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# FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

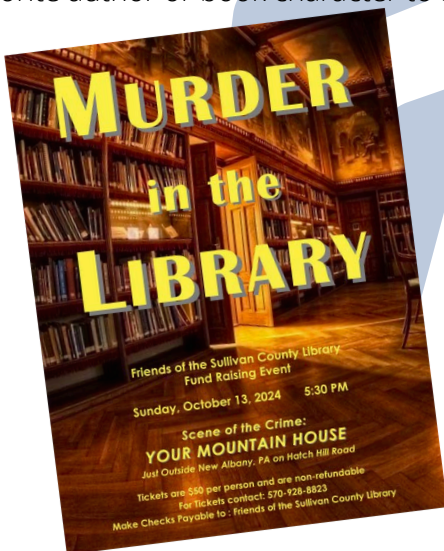
The Friends of the Sullivan County Library is a volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated and committed to providing community support to the Sullivan County Library.

## Breaking News: Friends Murder Mystery Event Set For New Venue!!

The Sullivan County Library's Friends group is hosting their annual Murder Mystery dinner event at a new location this year. The event will be held on October 13th (the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend) at 5:30 PM at **Your Mountain House**, an entertainment venue located just outside New Albany on Hatch Hill Road.

### Murder in the Library

This year's theme is "Murder in the Library." Romance writer Lady Cattersley has been killed at Cattersley Manor, and everyone is a suspect! Guests will participate in an interactive experience, helping the suspects make decisions that will affect the course of the investigation. Dress up as your favorite author or book character to add to the fun!



### Dinner and Drinks

Your ticket includes dinner prepared by the Your Mountain House staff. Dinner choices include Chicken Parmesan, Eggplant Parmesan, or Shrimp Scampi, served with salad, pasta, bread, and soft beverages. A cash bar will also be available for those who want to purchase alcoholic drinks. Dessert is included.

### Tickets

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased by calling Barb and Paul Schaefer at 570-928-8823. Seating requests can be made at the time of purchase. All tickets are non-refundable and reservations must be paid in full by October 7th.

### Support the Library

The Murder Mystery dinner is a fundraiser for the Sullivan County Library. By attending this event, you'll be helping the Friends group continue their mission of supporting library programs and resources.

JOIN US FOR  
MURDER IN THE  
LIBRARY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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



We are very excited to share with you our newly-adopted logo. The new logo was designed by Kristin Falci, daughter of our Friends' Vice-President Barbara Falci. We think it reflects how we, as supporters of the Sullivan County Library, feel about libraries. We value the library resources that are available to all ages, free of charge. Whether you use hard copy resources (books, magazines) or online resources (databases, apps to borrow books, computer programs), you will find there is something for everyone. The logo pictures an open book, referencing reading, learning and education, with a family/community growing from, and supported by, knowledge. The many leaves that sprout from the combination of people and education represent growth and mental expansion.

We hope that when you see this logo, it will remind you of our mission to support the Sullivan County Library through funding for resources, adult and children's programming, and community involvement. We will be sending you letters with this logo in January, for our annual Membership Drive, and in June for our annual Fund Drive.

If you forgot to respond to our Fund Drive letter in June, in September you will find a second request in your mail. While we provide many other fundraising events, such as the Murder Mystery, the Spring Tea, and the Duck Derby, the Fund Drive is by far our most successful fundraiser. We thank you for your support.

# THANK YOU!

- Thank you to the **Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers**. Jan Shoemaker and Melanie Lambert were each winners of \$500 in the drawing held at the Sullivan County Celebration of the CFTT. Jan's donation will go to the Friends support of the Library; Melanie's donation will be added to the Friend's endowment fund.
- Harry Titus of **Red's Roofing** recently made another donation to the Friends earmarked for children's programs at the Library. In the past two years, Mr. Titus has donated over \$3,800 to the Friends in support of Friends' fundraising efforts and children's programs.
- Thank you to the Lycoming County **United Way** serving Sullivan County for fully funding our grant request for programming at the Library this year. We are very appreciative of the funding support of the United Way which allows the Library to provide programming for children and adults.
- Thank you to **Sullivan County Victim Services** who donated items that can be used for our annual Spring Tea.

Thank you to the  
Friends who attended  
our Annual meeting  
and to  
Becky and Zane at  
Becky's Ice Cream in  
Hillsgrove  
for their  
hospitality!



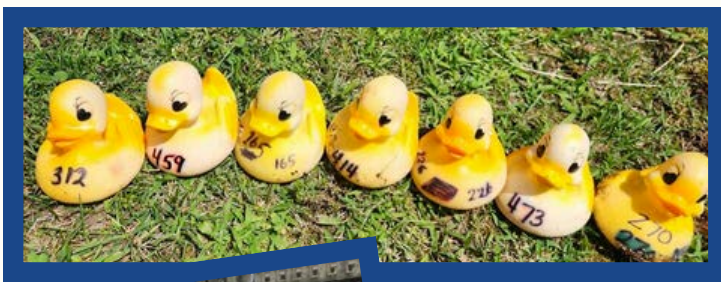
## 2024 Friends' Duck Derby



The 2024 Duck Derby drew an enthusiastic crowd on Saturday, June 15, in downtown Dushore. The Quack Pack, who managed the event, reported that 500 ducks were sold out in advance of the popular event in Dushore.

## Duck Derby Winners

- The first prize duck was #312 Vicki Kelley, who won \$250.00. (It is interesting to note that Vicki Kelley had the last place duck in the 2023 Duck Derby!)
- 2nd prize to duck #459 Missy Reisenleiter-\$200.00,
- 3rd prize to duck #165 Connie Carr-\$100.00,
- 4th prize to duck #414 Grace Sperry-\$75.00,
- 5th prize to duck #226 Carrie Richmond-\$50.00,
- 6th prize to duck #473 Laurie Cimino-\$25.00,
- 7th prize to duck #270 Sarah Parrish, winning a gift certificate to Bear Mountain Trading Post.
- The last three ducks to cross the finish were #453 Genevieve Wingate, #280 Ruth Houck, and final duck to #272 Lisa Wilcox, who received small prizes for this distinction.



The Quack Pack



## Duck Derby Sponsors

Sincere thanks to the sponsors of this year's Duck Derby prizes:

- 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.

Thanks is also extended to the Dushore, Eagles Mere, Mildred and Endless Winds Fire Companies who boosted the water flow in Marsh Run, Joe Stabryla of Dushore Boro who did some clean-up work on Marsh Run, the management of Sullivan Terrace, and The Sullivan Review, who printed the tickets for the event.

## FROM THE LIBRARY

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

Well, we had another successful Summer Reading program with the theme **Adventure Begins at Your Library**. The Children who participated in this year's events got to take advantage of many outdoor activities such as a trip to Eagles Mere Conservancy with Deb Geist, and retired game warden Mike Scott brought in a bear trap and spoke to the kids. The kids learned about geology with Bob and Joanne Maguire, along with programs on coral reefs, avian friends, and a trip to Becky's Ice Cream in Hillsgrove, sponsored by the Kiwanis. They ended the Summer Reading program by going on a trip to the Children's Museum in Bloomsburg, with thanks to Red's Roofing. Everyone had a great time and got to do a lot of hands-on activities in the museum. We also had summer reading for adults to encourage reading and sharing recommendations, culminating with a drawing and prizes from Mary Beth's West Side Deli, Hurley's, and the Red Apple/Kwik Fill.

A big thank you for all who helped and participated in our second annual Chili Cook-Off at the Mattern Building in Mildred. Bingo was added to the event, and all enjoyed a day of delicious food and prizes. Judges for the Chili Cook-Off were well-known chili-connoisseur Eloise Caseman, County Commissioner Darlene Fenton, and Amber Newell with the United Way. Winner of the Judges Choice was Connie Hatch and People's Choice was won Samuel Barker. Congratulations to the chili winners and the Bingo winners!

The chili judges



The chili winners



### Thank you Bingo gift sponsors:

Applebee's (Sayre)  
Cargill (Wyalusing)  
Century Farm Meats  
(Wyalusing)  
Grace Chinese Buffet  
(Sayre)  
Lowe's (Sayre)  
Sheetz (Towanda)  
Shores Sisters (Towanda)  
Walmart (Sayre)  
Weis (Muncy).

The Library helped the **Dushore Tuesday Book Club** set up and promote their first meeting at the Mattern Building. The speaker after the meeting was former County Commissioner Donna Iannone, sharing experiences from her coast-to-coast bicycle trip. A plaque was installed in the Library's vestibule in recognition of the Dushore Tuesday Book Club. Long overdue, the plaque reads "Library Founded by The Dushore Tuesday Book Club January 1947." Thanks to the Club for all those years ago persevering in establishing a library for our communities in Sullivan County! A history of the library can be found on our website [sullivancountylibrary.org](http://sullivancountylibrary.org).

The bear was enjoyed by the adults as much as the kids!

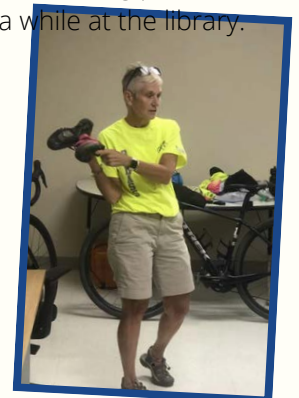


A big group at the Children's Museum in Bloomsburg.



The Library, as co-sponsor with the Eagles Mere Friends of the Arts and Sullivan County Council of the Arts, hosted a Mike Miz concert at the Laporte Village Green. Even though it tried to rain there were tailgate parties and a good-sized crowd on hand.

Hanna Corson, whose family lives locally, has a small exhibit of her extraordinary work displayed at the Library. Also, library patron, Wayne Rosbach has graciously shared a few watercolor paintings he acquired in Cuzco, Peru, that can still be seen at the Library. The Library helped Dan Curry advertise and sign up people for his free art workshops which were held at the Sullivan Terrace and outdoors on Ringer Hill. Dan's student art is to be displayed in November and December at the library. We need some help to complete a jigsaw puzzle of women quilting and reading. If you like doing puzzles, stop by with a friend and stay for a while at the library.



Donna Iannone talking about her cross country bike trek

## FROM THE LIBRARY, CONTINUED

The Reader's Choice Book Club met over the summer and read *The Twilight Garden* by Sara Nisha Adams and *James* by Percival Everett. As part of the Founder's Day events, author Trish Lundy, who wrote *The One That Got Away with Murder*, did a talk and book signing about her book. During Founder's Day, the library had its big book sale. Over the course of three days the library raised approximately \$1,300 in donations for the books and items that were available. Other activities on that day were an all-day photo booth and a Makerspace activity. The mobile Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) unit will be at the library the first Wednesday of each month until October from 9 AM to 5 PM. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and see all that is available—they'll be parked out front of the library.

We hope your family was able to visit the well-received Story Walk installed at the Mokoma Conservancy. A series of succulent planting workshops were held at senior centers around the County in collaboration with the Master Gardeners of Bradford and Sullivan County, with an eye toward our strategic goal of programming for senior citizens.

As we move into fall, the library is preparing for regular children's story times every Wednesday. A back-to-school-homeschool kickoff pizza party will be held at the Mattern Building, and children's art classes by Dan Curry are being planned. An adult trip to Jim Thorpe, PA is in the works, as well as a career fair, and of course Halloween activities are lining up for a busy fall. We are considering Pokemon Club in October and need a volunteer to lead it. If interested contact Sarah Abernethy at the library. We are also looking for a volunteer to help coordinate adult programming at the library. Rebecca Aldinger did a great job helping with this, but is stepping down. This position is flexible and has only one year of service. You would be working with Melanie Lambert and myself, offering input into interesting programs, along with chaperoning and assisting with activities. Interested volunteers please contact me.

As usual, I recommend you look at the Library Corner in the Sullivan Review, the Library's webpage, and Facebook page to keep up with all that is scheduled.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Friends of the Sullivan County Library and the United Way of Lycoming County serving Sullivan County for their ongoing support; much of what I mentioned in this report would not be available to our community without their help. Also, thanks to all those individuals in all their different ways that support our library, and yes, I'm talking about you if you're reading this newsletter—thank you!

Book signing  
with Trish Lundy



Succulent  
planting at  
Sullivan Terrace



Story walk at  
the mokoma  
Conservancy

## MEMORIALS MADE TO FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY

We recognize the following individuals and organizations that made memorial donations to the Friends of the Sullivan County Library: Edmund and Linda Thall, donation made in memory of Jim Rouse, Mike Scanlon, Doug Karge, Jack Nolan, Jim Murray, Theresa Weaver, Fred Dunn, Mike Rouse, Bill Bohensky Sr., Joe Yankalonus, John Leonard, Tony Karpovich, Joe Hemighaus, Sr., Wayne Terry, Josephine Klem, Jack Walsh, Wayne Miller, Elsie Bohensky, and Sid and Doris Hatch.

Nancy Weaver and Brenda Friday made donation in memory of Elda Marie Ritinski. Raelynn Dieffenbach made donation in memory of mother-in-law Ernestine Dieffenbach.

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

# September 2024

Thank you to the  
Lycoming County United  
Way serving Sullivan  
County Program Partner



The Friends of the Sullivan County Library applies for and receives 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

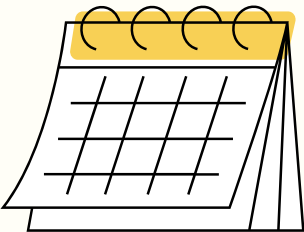
**Regular meetings** of the Friends Executive Board are scheduled for the first Tuesday of alternate months. 2024 meetings are scheduled for:

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:

*Murder Mystery!*  
October 13



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

**Kay Homer, president**  
**Barbara Falci, vice president**  
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**Melanie Lambert**  
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## 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

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 **friends.sc.library@gmail.com** or 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](mailto:info@twintierscf.org) or by mail at: 104 W. Lockhart St., Sayre PA 18840

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