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Friends of the Adams County Library System — April 2022

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President's Message

by Sharon Graff

A Call For Membership!

Dear Friends,

For more than sixty years the Friends of the Adams County Library System has been a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to raise money for the Library System.

The funds raised assist the Library in providing a variety of high quality in-person and on-line services to people of all ages in our community. The Library is essential to the people in the community and its continued vitality depends on good people acting on good ideas and providing support.

The Friends' current objective in moving forward with our mission is to recruit new members. Although there are now approximately 375 members, more supporters are needed to carry on the year-long activities of the Friends. Being a member of the Friends allows opportunities to meet new and interesting people with similar interests and to establish friendships. New members will be giving back to the community in a visible way.

All members receive a 20% discount at the Friends Book Store which is located on the first floor of the Gettysburg Library. Here you can find a variety of good quality used books for book lovers of all ages. There are also CDs, DVDs and puzzles that can be purchased at amazingly low prices. Visitors to the area especially enjoy the local Gettysburg history books that are available for purchase.

The Friends Book Store is staffed by volunteers all week long. Thousands of books are donated to the Friends and other volunteers are needed to process these used books in the Library garage in preparation for the Book Store as well as the large and small book sales.

Members are all invited to "Breakfast with Friends" which is our annual meeting on the second Tuesday in November. Come and find out what we have accomplished in the last year and what the plans are for moving forward. In addition, the FOL newsletter provides members with up-to-date information on all our activities.

More than one hundred of our members volunteer to assist in organizing and conducting special events. The Summer Book Sale is our major fundraiser each year but there are other fundraisers throughout the year. All proceeds from fundraising projects, Book Store sales, Amazon sales and membership dues provide the financial support and other needed resources for the Library in Gettysburg.

The Annual National Library Week celebration is coming in April. This is a great time to think about joining our active group. Applying for membership is easy! Applications are located in the Book Store and on the Adams County Library System website.

Those of you who frequent our Library know that the helpful staff are caring, friendly and knowledgeable. They are ready to serve you in person or on the phone. You can help our vision of keeping our Library a vital resource in Gettysburg by joining the Friends!

National Library Week 2022-Connect With You by Laura Goss, Executive Director

Did you know...There are more public libraries than Starbucks in the U.S. – a total of 16,568, including branches. Nearly 100% of public libraries provide Wi-Fi and have no-fee access to computers.

Libraries serve as lifelines for millions, connecting people to opportunities, resources, and assistance. This National Library Week, April 3rd through 9th, visit one of our library branches or visit online www.adamslibrary.org to learn how you can connect to technology, multimedia content, educational programs – and more. All branches are hosting special events to celebrate National Library Week, including displays and programs.

National Library Week gives me a great opportunity to thank all of you, our Friends. Your support through membership benefits the Adams County community by helping the Library System provide free services to all ages.

Next up, FunFest! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend FunFest on Friday June 10 from 4pm – 7pm at the Gettysburg Area Rec Park. After being postponed for two years, FunFest returns! This is the kickoff event to our Summer Quest program for all ages.

This free family event will have something for everyone. Every branch library will provide hands-on activities and an opportunity to register for Summer Quest, the summer library program. There will be many other non-profit organizations participating who will also provide activities as well as information about their organization and the programs they provide. We'll also have character visits, a DJ, face painting and balloon art.

There will also be food sales by the Kiwanis Club, Mr. Y's Shaved Ice and Milkshakes on the Moove, those delicious Dairymen's Association milkshakes! We hope to see you there!

ATTENTION, ATTENTION: CALL FOR VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS!

Dear Members of the Friends:

At this time, we need a few members who are interested in joining our Board to step forward. Due to recent resignations, we are looking for one Officer (Vice-President) and two Committee Chairpersons (Membership Coordinator, and Publicity/Marketing Coordinator).

According to our by-laws, the Vice-President shall assist the president and, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of the president. Shall also serve as program chairperson for the annual meeting in November.

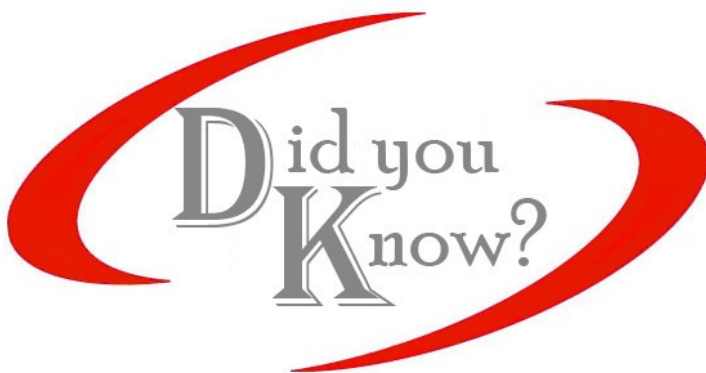
The Membership Coordinator maintains a current membership list, and updates the list as needed.

The Publicity/Marketing Coordinator contacts local advertising agencies to announce upcoming Friends book sales and other scheduled events.

All Board members should be available to attend monthly Board meetings scheduled on the second Tuesday of every month, and give a verbal or written report of any updates on any activities and assignments.

Interested volunteers may contact Sharon Graff (717-339-6070) for more information.

Did you Know? will be a new section in this and future newsletters focusing on the wonderful history tidbits of the Friends of the Adams County Library!



“Did you know?” The Friends of Adams County Library published the first Newsletter in the Fall of 1976. This Newsletter, combined with the annual membership campaign prompted a favorable response resulting in more than \$3,400.00 in revenue.

Book Store Briefs

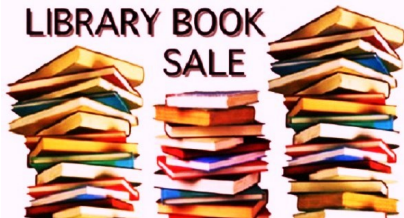
Michelle DeLacy and Carolyn Greaney had a vision for our bookstore when they were managing partners. Part of that was creating the children's corner. It really does provide a wonderful place for the children. A huge shout out to Peggy Angelovich for all the challenging work she does to keep it stocked and organized. It always looks great, and it is full of interesting books to read. Thanks Michelle, Carolyn, and Peggy.

We have added DVDs and CDs to the bookstore, and they are selling well. In fact, everything at the bookstore is selling well. We average selling between 500 to 600 items a month. Thanks to each one of you who comes in and works your shift.

If you know someone who would like to volunteer, please give their name and contact information to Jane Brown so that person can be contacted. We are going to have a training course in April for new volunteers. We are hoping to add volunteers to help with the evenings during the summer. When visitors pick up, we pick up also.

If you are on Facebook, we have started promoting the Book Store on the Adams County Library Facebook page. Any publicity we can get is good. As always, thank you to all volunteers for your time and dedication to keep our Book Store up and running.

Pam Brady, Bookstore Coordinator



Upcoming Events in 2022

2nd Annual Spring Fever Garage Book Sale
Saturday April 30 (9a-3p)

Rain date Saturday May 7 (9a-3p)

Gettysburg Spring/Fall Outdoor Antique Show

Saturday May 21 (9a-3p)

Saturday September 24 (9a-3p)

Summer Bonanza Book Sale

July 28-30 (9a-7p)

Gettysburg Annual Christmas Festival

Saturday December 3 (9a-3p)

Saturday December 10 (9a-3p)

Purchase Items Regularly on Amazon?

Want to Support the Adams County Library at the same time?

Use these 3 easy steps to order with Amazon Smile and a percentage of your total goes comes to the library!

1. Login to your regular Amazon account at www.smile.amazon.com (use this site each time you shop Amazon!).
2. The first time you will be asked to pick a 501c3 Non-Profit to support.
Select Adams County Library System
3. Shop away and when you check out a percentage of your bill is sent to the library!

The Amazon Smile logo, which consists of the word "amazon" in its signature font, followed by "smile" in a lighter font. Below the text is a curved arrow pointing from "amazon" to "smile". Underneath the arrow is the tagline "You shop. Amazon gives." in a small font.



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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Mon.-Sat. 9:30AM-8:30 PM
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