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Friends of the Adams County Library System — February 2023

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President's Message

by Cathy Dischner

Dear Friends,

As your newly elected President, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all of you for your continued support to the Friends of the Library. I enjoyed meeting with many of you at our November Annual Meeting. We had a wonderful presentation from Judie Butterfield on "The Use of Posters as Propaganda." She is a most entertaining speaker, and we learned many things about history that we never knew!

At the annual meeting in November, we were able to present a check for \$55,000 to the Adam's County Library System. That is only made possible because of the tireless efforts of our many dedicated Volunteers. At present, we have individuals who do the sorting of the book donations that come into the back of the library, and a cadre of 33 Volunteers who man the different shifts in our bookstore. It takes nearly 100 Volunteers to have a successful Book Sale, doing such jobs as setting up tables, placing signage, opening boxes and arranging the books on the tables. Once we open, we have Volunteers helping by greeting and directing the crowds, restocking and re-sorting tables, counting the books at checkout, and acting as cashiers. When the sale is over, there are the jobs of repacking boxes, storing unsold books back in the warehouse, and tearing down the signs and tables. Sounds like fun? I can honestly say that it is hard work, but it is enjoyable. I have met so many neighbors and new friends at our events, and so will you if you want to get involved. Other events throughout the year include donation tables at the Farmer's Market, Spring Fever Garage Sale, South Mountain Fair, and the Library's Fun Fest. We were rained out at the Christmas Festival this year, but that won't stop us from planning for 2023. (Fun fact: We logged over 5000 volunteer hours in 2021, may have that even more for 2022!)

It goes without saying that we need our members to get more involved than ever before if we are to continue our success. At present, we have 329 active members, and we would love to have any interested members come to our Board meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the library. We have several committee positions that could use your help, as well as the open Board position of Vice-President. I would love to talk to anyone interested. Please feel free to email me at comfort109@comcast.net.

One final note, in the past we have put out a Newsletter four times a year. We have decided to send this out only twice a year, in the Winter and the Summer. Again, I look forward to my 2-year term as your Board President and look forward to meeting more of you in the coming year.

February is Read Aloud Month at the ACLS!

by Laura Goss, Executive Director

In looking for an idea to brighten up a cold and often damp February, I came across World Read Aloud Day, celebrated annually on February 1st. It was created by the non-profit LitWorld as part of their mission to strengthen kids and communities through the power of stories. What a great idea thought I, but let's take it a step further and celebrate Read Aloud Month!

This month, we are highlighting opportunities to participate in read aloud events at all of our library branches. We have many ongoing programs that lend themselves to reading aloud. We have storytimes with library staff and volunteers reading aloud to children and their families. There are book clubs for all ages which include opportunities to read aloud meaningful selections of the books being discussed. Children are given the opportunity to practice reading aloud to a friendly dog, who is also a good listener at monthly Barks and Books programs!

This month, each branch has added one additional read aloud program. It may be a guest reader or readers who come to a program. It may be for families or for adults. And if you can't make it to a program, listen to someone reading to you by borrowing a book on cd or downloading an eaudiobook from cloudLibrary!

Visit the library webpage, www.adamslibrary.org for more information about the read aloud programs you can enjoy this month. Everyone loves to hear a good story!

BOOKSTORE BITS

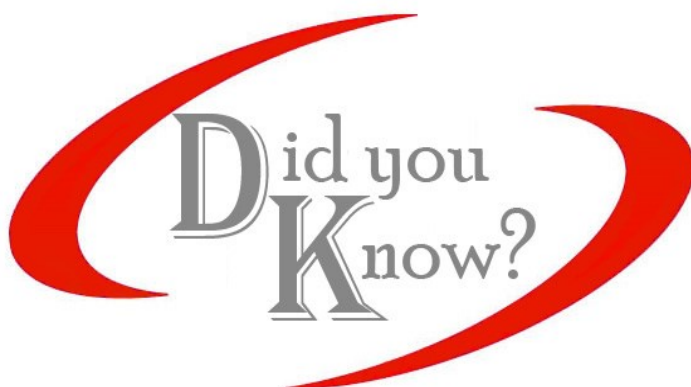
by Pam Brady, Bookstore Coordinator

As we begin another year at the Friends of the Gettysburg Library Bookstore, I wanted to share some facts about 2022. We sold 2,268 hardback fiction/non-fiction books; 1,972 large paperback fiction/non-fiction books and 1,915 history books. The grand total of books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs and children's books sold was 8,000! We definitely made more money on the history books. The highest sale was around \$350 to one person and that was history books. Our total donation to the Gettysburg Library was \$20,000.

So, to all the volunteers, thank you for showing up and working your shift. Without you guys and gals, this would not be possible. To all who donate books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles, please continue with your generous donations.

Let's do it again in 2023.

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?” Beginning in January 1992, volunteers from the Friends of the Library assisted Library staff and other community volunteers in moving to the New Library building on Baltimore Street by "boxing 45 years of stuff" from the Old Library location on High Street. Tours for the New Library began on April 5th, and the Library was officially opened on April 6, 1992.

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History of the Library and the Friends

by Sharon Graff

The Friends of the Library Archives are available to the public in the Local History section on the second floor of the Library. There are five scrapbook volumes beginning from 1822 to the current 2022. Enjoy reading the work by Mrs. Katheryn Schneider, viewing the old pictures of the Bookmobiles, as well as reviewing local news articles.

Upcoming Fundraisers in 2023

“The Ladies of History-Historical Productions”
March 5 (1:00p) at the GAR Hall
(Tickets can be purchased at the Friends Bookstore)

3rd Annual Spring Fever Garage Book Sale
Saturday April 29 (9a-2p)
Rain date Saturday May 6 (9a-2p)

Gettysburg Spring/Fall Outdoor Antique Show
Saturday, May 20 (9a-2p)
Saturday, September 23 (9a-3p)

Annual Summer Book Sale Bonanza
July 27-28 (9a-7p)
July 29 (9a-3p)

Farmers Market
Saturday, September 2 (9a-1p)

Gettysburg Annual Christmas Festival
Saturday, December 2 (9a-3p)

New Volunteer Coordinators

by Pat Thorsen

When the Friends of the Library plan a book sale, volunteers are essential in making the sale a success. No matter if it is the huge Summer Book Sale or a smaller sale such as the Spring Fever Sale. And there are also the Antique Sales in town when the FOL offers “antique” books in exchange for a donation. Volunteers are also needed for FunFest which happens every June. Add to this the “Goodbye to Winter Performance and Tea” being advertised in this newsletter. The Friends of the Library need these volunteers and rely upon someone to attract and coordinate those people.

How lucky are we that not one, but two people have volunteered to be Volunteer Coordinators! We are delighted that Michele DeLacy and Carolyn Greaney have stepped forward to take on this important role. Both have been long time members of the Board serving in several different positions. After retiring from the Board for a year or two they missed the activity and fun of working to raise money for the Library. They also missed representing the Friends to the public.

Welcome back, Carolyn and Michele!!



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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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