

March 2024

FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The 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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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



It's that time again! Mother's Day is coming up and it's time to treat your mother, aunt, cousin, neighbor, whomever is special to you, to an afternoon of socializing and fun at the Friends of the Sullivan County Library Spring Tea. It will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at St. Francis Hall in Mildred, with the doors opening at noon so you can visit the vendors and pick out a unique gift for the person with you, or for that special person far away who couldn't come.

Vendors will include cakes, fascinators, wine, chocolates, plants, crafts, and more.

The tea itself will be a treat as there will be some new offerings in addition to the ever-popular cucumber sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, banana bread with cream cheese fillings, fruits, scones, and dessert. How could you go wrong? Who on earth would not like to try new foods and renew acquaintances for a pleasant afternoon? There will be a game based around a quiz on traditional tea items, a hat contest (we are prepared for 70 contestants as this contest grows in popularity), and raffle baskets everywhere (last year we had 40 – we are going for more this year!!).

Tea chairperson, Carol Anne Gindele, and chief kitchen boss, Randi Tourscher, have a few years' experience under their belts now and are upping the standard. Have your picture taken with the beautiful May Poles made by the Milos and see the gorgeous decorations supervised by Carol Anne. Food will be served at 1 p.m. Dress is casual, or as fancy as you please! Call Paul and Barbara Schaefer at 570-928-8823 to reserve your tickets. Please be ready to tell them the names of the people with whom you wish to sit as seating will be dictated by the table configuration. Ticket price is \$28.00 each.

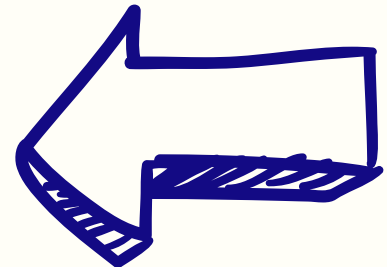
Meetings to plan the tea have been going on since shortly after the New Year and the committee is very excited about new ideas that have been voiced. Of course, we are always eager to hear your suggestions. So, come, browse, chat, eat, and enjoy the fellowship after a long, cold winter. See you at the May Poles!

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April 14-20 National Volunteer Week



The Friends of the Sullivan County Library gathered before their February meeting to recognize a Friends' donation for the benefit of the Library. Attending the "big check" presentation were County Commissioner Scott Myers, Library Director Alan Miller, and Friends of the Library personnel Kay Homer, Barbara Falci, Sally Jensen, Bonnie Barry, and Melanie Lambert. The Friends raised the 2023 contribution of \$68,962.95 through a variety of fundraisers, grants, and their annual fund drive. The Friends are currently conducting a membership appeal. Those interested in supporting the Sullivan County Library are encouraged to join the Friends of the Library.



Thanks to the Sullivan Review for helping us publicize our 2023 fundraising efforts. The amount on the big check reads \$68,962.95! This donation exceeds last year's and is evidence of the outstanding support of the community for the Sullivan County Library.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to build stronger communities. Is it a coincidence that National Volunteer Week and National Library Week fall back-to-back, in the same month? We think not! Libraries rely on volunteers, and the Friends of the Sullivan County Library organization relies completely on volunteers to serve on its Board, conduct fundraisers, and advocate for the Library. We even have volunteers to coordinate our volunteers!

Thank you for all you do!

The Friends help recruit volunteers for several events in the County that provide support to the Friends and the Library. Many of you indicate on your membership renewal which events you are willing to help with. Upcoming events include:

- Spring Tea--May 5
- Grinduro (international bike event)--June 7-9
- Duck Derby--June 15
- Pow Wow (Kiwanis event)--mid June
- Bowhunter's Festival--Sept 13-15

Please support these events and the community groups that organize them, as it all helps the Library.



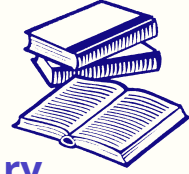
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Thank you for your support!

We are also seeking individuals willing to serve on the Friends Executive Board and committees. Please let us know if you'd like to be part of the decision making process of the organization.

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FROM THE LIBRARY



Alan Miller, Library Director of the Sullivan County Library

Greetings to all! While it's starting to feel like spring the library has been busy with children's, teens, and adult programming.

Children's Programming at the Library

The Library helped with the Dushore **Shop-with-a-Cop** in December by staffing a gift-wrapping station. Thanks to all who contributed wrapping paper and materials and to those who donated their time volunteering to wrap gifts for others.

The Library worked with the staff of Sullivan County Elementary School to hold a **Book Bingo** on March 1. Thanks to the Kiwanis who helped us to offer over 400 books to kids at this fun night.

On Wednesday March 6, Job Corp students will be paired with children during Story Time for **Read Across America**. They will be reading Dr. Seuss books with the children.

Ongoing programming includes **Story Hour** which started in February for 2-year-olds and 3-5 years olds and **Book Buddies** for babies and toddlers 0-24 months. **Pokémon Club** and **4-H Lego Club** have Saturday meetings planned during the upcoming months.

The library has an active group of homeschoolers and we have offered programs to engage them with the library. During February, we showed the movie *Barbie* for teens 14 years old and up, followed the next morning by the *Barbie/Cinderella* movie for kids 13 and under, with popcorn and a craft. The **Barbie Photo Booth** was great success. There are plenty of posts on our Facebook page and we have a binder at the circulation desk with participant's photos. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Homeschool Play Date Fridays have been held at the library for 2-10-year-olds with movies, drawing, and coloring.

On Saturdays, the **Game Zone** for Boys and Girls, 10-14 years old has activities such as board games and cards.

Follow us on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/SullivanCountyLibrary/>

for details on all these programs.



Shop-with-a-Cop made for a busy day at the Library.

Adult programming at the Library

In December, the library helped the Sullivan County Conservation District with **wreath making** on three different occasions. The library was graciously given a beautiful wreath that was placed on the front door during the holidays.

The **Reader's Choice Book Club** held a Christmas party at the Mattern Building.

In January, the library was busy with programs. There was a **Pop-up Puzzle** sale in January. It's still ongoing if you'd like to give a donation to purchase a puzzle. You can also stop by the Library and help complete the puzzle that is currently underway.

The **Knit-n-Stitch** is still meeting at the library on the first Thursday of each month from 1-3 PM. There has been some discussion about having evening classes for possibly quilting, etc. Let us know if you are interested.

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Some Barbie (and Ken) photo booth snaps.

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National Library Week April 7-13

This year's theme:
"Ready, Set, Library!"

Adult programming at the Library, cont.

The library continues to have **Midday Movie Matinees** on the third Friday of every month. One of our latest was the 1970 movie entitled *The Molly Maguires*. This was a nice tie-in movie for the Library trip that went to Jim Thorpe last year.

On Saturday, February 3, we had a **fly-tying presentation** by Dave Rothrock at the Mattern Building in Mildred. This was well attended and received. This program is being followed by fly-tying classes which are being held at the Shepherd of the Hills, Zion Chapel Lutheran Church in Dushore. Two of the six classes were already held with Rick Kintzer instructing. The library participated in the **Wine & Chocolate Walk** in Dushore by showing chocolate themed movies.

On Tuesday, February 20 the library helped facilitate a **"Winter Sowing" program** instructed by the Bradford and Sullivan County Master Gardeners. Future programs with the Master Gardeners are being planned.

Other news...

Over the holiday, the library held a **silent auction** for a handmade quilt from the Quilting Club of Millview. We raised \$600.00 and the quilt went to a family who dearly wanted it.

We have a few **Take & Make Craft** birdfeeder kits available by donation.

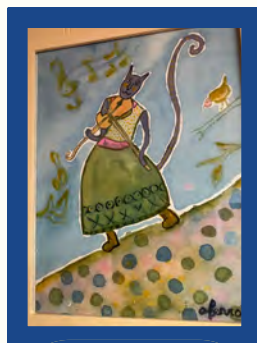
We also have donated homemade fragrant soaps and sachets, and hand painted bookmarks and cards, along with Knit-n-Stitch afghans, hats and scarves, and dishcloths and scrubbies all on sale for the benefit of the Library.

On display

January marked the end of the display of Dan Curry's art students works.

Until May, we'll be exhibiting **Anthony Ferro's artwork** at the library. We also plan to have the book, *Tales of Tess*, written by Tony's spouse, James Sutton, and illustrated by Tony, read at the library at a future date.

Cub Scout Pack 48 Pinewood Derby Race Cars are displayed in the Library's front window.



Art work of Mr. Ferro



Fly fishing talk and winter sowing plantings



Library Improvements

In the middle of December, we had work on our spouting on the parking side of the Library. Hopefully we'll have no more icy sidewalks and orange pylons to deal with. Also, in December we had siding on the alley side and in the rear of the Library replaced. Insulation was added along with an emergency door. This should help with heating and cooling costs. Thank you to the Commissioners and maintenance department for these much needed improvements!

Coming Soon

The **Mobile Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC) visits** are scheduled for Wednesdays from 9AM - 5PM on March 6, April 3, May 1, and June 5 in front of the Library.

Story Hour on Wednesday, March 20 will be with Susan Higley to learn about the **solar eclipse**. There will be a special 6:30 p.m. session for adults and families on the same day, with special solar eclipse viewing glasses for participants.

The library is collaborating on a **Poetry Walk** with the Loyalsock Foundation during Poetry Month (April) at the Summit Loop in Laporte. Original poetry submissions were solicited from poets of all ages.

On March 29 from 10-12 noon at the Library, another **Spring Fling** for families, with games, food, animals, etc. much like last year's event will be held. There is also a planned **Easter Egg hunt** for Story Hour kids with a story and a real bunny at the playground in Dushore, and another **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at Charlie Murray's place.

On April 17, we are hosting a virtual program about **Pennsylvania's elk population** put on by the Elk County Conservancy. And Bill Williams has agreed to take us on a historical **walking tour** of Ricketts Tuesday, April 30. Our second **Chili Cook-Off** will be the week of July 4. We plan to have it in the kitchen at the Mattern Building. We are planning a big day, with Bingo and music!

As always, you can follow all the library's activities on its webpage, sullivancountylibrary.org and on Facebook. Please contact the library with any questions.

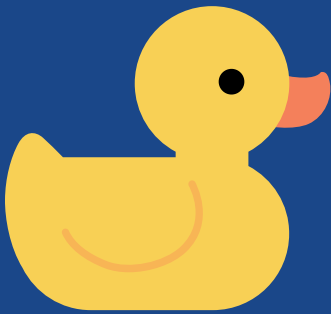
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THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Bob McGuire Jr. for donations made to the Friends through Amazon's Wishlist. These donations are being used in the Library for programming and other office supply needs.
- Thank you to the PA Bowhunters Festival Committee for the donation made to the Friends of the Sullivan County Library.
- Thank you to Red's Roofing for a recent donation.
- Thank you to the Sullivan Review for printing help with the upcoming Duck Derby.
- Thank you to the audit committee of Mary Lou Klem, Kathy Dymond, and Patty Lane who conducted the annual audit of the Friends' accounts.

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 Catherine Shannon by David & Sharon Carson. Memorial donations were made in memory of Fred Dunn by Jack & Delma Bagley, Stephen & Jesse Darlington, Richard & Susan Mooney, and Patrick & Barbara Bagley. Memorial donations were made in memory of T.A. Stabylla by Charles & Sandra Murray, Frank & Bonnie Barry, Carol Hauss, James & Donna Newton, and Fred & Yvonne Jugan. Donation was made in honor of the Lambert family by Gerard Boyce & Bob Landau. These donations are gratefully acknowledged by the Friends of the Sullivan County Library and are used in their on-going support of the Library.



6/15/24

Based on the popularity of last year's event, the Friends of the Sullivan County Library are planning another Duck Derby fundraiser!

The Duck Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 15 at noon in Marsh Run along the Park and Marybeth's West Side Deli ending at the bridge on Main Street.

More ducks, great prizes!
More information to follow!

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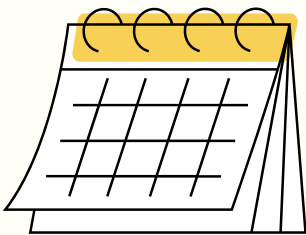
The Friends of the Sullivan County Library apply for and receive grants each year from the United Way of Lycoming County serving Sullivan County. This partnership enables the Library to offer programming for kids and adults. The Friends appreciate the support of the United Way.

IMPORTANT DATES

Regular meetings of the Friends Executive Board are scheduled for the first Tuesday of alternate months. 2024 meetings are scheduled for:

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.



Other dates to remember:

Spring Tea – May 5
Duck Derby – June 15

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
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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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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. In 2023, our interest income was \$394, which was 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 or by mail at:
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