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#### President's Message by Jim Gardner

Friends,

Well, another busy year is heading to closure for the Adams County Friends of the Library. We recently completed our fundraiser at the Gettysburg Antique Show, raising \$871.00 in donations for the library system. The weather was great and there were plenty of shoppers visiting our tables.

Next up is our Friends Annual Meeting, this year being held at the Harbaugh~Thomas Library in Biglerville, PA on November 7, 2017. Invitations have been sent out to all members of the Friends so be sure to RSVP for this event. There is no cost to Friends members, and free parking is available behind the Harbaugh~Thomas library. This year we have Deb Novotny, licensed battlefield guide, doing a presentation about Evergreen Cemetery. The Friends will be presenting our final donation check to the library for 2017, so I hope you can join us for this fun and informative event.

Our final fundraising event for the year will be at the Gettysburg High School Holiday Market, scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2017. We will be offering a mix of Christmas books as well as children's books, all in gently used condition.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all of you for joining the Friends, whether you are a member for the first time, or renewing your membership. Memberships are a vital part of our fundraising efforts. Our fundraising efforts are intended to provide funding for improved library services, programming and material needs, and last but not least, facility needs. So please spread the word to friends and family to consider joining the Friends to support our county's library system.



# Your Invitation to Breakfast with Friends!

Please join the Friends of the Adams County Library at their annual meeting on Tuesday, November 7th at 9 am at the Harbaugh~Thomas Library in Biglerville, PA.

Breakfast provided by Biggerstaff Catering.

Realizing that many Friends may not be aware of all we do, the program will start with Friends President, Jim Gardner, presenting an overview of the activities of the Friends, followed by brief remarks by ACLS Executive Director, Karla Trout.

We have a guest speaker, Debra Novotny, who is a retired American History Teacher from Gettysburg High School and a Licensed Battlefield Guide, and will speak about the history of Evergreen Cemetery.

ALL Friends members are invited to this complimentary breakfast. Feel free to bring a guest and they too, can learn about all the Library has to offer. Please take this opportunity to renew your membership. Ask questions and make suggestions. Enjoy conversation with other Library supporters.

Please RSVP to Wanda Reigle at 717.334.0163 or <u>wandar@adamslibrary.org</u> by October 24, 2017.



# **Library Signature Event**

On Friday, September 22, the ACLS held its first annual signature event at the Gettysburg Hotel. The Friends of the library were pleased to take part by purchasing a table and taking part in the silent auction. The Guest Speaker was the New York Times Bestselling Mystery Writer, Laura Lippman. Her talk about her life as a reader and a writer was great fun and very well received by the audience. Karla Trout, our Executive Director, explained some of the immediate needs of the library that the money raised will be used for. bobbie becker was ransomed from the bank vault in the ballroom with the winning bid on the original painting she created for the occasion. Please consider joining us next year to celebrate and support our wonderful library!

Michele DeLacy

# Library Update by Karla Trout, ACLS Executive Director



# **ACLS First Annual Signature Event a Success!**

Our inaugural Signature Event, **An Evening with Laura Lippman**, held on Friday, September 22nd at the Gettysburg Hotel, was a great success thanks to our sponsors, donors and the 132 community members in attendance—34 of whom participated in the VIP oppor-

tunity, giving them up close access to Ms. Lippman prior to the event. We appreciated seeing many members of the Friends of the Adams County Library System (ACLS) in attendance: Thank you for coming!!

During the VIP reception and throughout the evening, Ms. Lippman was accessible and engaging. She riveted the audience as she talked about the transformational ages during the course of her lifetime that impacted the person and the writer that she is today.

Also during the evening, our event presenting sponsor, Wakeen & Company, helped us give the audience a sneak peek into the strategic planning process that they have been guiding us through for the past 6 months at ACLS. I look forward to telling you more about that in a future newsletter.

The event was created to raise funds for the library's most urgent needs, which currently include building updates in the Gettysburg Library, early learning opportunities for our youngest patrons, and an outreach vehicle to bring the library to the community. The silent auction raised just over \$2,500, and the overall event exceeded our goal of \$6,000 in revenue. These gifts ensure that our book and electronic collections remain current and relevant, and that the library continues to provide educational



Laura Lippman

programs that make a lasting impact on the residents of our county.

We had a wonderful evening, thanks to Friends like you! We are already starting to plan next year's Signature Event. Stay tuned for more info.



Silent Auction table. The Silent Auction raised just over \$2,500!

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\*Open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 800PM



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