

# Friends of the Sullivan County Library

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## Quarterly Newsletter

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### Editor's Note

This abbreviated Friends newsletter has more to say about what has happened at the library than what will be happening, since the library has been closed until further notice due to you-know-what.

Keep your eye on the library website, its Facebook page and the Library Corner in the Sullivan Review to see when activities will return to normal. Or call 570-928-9352.

### From the President's Desk

First of all, I'd like to wish everyone health and well-being during this national health crisis and express my hope and optimism that we get through it as soon as possible so we may return to happiness and prosperity.

I'm working on the 2020-21 United Way grant and would appreciate feedback from anyone who might have taken one of our programs.

Please note that executive board meetings have been postponed until further notice.

**John Krakoski, President, Friends of the Sullivan County Library**

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### Director's Corner

It's been a slow spring in large part because of the ever-present coronavirus. Nevertheless, the library did manage to get some programming in before the mandated shutdown. We were able to show two first-run movies, *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* in February and *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* in March.

The library continues to support the U.S. Census

Bureau by promoting the importance of completing the Census, and recently meeting with Mike Berger from the Census Bureau to continue to reach out to get local census takers.

Remember that tax forms can be picked up at the Library or online at [www.irs.gov/](http://www.irs.gov/). If you're crimped in your filing by the pressures of the emergency, note that the IRS has extended the filing deadline to July 15. Pennsylvania rent rebate forms can be downloaded at [revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/Pages/default.aspx](http://revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/Pages/default.aspx)

Please continue to check the library's web page for updates on when we'll be open again for you to join us.

**Alan Miller, Library Director**



The Last Friday Poetry Club continues to grow and attract new members. This disparate bunch traded their favorites at the February meeting at Winterland Winery.

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### Adult Programs

The new year got off to a good start:

- In January, at the cozy North Mt. Sportsman's Lodge, **Morgan Craft** spoke about her Olympic experiences shooting skeet in Brazil.

- The **Last Friday Poetry** gang at Winterland Winery has been growing every session – maybe it's

the beverages, maybe the cheese – but probably the companionship.

- **Karen Black** and **Dan Curry** were starting a new year with their respective art programs, now on hiatus.

- A **Stop Smoking session and radon gas detection workshop** was conducted by the American Lung Assn. in March. Radon detection kits were available to participants, thanks to a grant from the United Way.

- The **Book Club** met monthly and was reading *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*.

A visit to the **Corning Glass Museum and Rockwell American Museum** in Corning, NY, is planned for Friday, April 17th (we hope). This trip may be rescheduled if the museums remain closed after April 1. The bus trip and admission are covered thanks to the generosity of a United Way grant and the support of the Friends. Space is limited, so please register by calling the Library at (570) 928-9352.

Within the past 30 years the Corning Glass Museum has added over \$120 million of new exhibition space and collections. The trip will consist of a guided tour and self-guided attractions, with optional workshops and lectures at extra cost. The Corning website, [www.cmog.org](http://www.cmog.org), lists optional attractions. The Rockwell American Museum, in downtown Corning, is dedicated to the American art experience and has one of the country's best Western art exhibits.

Though the immediate future is unpredictable, new programs are being planned, such as: CPR training; social media/computer, cell phone usage; Armed Forces day celebration with showing of the 1942 *Memphis Belle* and its decorated crew; plans to show a movie about the coal-mine fire that ravaged the town of Centralia, PA.; and late in the year, a lecture on American Native artifacts and a visit to the Tabor museum with lunch, TBD.

**John Silla, Director, Adult Programs**

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## Other News

- For those of you who are new to the Friends of the Sullivan County Library – welcome. For those who have renewed their membership – thank you for your continued support. This is our first quarterly newsletter for 2020.

If you have provided **your email address**, throughout the year you will receive notices of events supported by the Friends. If you receive this newsletter via the USPS and also have an email address, please forward that email address to us at [Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com](mailto:Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com) so we can save on postage.

- The 4th annual **Spring Tea** has been canceled, like most everything else. The tea committee will meet in August to decide if they should arrange a fall tea, which will depend on available space and other activities that have been postponed, so as not to overwhelm people and impact other fundraisers.

- Are you a regular shopper at **Amazon.com** (and who isn't, these days)? Consider choosing the Friends as your selected charity at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Amazon has established Smile to provide you, the purchaser, the opportunity to contribute to your favorite charity, which of course is Friends of the Sullivan County Library. When you shop at Smile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Friends. Prices, products and features at [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) are the same as at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), as are your ID and password. To learn more, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), register your account, and select Friends of the Sullivan County Library (Dushore, PA) as your preferred charity, then add [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to your browser so all future purchases will also benefit the Friends.