

June 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.

Back by Popular Demand: The Friends' Duck Derby!

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library are planning a Duck Derby as a fundraiser for the Library. How does it work? Library supporters are asked to adopt a duck by buying a numbered ticket. Prior to the race, rubber ducks will be numbered. The ducks are placed in a creek and the current carries them to the finish line. The lucky adopters of the first ducks to cross the finish line will win prizes. The Friends "Quack Pack" have scheduled this year's Duck Derby for Saturday, June 15, at noon. It will again take place in Marsh Run, which is near the park, Sullivan Terrace, and MaryBeth's WestSide Deli in Dushore. Only 500 ducks will be sold. Ducks cost \$5.00 each and tickets can be purchased at the Library, the Sullivan Review, or by contacting Stacey Ammerman, Bonnie Barry, Ean Ammerman, or Sally Jensen, event organizers. Library supporters and friends are asked to rush out and adopt a duck for this family friendly event.

Make a **SPLASH**
Friends of Sullivan County Library
Duck Derby is back!
Saturday, June 15th, 2024
IN MARSH RUN, NEAR THE PARK & MARYBETH'S WEST SIDE DELI,
DUSHORE



Ducks cost:
\$5 each
(Only 500 ducks will be sold!)

PRIZES TO TOP 7 FINISHERS!
1st: \$250 2nd: \$200 3rd: \$100 4th: \$75
5th: \$50 6th: \$25 7th: gift certificate

Prizes sponsored by:
Bear Mountain Trading Post County Line Property Worx
Denmon Family Dental Dushore Hardware & Co.
Evangelisti Tile John A. Shoemaker, ESQ
Knights of Columbus #12406 Red's Roofing and Siding
Sperry Logging and Transport LLC

To purchase a duck, ask at the Library, the Sullivan Review, or contact
Stacey Ammerman, Ean Ammerman, Bonnie Barry or Sally Jensen
Benefits the Sullivan County Library



The Friends of the Sullivan County invite you to an ice cream social for their annual membership meeting to be held at Becky's Ice Cream in Hillsgrove on Thursday, July 18 at 6:00. Please RSVP to 570-772-9947 so we can know how much ice cream is needed!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



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

Despite the gloomy, rainy weather outside St Francis Hall in Mildred on Sunday, May 5th, the atmosphere inside the hall was bright and festive for the Friends' Annual Spring Tea. A large selection of raffle baskets ranging from auto supplies to wine to Christmas items were available to the tea goers, and lovely floral arrangements served as door prizes. The traditional teapot-shaped cake was auctioned off, and a trivia game and hat contest provided entertainment. Delicious carrot cake cupcakes with swirled cream cheese icing and lovely decorative flowers completed the scrumptious tea. There are so many people to thank, but a special thank you is extended to Carol Anne Gindele, who has chaired the event for several years. The committee next year will be chaired by Michele Stabryla Kurland, and we are grateful to her for agreeing to take on this important fundraiser for the Friends.



Spring Tea...so Many Thank You!!!

Those who worked to make the Tea happen:

Carol Anne Gindele
 Randi Tourscher
 Michele Kurland
 Lisa Wilcox
 Kay Evelyn Krakoski
 Deb Krakoski
 Kay Homer
 Melanie Lambert
 Sally Jensen
 Donna Curry
 Rebecca Aldinger
 Cindy Woodley
 Jackie Fassett
 Kathy Bohensky
 Mark & Karen Evangelisti
 Paul & Barbara Schaefer
 Bill Henne
 Donn Tourscher
 Austen McGee
 Mary Lou Klem
 Kathy Gindele
 Mamie Leonard
 Dolly Sick

Hostesses:

Mary Lou Klem
 Peggy Anderson
 Charli Murray
 Carol Wells
 Alan Miller
 Sarah Parrish
 Katrina Wilkins
 Deb Krakoski
 Heather Hanna
 Lois Block
 Kathleen Clark
 Anastasia McMahon Farrell
 Dora McCarty
 Sue Mullen
 Sandy Paulsworth
 Melanie Lambert

Thanks to vendors:

Grovedale Winery (Amy Homer)
 Highland Chocolates (Erin Roupp)
 Creative Whispers (Raelynn Dieffenbach)
 Fascinators (Sue Mullen)
 Cakes (Tracy Watkins)

Those who donated to the Tea:

Lisa Wilcox
 Franklin's Small Town Flowers
 Jolly Trolley
 Grovedale Winery
 Second Hand Rose
 Sinclairs Hardware
 Dushore Pharmacy
 Bill Henne
 CA Linens
 Dolly Sick
 Melanie Lambert
 Dushore Hardware
 Shear Expressions
 The Rail Car
 Pampered Chef-Jeanne Choplick
 NAPA Dushore Auto Parts
 Sandy Paulsworth
 Dushore Beverage
 Styer Customs
 Dan Curry
 Deb Krakoski
 Sheila Riemann
 The Sullivan Review
 Homer Funeral Home
 Iddings Insurance
 Dushore Agway
 "Miss Kitty" Karen McDonald
 MaryBeth's Westside Deli
 Francis McCarty Insurance
 Lusch Acres Vacation Homes



FROM THE LIBRARY

**Alan Miller, Library Director
of the Sullivan County Library**

Summer Reading at the Library!!

Well, summer is upon us and that means it's time for Sullivan County Library's Summer Reading. This year's theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library*. The activities begin on June 10th with the start of Story Time Palooza Week, a series of virtual events connecting authors with readers. The library is planning an array of activities for children and families. There will be Family Movie Nights, Tuesday Outings, and Mug Munchies. Be sure to check out the library's webpage and Facebook for more information. There will also be an adult summer reading activity connected to this theme running June 3-August 10, with a prize drawing on August 10th. Don't miss out on this!

In June and July, succulent planting workshops are planned for seniors across the county with the help of Bradford/Sullivan Master Gardeners.

On Saturday, June 15, there will be a festival in Dushore planned around the Fishing Derby and Dairy Parade. The library is participating with rubber duckie storytime, the Friends' exciting Duck Derby, and a "Red, White, and Moo" tie-dye workshop.

On Saturday, July 6 the library will be holding the Second Annual Chili Cook-off along with bingo and prizes. The event will be at the Mattern Building in Mildred. We will be looking for entries for the chili contest and hope many patrons and friends will attend to help us find the People's Choice chili and take part in the Bingo games! Don't forget to visit the new Story Walk® *Ricky, the Rock that Couldn't Roll* from July 1 to Labor Day along Conklin Run on the Mokoma Conservancy Trails.



Author visit

Excursion to Ricketts



Now that we told you what is upcoming, let's talk about all the great Library events you may have missed during the past several months.

Adults in the library were really busy; they participated in six fly-tying classes in February and March at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Victim Services had a program at the library on the topic of sexual abuse with Gigi Kilroe who donated copies of her book to give away free, there was a virtual, interactive program on PA elk presented by the Keystone Elk Alliance, and there was a walking tour of the "ghost town" of Ricketts with Bill Williams visiting the upper and lower sections of the abandoned town, pointing out foundations, sharing information about the lumber industries and railroads along with anecdotes about Colonel Ricketts and the townspeople.

Young people and children also had a full schedule of activities including the second annual Spring Fling at the library and an homeschool Easter egg hunt held at Charlie Murray's Pig Tail Farm, an outing to Elmira's Clemens Center to see the Rainbow Fish puppet show, Dr. Susan Higley presented on the solar eclipse at Storytime with an evening session for families, Red Rock Job Corps came with students aged 16-24 for a storytime Read Across America and Miss Sarah helped with Book Bingo at the Sullivan County Elementary School. (Thanks to the Kiwanis who provided refreshments for this event.) James Sutton (author) and Anthony Ferro (Illustrator) presented their book, *Tales of Tess* at Storytime. Their book was signed and presented to the library for its collection. A talk and craft with Tyler Sullivan was held at the Mattern Building and taught homeschoolers how to make chainmail.



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June 2024

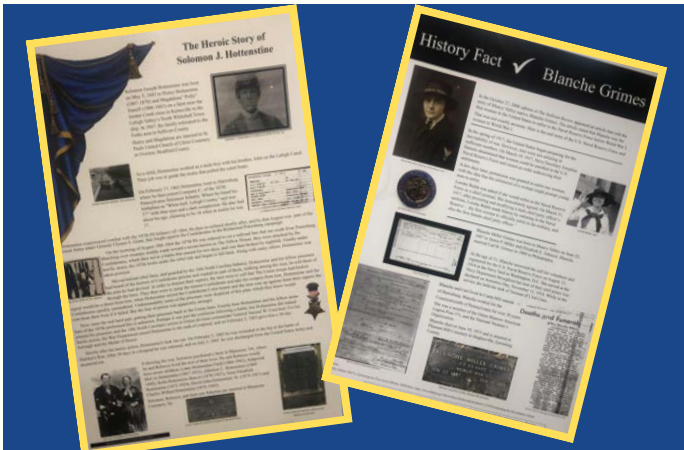
FROM THE LIBRARY

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During May, the Storytime and homeschool groups finale was an outing at Becky's Ice cream in Hillsgrove. The Kiwanis Club of Sullivan County sponsored the ice cream and miniature golf. The Dushore Music Club held a May program featuring M.J. McCluskey's book, *The Naked Violin*.

During the Memorial Day weekend, the Library hosted author R. Barrett Noone, MD, talking about his book, *From Trenches to Transplants—Changing Lives with Plastic Surgery*. Dr. Noone signed his book and talked about the history of plastic surgery, beginning as a result of the horrible aftermath of World War I. Plastic surgery has evolved to include lifesaving surgeries, such as those which are a result of birth defects, accidents, or surgeries, and to also include the procedures associated with cosmetic surgery.

Finally, in recognition of Memorial Day, the library is honoring two veterans from our area with poster displays. If you have a veteran in your family history that you would like to have honored over Memorial Day week in 2025, please contact us and tell their story. We will then create a display in the library and online.



Library staff helped other organizations, namely, the Loyalsock Foundation and their Poetry Walk installation, and the Sullivan County Elementary's third grade field trip at the Mattern Building.

Keep updated on all the regular events at the library by following the Library Corner in the Sullivan Review, the library's webpage, and Facebook. These events include WIC unit visits (first Wednesday each month), Knit & Stitch (first Thursday of each month from 1-3), Reader's Choice Book Club (third Thursday of each month at 6 PM), and Midday Movie Matinee (third Friday of each month at 1 PM).

Volunteer help needed!

There is still time to volunteer to help at the **Grinduro** to be held June 7 and June 8. This is a fun event to work at, and the Grinduro organizers show appreciation for our help by donating to the Friends based on how many volunteers we provide. Use this link to sign up and make sure they know you are a Friend of the Library!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AEAB2DA7F49-48739826-grinduro#!/>



The Friends invite you to their annual membership gathering on **Thursday, July 18** at 6:00. All members of the Friends are invited to an Ice Cream Social, to be held at Becky's Ice Cream in Hillsgrove. Becky will serve up a large ice cream cone or small sundae for all Friends attending the meeting.

During the meeting, a recognition of some special Friends will occur. A brief general membership meeting will be conducted with agenda items to include a report on the financial status of the Friends, a report from the bylaws committee, and nominations for Vice president and Treasurer for two year terms.

Becky's Ice Cream is located on Route 87 just north of Hillsgrove. Those who plan to attend the annual membership meeting should call 570-772-9947 to indicate they are attending so we can plan how much ice cream will be needed!

Friends Fund Drive

Our annual Fund Drive kicked off this month. As we review our fundraising events and efforts, we find that the Fund Drive is the most effective way to raise funds for the library by far. Your donations help the Library purchase books and other materials, expand hours, provide programs for all ages across the communities throughout Sullivan County, and in general, "keep the lights on." Thank you to all our Friends who support our fundraising efforts.

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THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Larsa, Katherine, and William Conner, who helped the Friends pitch to the United Way for the next grant cycle.
- Thank you to Linley and Grace Smith (and their parents!) who donated items for the Children's Room from the Friends' Amazon Wishlist.
- Thank you to Kathy Dymond, who donated items from the Friends' Wishlist that will be used in adult and family programming at the Library.
- Thank you to the mystery donor who bought a puzzle table for the Library puzzle enthusiasts from the Friends' Amazon Wishlist.
- Thank you to the Sullivan Review who printed the tickets for the Duck Derby.

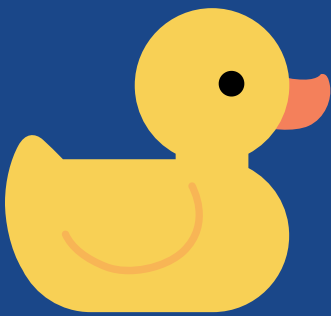
MEMORIALS

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

Memorial donation was made in memory of Dennis Foust by John Savoy and Son, Inc. Memorial donation was made by Pamelyn Bush in memory of her husband, Richard Bush.

Memorial donations were made in memory of Elda Marie Evangelisti Ritinski by Bill & Kathy Steiert and Joe & Arlene Dwojewski. Memorial donation was made by Iain Campbell in memory of his wife, Peggy Ann Gerrity.

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



6/15/24

Friends of the Sullivan County Library

Duck Derby

June 15 at noon!

More ducks, great prizes!

Tickets available at the Library, the Sullivan Review
or by contacting Friends

Bonnie Barry, Sally Jenson, Stacy Ammerman,
or Ean Ammerman

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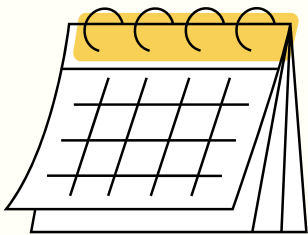
The Friends of the Sullivan County Library apply for and receive grants each year from the United Way of Lycoming County serving Sullivan County. This partnership enables the Library to offer programming for kids and adults. The Friends appreciate the support of the United Way.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

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:

Duck Derby – June 15
Annual meeting- July 18

Executive Board of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library

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

FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY CAN BE CONTACTED AT:

friends.sc.library@gmail.com or
Friends of the Sullivan County Library
PO Box 485
Dushore PA 18614

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>



BROKERAGE ACCOUNT

A new development...if you wish to make a donation in the form of stock, perhaps for tax advantages, the Friends have 501(c)(3) status and an established brokerage account to accept donations of this nature. For more information on donating stock, contact us at

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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. 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: 104 W. Lockhart St., Sayre PA 18840

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