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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.

MURDER IN THE ROARING '20S!

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library Gala Event

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library invite you to a Murder Mystery dinner gala event. Held at the newly renovated Eagles Mere Country Club, the "Murder in the Roaring '20s" mystery revolves around Gray Catsby and a murder at Catsby Hall. Ginger Whiskers, Gatsby's fiance, is found dead, and Gray's guests are trying to find out whodunit!

During the course of the evening, local "celebrity" actors will assume roles to present evidence and accusations. The interactive atmosphere will allow the guests attending the gala event to draw their own conclusions about the identity of the murderer. In addition to the murder-mystery entertainment, the gala attendees will enjoy a delicious ham dinner prepared and served by the County Club staff, a cash bar featuring Roaring '20s drink specials, raffles and prizes. Although not required, those who wish to wear Roaring '20s attire are encouraged to do so!

Who will the local celebrity actors be? Perhaps a former SCHS teacher with extensive acting credentials or a county commissioner with an under-appreciated sense of humor. Perhaps a priest with a love of Broadway or a lawyer with an unused, dusty theater degree. Who knows what local thespians may take part!

This murder mystery event will be held on Friday, October 14, beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets cost \$50. This annual dinner event sponsored by the Friends of the Sullivan County Library helps the Friends meet their commitment of financial support to the Library. As one of the major fundraising events of the Friends, the Murder Mystery event will help the Friends reach their 2022 goal of over \$45,000 to be turned over to the County to offset the expenses of the Library.

To purchase tickets for this Friends of the Library charity event, please call Barb and Paul Schaefer at 570-928-8823. Tickets will be sold until the event, but in the past tickets for the Friends' dinners at the Country Club have sold out well before the event. Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Sullivan County Library.



Join some local flappers and dappers to enjoy an evening of entertainment and support the Sullivan County Library!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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

OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

According to Oxford's English Dictionaries, the word "generous" is defined as "showing a readiness to give more of something, as money or time, than is strictly necessary or expected." This is what the members of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library have been....generous. Having reached our fund drive goal, we have turned our sights to exceeding last year's amount raised, then heading for a new goal of \$20,000.

While that is very happy news, we want to make you aware of other relatively easy, painless ways to support us, sometimes at no cost to yourself. Some employers provide grants or company match programs to their employees. A grant, as an example, may be provided to a non-profit (Friends of the Sullivan County Library) if the company's employee serves as a volunteer to that organization or meets some other requirements set by the employer. Company match is when the employer matches a donation made by the company's employee to the non-profit organization. Friends' members should contact their employer to determine if any of these programs are available and if they are, they should make an application with their employer for the grant or match. A grant or match can significantly multiply the original donation made by the member to the Friends. If you have any questions, contact the Friends by email-friends.sc.library@gmail.com. Some employers also support the United Way, which in turn supports the Friends to the tune of \$5-10,000 per year.

Another way to support us is the Community Fund for the Twin Tiers, a way of saving for the future. Set up by an anonymous donor, it is a fund that provides the Friends an annual income based on the returns recorded by the CFTT.

We are always looking for donations of time also. We think you will find our fundraisers fun and hope you will volunteer to work at some. Our murder mystery dinners and spring teas serve to re-acquaint us with other community members for a good time and good food for a good cause.

So, thank you, for all your generosity. We appreciate it.



Executive Board of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library

Kay Homer, president

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Barb Falci, vice president

John Krakoski, Past president (not pictured)

FROM THE LIBRARY

Alan Miller, Library Director of the Sullivan County Library

As usual, it's been a busy summer at the library. On Saturday, June 11, the annual Dairy Parade in Dushore was held and the library was actively involved. Magician Erick Hershey performed his *Magical River Camp* show that tied into the Summer Reading Program theme, "Oceans of Possibilities". The theme for the Dairy Parade was "An Udder Day in Paradise" and the library's walking unit in the parade consisted of children and adults and won first prize in their category—congratulations! The Dushore Tuesday Book Club was active during the day outside the library, they raffled a quilt, painting, and crocheted little girls dress, along with selling plants and baked goods.

The Summer Reading program was conducted through June and July with the kids visiting various locations: Sullivan County Conservation District (water table), World's End State Park (fish), Eagles Mere Conservancy, and learning about boat safety at Lake Makoma. The Summer Reading finale was on Monday, July 18th when the children took a bus to Williamsport to go on the Hiawatha River Boat Cruise. Later, on the way back home, they stopped at a Cody's Creamery for ice cream.

Jordan Laroe, a high school senior this year, worked at the library this summer through Trehab. Jordan is interested in a library career. She helped in our children's programs and with various other aspects of library work that needed to be done. She has even volunteered her time at the library, and we appreciate it! Jessica Pennella and Jordan did a program for Camp Flea at World's End on Tuesday, July 19th.

A StoryWalk® was installed at Lake Mokoma Conservancy and was in place from July 2 until September 5 (Labor Day). The story was, *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* by Michele Rosen.



The library helped out with advertising Irish author, Colum McCann's talk on his latest book, *Apeirogon* at the David A. Dewire Center on Friday, June 24th. The library also acquired a few of his books for the library collection.

On Tuesday, June 28th there was a bus trip to the State College Arboretum and Berkey Creamery. The cost of the Arboretum tickets and bus expense were covered by the United Way of Lycoming County serving Sullivan County through the Friends of the Sullivan County Library, as are many of the programs for adults and children.

On Friday, August 12th the library showed the Disney movie *Encanto*. There was a good group of children (who used beanbag chairs and brought blankets) and adults. After the movie, everyone stayed around a bit longer for discussion. We had lemonade and the popcorn was compliments of the American Legion Post 996—Dushore and Jeremy who works there—this is always appreciated!

Founder's Day in Dushore was Saturday, August 13. The library had William (Bill) Williams, retired PA game warden speak on the topic, *The History of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Sullivan County*. His slideshow and talk were very interesting. Thank you Bill, for adding to the overall day's activities! The library also had a book sale that straddled the weekend from August 12, 13, and 16th which included books, of course, DVD's, audio books, plants, tie dye shirts (thanks to Jessica Barker) along with free stuff for children and adults. Items were sold for a donation of any amount to help benefit the library, and we did very well! The Dushore Tuesday Book Club was set up as usual and had plenty of sweet treats for sale to the public.

Groups such as the Reader's Choice Book Club and the Knit & Stitch meet regularly. If you feel you would be interested, call the library for details.

Check out our website (www.sullivancountylibrary.org) and Facebook page for all the latest information. When browsing the website be sure to click the tabs at the top which will give you more information on Children's activities, Online resources, Friends of the Library, Memorial donations, and of course the library's catalog which features all the latest materials.

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!



June 2022

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING AND RECOGNITION



The beautiful cake!



Thank you gift presented
to the Dushore Tuesday
Book Club

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library held their annual membership meeting on July 26 at Pealer Hall in Dushore. The meeting decorations and refreshments marked the 75th anniversary of the Library which is being celebrated this year. There were 20 people in attendance including Friends members and guests.

A business meeting was held, during which the members in attendance voted to approve revisions to the by-laws.

A slate of officers for the Executive Board was also approved on recommendation of the nominating committee.

Alan Miller, Library Director, spoke to the group, outlining some of the activities taking place at the Library and thanking those in attendance for their support.

Following the business meeting, Sarah Parrish spoke to the assembly about the 75 year history of the Sullivan County Library, highlighting the contributions of the Tuesday Book Club.

Members of the Tuesday Book Club in attendance were recognized for their past and current contributions and presented with a the gift of an ornament, designed by Sarah Lewis.

Refreshments at the meeting included a 75th anniversary cake and ice cream.

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library would like to thank Patty Lane for the use of Pealer Hall for the annual meeting.



Sarah Parrish speaking on
the history of the Sullivan
County Library



Representatives of the Dushore Tuesday Book Club: Elaine Richlin, June Hottenstein, Joan Pond, Rita Everling, Georganne Broschart

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

Oct 4, 2022

Dec 6, 2022

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

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.

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MEMORIALS

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations who made memorial donations.

Memorial donations were made in memory of Richard Bush by Pamelyn Bush; in memory of Josephine Klem by Dean, Kay, & Amy Homer; and in memory of Loretta Kettelberger by Fr. John Kettelberger.

The Friends also received a donation from Donn & Randi Tourscher in honor of Kay Homer's birthday. and a donation from Pat & Barbara Bagley in honor of Kay Homer.

These donations are gratefully acknowledged by the Friends of the Sullivan County Library and are used in their on-going support of the Library.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 14, 2022, at EMCC
Murder in the Roaring '20s!
Tickets call 570-928-8823



THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Sullivan County Courthouse for a donation from their Casual Friday Fund.
- Thank you to the Edwin & Amanda Radar Snyder Reunion officers for sending us a donation.
- Thank you to Jen Kiess for securing a grant from her employer, Proctor & Gamble, Jim Lambert for donation from Sullivan County REC, and Stacy Ammerman for donation from Claverack REC.
- Thank you to Mary Beth Minier for donation from the proceeds of the awesome sub promotion at WestSide Deli.

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