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Friends of the Adams County Library System — July 2021

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President's Message

by Sharon Graff

Friends of the Library: Summer Book Sale

The volunteers of the Friends of Adams County Library System have been working diligently during the past six months to prepare for the Annual Summer Book Sale. Due to the pandemic, the sale was canceled in 2020, leaving us with thousands of books to be kept in storage, and waiting for this year's event. The citizens in Gettysburg and the surrounding communities have very generously donated books to the Friends, averaging over 2,000 books a month brought to our donation center at the library's garage.

This year's event will be one of the biggest with approximately 21,000 quality used books for sale at bargain prices. There will be 100 tables filled with books in a variety of categories, including Civil War, politics, family life, mysteries, fiction, home improvement and children's books.

This huge event could not be possible without the generosity of Gastley's Moving & Storage in Biglerville, who donated all the boxes needed for storing the books, as well as the cooperation of the Redding Auction Services, which will be the site of the Summer Sale, located at 1085 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg.

The dates and times of the sale are as follows:

Wednesday, July 28th from 12 noon to 7pm

Thursday, July 29th from 9am to 7pm

Friday, July 30th from 9am to 7pm

Saturday, July 31st from 9am to 2pm

Throughout the sale, children who attend will receive 5 free books; teachers and first responders will receive a free bag of books. On Saturday only, books will be sold by the bag for \$5. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

We anticipate a large number of people in attendance; therefore, we request that everyone follow Covid precautions, including masks and social distancing.

More Book Sale News: The Friends Spring Fever Garage Book Sale was a huge success, with a total of \$1104 in book sales. During the Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Fair on May 15th we received \$777 in donations, and \$109 at the South Mountain Fair.

The Friends of the Library are very grateful to the Gettysburg community for ongoing support and very generous donations to our library.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Friends of the Adams County Library System, a non-profit organization, may obtain a membership application at the Library Book Store or at check-out during the Summer Book Sale.

Mid-Year at the ACLS by Laura Goss, Executive Director

We are halfway through 2021, time for an update! I continue to appreciate the Adams County Library System staff who have taken on the change in our lives and have adapted to a new way of providing service. The staff has been instrumental in the reopening process including welcoming the return of in person visits and continuing to provide a robust virtual program.

We are seeing more and more visitors to the library facilities as people are vaccinated. While we continue to be open to visitors, we have not yet begun in person programming or use of meeting rooms at this point. We hope that will happen later this year.

The way our libraries are used has evolved over the past year and we are still seeing the results of that change. Many library users are continuing to place holds on materials and picking them up instead of browsing as well as using our virtual branch. Over the past year we have had an incredible increase in the use of the ebook and audio collections. The ACLS has changed the way we purchase materials to meet the preferences of library users, continuing to purchase physical materials and increasing the purchase of digital materials.

Summer Quest continues as an all virtual program this year. This decision to continue in a virtual format had to be made in January as we were finalizing plans and performer presentations. Many “Take and Make” bags are available which help engage program participants and enhance the virtual programs. These bags can be picked up at your local branch. There are even decks of cards so that you can learn magic tricks with Magician Mike Rose! Once again, the Adams County Library System and WellSpan are partnering to present the popular Get Outdoors Adams County (GOAdams). “Get Outdoors and Chase Your Tale” as you visit local parks this summer! Visit <http://www.goadams.org/> for more information. Both these programs are open to library users of all ages.

Are you reading the 2021 Adams County Reads One Book selection? The 2021 selection is *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The Library has physical and digital copies for you to borrow. Enjoy the read or listen and look for programs surrounding this title at all of our branches in October.

And thanks to all our wonderful Friends of the Library who continue to support our program. As you are aware, the Bookstore in Gettysburg reopened in October and the Summer Booksale is on for July 28th – 31st!

I truly appreciate all of our Friends who are working diligently to support the ACLS. Thank you!

auf Wiedersehen!

Dear Friends,



It's bittersweet to share that my husband, Aaron, and I are moving to California. Aaron has accepted a call to serve as the senior pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in Atascadero, California, located in San Luis Obispo County. This will place us closer to family members in the west, as well as return us to the state where we met over 20 years ago. We will begin our trek across the country on Saturday, July 10, so my last day working as the Development Officer of the Adams County Library System will be Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

I will forever remember my time at the ACLS! It has been a privilege to launch a development program and to work with the Friends of the ACLS, Friends of Littlestown, Friends of New Oxford, Friends of Trone Memorial, and the Haraugh~Thomas Foundation board. Your tireless efforts to raise funds for the libraries are admirable and greatly appreciated. I have enjoyed working alongside you to raise funds to help connect people to resources that enrich their lives. It's truly one of the most rewarding jobs I have held.

Thank you for your support over the last nearly 6 years. I will greatly miss you!

Until we meet again,

All Good Wishes,

Dawn Smith

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News from the Friends Board Members

During the monthly Board meeting in June, Mr. Mark Luongo was unanimously voted to fill the vacant position of vice-president. Mark has been an active member of the Summer Book Sale committee and frequently volunteers, sorting and packing books in the library garage. We welcome his commitment to serve as an officer of the Board.

Mr. Mike Shoemaker was also unanimously voted to fill the committee position of Garage Coordinator. Mike brings much experience with managing the tasks involved in preparing donated used books for book sales. He has volunteered many hours and assisted with the Spring Fever Garage Sale this past April and the Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Fair in May. He recently joined the Summer Book Sale committee. We are happy to welcome Mike as a Friends Board Member.

The mission of the Friends non-profit group is to organize fundraising projects to provide funds for the Adams County Library System. We are always searching good people who are interested in joining our fun and active group of dedicated volunteers. Our current vacancies include Book Sale Coordinator and Members-at-large. If you are interested in working with us, please contact any Board Member for more information.

Farmer's Market hosts the Friends

In the spirit of building community, the Adams County Farmer's Market has generously offered space to the Friends of Adams County Library System on selected Saturdays, 8 am-1 pm. Alongside Library staff from the Youth Services department, who were providing Summer Reading Program info, on June 4th the Friends were offering FREE BOOKS !!! with an optional cash donation. There's lots of free parking at the Stratton Street entrance, or walk from the first block of Carlisle Street. Look out for the Friends on a few more Saturdays this season!

Did you know....In 1960, the Adams County Public Library Association changed its name to the Adams County Public Library. Then, in 1979, the Adams County Public Library and East Berlin Community Library united to form the current Adams County Library System.

Save The Date

The Friends of the Library will be holding their Annual Meeting at the Harbaugh~Thomas Library in Biglerville on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9 am.

Please watch for more information in the Fall edition of this newsletter.



Join the Friends of the Adams County Library System

Membership Application/Renewal

Friends of the Library Members receive a 20% Discount at the Friends Store

Because I believe that the Adams County Library System is essential to our communities, I am enclosing my donation to become a member of the Friends in support of the Library.

Please check one:

\$20 Student/Senior Member

\$30 Regular Member

\$300 Lifetime Member

Additional Donation (optional) \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

You can join online via credit card by visiting <https://www.adamslibrary.org/friends-adams-county-library-system>

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Let's be Friends! Keep in touch with us!

Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____

The Friends have many volunteer opportunities! I'd like to Help the Friends!

Staff Book Store Sort Used Books Work Book Sale Fundraising & Special Member Events

I have a special talent that might be helpful. Let us know! _____

I'm interested in serving on the Friends Board, please contact me.

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