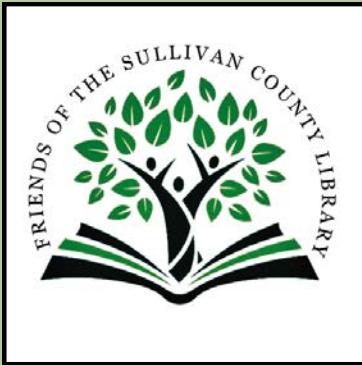


March 2025



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.

Friends Literary Trivia Provided Afternoon of Fun

The Friends of the Sullivan County Library hosted an afternoon of **Literary Trivia** on Sunday, March 2. After an enjoyable contest, the Quizpliable Me team won the coveted \$100 prize and promptly donated it back to the Library. The second place \$75 prize was won by the Carpenters, and the third prize of \$50 was won by the Slim team, both of whom also returned their winnings to the Library! Thanks to all for enjoyable competition and a successful fundraiser for the Friends.



Trivia Sponsors

Thank you to the following who supported Trivia:

- McCarty Mercantile
- Miquel's Pizza
- Hurley's Fresh Market
- Dushore Beverage
- Happy Jacks
- Subway at Kwik Fill
- Barbara Falci
- Evangelisti Tile
- Mary Beth's WestSide Deli
- John A. Shoemaker
- The Sullivan Review
- American Legion Post #996

? Trivia ?
Winners!!
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Thanks also to event organizers:
Stacey Wilcox
Ean Ammerman
Kyleigh Ammerman
Frank and Bonnie Barry
Sally Jensen



Friends' Spring Tea "Enchanted Afternoon"



Planning is underway for the annual Friends of the Sullivan County Library Spring Tea, a popular annual event that supports the Sullivan County Library. This year's tea, chaired by Michele Kurland, will take place on **Sunday, May 4, 2025**, at St. Francis Hall in Mildred.

This year's theme, *Enchanted Tea*, promises an afternoon filled with delightful treats, elegant tea service, and special activities for guests of all ages. Attendees can look forward to an array of savory and sweet delights, charming tea sets, and whimsical experiences for children, including a fairy garden teacup craft, hair tinsel station, and a themed photo booth to capture the magic of the day. Guests are encouraged to dress in festive hats, fascinators, or enchanted attire to add to the whimsical atmosphere.

(More details on page 3)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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

Join
US!

Get to know the Executive Board of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library:

-  As a retired school librarian (Canton HS), **Kay Homer**, President, remains a licensed PA funeral director with her husband Dean. They are the parents of 3 sons and 1 daughter, and they have 9 grandchildren. Dean and Kay operate funeral homes in Dushore and Wyalusing, with their son Jeff, who keeps Kay busy maintaining old buildings, a lifelong task. In addition to restoration work, she enjoys music, history, volunteering, and books. Kay moved from the Library Advisory Board to the Friends in 2021. The long commute to Canton was made infinitely more pleasant by the audiobooks she borrowed from the SC Library every week!
-  **Barbara Falci** is the Vice President of the Friends, and a retired Project Management Professional from Long Island, New York. She is an audiobook fanatic and considers a library card to be the key to knowledge. Barbara lives in Forksville with her husband, Tom Yarnall, and their Pyrenees-Blue Heeler mix Kaia. She has been coming to the Endless Mountains for 15 years, and moved here permanently in 2021. Barbara and Tom stay busy with their grown children and their families, hiking, and lots of volunteer activities.
-  **Sarah Parrish** serves as Secretary for the Friends. A graduate of Sullivan County High School, she is proud to be a lifelong resident of Forks Township. Sarah is employed by Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. as their Cooperative Communicator. Being active in her county and community is very important—she is also vice president of the Sullivan County Historical Society, a member of the Sullivan County Council on the Arts, a member of the Sullivan County Agricultural Association, and serves as Superintendent of the Fine Arts Department during the Sullivan County Fair. In her free time, Sarah enjoys hiking and trail running, and collecting antiques.
-  **Bonnie Barry**, the Treasurer of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library since its inception (2013), is Sullivan County born and bred. She is married with two children and six grandchildren. Bonnie is an avid gardener and lover of the beach...with a few good books.
-  **Melanie Lambert** helps the Friends of the Sullivan County Library with publicity and public relations, combining her enjoyment of community engagement and libraries. As a retired elementary school teacher, she now works part-time at the Library, planning programs for adults. Melanie lives in Forksville with her husband, Jim, and is fortunate to have her children and parents as neighbors. When she's not at the Library, you'll find her singing with the church choir or hiking with friends. The Library is one of her favorite places—it's more than just books; it's a hub for connection, learning, and community!
-  **Missy Reisenleiter** serves on the Board as the Budget and Finance Chair. Her position works closely with the Treasurer to monitor the group's income and expenses. She was with Stifel Nicolaus & Company, a full-service brokerage, for 25 years, and is grateful that she can use her finance background to support the Friends. After she and her husband Mark both retired, they moved to Dushore in May 2023. Missy is part of the team that planted Endless Grace Community Church in 2024, and she currently serves as their Treasurer. Her other hobby is English Country Dancing, the kind of dance that Jane Austen would have done. Where does she go for research? – the Library! Missy is happy to be part of the important work of the Friends- raising funds to support Library programs and resources.
-  **Stacey Wilcox** is an at large member of the Friends Board. From Dushore, she works in the engineering department at Claverack Rec. An avid reader whose children enjoyed all the Library had to offer while growing up, she hopes her volunteer activities will ensure future generations the same luxuries. She believes books are the best weapons in the world.
-  **Sally Shoemaker Jensen** is a Ways and Means chairperson on the Board, helping with a variety of Friends fundraisers. Her family has a long history with the Library, as her mother Stefana was instrumental for many year in the oversight and management of the Library. Sally is active in her Dushore community serving on the election board and the Founder's Day Committee. She and her husband live in Dushore.
-  Shout out to **Bill Henne**, who recently stepped down from his Board position, but still provides insight and support to the Friends Board.

We would welcome other Friends to join our Board and committees to work in support of the Library!

“Enchanted Afternoon” Tea Details!

Schedule & Activities

- Doors open at noon – Browse vendor offerings, place bids on silent auction baskets, and mingle with fellow guests.
- Tea service begins at 1:00 PM – Enjoy an enchanting selection of teas and delicious fare.
- Children’s activities available throughout the afternoon.
- Door prizes and auction winners announced at the conclusion of the event.



**Calling all chocolate lovers!
Gertrude Hawk candy bars are on sale at the
Library as a Friends’ fundraiser.**

MEMORIALS MADE TO FRIENDS OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARY

Ticket Information:

- \$30 for adults | \$15 for children (ages 2-10)
- To reserve tickets, call Paul and Barbara Schaefer at 570-928-8823. Seating is limited, and demand is high.
- Unpaid reservations will be held for two weeks.
- Tickets are non-refundable and may be purchased by cash or check (made out to Friends of the Sullivan County Library).
- When purchasing, please provide the names of guests in your party to ensure group seating.

Silent Auction & Donations

- The event will feature a basket raffle, including selections designed especially for children. Donations of auction baskets from businesses and community members are warmly welcomed. To contribute, please contact Sally Shoemaker at 570-419-6192.
- The Friends would welcome donations of teacups and saucers for a childrens’ craft. Donations can be dropped at the Library.

Join us for a magical afternoon in support of the Sullivan County Library—we look forward to seeing you there!

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

Donations were made in memory of Vonnie Jugan by Bead S. Lutz, and Hayes & Kathleen Clark.

Donation was made in memory of Sandra Britton by Roy Britton.

Donation was made by Pat O’Neil in memory of Ray, Molly, Bernard, & Michael O’Neil.

The Friends gratefully acknowledge these donations and will apply the donations to their on-going support of the Sullivan County Library.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Dushore Founder’s Day Toilet Seat auction. The proceeds of this auction were donated to the Friends. \$1000 was donated to be used for programming at the Library.



March 2025

FROM THE LIBRARY

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

When I last wrote, we were just getting into the fall season and anticipating the arrival of the holidays and now we are looking forward to spring. Time flies!

In December, the Library participated in Christmas in Dushore, with a book sale at the library, craft activities, raffles, and food. Also during December, there was student art from Dan Curry's art classes displayed at the Library.

As we enter 2025, the Library continues keeping up an active calendar of activities for both adults and children. For adults, the **Readers' Choice Book Club** continues to select engaging titles and have great discussions. Recent choices have included *The Evolution of Annabel Craig* by Lisa Grunwald and *The Puzzle Box* by Danielle Trussoni. The **Midday Movie Matinee** continues to be popular with showings of *Harriet*, and *Meet me in St. Louis*. We watched *Cabrini*, with the IHM Altar and Rosary Society and *It Ends With Us* with Sullivan County Victims Services, who brought refreshments and led a discussion on the reality of difficult relationships.



Other adult programs have included holiday **Wreath Making** with the Conservation District staff, a **Pressed Flower Valentine** workshop with Lori Beinlich (both held at the Ag Building in Dushore), a **Fly-Tying** program at the Zion Lutheran Church in Dushore with Rick Kintzer, and an extremely popular program featuring **Chef John Moeller**, former White House Chef. During this program, held at the Mattern Building in Mildred, Chef Moeller gave a cooking demonstration, shared fascinating anecdotes about his White House experiences, and signed his book for those attending.



An intergenerational program which has attracted adults and young people has been the Wednesday **Mah Jongg** games. We also have a jigsaw puzzle at the library which we want to see completed so we can exhibit it. To help support the Library we have puzzles and games available to buy for any donation amount.

Children started the year with a **Noon Year's Eve** party at the Library. A large group of children and families participated with games and food. They counted down for "Noon" Year 2025 with toasts of sparkling cider and noise makers.

Children's programming in the new year has included **4H/Library Lego Club**, **Storytime**, and visits from the Bloomsburg Children's Museum bringing their **Mobile Maker Space**. This activity was a forensic science session—*Who Stole the Cookie?* The museum will be coming to the Library every other month through the end of the year.

Thanks to the Sullivan County REC for hooking us up with these programs.



FROM THE LIBRARY, CONTINUED

Looking forward to spring, you may want to stop in the Library and check out the new books on former Pennsylvania governor, Gifford Pinchot, the father of conservation. His estate Grey Tower, in Mildford, PA may be a possible program tour location in the future. You can check out all our new materials in different formats for children and adults, and feel free to ask questions. Also check out the photography of Justine Dailey on display until the end of March.

To know what's going on at your Library, please visit and ask questions! Or you can look at the *Library Corner* in the Sullivan Review, check out our website, and Facebook page. Future programs include: Pysanky Egg Dying classes, Introduction to Square Dancing, StoryWalk® installations and a Teen Advisory Panel. Teens will have the chance to give us advice on what they like to read, and what titles to add to the collection. They will also have the chance to discuss teen programs and activities to have available to them. And pizza! Call the Library for more info.

Finally, we want to thank the Lycoming County United Way in their ongoing support of our Library through the Friends of the Sullivan County Library.



Members of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library gathered at the Library with a “big check” representing their 2024 contributions to the County in support of the Library. It is important to note that a large portion of this year’s donation was the result of a one-time stock donation. Why do we work so hard at fundraising? The contributions of the Friends are important and make up a significant portion of the Library’s budget, allowing for increased programming and helping to cover Library expenses, including materials and technology. The community support of the Friends of the Library support is greatly appreciated.



Proclaim your support of the Sullivan County Library with apparel or a book bag with the logo of the Friends of the Sullivan County Library. Scan the QR code to see the “store” set up with Styers Customs in Dushore.

A portion of each sale benefits the Friends.

Update on the Friends of the SCL 2025 Membership Appeal

Thank you all for such an amazing response to our Membership Appeal, sent out in January. We have 425 members to date, and more still arriving in the mail daily. Don't forget Members who provide an email get early bird email notifications of our popular events. We thank you for supporting the library with your generous donations and look forward to providing our Members with many fun and exciting events this year!

~Barbara Falci, Membership Chair

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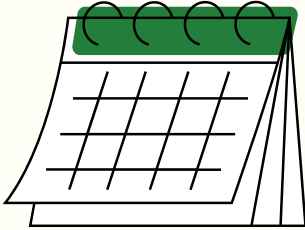
*Thank you to the Lycoming County United Way
serving Sullivan County Program Partner*

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. 2025 meetings are scheduled for:

April 1
June 3
August 5
October 7
December 2



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:

Annual Spring Tea: Saturday, May 4

Duck Derby: June 21



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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 or by mail at: 104 W. Lockhart St., Sayre PA 18840

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