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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.

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library held a Murder Mystery fundraising event Saturday, October 7, 2023. The dining room at the Eagles Mere Country Club was crowded for this annual, popular night out for Library supporters.

Murder at the Disco was the theme of the evening, and many of the attendees appeared in their '70s hippie and disco attire. Set in a disco nightclub, the investigation centered around the murder of Doctor Disco. Part of the fun of the evening is the secret identity of the murderer; the murderer is determined immediately prior to the event by drawing, which means only one person in the room knows "who-dun-it." Everyone else is left guessing, and the people who have agreed to act as suspects must do some quick thinking on their feet. Lots of laughs, innuendo, and finger pointing occur, and those in attendance try to follow the clues to determine the identity of the murderer. At the end, the murderer was revealed to be the prime suspect of many of the people in attendance, Soux Patroopa, the Swedish pop star portrayed by Donna Iannone, our County Commissioner.

MURDER AT THE DISCO

was pretty groovy!



The cast of the Murder at the Disco Murder Mystery

The murder narrative unfolds in three acts between courses of the meal. The Country Club served a delicious three course meal featuring a buffet of Shrimp Scampi and Chicken Parmesan. The event realized over \$2700 profit which will be used to benefit the Library.



Should we host another Murder Mystery in 2024? We would welcome your input and ideas at friends.sc.library@gmail.com



Our next fundraising event:
The *Spring Tea* of the Friends of the Sullivan
County Library is scheduled for **May 5, 2023**.
Mark your calendars!



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MURDER AT THE DISCO CONTINUED

The door prize at the Murder Mystery was a groovy tie-dye T-shirt from a program at the Library and a \$50 gift card from the Laporte Women's Club, both won by Sally Jensen. The 50/50 cash drawing was won by Dean Homer, who graciously returned his winnings to the fundraiser. One of the two wine baskets donated by the Kay Homer family and Grovedale Winery was won by Katie Robinson. The Donahues were having a lucky night as the other wine basket was won by Jim Donahue and a gold necklace, donated by Melanie Lambert, was won by Germaine Donahue. County commissioner Darlene Fenton, who correctly guessed her coworker as the murderer, won a drawing for a dinner for two, donated by the Eagles Mere Country Club.



THANK YOU!

Event chair: Teri Klem

Check in: Donna & Dan Curry

Selling chances and 50/50: Bonnie

Barry and Kylie Ammerman, Barb

Swinick, Nan & Tom Ferrell

Program: Michelle Kurland

Tickets: Bill Henne

Ticket Sales: Paul and Barbara

Schaeffer

Donation of raffle items:

Kay Homer, Grovedale Winery,

Melanie Lambert

And, most importantly our suspects:

Stacey Ammerman

Ean Ammerman

Donna Iannone

Sarah Abernathy

Kayla Lambert

Wayne Bender

Austen McGee

Bethany Lambert

Membership Mailing

The Friends Annual Membership Appeal will be hitting your mailbox in January. There were 482 Friends in 2023; we are setting our 2023 goal at 500 Friends. We hope you will continue your support of the Library!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

EXPRESSING THANKS TO DONNA IANNONE



Donna as Soix Patroopa at the Friends 2023 Murder Mystery



**PROCLAMATION
FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK
OCTOBER 15-21, 2023**

We're going to miss you, Donna Iannone. For eight years, Donna has faithfully attended Friends' meetings to represent the County Commissioners. She has been a problem solver and an opportunity creator for our organization. She has done it all and proved that no question need go unanswered. Donna, we are grateful. Because the Sullivan County Library has been a county service since 2013, there are always points to clarify in its operation and scope. Donna never fails to help the Friends understand such points - problem solved! It was she, along with the other two commissioners, who sought out and brought the GrindUro contest to Sullivan County - opportunity created! The Friends have benefited from the Grinduro in that as we provide volunteers and the Grinduro donates money to us which we then turn over to the library. Not only is Donna a problem solver and opportunity creator, she is a participant....she can be found riding in the GrindUro and taking active part in the Murder Mystery. Thank you, Donna, for all your time and effort on behalf of the Friends and the library. Happy holidays, everyone!

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

Whereas, the Friends of the Sullivan County Library have contributed ten years of financial and community support to the Sullivan County Library, support that allows us to service our citizens;

Whereas, the strong and growing membership of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library highlights the fact that our Library is a valued cornerstone of the community;

Whereas, the work of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library allows the Library to provide opportunities for all of our citizens to engage in life-long learning and connections with others, as well as access to a wide variety of services including access to print and electronic materials;

Whereas, the Friends of the Sullivan County Library understand the importance of a well funded Library to our community, and expend energy to advocate and raise funds to ensure that our Library gets the resources it needs; and

Whereas, the Friends of the Sullivan County Library, by offering their time and commitment to the Library, set an example for all in how volunteerism leads to the betterment of our community; and

Whereas, the week of October 15-21, 2023, is designated the 18th annual National Friends of Libraries Week to celebrate the contributions of Friends groups across the nation,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Sullivan County Commissioners proclaim October 15-21, 2023, 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 all they do to improve our Library and community.

SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Donna Iannone, Chair
Brian Hoffman, Vice-Chair
Darlene Fenton, Commissioner

FROM THE LIBRARY



Alan Miller, Library Director of the Sullivan County Library

As I compose this report, the seasonal cold is in the air and snow is in the immediate forecast which hearkens the soon arrival of the holidays. On that note, the library is getting ready for Christmas in Dushore, Saturday, December 9th. The library has planned a book sale, and the Dushore Tuesday Book Club will be selling chili and baked goods in our vestibule, and holding a raffle. There will be a Christmas star craft to do during the day and a Storywalk® in cooperation with DABA businesses. Dan Curry's residency art class will be on display until the end of December, and don't forget our silent auction for the beautiful queen-sized quilt made by the Quilting Club of Millview which will end at 4:00 p.m. that day. The quilt would make an amazing Christmas gift as would some of the hand-crafted cards or book markers which are also available.

We have plenty of programs and activities that are ongoing for children and homeschoolers. There was a series of virtual reality meet ups on the United Kingdom and Rome for homeschoolers at the Mattern Building. The Storytime children went around to businesses in Dushore for Trick or Treat and the Library participated in Trunk or Treat in Dushore. There was an outing to Clyde Peeling's Reptileland in Williamsport. All these events were very well attended. (continued next page)



The silent auction for this beautiful, handmade quilt ends Dec. 9. The quilt was made by the Quilting Club of Millview.

Library Story Time Trick-or-Treaters



Reptileland




Trunk or Treat



Children's Programming

*Thank you to the
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MORE FROM THE LIBRARY...

Programming for adults included a trip to Jim Thorpe, PA during September. The participants had a comfortable shuttle to the location and took an excursion on the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway on an open-air rail car. Later they visited, shopped, and dined in the small town. This was very popular. The next time we'll have to plan for two or three times more participants! *(This trip was made possible with United Way funding through The Friends of the Sullivan County Library.)*



WIC & JobFest

Adult Programming



Excursion to Jim Thorpe

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.

**Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday 9:00 am-7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Sunday-Monday**



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.

There is a WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Maternal and Family Health mobile unit visiting in front of the Library. Watch our webpage, Library Corner ad in the Sullivan Review, or Facebook page for more info. We also collaborated with Trehab for a Jobfest in the library's parking lot during October.

There is a lot more going on at the Library, including regular offerings of Lego Club, Movie Matinees, and Book Buddies for toddlers, as well as pop-up programming. Please visit our website at www.sullivancountylibrary.org for more information on all our programming and upcoming events. You can access our Facebook page from our webpage, there are plenty of photos with program and activity dates being posted. We also post to the Library Corner in the Sullivan Review.

I wish all of you a peaceful and joyous holiday season along with a good 2024 year going forward! I thank you for your continued and enthusiastic support of our public library!

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

2024 meetings are scheduled for:

February 6
April 2
June 4
August 6
October 1
December 3



Any Friend of the Library is welcome and encouraged to attend these Board meetings, typically held at the Library at 6:00.

Spring Tea scheduled for May 5.



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Library

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

MEMORIALS

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations that made memorial donations since our last newsletter.

Memorial donations were made in memory of Robert Brooks by John and Patricia Gillan; in memory of Joan Yates by Isabella M. Hampton; in memory of William O'Callaghan by James and Nanette Good; and in memory of Catherine Shannon by Judith Moore.

The SCHS Class of 1972 made a donation to be used for children's programs.

These donations are gratefully acknowledged by the Friends of the Sullivan County Library and are used in their 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 MJ McCluskey who purchased items for use in the Library from the Friends Amazon Wishlist.



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>