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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 AT THE DISCO

*with the Friends of the  
Sullivan County Library*

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library invite you to their annual Murder Mystery dinner event. Held at the popular Eagles Mere Country Club, the 2023 mystery is "Murder at the Disco." A New York nightclub (circa 1977) is hosting a party for a group of groovy people, but Doctor Disco, the nightclub owner, is found dead in the VIP lounge.

### **Remember the 70s?**

- Mini-skirts
- Pantsuits
- Flared pants
- Leisure suits
- Halter tops
- Big glasses
- Groovy earrings
- Psychedelic
- Platform shoes
- Hip-huggers
- Ponchos
- Peasant shirts
- Tie-dye
- Gauchos
- Maxi dresses
- Army surplus

During the course of the evening, several Friends will assume roles to present evidence and accusations. The interactive atmosphere will allow the guests attending the event to draw their own conclusions about the identity of the murderer. In addition to the murder mystery entertainment, attendees will enjoy a delicious dinner prepared and served by the Country Club staff, a cash bar featuring themed drink specials, raffles and prizes. Although not required, those who wish to wear groovy 70s attire are encouraged to do so!

This murder mystery event will be held on Saturday, October 7, beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets cost \$60. 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 2023 goal of over \$51,000 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 Barbara and Paul Schaefer at 570-928-8823. Tickets for this event are in high demand and last year's Murder Mystery was sold out, so unpaid reservations will be held for only two weeks. Tickets are non-refundable and can be paid by cash or check made out to Friends of the Sullivan County Library.

**GOOD  
TIMES**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 7, 2023, at EMCC

*Join us and all the coolest people at Disco 54 to find out whodunit!*

Tickets call 570-928-8823



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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

### QUESTIONS



Am I being asked to pay for using the library?  
Why do I hear from you so often?

These are two questions we hear often...Not a lot of things in life are free, but your library card and the privileges it entitles you to are....You don't need to pay a penny to use the Sullivan County Library.

That said, membership in the Friends of the Sullivan County Library costs \$5.00 per person (\$10 for 2 persons, etc). Why do we ask for your membership? We ask for \$5.00 in order to raise some money, but also to build a base of like-minded people who treasure our local library and see the value of it.

We ask you by mail to renew your membership in January, then we send you another letter in July asking if you would consider contributing to our Annual Fund Drive. Five dollars per member raises just over \$2000. Thanks to the generosity of our donors however, we raise considerably more with our Fund Drive. If we don't hear from you about the Fund Drive by late August, we contact you again in September, hoping our letter has just been misplaced and that you are still willing to support us. Our 2023 Fund Drive is currently at around 80% of last year's total, and we are committed to matching last year's contribution.

That's a lot of letters, we know, but the cause is worthy and our goals are high! As noted above, not much is free - books, online resources, and programs certainly aren't!! We hope you are able to respond to one or all of our letters. Please know that there is a method to our seeming madness. We hope that now that we have explained our numerous letters to you, it makes more sense.

Hoping to hear from you, I remain,  
Kay Homer

### THANK YOU!

- Thank you to SCHS Class of 1972 for making a donation through the Friends to the Sullivan County Library children's programs.
- Thank you to all Friends who volunteered to help with the Ginduro in June. And thank you to the Grinduro folks who sent us a donation!
- Thank you to Harry Titus of Red's Roofing for a generous donation to the Friends earmarked for children's programming at the Library.
- Thank you to Lisa Wilcox for her stint as Friends secretary.,

*As we celebrate 10 years of Friends, we offer recognition and thanks to officers of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library in 2013*

Melanie Norton, president  
Dora McCarty, vice president  
Bonnie Barry, treasurer  
Pamelyn Bush, secretary



*Current Officers of the Friends, 2023*

Bonnie Barry, treasurer  
Barbara Falci, vice president  
Sarah Parrish, newly elected secretary  
Kay Homer, president

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## FROM THE LIBRARY

Alan Miller, Library Director of the Sullivan County Library

There was no let up over the summer for activities at the library. This was especially true for the children's programs. In addition to the regular summer reading program, children also got an opportunity to have a visit from author, M.J. McCluskey who read from her latest book, *Love, Hope, and a Pink Bucket: The Handsome Henry Story*. The book told the story of a small donkey, so as a follow up, children made a memorable trip to the local Small Ass Farm.

July was an exceptionally busy month for our young patrons starting with babies and toddlers, 0-24 months, participating in Book Buddies which used stories, music, and movement songs along with fingerplays for story time. A new Story Walk featuring the book *The Summer Visitors* by Karel Hayes opened along the Conklin Run on the Mokoma Conservancy Trails. The Story Walk will be up until Labor Day. Children participating in summer reading enjoyed a visit from Smokey the Bear courtesy of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). We celebrated Christmas in July with cookie making and a movie, and at the end of the month, homeschoolers went on a trip to visit the Historical Society in Laporte. Keep in mind that Story Time will be starting up again in September.

For adults in July the library hosted its first chili cook-off. There were 10 delicious entries and judges Laura Cimino, Donna Iannone, and Edward Zinser had their work cut out for them. Performer Van Wagner provided entertainment and the Dushore Tuesday Book Club sold baked goods and held a raffle. The Laporte Women's Club and the Mildred Active Living Center learned about the library's resources from a presentation made by Melanie Lambert. Jessica Barker and Rebecca Aldinger helped with two tie-dye classes at the Mildred Active Living Center and Sullivan Terrace in Dushore. Dan Curry has finished his art residency program for this summer. His classes' artwork will be displayed at the library in the months of November and December.



Founder's Day in Dushore saw a lot of activities at the library including a huge book sale, a presentation by Lance McCarty on geocaching, and the start of the library's silent auction. The silent auction, which features a beautiful 9-patch, courthouse step pattern, queen-sized, handmade quilt will be running from Founder's Day (August 12) to Christmas in Dushore (December 9). Stop in the library to see the quilt and place a bid. For more information about the bidding, go to the library's webpage at [www.sullivancountylibrary.org](http://www.sullivancountylibrary.org). The quilt was made by the Quilting Club of Millview, with all proceeds benefitting the library.



**Silent auction is underway on this beautiful 9-patch, courthouse step pattern, quilt.**

Lastly, the library will be getting insulation and siding on the rear and alley-side of the building. The emergency door on the alley-side will be replaced. A new sidewalk and new spouting on the parking side of the building is also being installed. The library thanks the County Commissioners and the maintenance department, especially Rodney Rohe for all these important upgrades.

As always, the library thanks the United Way of Lycoming County serving Sullivan County through the Friends of the Sullivan County Library. We also want to thank the other entities and individuals that helped during the year to enhance the services of our library. Remember to follow us on our webpage, Facebook, and the Library Corner in the Sullivan Review for all the latest news and programs.



A **Wish List** has been established on Amazon by the Friends of the Sullivan County Library for materials requested by Library staff for programming needs at the Library or items the Friends could use. To view the Wish List, go to:

<https://a.co/3zvUP1r>



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# FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING AND RECOGNITION



Happy Birthday, Friends!

Door prize won by Shirley Weaver.



Thank you to John Krakoski and Bob Getz, both on hand to celebrate 10 years

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library held a social gathering, member recognition, and annual general membership meeting at Grovedale Winery on July 19. The Friends of the Sullivan County Library were organized ten years ago and used the opportunity of the meeting to recognize Friends who have made an impact on the organization.

Since the traditional gift for a ten year anniversary is tin, the Friends recognized at the meeting received a "Tin for Ten" tin of cookies. Of special recognition were Bonnie Barry, who has served as the treasurer of the Friends for ten years, since the formation of the group. Also recognized was John Krakoski, who helped develop the original bylaws of the group, was instrumental in the development of a strategic plan, served as president for six years, and was responsible for bringing in United Way funds for the Library. John was awarded a lifetime membership to the Friends.

The officers of the Friends at the formation of the group ten years ago were Melanie Norton in the role of president, Dora McCary as vice-president, Pamelyn Bush who served many years as secretary, and Bonnie Barry as treasurer.

Bob Getz, who was County Commissioner at the time of the formation of the Friends, reflected on the value of the Library and the on-going impact of the Friends.

Also recognized at the gathering were some high donors in attendance and those who helped with Little Free Library installations.

During the meeting Kay Homer was re-elected as president for a two year term and Sarah Parrish was elected as secretary. A financial report was presented and the membership voted to accept by-laws revisions..

Thank you to Grovedale Winery for hosting us in their lovely facility! And thank you to the Annual Meeting planning committee of Barbara Falci, Sandy Rigby, Denise Lambert, Melanie Lambert, Dora McCarty, and Kay Homer for providing refreshments, cookies, and door prizes.



Thank you, Bonnie, for serving as treasurer for 10 years (so far)!



## IMPORTANT DATES

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

Oct 3, 2022

Dec 5, 2022

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Friends.SC.Library@gmail.com) to get on our email list.

**FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY CAN BE CONTACTED AT:**

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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 donation was made in memory of William O'Callaghan by James and Nanette Good.

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

**FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY SUPPORT FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY ON OUR TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!!**

10 Years of Friends Support to the Sullivan County Library

2013	\$1,678
2014	\$50,473
2015	\$6,886
2016	\$64,390
2017	\$36,937
2018	\$36,683
2019	\$39,877
2020	\$39,801
2021	\$49,408
2022	\$60,707
<b>10 year total</b>	<b>\$386,840</b>

## Executive Board of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library\*

Kay Homer, president  
Barbara Falci, vice president  
Bonnie Barry, treasurer  
Sarah Parrish, secretary  
Bill Henne  
Sally Jenson  
Melanie Lambert  
Stacey Ammerman

\**if you would be interested in an active role on the Friends Board, we would be interested in hearing from you!*