we thank all who supported this event!

Jewelry Sale

A new venture for Friends this year. We want to take a special moment to thank all those who were so generous in donating jewelry, cleaning it, helping out at the booth, and yes, buying jewelry! The booth at the Street Fair was two deep most of the time with people happily picking out treasures. It was a highly successful endeavor, bringing in more than \$750 net profit.

Fall Yard Sale

Many thanks to VFW Post 6631 for providing their pavilion again for our 2012 Fall Yard Sale. We're very grateful for all the donations of goods for the sale and for all the help providing coverage for the event, as well as for all those shoppers! We cleared over \$1400, which will be combined with earnings from other Friends fundraisers to help provide services, programs, activities and collections for the Selinsgrove library and the branches.

Friends Annual Meeting

All Friends members are cordially invited to attend the Friends Annual Meeting – location to be announced - on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

7th Annual 'An Evening with Art & Wine' (Library Fundraiser)

Featuring Brad Shoemaker and Kathy Loftus
Silent Auction
Live Auction
Music
Hors D'oeuvres

November 17th 2012
5:30 - 8:30 pm
Shade Mountain Winery
Route 204
Selinsgrove, PA 17870
837-3644

Tickets \$20 advance
\$25 at the door

Thanks to all our Friends members – you are such good friends to the library!

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“I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture, and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.”

Carl Sagan

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