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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 to the Sullivan County Library.

MURDER IN THE ROARING '20S! *was a roaring success!*



The cast of the Roaring '20s Murder Mystery

In her evening gown and jeweled headpiece, Greta shared incriminating poetry and defended Gray. Bebop B'Doo and his wife Boo Boo (played by former SCHS teachers and accomplished actors Bill and Shirley Boatman) were musicians hired to entertain at the event, but soon became suspects because of gambling and jealousy problems. Knuckles Baloney and his club manager Toots Mahoney, were played by County Commissioner Brian Hoffman and his wife, Jane. They showed up at the party after their car broke down. Knuckles was somewhat sinister, and he and Toots were after Ginger because she skipped out of obligations at their club. The cast was rounded out by Harvey Wallbanger, the barman with access to the murder weapon, played by local thespian Steve Tomlinson, and Clea Du Boudoir, the French maid with the slippery accent, who was played by Bethany Lambert. As the events unfolded, innuendo and character gaffs lent to the humor. Only the murderer knew the true story, which led to uncertainty on the part of the actors and everyone in the audience. The audience had the opportunity to guess the suspect, and Clea, the French maid, was the prime suspect. But the murderer was revealed to be Gray Catsby, played by Father Thom. (continued next page)

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library Murder Mystery gala event, Murder in the Roaring '20s, was held on Friday, October 14, 2022, and played to a receptive, sold-out crowd at the Eagles Mere Country Club. Many who attended the event appeared dressed in Roaring '20s finery and participated enthusiastically as the events of the evening unfolded. The setting for the Roaring '20s mystery was Catsby Hall, owned by rich bachelor Gray Catsby, played by Father Thom Major of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Dushore. His fiancée, Ginger Whiskers, had been murdered and all the people gathered for the party were to be considered suspects. Greta Garbled, a famous actress and friend of Gray, was played by District Attorney Julie Gavitt Shaffer, who enjoyed putting her theater degree to good use.



The Spring Tea of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library is scheduled for May 7, 2023. Mark your calendars!

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MURDER IN THE ROARING '20S! CONTINUED

The murder unfolded in three acts, interspersed between the courses of the meal. The Eagles Mere Country Club prepared a delicious meal, with a charcuterie appetizer board, signature Roaring '20 drinks, a glazed ham and scalloped potato entree, and delicious apple pie dessert. The Roaring '20s music and elegant, renovated Club added to the ambiance of the event. Many of the attendees, especially those dressed in Roaring '20s attire, had their photos taken in a complimentary photo booth. The Friends of the Sullivan County Library were grateful for the opportunity to have the event at the Club and appreciated the helpfulness of the staff. During the event, 50/50 tickets were sold, and several drawings were held for Grovedale Winery gift cards, donated by Dean and Kay Homer. The 50/50 was won by Jim Donahue. The Grovedale Winery gift cards were won by Betty Reibson and Nan Farrell. A door prize, also donated by Grovedale, was won by Marie Rose Doogan. As one of the attendees who guessed Gray Catsby to be the murderer, Peggy Black won a gift certificate for lunch donated by the Eagles Mere Country Club.

The Murder Mystery fundraising event was planned by a committee of Friends of the Sullivan County Library. Teri Klem chaired the committee, which included Kay Homer and Melanie Lambert, who took care of production details. Paul and Barbara Schaefer organized the ticket sales and Michele Kurland took care of the program design and printing. More than \$2,600 was raised at this fundraiser. Due to the positive feedback from those who attended the event, a committee is already discussing a possible 2023 Murder Mystery event.



Alan Miller, Library Director, at the Gala event



Teri Klem, event planner



Flappers at the Murder Mystery

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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

SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY'S DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

75 years- that's a long time!

Longer than the Dodgers have been in LA.(1958), longer than the Colonel has been making fried chicken (1952), even longer than McDonald's (1955) has been around... It's something to be very proud of that the small county of Sullivan has been able to provide free library resources for its citizens since 1947!

The Friends celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Library throughout the year--at our annual meeting, where we honored the Tuesday Book Club, at the library during Founder's Day, and at Christmas in Dushore with a themed tree.

Our first celebration – the annual meeting, July 26, 2022 -

Honoring the Tuesday Book Club

The Dushore Tuesday Book Club has been supporting the Sullivan County Library since its inception. In October of 1946, Miss Dawes Markwell, who operated the bookmobile serving Sullivan County, met with the Dushore Tuesday Book Club who agreed to sponsor a book station.

The members of the Dushore Tuesday Book Club in 1946 were Rita Bagley, Elizabeth Charnitski, Regina Connelly, Blanche Frawley, Marion Gilmore, Rita Green, Mary Harrington, Marion Heverly, Ruth Hileman, Florence Kast, Gertrude Litzelman, Mildred Marshall, Kathryn McCarty, Helen Murphy, Catherine North, Clara Rohrbaugh, Mary Rouse, Geraldine Scanlin, Katie Sick, Nellie Sick, Teresa Sick, Mildred Snyder, Jennie Streevy, Josephine Thomas, Florence Toothaker, Mary Zawacki, and Lottie Ziegler.

Our second celebration - Founder's Day Oct 8, 2022

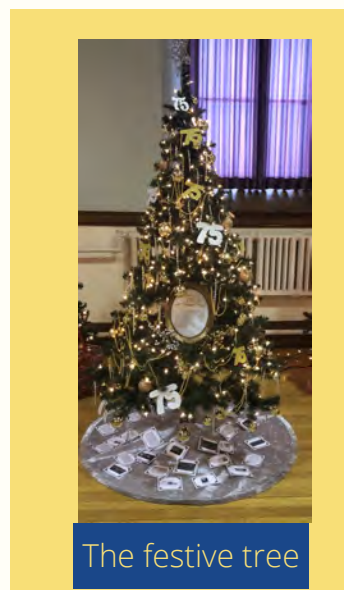
A beautiful themed cake, coffee, and a slideshow about the 75 years of Sullivan County Library were featured at the Library. The slideshow featured pictures of the various locations of the Library over the years and the people who staffed the Library. The slideshow can be viewed on the Library webpage at www.sullivancountylibrary.org.



The celebratory cake

Our third celebration - Christmas in Dushore December 10, 2022

A 75th anniversary themed tree was decorated by the Friends of the Sullivan County Library for the tree decorating contest held in St. Basil's Hall as part of Christmas in Dushore.

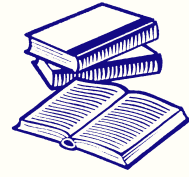


The festive tree

It is hoped that, with the help of the Friends of the Library, that our Library will enjoy another 75 years of free library resources for the community. Thank you to all for your support this year, and have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Thank you to all our Friends...459 strong!!

FROM THE LIBRARY



Alan Miller, Library Director of the Sullivan County Library

As 2022 is quickly coming to an end, the library wishes all the members of the Friends a joyful and peaceful Christmas along with blessings for the new year!

The past several months has seen some personnel changes at the library. In September, Jessica Pennella chose to leave the library to pursue other interests. Jessica was in charge of children's programming and did a great job! We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

The library is also pleased to welcome two new employees, Sarah Abernethy who has taken on the responsibility of children's programming and Ana Rubino who will be focusing on teens and homeschoolers. Reaching out to teens and homeschoolers is part of the library's strategic plan and we're thrilled to have someone focusing on these two groups. The library and community are very fortunate to have these two new employees!

Since the last newsletter, the library has been really busy... here are some highlights..

In September, a [flower arranging class](#) was held at SweetDee's Blooms with Diana Insinger. Rebecca Aldinger chaperoned the event.

In October, the [Knit & Stitch](#) began to meet again at the library. This will be on the first Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m.

During Dushore's Fall Festival in October, the library celebrated its [75th anniversary](#) at the library with a PowerPoint of photos from the past with coffee, tea, and cake. Melanie Lambert led the event.

[Senior Singles](#) led by Judy Reynolds had a lunch at West Side Deli and watched the movie Casablanca at the library. Surprisingly none of the participants ever viewed the movie before.

The library participated in the [Health Fair](#) at the Sullivan County Elementary School. October is Health Literacy Month, so the library chose that as their theme this year. The library had a raffle basket for the event thanks to the Friends and the United Way of Lycoming County serving Sullivan County. The Health Fair is a great way to also network and reconnect with people.



Making music at the Library's Fun with Ukeleles workshop

Dan Curry's 2022 art residency class's work is being exhibited at the library until the end of December. Stop by and peruse the works of art, many being places in Sullivan County as the subject matter.

The [Dushore Tuesday Book Club](#) had a meeting at the library with presenter Mark Lewis (Lewis Lumber) speaking about aspects of Loyalsock Creek such as recreational boating and the history of the area it goes through.

In November, we had a [ukulele workshop](#) at the library with Melanie and Bethany Lambert leading. This group plans to meet again in the new year.

On November 29, the library took a group to the [Festival of Lights](#) at Stone Hedge Golf Course in Bradford County to view the festive light display. Melanie Lambert and Ana Rubino were chaperones.

The Library collaborated with the Sullivan County Conservation District to offer a well-received [wreath workshop](#) on December 6. Over 30 participants made beautiful holiday decorations and enjoyed the creative process.

In September, the [Reader's Choice Book Club](#) read the book *The Cartographers* by Pen Shepherd. In October, they watched the movie *Shadowlands* at the library to compare it to the book *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*. Their most recent book discussed was *Coal River* by Ellen Marie Wiseman and was led by Barbara Muller. Many thanks to Sandy Paulsworth for helping Melanie Lambert with this club.



Flower arranging and wreath making

Thank you to the
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MORE FROM THE LIBRARY...



Please note the library has increased its hours of operation from 37 to 45 hours per week. We are open a bit earlier and also into the evening hours if you want to stop by. See our website for dates and hours.

The Library's children's programs have been active. Check out the Sullivan County Library's website and Facebook page for the ongoing programs such as [Story Time](#) with its multiple themes, and the [Lego Club](#) and [Pokeman Club](#). Children participated in trick-or-treat at Dushore businesses for Halloween and the library participated in [Trunk or Treat](#). A big thanks goes out to Anastasia Rubino for helping Sarah at the Trunk or Treat event. and Kiwanis for their support providing treats. Thanks is also extended to Dushore Agway and Sinclair's Hardware for support of Story Hour programming with donations throughout the fall.

On Friday, December 2, Ana Rubino led a group of teens including homeschoolers with a [meet and greet](#) at the library. The group shared their interests to her and were provided snacks and drinks. They also showed off their artistic abilities in a drawing activity. Discussion led to planning future activities such as game nights, crafts, movie nights, etc. It was a good, first turnout.

The library has a semifinished room upstairs we began using for patrons to privately and quietly work in. It has been a great success! College students and instructors take tests and conduct classes respectively while being conducted electronically from their laptops. The room is also used for work related Zoom meetings and Bible studies.

Arthur Cairns, the county's IT System Coordinator, with the help of BLaST IU17, has installed three cameras on one public and two staff computers, a new backup battery, and new switch. This project is currently ongoing. More details to follow. It is funded by Libraries Connect Communities (LCC) and Broadband Resources Program, a project of the Keystone Initiative for Network Based Education and Research (KINDBER) and the Office of Commonwealth Libraries (OCL), Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Trunk or Treat



Story Hour creation

Finally, the library is working on objectives of its strategic plan, namely, outreach to target groups such as teens and young adults, exploring options for programming for seniors, building several of the library's special collections, and improving use of the library building. The library's Advisory Board will be meeting again in January and meets quarterly throughout the year.

As always, please check out the library's webpage sullivancountylibrary.org and find and like us on Facebook!



Popular Lego Club project!



Teen Meet-up

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IMPORTANT DATES

Regular meetings of the Friends Executive Board are scheduled for the first Tuesday of alternate months. 2023 meetings are scheduled for:

February 7
April 4
June 6
August 1
October 3
December 5

Any Friend of the Library is welcome and encouraged to attend these Board meetings, typically held at the Library at 6:00. A Zoom link can be made available if needed.

Spring Tea scheduled for May 7.



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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 Michelle Whipple by the Sullivan County Courthouse employees and in memory of Joan Awckland by Loretta Cronin.

The Friends also received a donation from the Edwin and Amanda Snyder reunion officers.

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

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.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to the Dushore Lions and the Founders Day committee for a donation made from the proceeds of the decorated Toilet Seat auction held during Founder's Day.
- Thank you to Grinduro for a very generous donation! The Grinduro event will be held again next year, and the Friends hope to help!



Wanted: Friend who is competent with EXCEL and enjoys working through problems to help maintain Friends mailing list. Training provided!

Wanted: Craftsman in Sonestown Community to build a Little Free Library for Sonestown. Friends pay for materials; you provide expertise!

Wanted: Friends who would be willing to serve on Executive Board and help with the governance of the organization.

If interested in helping the Friends, email Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com Thank You!