



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

December 2021

The Sullivan County Commissioners recognized the Friends of the Sullivan County Library group during the week of October 17-23.. The recognition, which took place at the Courthouse on October 19, was part of the annual celebration of the National Friends of the Library Week. The Commissioners issued the following Proclamation:

- **Whereas**, Friends of the Sullivan County Library raise money that enables the Sullivan County Library to provide services for our citizens -- providing the resources for additional programming, support for children’s reading, and special events throughout the year;
- **Whereas**, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present;
- **Whereas**, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials;
- **Whereas**, the Friends’ gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;
- **Now, therefore, be it resolved that** the Sullivan County Commissioners proclaim October 17-23, 2021, as Friends of Libraries week in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, and urge everyone to join the work of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library and thank them for all they do to improve our library and community.



The Friends of the Sullivan County Library organization was established in 2013 and by the end of this year will have raised over \$315,000 for the Library. In excess of 400 community members contribute annually to the Friends. This year, the Friends are positioned to contribute \$35,000, which is 22.6% of the Library’s annual budget.

An Annual Membership Drive will be mailed in January. Membership dues are \$5. Last year 391 people joined the Friends and the goal for the coming year is to reach 400 members. The Friends are grateful to the members who actively volunteer to assist with fundraising efforts.

Members volunteer to work at community events for organizations that support the Friends, like the Bow Festival, Founder’s Day, Pow Wow, and Winter Fest. Members also assist with Friends fundraising events including the Annual Fund Drive, Spring Tea, and Fundraiser Dinner held in October.

Members of the executive committee of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library include Kay Homer-President, Teri Klem-Vice-President, Lisa Wilcox-Secretary, Bonnie Barry-Treasurer, John Krakoski-Past President, Bill Henne-Finance & Budget, Melanie Lambert-Communications & Public Relations, and Rita Everling-Advisory Board Liaison. There is an on-going need for additional members to serve on the Executive Board. If you would like to support the mission of the Friends in any way, please feel welcome to attend our bi-monthly meetings. If you are reluctant to attend in-person meetings, request a Zoom link.

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Meeting Dates

of the Friends Executive Board meetings are scheduled bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. Anyone interested in the work of the Friends is welcome and urged to attend these Board meetings. Meeting for 2022 scheduled for 6:00 PM at the Sullivan County Library.

- February 1
- April 5
- June 7
- August 2
- October 4
- December 6



When ordering from Amazon, go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.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!

← The Friends have earned \$259.23 from Amazon Smile as of August 2021. As the holiday season approaches, we urge you to order through Amazon Smile and designate the Friends as your favorite charity!

From the President's Desk

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

What a relief!

It was the comic relief we had been waiting for – a night of good food, good friends, and laughter that refreshed our spirits. On Friday night, October 1, the Winding River Players regaled an audience of one hundred pandemic-stressed souls at the Eagles Mere Country Club with a show entitled “Carol Burnett’s Back!” The performance, one of several given by the Winding River Players, was sponsored by the Friends of the Sullivan County Library and underwritten by the Sullivan County Council on the Arts. \$2,640 was raised to support the library.

The Friends would like to thank all who purchased tickets, and especially those who contributed beyond the ticket price. Your generosity never fails to amaze us! The Eagles Mere Country Club deserves a big thank you for the excellent food, service, and ambience. They also fed the hungry actors! Grovedale Winery and Vineyards in Wyalusing provided the door prize and raffle baskets. Suzie Kaier won the 50/50 drawing, plus the door prize. Bonnie Barry was another lucky winner, as was Pam Bush. The gentleman who won the last basket escaped with his name unrecorded, but a search is underway for someone holding wine parties in the near vicinity!! With such great support and cheerful contributions, how could the night go wrong? Suzie Kaier

was the ticketseller-supreme and the volunteers for the event were awesome!



There were some familiar faces among the actors, and many whom we hope to see often: Bob Phillips, Brenda Miller, Steve Tomlinson, Kathryn Morrissey-Burch, Melinda Carey, Michele Pariso-Gingerich, Belinda Williams, Nichole Sample, and of course, Sullivan County’s own director, Linda White, and announcer Derek Davis.

Skits before the salad course included *The Old Folks in September*, *The Howl and the Pussycat*, *The Exterminator*, and *The Truck Stop*. The buffet followed *The Show Must Go On*, *Alice Portnoy and the Bank Robbers*, and *Red Dust*. *Guess What’s Coming to Dinner*, *As the Stomach Turns #8*, *Football Widow*, and *Old Folks at Sea* concluded the program and were followed by dessert to top a perfect evening!

As you can tell by the skit titles, laughter and nostalgia were the themes for the evening. If you missed this event, but love entertainment, don’t miss our Spring Tea, tentatively scheduled for the last Sunday in April, April 24th 2022. We hope to see you there.

Memorials

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

In memory of Helen Evangelisti by G. Scot & Lisa Conway; by Joseph Ritinski; by William and Charline Ritinski; by Frank & Bonnie Barry; by Attila Halonek; by Vera Sinovich, Michelle & Pat Paoli, and Gina Sinovich

In memory of Oliver H. DeLong by Jeanette Imschweiler.

In memory of Ben A. Peters by Connie Shultz.

In memory of Lucy Baumunk by Mary Baumunk Blondy.

In memory of Bill and Lucy Sick by Nancy Howard.

These donations are gratefully accepted by the Friends and are used to support the Library.

*Thank
You*



Save the date!!

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library Spring Tea to benefit the Sullivan County Library is tentatively scheduled for April 24, 2022. Watch for more information on this popular event!

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 to get on our email list.

It's getting close to the time for the wintertime tradition loved by Icelanders across the world...

Jolabokaflod!

What is it exactly? The English translation of Jolabokaflod is "the Christmas Book Flood." The premise is simple:

Gift a new book to someone you love on Christmas Eve!

Director's Corner

Alan Miller, Library Director
Sullivan County Library

The Library continues to offer a wide range of adult and children's programming. Thanks to the Friends of the Sullivan County Library and funds from the Lycoming United Way, in September there was a trip to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania which included a historical walking tour of Wellsboro and an excursion to the Corning Glass Museum and the Rockwell Museum in October.

The beginning of November kicked off with a presentation at the Library by Joe Sapienza, III, the director of the movie *Centralia*. Director Sapienza provided an in-depth history of *Centralia*, how the underground mine fire started, and what the fate of the town is today. Robert Hughes, a mine expert, was also at the event to talk about mine reclamation. The program was both educational and entertaining.

The Reader's Choice Club has discussed *The Stranger Behind You* (October meeting) by Carol Goodman and *The Doctors Blackwell* (November meeting) by Janice Nimura. In January, the Club will be reading a timeless classic, John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*.

The Library returned to offering movie night and featured the Disney classic, *Raya and the Last Dragon*. The Library hopes to start movie nights again in January after the holidays.

Dan Curry concluded his *plein air* painting classes. Artwork from the class is currently on display in the Library and will remain on display until January. Stop in and view these impressive works.

For Fall Into Dushore on Saturday, September 25, the Dushore Tuesday Book Club had an afghan raffle & bake sale to benefit the Library.

The Children's Department has received new STEM equipment courtesy of the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. The kits are to Design, Create, and Play. Events using these new resources are in development and will be available in 2022.

For Halloween, children in the Story Hour came dressed and walked around to Dushore area businesses for trick or treat...everyone had a spooky good time. Also, Jessica Pennella and Melanie Lambert helped out with Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30 in Dushore.

At the regular weekly Story Hour, special guest, Jillian Verelst, Sullivan County Fair Queen, joined the children in reading Thanksgiving stories and crafts.

On Saturday, November 20, two exciting events took place...the Library's first Lego Club meeting and a Saturday Story Hour for children 3-5 years old. The Lego Club built creations based on the theme, "Hidden Treasure." The Library is asking the community for donations of Legos that are no longer being used for the Lego Club.

We continue to add new materials to the collection including new audiobooks and DVDs. Come in and check these out; new materials are located at the front of the Library.

Finally, the Library received a telephone upgrade. The phones will now be using voice over internet protocol (VoIP). This means that when the Library calls a patron the Library name will appear on caller ID. Special thanks to Arthur Cairns for helping with the phones along with Arthur & Mark Minnier for installing a new data equipment cabinet which holds the Library's server and router.

Watch the Library website for upcoming programs:

<https://sullivancountylibrary.org>