



# Friends of the Sullivan County Library

*Friends of the Sullivan County Library is a volunteer, 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated and committed to provide community support to the Sullivan County Library.*

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Quarterly Newsletter

March 2021

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## Friends Install Little Free Library in Hillsgrove

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library installed a Little Free Library in November at the McCarty Mercantile, Hillsgrove. Designed to look like the Hillsgrove Covered Bridge, the LFL was built by Bill Henne of Dushore, who has built two other Little Free Library book boxes for the Friends of the Library. The funding was provided through a grant by Tom and Laurie Burkholder of Eagles Mere who have provided funding for all the Little Free Libraries the Friends have installed. The Little Free Library collection will be maintained by the Challa O'Conner family who will serve as stewards for the Library. This is the fourth Little Free Library to be installed by the Friends. There is a Little Free Library centrally located in Laporte (near the Courthouse), in the Forksville area at World's End State Park, and at the eastern end of the county at Ricketts Glen State Park. Future Little Free Library book boxes installations are tentatively planned for the western and southern parts of the county.



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# From the President's Desk

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

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Friends, I'm beginning to feel cautiously optimistic about our prospects for putting this pandemic behind us. New cases and deaths are a quarter of what they were at the peak in January. The daily vaccination rate is now over 2.4m/day with over 65 million americans having received at least their 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine shot. That, combined with those that were previously infected puts us to close to 40 to 50% with some level of protection. With 3 vaccines now approved we are now projecting all adults that want a vaccination will be able to receive one by end of May. That's less than 3 months away.

While we mourn all those we've lost and will forever keep them in our prayers, we can now begin to plan for a brighter future. As such, I've been preparing for the upcoming United Way grant process. To that end, Jessica Penella and John Silla are hard at work coming up with ideas that we would like to pursue starting this summer for our Childrens and Adult programs. Please feel free to provide any input that you might have so that be considered and incorporated into the grant request.

Next, the final tally is in, and I am pleased to announce that the Friends had a very successful fund drive in 2020. Even though several of our 2020 fundraising activities were postponed, we were still able to meet our fundraising goal for the year and thus meet the funding level we committed to to the Library.



Now that we have some positive news on the pandemic outlook, we will start looking at whether we can plan for some of our annual events (e.g. Spring Tea, Murder Mystery, ...). If we do proceed, the earliest we would consider would be fall of this year. So stay tuned!!

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that Lisa Wilcox has joined our Friends group as co-chair of the Ways & Mean committee. I feel blessed to have someone of her quality joining our team and look forward to working with Lisa on how best to build on our fundraising success that we have had over the years.

May God bless you and your family.

# National Library Week April 4-10, 2021

## From the Library...

*Alan Miller, Library Director  
Sullivan County Library*

The Library is preparing to adjust its hours and access to the building and collection in light of recent downturns in COVID cases in Pennsylvania and the increase in the number of people vaccinated. The Library will be opening sometime in March. As we make changes they will be posted to the Library's webpage and Facebook page along with being in the Sullivan Review. Curbside service will stay in place and will be available as an option.

Since there was not a book sale last year, the Library has been putting a collection of the donated materials on a cart that is placed on the sidewalk outside. Readers are encouraged to browse the selection and to ring the doorbell to give a donation.



To get students and young adults engaged with the Library, there are two new opportunities for them available...Book Bundles and the Reading Challenge. Book Bundles is a monthly junior book club where students can register and the library will select three books based on author, genre, and can include Easy Readers, Juvenile books, and Young Adult books. The Reading Challenge is open to students in grades 4, 5, 6 and is designed to keep the reading competition alive. A list of 10 titles is on the webpage, students read them and then take a short quiz based on the book. Students can be registered to win prizes at the end of the competition.

For adults, there is also a Book Bundle Club where they can register, and library staff will select three books based on author or genre. Adults can also participate in the Book Club. The Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and has been meeting via Zoom, but are planning face-to-face meetings in the future. Book titles are posted on the library webpage. Participants are asked to register for Book Club so sufficient copies can be secured for reading.

The Last Friday Poetry Club has resumed meeting face-to-face on the last Friday of the month at the Winterland Winery. Social distancing and face mask use will be observed.

The Library is now offering free tutorials through PA Online Learning. Classes include popular software such as Word and Excel, how to use library resources such as POWER Library, and workforce tutorials including resume writing. Access to these tutorials are available by clicking the Online Resources Link on the Library webpage.

As COVID continues to be conquered and travel restrictions are removed, you may want to begin to plan for overseas travel by learning a new language. The Library offers Mango Languages which features common languages such as French, Italian, and Spanish, but also exotic languages like Arabic, Mandarin, and Japanese. Mango Languages is available on the Online Resources link on the Library webpage.

Library programming is continuing with children's story hour on Facebook and Zoom and plans are being made to show the film "Centralia: Pennsylvania's Lost Town" and several tours including: the Corning Glass Works, the Air and Automobile Museum in Eagles Mere and the Tabor Museum in Williamsport.

Finally, although COVID prevented volunteers from working in the library this past year, we would still like to recognize our volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 8-24. Check out the webpage for more information.

<https://sullivancountylibrary.org>



*Programming at the Sullivan County Library is supported through grants from the United Way*

## Memorials

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library would like to acknowledge the following donations made as memorials during this quarter:

In memory of Mary Lambert by Jack and Delma Bagley; by Wayne and Ruthann Gavitt; Lawrence and Mary Nicholson; by William and Mary Jo Saxe; by Thomas and Mary Yonkin; by Dan and Robin Geiger; by James and Nanette Good; by Richard and Lynn Rhoads; by Ruth Rode; by Mary Blondy; by Dora McCarty; by Steve and Carrie Moore; by Robert and Mary Moyer; by Marc and Diane Lewis; by Patrick and Barbara Bagley; by Bill and Sue Whitworth; by HW and CM Hausmann; by Tom Scanlin.

In memory of Marie Kisner by Dora McCarty.

In memory of Kate Albertini by Frank and Elizabeth Schetroma.

In memory of Gloria Ryan by Joseph and Rosemary Borsa.

In memory of Charlie Moore by George and Jinny Wilkes.

In memory of Richard Bush by Dora McCarty; by Frank and Bonnie Barry; William and Nancy Henne; Jack and Kathy Diamond; Arthur and Mary Rynearson; by Patricia Pryor.

When ordering from Amazon, go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and designate Friends of the Sullivan County Library as your favorite charity. The Friends receive a donation, and you pay nothing extra!

### Report on Membership Appeal

Two months into the 2021 Membership Appeal, the Friends' membership chair reports 342 members, with 123 who were not members last year. If you have not yet joined the Friends for 2021, we welcome you to join us in our work to support the Library.

Email [Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com](mailto:Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com) for membership information.

If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and would be willing to receive the newsletter by email to save postage for the Friends, please send your email to [Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com](mailto:Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com) to get on our email list.

### For Your Consideration

An endowment is established with the Community Foundation of the Twin Tiers (CFTT) for the Friends of the Sullivan County Library. This endowment provides for a return each year which can be used for the operation of the Library or reinvested. If you are estate planning, this is a great way to support the long-term viability of the Library. You can help this fund grow by contacting the CFTT at [info@twintierscf.org](mailto:info@twintierscf.org).



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### 2021 Scheduled Bi-monthly Meeting Dates of the Friends

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of alternating months at 6:00 at the Library (currently meeting on Zoom.)  
April 13, 2021  
June 8, 2021  
August 10, 2021  
October 12, 2021  
December 14, 2021  
Annual membership meeting TBA

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