



Friends of the Sullivan County Library

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

Quarterly Newsletter

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Carol Burnett's Back! Event Planned to Benefit the Sullivan County Library

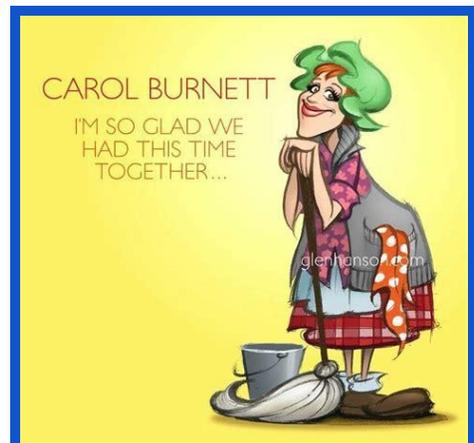
The Friends of the Sullivan County Library are excited about a dinner theater fundraiser being planned to benefit the Sullivan County Library.

Carol Burnett's Back! is based on the hugely popular Carol Burnett show that aired during the 1970s with syndication into the 1980s. Known for humorous gags and slapstick comedy, it featured a troupe of actors performing skits and parodies. The skits will be re-created by the Winding River Players, a well-known local theater group based in Towanda. The production will be directed by Linda White, artistic director of the Roving Historical Theater for the Sullivan County Arts Council.

The event will be held on Friday, October 1 at the Eagles Mere Country Club. The menu for the evening includes Italian favorites of spaghetti and meatballs, chicken parmigiano, salad bar, garlic bread and dessert. A non-alcoholic drink will be served with the dinner. Doors open at 5:00 with a cash bar available and dinner is served at 6:00.

This dinner fundraiser will supplement the Friends' fundraising efforts for 2021, currently at 70% of 2020's full year results. The Friends of the Library are grateful to the Sullivan County Arts Council who are providing financial and theatrical support for this theater event.

Tickets are now on sale for \$45 and can be purchased by calling **570-764-5948** or **570-928-8628**. Come with your friends for an evening of fun to benefit the Sullivan County Library.



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2021 Friends Recognition and Annual Membership Meeting

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library held a well-attended Annual Membership Meeting on July 23 in Pealer Hall, Dushore. Twenty-five members and guests enjoyed the MargaREADa Mocktails and chips with salsa refreshments and a mystery guest with a comedic flair.

Marga"READ"as & salsa!



Pamelyn Bush was recognized by the Friends. Pam has retired, and John Krakoski, out-going President, outlined her many contributions to the group as secretary. Pam was given a Lifetime Membership to the Friends of the Sullivan County Library. John also recognized all who have contributed to the Little Free Library installations of the Friends around the county. The Friends have placed four Little Free Library book boxes, and have another in the works.

Alan Miller, Sullivan County Library Director, spoke about the impact that the Friends group has on the Library. He spoke about children and adult programs that are funded through the United Way grant that the Friends bring in. He thanked each person on the Executive Board of the Friends and

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extended a special thanks to John Silla, who has been instrumental in planning programs and trips for the adult patrons of the Library.

A short business meeting included the approval of minutes of last year's annual meeting, a budget report, and changes to the By-laws of the Friends. The nominations committee presented nominations for Kay Homer as president and Lisa Wilcox as secretary. These nominations were approved by the membership in attendance. Plans for an October fundraising dinner at the Country Club were discussed and voted upon.

Thanks were extended to Teri Klem, who planned the Annual Membership Meeting, and Patty Lane for the use of Pealer Hall. County Commissioner Donna Ianonne thanked the Friends for their efforts for the Sullivan County Library. The meeting concluded with the drawing of a door prize of a gift card to Mary Beth's Westside Deli, won by Barbara Falci.



Who is that masked jokester?

Meeting Dates of the Friends

Executive Board meetings are scheduled bi-monthly for the Friends of the Sullivan County Library. Anyone interested in the work of the Friends is urged to attend the Board meetings. Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, October 5

Tuesday December 7

6:00 PM at the Sullivan County Library.

From the President's Desk

Kay Homer, President of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library

As you have probably heard, John Krakoski has stepped aside, after seven years, as president of the Friends to spend more time with his grandchildren. Luckily for us, he is remaining on as Ways and Means Chairperson, specifically, the contact for the United Way. For the past 4 years, United Way has provided the bulk of the funding for the adult and children's programming at the library. Pam Bush, secretary extraordinaire, has also retired and Lisa Wilcox has stepped up to fill her position. BUT – the good news is that the rest of the Executive Board – Bill Henne, Teri Klem, Melanie Lambert, and Bonnie Barry- is still in place. John had assured me that this was the greatest, most cooperative, and most supportive board group EVER, and I have come to realize that over the past month. The driving goal of the Friends marches forward- financial support for the Sullivan County Library and its community programs. So far this year, we are on track to fulfill our pledge to the library.

My experience with the Sullivan County Library has been as a member of the Library Advisory Board for 6 years and as the coordinator for Story Hour in the 1980s. I have held a Public Librarian Certificate since 2005 when I received a Masters degree in School Library and Information Science from Mansfield University. From 2005- 2014 I worked as a

high school librarian in the Canton Area School District. Previously I had been an aide at Turnpike Elementary in the Sullivan County School District. In the early 70s I may have met you while working at the First National Bank of Dushore or at the Sullivan Review. My husband Dean is a life-long Sullivan County resident and I made the big 15-mile jump from Wyalusing to Dushore 45 years ago when we were married in 1976.

This is all said to reassure you that the goals of the Friends have not changed, and that hopefully you feel that the leadership remains strong. While the pandemic has renewed its grip over the past month, we are still making plans for our favorite fundraisers like the Dinner Theater and the Spring Tea. The Dinner Theater has been set for October 1 at the Eagles Mere Country Club and we hope to see you all there. With fingers crossed, we are looking towards the Spring Tea in 2022.

Thank you once again for your interest in, and support of, the Sullivan County Library...The pandemic has surely shown us that we are all in this together, and together we can succeed

With thanks, Kay

Memorials

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library would like to acknowledge the following donations made as memorials: In memory of Mary Lambert by Barbara and David Rhodes, by David and Beth Lewis Hartman, by John and Marilyn Scanlin, and by William and Therese Scanlin. In memory of Richard Bush by Tim and Linda Waechter. In memory of Joan Awckland by Loretta Cronin. These donations are gratefully accepted by the Friends and are used to support the Library.

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For tickets contact SUZANNE KAIER (570)-764-5948 or (570)-928-8628

From the Library...

Alan Miller, Library Director
Sullivan County Library

The Library has taken advantage of the relaxing of COVID restrictions with a bevy of programming!

For adults, the Reader's Choice Book Club is growing in members. Trivia nights are held at Pealer Hall, usually on the last Friday of each month. The winning teams have received basket donations from local businesses. Dan Curry has been offering art classes. Artwork created during these sessions will be displayed in the library at the end of the year. The Last Friday Poetry is still meeting on the last Friday of the month. During August, two vehicles of participants went to Williamsport to visit the Lycoming County Master Gardener gardens accompanied by Rebecca Aldinger and Melanie Lambert.

The Library was involved with the Dairy Parade festival. Magician Eric Hershey of Country Conjuring Magic (Lancaster) did a show at the Library. The Dushore Tuesday Book Club had a fundraiser for the Library and a group of volunteers and staff decorated a float with a library and reading theme. The float came in second place!

The Library also participated in the Founder's Day celebration on Saturday, August 14. The Library featured Lancaster musician Steven Courtney. The Dushore Tuesday Book Club had a bake sale, raffle, and mystery gifts to benefit the Library. There was also a book sale along with seeds, plants, and children's t-shirts available to buy for a donation to the Library.

The big event of the summer, of course, was the Children's Summer Reading Program. This year's theme, *Tails and Tales*, offered lots of opportunities for children to engage with animals and stories about them. Children's author, Mary Jane McCluskey visited the Library to read her book, *Captain Dargo: Born to Serve*. There were four police officers and two service dogs who put on a presentation. The story hour participants visited Worlds End State Park for a program with Jane

Swift and the Heess Farm, Shunk. The children participated in a Reptileland program presented by the Eagles Mere Conservancy at the Dewire Center in Eagles Mere and traveled to Indraloka Animal Sanctuary in Mehoopany by bus.

The Summer Reading Group for Teens met on Tuesdays. The main focus of each session was encouraging reading for pleasure. Technology was utilized to encourage the teens to use online texts through the Libby program. Additionally, the group viewed the "Great American Read" series on PBS, which previewed classics like *Little Women* and *The Giver*. The group made tie-dye t-shirts, dioramas of books, treasure boxes, and story maps. The teens may continue to meet this fall if there is an interest in doing so.

The Sullivan County Library recently installed a StoryWalk® at Worlds End State Park, along the path leading past the Cliff Pavilion and along the creek. Jane Swift, Worlds End State Park's environmental educator, and DCNR provided assistance and permission for the project. The story walk is a temporary installation, planned to be in place throughout the fall or until the weather takes its toll. Other story walk installation plans are in the works!

A big thank you to the Library staff: Amy Blasi, Jessica Pennella, Melanie Lambert, and Mikaela Brown for making these events and activities possible! Many of our activities are funded by the Lycoming United Way serving Sullivan County through the Friends of the Sullivan County Library.

Upcoming events at the Library include a return to Story Hour starting in September and some trips for adults. If you're looking for something to do...check out the Library...we always have exciting things going on!

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Did you know September is National Library Card Sign up Month?