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FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING AND RECOGNITION

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library are planning their annual membership meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 26, at Pealer Hall.



The punch and teapot cake tables at the Annual Spring Tea

The Board of the Friends plans to honor the Dushore Tuesday Book Club. 75 years ago, the Dushore Tuesday Book Club made a committment to manage one of the stations on the County-wide bookmobile route. This Dushore Library expanded and grew and eventually became the Library for the whole County. The Dushore Tuesday Book Club has been a supporter of the Library for all those years.



The entertainment at the Annual Spring Tea, Nicholas Werner on cello and Greg Werner on piano

Nomination and election of officers will occur at this meeting. In addition, a committee has conducted a review of the bylaws. They will recommend changes that will be approved by the membership at attendance at the meeting.

Refreshments will include cake and ice cream. In order to plan refreshments we ask Friends to RSVP by emailing the Friends at the address below by July 22.



The Spring Tea hat contest winners

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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

Who knew it would be so much work to put on a formal Spring Tea? Obviously Jean Hope, our Tea chairperson, knew from past experience. We want to thank her, and all her many workers for their tireless efforts that went into making the tea on May 1st spectacular! Jean retired after her 4 times as chair on May 10th of this year....so we would like to thank her....Luckily, she has maintained a meticulous notebook, so we are planning to keep the tradition going.....

Speaking of fun events, we are excited to announce that the Friends will sponsor a Murder Mystery on Friday, October 14, 2022, at the Eagles Mere Country Club. We will solicit local celebrities as actors, and we think you will have fun! Circle the date on your event calendar. We could all use a few laughs after making it through the past two years.

Another fun event will mark 75 years since the Sullivan County Commissioners voted to join with Bradford County Library for distribution of books in Sullivan County, set up a County Library Board, and allocate funds for establishing a County Library. Come and help us celebrate at our Annual Meeting to be held on July 26th at Pealer Hall, Dushore! Circle July 26th on your calendars also! There will be cake and punch and smiles galore! These days, making it to 75 years for a non-profit group takes a lot of dedication by community supporters.

On a more serious, yet necessary note, our yearly fund drive letter has gone out by the time you read this, and we hope you will respond. To summarize- we send you a membership request in January for \$5.00 per person to join the Friends. However, even though we have 454 members, and thus approx. \$2,200 from membership, that does not even begin to finance all the spectacular events we have planned for your library, for the young and the old and the in-between. Thus we conduct a separate Fund Drive annually in late May/early June. It does not cost anything to have a library card, but we hope you'll take the next step to support the library, and join the Friends group, and then contribute to the Fund Drive.



Jean Hope, Spring Tea chairperson



Alan Miller, Library Director, pouring tea for his table at the Spring Tea.



Ladies (and gentlemen!) of all ages enjoyed the Spring Tea



A big "Thank you!" to Mary Beth's WestSide Deli

The WestSide donated \$1 for every sub sold from June 6-10 to the Friends!
Make sure you thank Mary Beth and the WestSide Deli for supporting the Library!

FROM THE LIBRARY

Alan Miller, Library Director of the Sullivan County Library

Spring has really been busy here at the library. Some of the highlight activities were two programs we had at the Mattern Building in Mildred. In March, we had a French dinner and movie. The menu consisted of zinfandel of beef (boeuf-bourguignon), wine, cheese, baguette and clafoutis (a dessert). Thanks goes out to Rebecca Aldinger for preparing the main course; it was very good! We had 16 attendees who enjoyed the meal and ended the evening with the film *Julie & Julia*.



At another program held at the Mattern building in May, Cholly Hayes spoke regarding the summer of 1963, and Kennedy in Berlin. Our speaker, from Dallas, PA, was a military photo-journalist at the time assigned to cover the event. Cholly discussed his life and career with notable people, 1963, and backed his talk up with video and a display. The program ended with Q&A.

Finally, there was a Wildflower Walk during May along Hoagland Branch. Many wildflower varieties were identified by our guide, Jane Swift, educator and naturalist from World's End State Park. The group also was able to watch trout being stocked in Hoagland Branch. These events were supported with a grant from the Lycoming County United Way serving Sullivan County.



The Reader's Choice Book Club continues to meet and is doing well. Recent titles included *Golden in Death* by J D Robb, and the group even read a children's title, *A Long Way from Chicago*. The group is always looking for new members; check out the latest title by looking at the Library's webpage.

On Wednesday, May 18th the children had their last Story Hour, a picnic at World's End with the Kiwanis sponsoring. At one story hour they were visited by guests from the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau who read the book, *My Family's Soybean Farm*. They also learned how to grow things! Beginning in June, the Summer Reading Program begins. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities." Keep checking the library's webpage for more details on activities and how to participate.

Jessica Pennella and Meghan Bohensky put together a Book Bingo event at the elementary school's gym on Friday, March 4. Attendance was around 160 people. The commissioners were dressed in costumes and the Dairy Princess along with other volunteers helped out. The books were donated by the Kiwanis and a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

In the second half of April we had the Sullivan County School's art show displayed at the library with an awards ceremony on Saturday, April 23rd. As usual, we had good attendance numbers. Thanks goes out to the Arts Council of Sullivan County and the volunteers.

We are grateful for all the people donating plants to help raise funds for the library. African violets appear to be quite popular! A big thank you to the Sully for putting an article out about the history of the library. The building was originally a livery stable for the Hotel Carroll. Also, speaking of history, the library has acquired four Sanborn fire insurance maps of Dushore for the years 1885 and 1892.

Finally, the library is embarking on creating a multi-year strategic plan. This plan will help guide the library's programs and help to identify areas in which the library is doing well and areas in which the library could improve. We are asking all our patrons and supporters to consider providing feedback to help us in this process. A link is available on the library's webpage at <https://sullivancountylibrary.org/>. There are only four questions, and all responses will be kept confidential. Help us continue to make the library a center for the community.



Bon appetit! French dinner and movie



Cholly Hayes display about JFK



**Book Bingo
Wildflower Walk**



Story Hour at World's End



REPORT ON THE SPRING TEA

Annual Spring Tea Returns



Busy in the kitchen at the Spring Tea

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library were able to have their annual Spring Tea this year on May Day, May 1, and a capacity crowd filled the St. Francis Hall in Mildred with festive hats and tea-drinkers young and old. Music was provided by Nicholas and Greg Werner and dozens of baskets were available to bidders. There was a hat contest and the menu included tea sandwiches, sweet treats, and a scrumptious Lemon Blueberry Mascarpone Cake.

It would be impossible to list all the Friends that pitch in to help with this event, from decorators to food preparers, hostesses and vendors, to ticket sellers and kitchen workers, clean-up crew and many others. Special mention must be made of Jean Hope, who is the long-time chair of the tea committee. Jean has indicated that this will be her last year organizing the tea. Running an event of this type is not everyone's "cup of tea." The Friends are grateful to Jean for hard work to make the Spring Tea the popular event it has become.

Special thanks goes out to businesses who support the annual tea: The Sullivan Review, Iddings Insurance, Lusch Acres, Agway, Jolly Trolley, Robin Real Estate, Mary Beth's West Side Deli, Homer Funeral Home, Francis McCarty Insurance Agency, Hurley's Market, Eagles Mere Country Club, CA Linens, Highland Realty, and Rocky Forest Real Estate.

The Spring Tea was very successful, with profits exceeding previous years' amounts.



Sweet treats at the Spring Tea



Almost 30 baskets were part of the popular basket raffle at the Spring Tea



When ordering from Amazon, go to 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!



MEMORIALS

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library would like to acknowledge the following donations: donation by Pamelyn Bush in memory of her husband, Richard; donation by Donn and Randi Tourscher in honor of Kay Homer's birthday; donation in memory of Josephine Klem by Kay Homer.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION...

Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers Endowment

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.

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 address to Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com to get on our email list.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Annual Friends Recognition and membership meeting is scheduled for July 26 at 6:00 at Pealer Hall, Dushore. All Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. Email Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com by July 22 to RSVP.

Regular meetings of the Friends Executive Board are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are scheduled for

Aug 2, 2022

Oct 4, 2022

Dec 6, 2022

Any Friend of the Library is welcome and encouraged to attend these Board meetings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 14, 2022, at EMCC

A committee is working to plan a fall fundraiser for the Friends at the Eagles Mere County Club. Under consideration is another ***Murder Mystery*** with a cast of your friends and neighbors. Watch for news of ticket sales in the Sullivan Review, on Facebook, and in our next newsletter.

FRIENDS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The annual fund drive of the Friends was mailed on May 25. This is an important fundraiser for the Friends. Please respond to the appeal and support the work of the Friends. If you have not received a fund drive mailing and would like to contribute, packets can be picked up at the Library.

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