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Friends of the Adams County Library System — June 2022

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President's Message

by Sharon Graff

The Friends of Adams County Library System: Summer Book Sale Bonanza

Dear Friends,

In past years, the Friends have sponsored a variety of fundraising events to provide financial support for the Adams County Library System. Some of these events included plant sales, concerts, book store sales, E-Bay sales in the mid 90's, book sales, presentations by local authors and other speakers, and an annual circus!

During the past two years, our fundraising focus has been on selling books. Many thanks to the generosity of donors who have kept us supplied with a huge volume of gently used books. Our Garage Manager, Team Leaders and Garage Volunteers have been very busy preparing for our 2022 sale events.

The Second Annual Spring Fever Garage Sale, held in April, was successful, earning \$1,264 in sales, bake sale items, donations and memberships. Approximately 20 volunteers participated with a total number of volunteer hours for the day exceeding 80 hours.

The Gettysburg Outdoor Spring Antique Fair, held in May, brought us a total of \$491 in cash donations with approximately 10 volunteer workers donating a combined total of more than 60 hours.

Our largest fundraising activity for many years has been the Summer Book Sale Bonanza. Currently, the teams are preparing for another huge event, with nearly 30,000 books sorted, boxed and ready to set up.

Our dedicated volunteers are the key to making these events profitable, and they deserve a big thank you for donating their valuable time on behalf of the Friends and the Library.

Hope to see you in July!

Dates & Times:

Thursday, July 28th & Friday, July 29th
Open from 9am to 7pm

Saturday, July 30th
Open from 9am to 2pm

Location:

Redding Auction Services
1085 Table Rock Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Children in attendance receive 5 free books.

Friday Special: Teachers receive 15 free books for classroom use.

Saturday Special: "Books by the bag"

Buy 1 Bag for \$5

Buy 2 bags for \$10 and get 1 bag FREE

Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

**The "Food Adventures" food truck will be available for purchasing
breakfast & lunch on Thursday & Friday.**

Sponsored by the New Oxford Friends of the Library.

Summer at the Library

by Laura Goss, Executive Director

Pick up the summer edition of *What's Happening*, the Adams County Library System's three-month event calendar at any branch or view it online at www.adamslibrary.org. Inside you will find many programs for library users of all ages!

After a two-year hiatus, FunFest, the kickoff to summer programs at the library, was held on June 10th. This is the Library System kickoff to the annual SummerQuest learning program and the GOAdams (Get Outdoors Adams County) program that is a partnership with WellSpan.

Attendance at FunFest was over 3,000! We couldn't have done it without the participation of forty organizations who each provided an activity for children and their families. If you haven't signed up for Summer Quest or GOAdams, there is still time for children, teens and adults to participate. You can sign up in person at any branch or on our website.

Having a staycation this year? Hit the road by reading *Leave Only Footprints* by Conor Knighton, the selection for the Adams County Reads One Book 2022. You'll visit all of the United States National Parks as an armchair traveler! Then join your fellow readers and participate in the ACROB programs coming up in October.

Mark your calendar for the ACLS "Signature Event", returning after two years (!) on Friday, September 16. Join fellow library lovers at this evening with Alafair Burke, the NY Times bestselling author of more than twenty books as well as the *Under Suspicion* series, co-authored with Mary Higgins Clark. Tickets go on sale in early July, keep an eye out for more information!

BOOK STORE BRIEFS

Check out our new sign at the Gettysburg Bookstore.

Remember all Friends of The Gettysburg Library receive a 20% Discount.



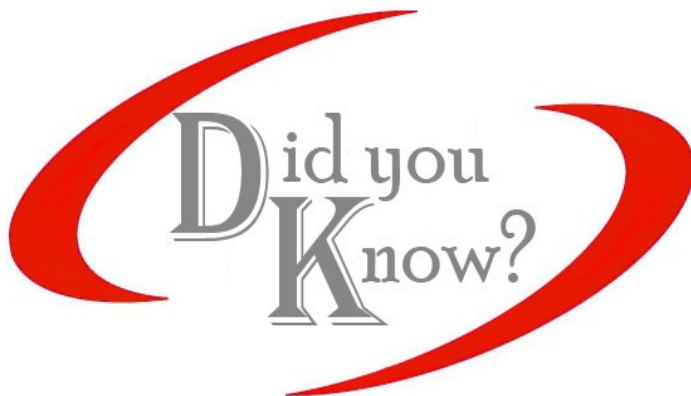
**Book Store Hours:
Sunday 1:00-4:00**

Monday and Wednesday 9:30-4:30

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-8:00

Friday and Saturday 9:30-4:30

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 Book Store produced over \$19,000 in net income in the year 2001, which was nearly half of the annual Friends contribution to the Adams County Library System for the year!

Where Do All Those Books at the July Book Sales Come From?

by Maryann Oelkers, Volunteer Coordinator

You probably know that the used books sold year-round in the library bookstore and at the one-day sales throughout the year, as well as at the big summer sale the end of July, are all donated by legions of dedicated readers and Friends of the Library. But how do they get from the garage drop-off point into the store and onto the tables at the sales?

Well, there's an interesting history to the process and how it developed over the years. Even in the early days of the library when it was in the municipal building (the old jail) on East High Street, there were occasional book sales in the parking lot. These continued with the move to the present building. Over the years donations have increased, and now hundreds of used books come into the library's garage every week. They must all be examined for condition and then sorted by category. A large number of books are held for the bookstore while the rest are packed up into storage boxes to await the next sale.

Working in the garage is not always the ideal environment - crowded and stuffy in the hot summer weather, and chilly in the winter. But it is always interesting ("Look at this book!") and fun. The volunteers are all of a like mind - even though they are individuals - they all love books.

A couple long-time volunteers (retired from the garage now) recently reminisced about the "early days" in the garage and the annual book sale, and, boy, was it different! Ellie Kuhn recalls "sitting on the library steps, waiting to see if anyone came by with books to donate." She and fellow volunteer Nancy Harmon chuckled, remembering those first early book sales. "All the books (unsorted) were just put out on the tables on the driveway for sale."

Things improved a little after that. Books were sorted into fiction and nonfiction. The original corps of volunteers (Ellie, Nancy, and Dottie Fidler) were joined by Marion Benchoff, and the process became more sophisticated. The space in the garage was very limited because they shared the space with the library van. All books were now sorted by category and as they were sorted, they were placed on the floor on pieces of cardboard with the category written on it - step carefully ladies!

Through it all (and we've come so far in terms of the sorting process) everyone had fun, as we still do. The volunteers can be found in the garage every Tuesday and Thursday morning, always marveling at the wonderful variety of books, at the old books (many well-loved treasures), and the great condition of the vast majority.

Always there's a sense of gratitude to those readers who have so generously donated their books to our library - giving us the opportunity to offer them to others who will benefit from the knowledge, inspiration, and delights they hold.

Volunteers who work in the garage (some regular as clockwork, others as schedules permit) are Garage Coordinator Mike Shoemaker, Friends President Sharon Graff, Ken and Maryann Oelkers, Theresa Roberts, Lin Ackerman, Mail Coordinator Dean Norwich, Catharine Roth, and Joann Prehn.

**You're welcome to drop in any Tuesday or Thursday mornings 9-11am to see us.
You may find it's something you'd like to be a part of.**

What we Need

by Pat Thorsen, Recording Secretary

The Friends of the Library depend upon the generosity of the community for the books that are sold in the Friends Book Store, at the Summer Book Sale and at the smaller book sales all year.

Fiction and non-fiction books covering a wide variety of topics in good shape will sell easily. As the volunteers go through the donations, they discard books that are wet, moldy or smell of having spent years in a basement. Books that have handwritten notes or underlining don't sell. Neither do books that have pages missing. Textbooks do not sell. Books with outdated medical information will not be sold. Who wants a ten year old book about cancer treatment?

Please donate books that you will want to have on your own shelves or to give as gifts.

Thank you to the hundreds of people who donate to the Friends of the Library which, in turn, benefits the Library.

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!**



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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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